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## VILLA LEADER KILLED IN FIGHT BY AMERICANS

Had Long Been Thorn In Side  
of Expeditionary Force In  
Northern Chihuahua

### ONE AMERICAN KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED

Bandits Delivered Surprise At-  
tack But Driven Off and  
Then Pursued Into Hills—  
Pershing Greatly Pleased at  
The Result.

(By Associated Press.)

Field Headquarters, near Nami-  
quipa, Mexico, May 25.—(By Wireless  
to Columbus, N. M., May 26).—Cen-  
tario Cervantes, the Villa bandit  
leader, was killed by American troops  
south of Cruces today. One other  
Mexican and an American was killed.  
Two Americans were wounded.

Cervantes' end came after he had  
delivered a surprise attack south of  
Cruces on a detachment of engineers  
repairing the motor truck road. He  
was beaten back and pursued into the  
hills by the engineers, who had been  
reinforced by a detachment of the  
Seventh infantry.

When the engagement began the  
bandits outnumbered the Americans  
two to one, there being twenty of  
them. The engagement lasted almost  
an hour, with a hot exchange of bul-  
lets. Then reinforcements from the  
Seventh came in sight and the bandits  
broke for the hills.

Private George O. Hultitt was the  
hero of the fight. Bullets from his  
rifle laid low both of the bandits  
killed.

Cervantes' home was in Nami-  
quipa. He had been a thorn in the side  
of the army in Northern Chihuahua since  
the expedition began, as he had suc-  
ceeded in avoiding persistent cavalry  
searches.

His death probably will  
mean breaking up the Villa followers  
in this section.

General Pershing was gratified over  
the latest fight, saying there remains  
only a few scattered bands of mar-  
auders to be hunted down.

## JURY BREAKS THE WILL IN ROBESON

Returns Verdict in Favor of  
The Caveators at Lumber-  
ton Trial.

(By R. H. Norment.)

Lumberton, N. C., May 26.—The  
will of the late Miss Athesia Carlyle,  
who left the bulk of an estate, valued  
at about \$40,000 to K. M. Biggs, a  
prominent merchant of Lumberton,  
was broken in superior court today,  
the jury deciding in favor of the ca-  
veators, nephews and nieces of Miss  
Carlyle, who alleged undue influence  
was used by Mr. Biggs.

It is said to be the first case on re-  
cord in Robeson county where a will  
has been broken.

It is understood that counsel for  
the proponents will file notice of ap-  
peal. The caveators were represented  
by Britt and Britt, Lumberton, Bland &  
Bland, of Burgaw, and Ev-Governor  
Kitchen, of Raleigh.

SAW NOTHING AMISS.

Lieut. Bessent, of Winston-Salem,  
Comments on Celebration.

Concerning the complaint which  
members of the W. L. I. made regard-  
ing their treatment at the Charlotte  
celebration, the following is taken  
from the Winston-Salem Journal of  
Wednesday.

"To the Editor of the Journal:  
"I note a news item in your paper  
of today where the members of the  
Wilmington company are grumbling  
about the treatment they received at  
Charlotte. In my experience as a  
Guardman for 23 years, I have never  
seen soldiers who behaved themselves,  
treated any better. Of course, a rea-  
sonable man would not expect to be  
fed on fried spring chicken, ice cream,  
etc. We received good, plain fare. I  
was satisfied with it. I think it was  
good enough for any man.  
"And as for two of their members  
being arrested for doing nothing at  
all, I do not believe it to be true, as  
police officers on occasions of this  
kind do not generally arrest people  
for doing nothing, and I think that  
the Wilmington boys are treating the  
Charlotte people very bad by making  
these complaints.  
"J. C. BESSENT,  
"Lt.-Col. First Inf., N. C. N. G."

## BUILDING A NEW STEAMER FOR LINE

To Go On The New Bern Run.  
Interesting Case Craven  
Superior Court.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

New Bern, N. C., May 26.—In a let-  
ter from Baltimore, Md., by Mr. Roy  
Taylor, a former resident of this city,  
he states that the Baltimore and Car-  
olina Steamship Company, who have for  
some time been planning to operate a  
line of boats between that port and  
New Bern, are now building a modern  
steamer which they hope to have in  
readiness for operation within the  
course of a few months.

