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MEXICANS TO ABANDON THE RIFLE FOR THE PLOW

An Army of 50,000 is Thought to be Sufficient, The Others Are Needed on Farms And in Factories

NO MILITARY PROBLEM NOW

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—More than 5,000 officers and men in the Mexican army retired from military service in the first week of July, according to EL HERALDO.

This general withdrawal from the army is the result of a campaign recently launched by the government to induce a large part of the soldiers of Mexico "to abandon the rifle for the plow," as the Mexican press is fond of phrasing it.

The government's campaign for a smaller army is due to the realization that vast tracts of valuable agricultural land are in urgent need of development and that many factories in Mexico are short of help. It is pointed out that the present military situation is such as to require the services of not more than 50,000 men, thus permitting the other thousands of men under arms to devote themselves to the task of economically rehabilitating the country.

The recent uprisings of General Carlos Osuna and Gen. Jesus H. Guajardo have not altered the government's determination to reduce the personnel of the army. According to General Antonio I. Villarreal, Secretary of Agriculture and Development, these two movements do not "present a military problem."

HOTEL WOMMACK TO CHANGE HANDS

It is rumored that the Hotel Wommack will change hands in a few days, but as yet we have not learned the name of the new purchaser, as it is said there are several prospective buyers after the hotel.

We will give the facts later.

MOTION PICTURES CAUSE OF MURDER

Osaka, Japan, Aug. 3.—Convicted that sensational motion pictures incited Japanese boys to the recent murder of two school-boys here, the police have prohibited children under 16 years from attending picture shows open to adults. Police examination demonstrated that the killing of the girls who were carried off by force and slain was due to an idea obtained at a movie show. Films for children henceforth will receive a special censorship.

HOME NURSING CLASS

Will Meet Thursday Afternoon At Three O'clock.

All the girls over fourteen and older people are urged to attend this very interesting and helpful class. Officers will be elected at this first meeting. The lesson lasts for one hour only.

CITIZENS MASS MEETING IN RALEIGH AUGUST 10TH.

The Editor,
The Commonwealth,
Scotland Neck, N. C.
Dear Sir:

We herewith enclose you an official program of the CITIZENS MASS MEETING to be held in "THE City of Raleigh" Tuesday and Tuesday night, August 10th, in the interest of a State Trunk System of Modern Highways for all the Counties of North Carolina.

Will you please kindly in your issue publish this program for the benefit of GOOD ROADS.

We cordially invite and earnestly request your paper to attend this meeting.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, and appreciating your co-operation and assistance, we are,
Yours cordially,
T. L. Kirkpatrick, Chairman,

Committee of Arrangements
W. A. McGirt, President,
N. C. Good Roads Association.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10
9:00 A. M.

Parade, Headed by Gastonia Drum Corps, Iceorlee and High Point Brass Bands

MORNING SESSION
10:00 A. M.

Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, Presiding
Convention called to order.....By Presiding Officer
Invocation.....Rev. C. A. Ashby
Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd Raleigh,
N. C.

Address of Welcome.....Hon. T. B. Eldridge
Mayor, Raleigh, N. C.

Response to Address of Welcome.....Major Wade H. Phillips
Lexington, N. C.

Song by Audience—"Old North State"

Conducted by E. F. Shumway
National War Camp Music Director, New York

Calling Roll of Counties.....Hon. O. B. Carpenter
Secretary Association of County Commissioners of North
Carolina, Gastonia, N. C.

Music by Brass Band

Statement of the Purpose and Object of the Meeting.....By the Chairman

Appointment of Committees
11:30 A. M.

Address—"State and County Highways, Their Relations and Functions".....Hon. W. A. McGirt
President North Carolina Good Roads Association, Wilmington,
N. C.

Address—"What Good Roads Mean to the Home Life".....Mrs. Loula Roberts Platt
Asheville, N. C.

Address—"Why the State and National Governments Must Co-Operate With County Governments in the Constitution and Maintenance of Inter and Intra-State Highways".....Hon. W. C. Jones
President State Association County Commissioners of North
Carolina, High Point, N. C.

Address—"The Necessity of a Bond Issue for the Construction of a State System of Modern Highways".....Hon. H. G. Shirley
Secretary Federal Highway Council,
Washington, D. C.

AFTERNOON SESSION
2:30 P. M.

Hon. W. A. McGirt, Presiding

Singing by Audience.....Conducted by E. F. Shumway
National War Camp Music Director, New York

Address—"Why North Carolina Should Proceed at Once to Adopt and Construct a Modern System of State Highways".....Col. Joseph Hyde Pratt
Director North Carolina Geological Survey,
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Address—"The Cost of Being in the Mud from a Merchants Viewpoint".....David Owens
Charlotte, N. C.

