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FOREST FIRES SWEEP COASTAL SECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 15.—Driven by high winds, which have prevailed the last eighteen hours, forest fires in Eastern North Carolina already have caused damage estimated at several hundred thousand dollars, according to reports received here today. Millions of feet of timber have been devastated, it was said, and numerous structures destroyed.

In addition to damage already reported, a train crew early today declared that as their train passed through Roper, Washington county, the plant of the Roper Lumber Co. was in flames. The St. James Episcopal church at Pantego, Beaufort county was destroyed last night, it was reported, and other buildings in the district were damaged.

Circle No. 11 of the Ladies Aid Society will serve ice cream on Court house square week beginning April 24th.

Baptist Church Announcements

Sunday Morning—The Saving of the Hard Case—Why the disciples Failed.

Sunday Night—Thou Shalt Not Kill. Ex. 20:13.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting: A contrast of the work of Spirit in the Old and New Dispensations; from the Acts of the Apostles.

The Union Meeting of Beulah Association will convene with the Church on Friday night before the fifth Sunday, program will be announced later.—D. F. Putnam, Pastor.

CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW.

The ladies of the Methodist church are planning to have a Chrysanthemum Show in the fall and all the ladies in town and county are invited to enter the contest and help make it a success. Valuable prizes will be given for the best collection, largest single flower etc. For further information communicate with

Mrs. Mamie Merritt.
Mrs. N. S. Thompson
Committee.

FINAL WORD TO GERMANY IS READY TO GO FORWARD

Bernstorff Expected to Call at State Department Within Next Day or So to Gain Views of This Government, if Possible

Washington, April 16.—The communication in which the United States will call Germany to account for the recent numerous submarine attacks upon merchant ships carrying American citizens is understood to be ready for transmission to Berlin. Officials indicated to-night that it might go forward at any time.

President Wilson devoted nearly the entire day to completing the case of the United States for presentation to the German government. He had before him a mass of evidence and memoranda submitted by the State Department.

The communication in its completed form, it was said authoritatively tonight, is to be emphatic in its declarations, and positively will recall statements made by the United States in recent correspondence on submarine warfare. It is designed to be the final word of this government on the subject.

Secretary Lansing has been in almost constant communication with President Wilson during the past two days. The secretary said to-night that no additional information of value had been received.

FIRE DESTROYS STABLE.

Fire completely destroyed the stable and one or two out houses of Mr. Joe H. Carver's Saturday morning. The fire alarm was turned in about eleven thirty a. m. and at one time it looked as if the fire was going to reach the residence of Mr. Carver. Mr. Carver's place is out of town and the fire department did not have hose enough to reach the fire, but a good fight was put up and the flames were soon extinguished, saving several out buildings in close range. The buildings were partially covered by insurance.

Good Farming.

There are many good farmers in this County but we doubt if there is a farm in the County which has been more improved in the same length of time than the farm of Mr. T. A. Noell at Helena. Only a few short years ago he bought this farm in a very run down condition, much of the land would not produce anything, as he says, save peas. Today it is one of the most fertile farms in the County, producing an average of about twenty bushels of wheat and seven barrels of corn to the acre. Peas and clover, he says, is the medicine which has made this wonderful evolution.

It is a real joy to stroll over this farm and see the crops. Aside from raising corn and wheat he is gradually working into the stock raising business, having at the present time five fine young mule colts. It shows what energy, brains and perseverance will do, and we wish more of our farmers would follow his methods.

POWELL'S Dry Cleaning and Dye Works,
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NO CONFIRMATION OF THE DEATH OF VILLA SITUATION REMAINS GRAVE

It is Generally Admitted in Official Washington That Every Day American Troops Remain in Mexico Increases Possibility of Clashes.

Washington, April 17.—Confirmation of the death of Francisco Villa still was lacking tonight, both at the state and war departments at the Mexican embassy.

The only dispatch from American sources in Mexico tending to lend color to the report was a brief statement from Major Howze, of the 11th cavalry, now near Parral, that he had information which led him to believe that the bandit and a small party of his followers had fled some days ago toward Barja, which is close to the place where unofficial Mexican reports say the body was found.

The outstanding feature of the day's messages from the border were reports to the war department that six Mexicans who confessed to having taken part in the raid on Columbus, N. M., had been captured and sent to Columbus for trial by the New Mexico state authorities.

Another official report relieved anxiety as to the supply problem for the troops at the front. It is said the forces now were fully supplied with the exception of a small shipment of horseshoes and clothing, which would go forward tomorrow.

The body supposed to be that of Villa, was said by the last Mexican reports to be en route to Chihuahua City. It was pointed out at the war department, however, that the point where it was found was nearly two day's journey by wagon from the railroad. That may account for delay in obtaining confirmation or denial of the report that the bandit's career has ended.

No instructions have been sent from Washington, either to consuls or military commanders, to take any steps to make certain the identification of the body. This fact may be significant of the attitude of the state department. It was intimated today that the United States government might be willing to accept a formal declaration from General Carranza that Villa had been killed, and order the recall of the troops.

Mrs. T. E. Austin has returned from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. J. D. Cochran in Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Sue Noell left this morning for Winston Salem where she will be the guest of Mrs. O. P. Schaub for several days.

We have a preparation that is guaranteed by Dr. Hess & Clark, to destroy bugs on cucumbers, squash and melon vines. If this be true why not give it a showing on your tobacco plants. We believe it will do the work. Sergeant & Clayton.

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Miss Gertie Satterfield returned to her home in Raleigh today after a visit of several days with her aunt, Mrs. S. B. Winstead.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to take this method to thank all of our neighbors and friends for the splendid service rendered us on last Saturday during the fire which destroyed our barn. We would be amiss if we did not especially remember the ladies, who were the first to respond, for their splendid efforts. Never did men work more heroically than did those good ladies who discovered the fire. We can not begin to tell you how very much we appreciate your thoughtful deeds, but we assure you that we shall not forget them.

Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Carver.

If you have not paid your poll tax on or before the first day of May you cannot vote in the next election. Better attend to this matter at once.

Surveying Bethel Hill Road.

One day last week the surveyor, Mr. A. F. Brown and Messrs. R. A. Burch, C. H. Hunter and N. Lunsford made a preliminary survey of a part of the road leading to Bethel Hill. Within a short while the remainder of this road will be surveyed and it is hoped work will begin on this link in the proposed highway.

The people of the Bethel Hill neighborhood are very much interested in building this road, but the people on the other end of it leading to Durham, by way of Helena, do not seem to be taking any interest whatever in building this road. Unless something is done down that way the chances are that the road will be completed to the Orange county line and tap the State Highway at or near Hillsboro.

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