Not only is the Baltimore and Car-  
olina Steamship Company planning to  
operate a line of boats to this port, but  
the M. H. Tracy Company, of New  
York, have also planned to operate a  
line of steamers to New Bern and other  
Eastern Carolina ports and it is be-  
lieved that they will start their line  
in operation before the Baltimore com-  
pany begins operating their boats.

Citizens of New Bern and the sur-  
rounding section are greatly interested  
in these boat lines and have promised  
the promoters all possible support.

Considerable interest is being man-  
ifested locally in the possible evidence  
that the State may bring out in the  
case of the State vs. W. R. Hopewell,  
which is to come up at the term of  
Craven county superior court, which  
begins here next week and also in the  
probable defense which the defendant  
will make.

Hopewell, a citizen of Bridgeton, just  
across Neuse river from New Bern, is  
charged with causing the death of his  
wife, Rachel, by administering poison  
to her. Mrs. Hopewell died last June.  
Several months later a grand jury in-  
vestigated rumors in regard to the  
death of the woman and this investi-  
gation culminated in the arrest and  
imprisonment of Hopewell.

After Hopewell's imprisonment, the  
body of the dead woman, which had  
been interred about six miles from  
Kinston, was exhumed, the viscerae  
removed and sent to State Chemist  
W. A. Withers for an examination.  
Later Mr. Withers reported that he  
found no traces of poison and a few  
days later Hopewell was released from  
jail on bail.

That the case will be hard fought  
by both sides there is not the slightest  
doubt and local citizens are manifest-  
ing a keen interest in the outcome.

## JAIL GUARDED ALL LAST NIGHT

But No Trouble In Mobile—  
Militiamen Still On Duty  
There.

(By Associated Press.)

Mobile, Ala., May 26.—The Mobile  
county jail was guarded all last night  
by the local company of the Alabama  
National Guard for the second night  
in succession. There was no disorder  
in the streets and no crowd gathered,  
the sheriff's statement yesterday that  
the negro wanted here had not been  
caught, together with use of the mil-  
itia, apparently putting an end to any  
talk of lynching.  
The militiamen have been ordered  
out for tonight as a precautionary  
measure.

VOTE ON BRANDEIS NEXT  
WEEK.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 26.—An  
agreement was reached among  
Senators today under which the  
nomination of Louis D. Brandeis  
to the Supreme Court will be fin-  
ally disposed of next week, prac-  
tically without discussion in the  
Senate. The specific date will  
be fixed later.

Those opposing Mr. Brandeis  
admitted that the nomination was  
virtually certain of confirmation.

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## COULD A SANE MAN HAVE BEEN SO GUILTY?

That Will Be The Vital Ques-  
tion Waite Jury Will Have  
To Answer.

### DENTIST CONFESSES TO SERIES OF CRIMES

Alienists Closely Watch Him  
For The Defense—Will  
Try to Show He  
Was Crazy

(By Associated Press.)

New York, May 26.—Could a sane  
man commit the series of crime con-  
fessed by Arthur Warren Waite?

This question confronts the jury to-  
day in the Waite murder case. The  
young dentist left the witness stand  
last night after five hours and forty-  
five minutes crowded with horrors  
unparalleled in the history of New  
York's criminal trials.

Every detail of the story was noted  
by alienists engaged by the defense  
for the purpose of framing the hypo-  
thetical question they will be called  
upon to answer before Waite's attor-  
neys ask the jury to decide whether  
Waite was mentally responsible when  
he killed his father-in-law, John E.  
Peck.

Waite's testimony left the prosecu-  
tion's attorneys today nothing more  
to prove that he committed murder.  
Their problem is to show that a mon-  
ster of crime, such as the defendant  
confessed himself, might have been  
mentally normal and therefore a fit  
subject for the electric chair.

Counsel for the defense said today  
that they had few, if any, questions to  
ask their client. It is expected that  
the alienists will take the stand soon  
after they finished their cross exam-  
ining of the defendant.