Address—"The Imperative Duty of the State to Construct and Maintain an Impartial State System of Hard-Surfaced Highways for the Benefit of All Its Citizens".....Hon. J. C. Pritchard
United States Circuit Judge, Asheville, N. C.

Address—"Modern Highways an Asset to the Agricultural Interest of the State".....Hon. L. S. Tomlinson
President Chamber of Commerce, Wilson, N. C.

Address—"What Good Roads Mean to the Laboring Men of North Carolina".....Hon. Jas. F. Barrett
Editor Asheville Advocate, Asheville, N. C.

Round Table Conference—Two Minutes Short Talks

EVENING SESSION
8:00 P. M.

GEN. JULIAN S. CARR, Presiding

Song by Audience—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee".....Conducted by E. F. Shumway
National War Camp Music Director, New York

Address—"A New Vision for North Carolina, Thru a State System of Modern Highways".....Hon. Jno. J. Parker
Monroe, N. C.

Address—"The Imperative Duty of the State to Finance and Construct a State Trunk System of Modern Highways".....Hon. Cameron Morrison
Charlotte, N. C.

Report of Committees
Adoption of Resolutions
Adjournment

POLISH ARMIES BEING POUNDED TO PIECES

The Last Great Fortress Defending The City of Warsaw Has Fallen

TRYING TO CAPTURE WARSAW

WAR AGAINST OLD JOHN BARLEYCORN BEGAN IN JAMAICA

Two American Missionaries Are Helping The Cause

A MASS MEETING

Kingston, Jamaica, August 3.—

War against John Barleycorn has been started in the home of Jamaica rum. Two American missionaries, the vanguard of a prohibition crusade, have just aided in the organization of the Jamaica League against Alcoholism, which it is said, is to affiliate with the World's League against Alcoholism, headed by the Rt. Hon. Lief Jones, the Rt. Sir Donald McLean, M. P.; and Lord Rowallan, vice-president.

One of the American missionaries urged the mass meeting to follow the lead of "Pussyfoot" Johnson. One of the chief obstacles to making Jamaica dry is the manufacture of rum, an industry which is said to net the government fully \$1,000,000 in revenue annually.

THE LATEST TELEGRAPH DESPACHES

GATHERED FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

JP UNTIL FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

Warsaw, Aug. 3.—American Consulate is swamped by Americans and others requesting passports.

London, Aug. 3.—Provisional Soviet has been formed in parts of Poland and is occupied by the Soviet troops, according to a Moscow wireless.

Philadelphia, Aug. 3.—Federal authorities today announced that the man arrested at Egg Harbor, N. J. yesterday in connection with kidnapping a baby. Coughlin is the individual who wrote baby's father under name of "The Crank" inducing the latter to place \$12,000 at a lonely spot.

Dayton, Aug. 3.—Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, Chairman of the National Womans Party, told Gov. Cox today that unless efforts were increased the Tennessee legislature was certain to reject suffrage. She asked him to press suffrage cause more vigorously

Warsaw, Aug. 3.—Over a front of a hundred and twenty miles the Polish armies are being pounded to pieces before the rush of Bolsheviks which are making a desperate attempt to capture Warsaw before the conclusion of the armistice. Great masses of reinforcements are flung against the Polish breastworks defending Brest Litovsk, which is the last great fortress defending Warsaw from the east and it apparently has fallen.

and she will make a similar request of Harding tomorrow.

Marion, Aug. 3.—Senator Harding rolled up his sleeves today and "made up" first page of his newspaper here while motion picture machines recorded his actions. Employes gathered to see their boss work while they loafed.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—The European war talk sent wheat skyrocketing today, the upward swing of fifteen cents per bushel occurring in a single hour.

Washington, Aug. 3.—Rear Admiral Grayson began vacation today stating present condition has shown such marked improvement it is not necessary to put him under care of another physician.

Miami, Fla., Aug. 3.—State troops mobilized yesterday because of race trouble fears. They demobilized today after the negro who was killed in a jump from a train was put aboard a steamer for Nausau, Bahamas for burial. The negro was charged with attacking an aged white woman jumped to escape officers. No disorders.

London, Aug. 3.—Duties of the crown tribunals in Ireland will be taken over by court martial even to the extent of settling civil disputes, inflicting fines and binding accused persons over to keep peace under terms of the new Irish bill made public today.

New York, Aug. 3.—Autopsy over the body of Mrs. Eugene Leroy, the trunk victim failed to show traces of poison and examiners announced they had failed to determine the cause of death.

London, Aug. 3.—Polish armistice envoys were sent back by the Soviets who demanded that emissaries obtain mandate to take up peace negotiations, a wireless from Moscow says.

Tokio, Aug. 3.—Japan in a forthcoming reply to the United States will amplify recent statements to world powers regarding her occupation of certain points in the Shaghalien district understood here, no indication will refrain from carrying out the military arrangements already made but will tell United States that occupation is temporary.