Waite told an alienist engaged for  
the defense in the trial for the murder  
of John E. Peck, of the Grand Rapids  
Mich., millionaire, that he intended to  
kill his wife, Clara Peck Waite, and  
that he married her only for her mon-  
ey, according to the testimony by  
Morris J. Karpas today. Dr. Karpas  
added that Waite said he did not in-  
tend to stop at anything to gain his  
end. Waite declares that he did not  
think he was crazy and denied pre-  
tending at any time that he was. He  
also denied that he never told the pro-  
secution "that the man from Egypt  
killed Mr. Peck" and swore that he  
slept perfectly after the murder. He  
declared that he wanted to kill him-  
self and made a pretty good attempt  
at it.

## MEXICAN MOB JEERED THEM

Americans Are Encountering  
Animosity Along Line of  
Communication.

(By Associated Press.)

Columbus, N. M., May 26.—American  
men recently have encountered open  
animosity on the part of some of the  
soldiers of Carranza along the Ameri-  
can line of communication.

Near Nuevo Casas Grandes, 128  
miles south of the border, barbed wire  
barriers have been thrown across the  
road several times recently, and last  
Wednesday a train was halted by a  
crowd in which there were a number  
of Carranza soldiers.

The mob jeered the Americans and  
threw stones at them. No shot was  
fired. Though several stones struck  
a number of the Americans the order  
was given to proceed with out retalia-  
tion.

## AMERICAN DOES DARING WORK

Lieut. Thaw Shoots Down  
German Aeroplane at  
Verdun.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, May 26.—Lieutenant William  
Thaw, of the Franco-American avia-  
tion corps, brought down a German  
aeroplane in the region of Verdun yester-  
day.

Lieutenant Thaw has been decorat-  
ed twice, and twice cited in the order  
of the day for daring exploits in the  
air. On April 11 he brought down his  
first German airship at Verdun. On  
May 21 he was proposed for citation  
for driving an enemy aeroplane across  
the German line and compelling it  
to descend.

## FRENCH GET BACK SOME GROUND LOST GERMANS

But Few Big Changes Have  
Resulted on The Verdun  
Front.

### FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS EXPECTED

Indications That Allies Are  
Getting Ready For Action  
There—The Austrian  
Drive.

(By Associated Press.)

Violent fighting continues on the  
Verdun front, but, according to the af-  
ternoon bulletin of the French war  
office, it has resulted in few changes.  
The French have regained some of the  
ground lost yesterday east of the  
Meuse, says the official statement,  
while west of that stream a German  
attack on Dead Man's Hill was stopped  
by the French fire.

New efforts by the German Crown  
Prince to advance against the French  
left flank, between Dead Man's Hill and  
Avocourt Wood are probably in prepa-  
ration, as the artillery bombardment  
there is reported as intense.

The Austrian drive into Italian terri-  
tory apparently is not proceeding with  
anything near its initial velocity. The  
opinion is expressed in Rome that a  
continuance of the advance will show  
a reversal of conditions that heretofore  
favored the Austrians, owing to the  
superior line of communication in the  
Italians' rear.

Indications that some military move-  
ment of importance is impending in the  
Balkans are contained in a dispatch  
from Greece, which reports exceptional  
activity in Salonica. The entente pow-  
ers have had a force of supposedly  
notable strength massed there for some  
time.

## DALLAS GETS THE NEXT ASSEMBLY

Wins Big Presbyterian Con-  
vention Over St. Louis  
Today.

(By Associated Press.)

Atlantic City, N. J., May 26.—Dal-  
las, Texas, was selected today as the  
place of meeting in 1917 of the general  
assembly of the Presbyterian Church  
of the United States of America.

The vote was 365 for Dallas and  
259 for St. Louis. It was announced  
that it would cost \$28,000 more to take  
the 900 commissioners to Dallas than  
to St. Louis. The friends of Dallas  
replied that the Texas city would  
transport 500 commissioners.

It is expected that the holding of the  
next assembly in the southwest will  
greatly help the movement to bring  
about a merger of the two branches  
of the church.

## BELIEVES HUGHES HAS BEST CHANCE

That is The Opinion of The  
Lone Republican Tar Heel  
Congressman.

(By George H. Manning.)

Washington, D. C., May 26.—Con-  
gressman James J. Britt, the only Re-  
publican representative in Congress  
from North Carolina believes that Jus-  
tice Charles E. Hughes has the best  
chance of obtaining the presidential  
nomination at the Republican national  
convention in Chicago next month, and  
that Colonel Roosevelt is at present  
the second choice.

"From the present appearance of  
things Justice Hughes has the most  
strength," said Mr. Britt. "Colonel  
Roosevelt is next and the other four-  
teen candidates have lesser and scat-  
tering strength."

"Most of the North Carolina dele-  
gates, I believe, will be for Hughes.  
One or two are for Roosevelt, one or  
two for Senator Weeks, and one I un-  
derstand is for former Senator Bur-  
ton."

"A majority of forty or fifty is as-  
sured the Republicans in the next  
House of Representatives; we may  
capture the Senate, and if we can  
nominate a good presidential candidate  
at Chicago upon whom the Republicans  
and Progressives can unite, his victory  
is almost a certainty.  
"Secretary Bryan and other think-  
ing Democrats already concede the  
election of a Republican president if  
the Republican party can be reunite-  
d."

## PRESIDENT WILSON READY TO MAKE PEACE OVERTURES

### SCHOOL PICNIC IN OLD ONSLOW

Festive Event to Mark Finale  
to Pollockville Schools—  
Jones Wants It.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

New Bern, N. C., May 26.—The pub-  
lic schools at Pollockville will come  
to a close next Monday and the com-  
mencement exercises will continue on  
through until Wednesday, on which  
day a big picnic will be held.

Much interest is being manifested  
in this event and the residents of Pol-  
lockville expect that there will be a  
large attendance.

"Jones county has not had a rep-  
resentative in the State Senate in thir-  
teen years," said Mr. J. K. Dixon, of  
Trenton, who is spending the day in  
the city, "and we want one the next  
time."

Mr. Dixon stated that the residents  
of Jones county had selected Mr. F.  
Brock, a well-known business man  
and farmer, as their candidate, and  
that they were doing their level best  
to have him elected.

Mr. Brock said Mr. Dixon, is the  
logical man for this place, and he pre-  
dicted that when the time for electing  
senators arrives that he would be  
found leading the list.

## POTATO DRYING PLANT TALKED OF

One May be Established in  
Pamlico County—Other  
New Enterprises.

(Special to The Dispatch.)

New Bern, May 26.—Information  
given out several weeks ago was to  
the effect that Northern capitalists  
were planning to establish a mammoth  
potato drying plant down in Pamlico  
county, and the citizens of that section  
have been very much interested in  
the probable outcome of this matter.

Yesterday Mr. Herman Smith, of  
Williamsport, Pa., and who is the  
leading spirit in the movement to  
erect this plant, returned from a visit  
to Bayboro where he had been to make  
further investigations in the matter.

In an interview given out here, Mr.  
Smith stated that no definite decision  
had yet been reached in regard to the  
erection and operation of the plant  
but it was very probable that it would  
be put up and in operation before the  
end of the summer.

During the past few days several  
gentlemen who are familiar with the  
operation of tobacco drying plants and  
prize houses, have been in New Bern  
conferring with the promoters of the  
proposed drier and stemmery which  
is to be erected and operated here and  
it is their desire to operate the plant  
for the local men.

Ten thousand dollars is needed to  
erect and equip this plant. Six thou-  
sand dollars of this amount have al-  
ready been subscribed and it is be-  
lieved that the remaining four thou-  
sand can be secured within the course  
of a few days.

At present all of the tobacco sold  
on the local market has to be sent to  
some other town to be dried and it is  
with an idea of preventing this that  
the plant is to be erected.

## MORE PENSION MONEY FOR THEIR WIDOWS

(By Associated Press.)

Saratoga Spring, N. Y., May 26.—  
The pensions paid by the Methodist  
Episcopal Church to the widows of  
ministers will be largely increased. A  
resolution adopted today by the gen-  
eral conference provides that a cler-  
gyman's widow, shall receive three-  
quarters of the sum paid to a retired  
minister. The former ratio was one-  
half.

The proposal that laymen shall be  
admitted to membership in the annual  
conference, to which only certain ones  
are now eligible, will be submitted to  
referendum vote of the several  
churches during the next four years,  
if a resolution offered today is adopt-  
ed.

The Merry One—Cheer up, old man!  
Why don't you drown your sorrow?  
The Sad One—Because she's strong-  
er than I am; and besides, it would  
be murder.—Passing Show.

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## Thinks War Has Come to Deadlock and Only More Men Will Be Sacrificed by Continuance

### GIVING SERIOUS THOUGHT FOR PEACE IN EUROPE

Expected to Make Important Utter-  
ance Tomorrow Night—Thinks  
Peace Sentiment Is Growing  
Among Belligerent Officials

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., May 26.—Pres-  
ident Wilson is giving more serious  
consideration to the possibility of re-  
storing peace to Europe than at any  
time since the outbreak of the war.

From an authoritative source it was  
learned today that the President is  
preparing to do everything possible, in  
an informal way, to bring about dis-  
cussion of peace between the bel-  
ligerent nations, although he has not  
indicated intention immediately to of-  
fer his services formally as a mediator.  
His address tomorrow night before the  
League to Enforce Peace is expected  
to be in the nature of a preliminary  
overture.

The President is convinced that the  
war is deadlocked and that its con-  
tinuation more means the killing of  
more people and the further impover-  
ishment of the European nations, both  
belligerents and neutrals.

Through various channels Mr. Wil-  
son has kept in close touch with de-  
velopment of peace prospects. It is  
understood he will convey a message  
to his audience tomorrow night which  
is certain to be read with deep inter-  
est by the representatives of foreign  
governments and by the people of the  
warring nations. Mr. Wilson's closest  
advisers believe the rulers of the  
belligerent nations, because of the  
relationship, will have as potent part  
in the restoration of peace as the min-  
isters of the governments. It will oc-  
casion no surprise in official circles  
if the rulers of the countries at war  
open the way for peace conversation.

The President's position, it was au-  
thoritatively stated, is that neutrals  
as much as the belligerents, have a  
right to participate and, if possible,  
initiate peace negotiations, because of  
the economic results already devel-  
oped and those which will follow the  
conflict.

The President has been deeply in-  
terested in the growth of the peace  
talk among responsible officials in  
the several belligerent nations during  
the last three weeks. He has read  
and filed away recent speeches by  
President Poincare, Sir Edward Grey  
and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hol-  
weg. He has conveyed the impression  
to those who have talked with him  
that he thinks that continuation of  
such discussion is bound to have the  
effect of restoring peace.

The President has indicated that  
he desires the United States to show  
its friendship for all by contending  
for peace that will be fair to all of  
them and that will protect each from  
being crushed or humiliated. Mr.  
Wilson is understood to agree with  
the suggestion that a peace following  
a decisive defeat of one nation or a  
group would create only a lasting ha-  
tred and sow seed for future conflict.

Should a voter who had not paid  
his poll tax before May 1, but who  
has registered, cast his ballot on June  
3, he will have committed a misde-  
meanor. For this reason, it is ex-  
pected that candidates will challenge  
few, if any, voters, the probability  
being that most of them will not at-  
tempt to vote, anyway. It is also  
probable that most of those who are  
registered have not paid their poll tax  
are those who registered two years  
ago and their names brought over  
when the new books were made.

There was much discussion in po-  
litical circles today as to the prob-  
able effect of one candidate not having  
paid his poll tax before May 1. Inquiry  
by The Dispatch, however, developed  
the fact that he had paid his poll tax  
in January, but in listing property in  
two townships his poll tax was  
charged twice, thus leaving the record  
open in one instance. It was stated in  
answer to inquiry at the sheriff's office  
that all candidates had paid their poll  
tax before May 1.

Councilman W. F. Jones, a candi-  
date for county solicitor, asked con-  
cerning a report that he would resign  
as Councilman next week, said that  
he would not do so unless elected as  
solicitor, in which event he would  
resign when he took the new office  
December 1. He said he did not think  
any other course would be fair to his  
supporters.

The primary is one week from to-  
morrow, and candidates are working  
hard. However, many wear the bat-  
tled look of not knowing where they  
are "at" by reason of the great mass  
of voters who are not expressing their  
selves.

## TO ROADS

Zachary Taylor to Spend Eight  
Months On Highways.

Zachary Taylor, colored, was sen-  
tenced to eight months on the county  
roads by Recorder B. G. Emple, this  
morning for the larceny of five hogs  
from Harris Loftin, a colored citizen  
of Middle Sound. Taylor was recently  
apprehended in Pender county where  
he had gone to dodge arrest.

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