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Administration is Assured Carranza Trying Meet Demands

Belief at Washington That Secret Communication Has Been Received By Administration of His Friendly Intent

NO HALT IN PREPARATIONS FOR WAR, HOWEVER

Troops Being Rushed To Border Regardless Of Outcome In Order To Be Ready For Emergency

(By United Press)
Washington, D. C. July 3.—Mexican matters appear to the State Department to be taking satisfactory shape.
The important matter of Carranza's reply to the American note requesting an explicit statement of the Mexican Government's attitude to the American forces in Mexico remains, unsettled, however, and while optimism is the keynote of all statements from the Department of State the War Department is continuing hastily preparation for any eventuality.

The administration is not disposed to press Carranza for his long deferred answer for the present according to announcement issued by the State Department today.

This decision was reached, it is said, in view of the relief of the tension in the general feeling of the country following Carranza's release of the American prisoners at Chihuahua.

Secretary Laning insists that there will be no immediate change in the policy of the administration relative to the disposition of the American forces now in Mexico.

This general announcement is interpreted as meaning that the American Government has secret assurances that Carranza will adjust the situation if given time. Present indications, are, therefore, that the United States will wait upon Carranza unless sinister developments occur below the border.

That there are 21,000,000 able bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five is indicated in a special census report as to the nation's resources in men and as its military fitness for defense.

The report is based on the 1910 census with an estimated ten per cent increase covering the period since that time.

Carranza Tries Escape

(By United Press)

Philadelphia, July 3.—Carranza will force war in order to escape from Mexico City, where he is virtually a prisoner, said W. F. Flynn, a Tuxpam refugee, this morning. "Carranza is scared to death and has already made three attempts to escape to Vera Cruz, in which he was frustrated by his generals."

"In the event of war, he will escape under the pretense of taking the field."

HETTY GREEN DIES AT AGE OF EIGHTY-THREE

(By United Press)
New York, July 3.—Hetty Green, the world's richest woman died here today at the age of eighty three.

Bench Warrants Issued For Members Greene Mob

(By United Press)
Raleigh, N. C., July 3. A sensation was created here today when the news was received that bench warrants had been issued for members of the Greene county mob that lynched Joe Black at Kinston a month or two ago.

Rebels Kill American

(By United Press)
Washington, D. C. July 3.—Private Mills was killed, while First Sergeant Barrister and Trumpeteer Goldsmith and Lieutenant Robinson were wounded as a result of two engagements of the Americans with rebels in Santo Domingo Saturday.

Wood May Be in Command

(By United Press)
Washington, D. C. July 3.—The War Department has announced that the forces along the border have been divided into three sections under the respective commands of Major General Funston, Major General Bell and Brigadier Pershing. It is believed in some quarters that this re-adjustment is a preliminary step to the appointing of Major General Wood, now commanding the department of the East, to supreme command on the border.

To Adjourn August 20

(By United Press)
Washington, D. C. July 3.—Following a conference with the President this morning, Senator Kern stated that the President expects Congress to adjourn about August 20th.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATION

The county commissioners in session for this month authorized an appropriation of six hundred dollars for the services of a farm demonstrator agent for the coming year. A special school tax election was ordered to be held in Salem township August 8 th.

Eugene Raper of Hopewell is in the city the guest of relatives.

James and Sawyer Win

In the second primary Saturday in which the contest was between E. F. Lamb and E. L. Sawyer for trial justice and J. C. James and T. E. Palmer for county commissioner for Salem township, Sawyer won out over Lamb by a majority of a little over a hundred votes, and James defeated Palmer by a majority a little short of that number.

The returns from the various polling places are as follows:

	James	Palmer	Lamb	Sawyer
Salem	40	36	30	48
Providence	62	4	21	45
Mt. Hermon	24	0	5	21
Cartwright	20	2	6	17
Pools	23	37	13	50
Newland	48	16	40	31
Nixonton	8	6	8	6
4th Ward	55	54	45	82
3rd Ward	73	43	46	86
2nd Ward	86	132	139	103
1st Ward	68	83	106	83
Total	507	413	459	572

A CORRECTION

To The Advance:
In The Advance of June 27th, Salem No. 2 says "Mr James was elected over Mr. Palmer for four years." I did not intend to say that Mr. Palmer was running against Mr. James those years, but that Mr. James has been elected four years since Mr. Palmer was County Commissioner. I do not wish to be unfair to any one and hope that you will make this correction for me at once. Salem 2.

Note. This communication was intended for Friday's issue of The Advance but reached us a day too late for that paper.

ZOELLER A DELEGATE

W. H. Zoeller has been elected a delegate from North Carolina to the Eighth Annual Congress of Photographers during the Convention of P. A. of A. at Cleveland, Ohio, July 21-24 Mr. Zoeller is first vice president of the Photographers Association of North Carolina and Virginia.

Senator Talks Preparedness

(By United Press)
Washington, D. C. July 3.—Had trouble threatened with a powerful, aggressive nation instead of with Mexico, the last few days would have shown the "inherent weaknesses" of the National Guard system even more strikingly than has been the case. Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate military committee said today in an interview with the United Press.

He had before him in his committee room reports of guardsmen leaving for the front short of horses, mules, supplies, even rifles; of state forges where 60 per cent of the men sent to the front never had fired an army rifle; of large proportions of National Guard companies being disqualified for active service under U. S. physical examinations.

"Let me make clear first," he said, "that this is not an attack on the guard. The Guardsmen, faulty as the system has shown itself, are better prepared than any of the rest of us. Indeed, they are the only men who have imposed any sacrifice on themselves for the sake of making their country less vulnerable to attack."

"What the failures of the past ten days ought to do is to show the American people their duty — the duty of each one—to begin to get ready for what situation may come up."

"It is the American people who are responsible for few machine guns, no aero service to speak of, a lack of horses, an organization so inefficient that in ten days we have succeeded in starting only a few states to the border, and those in various degrees of criminal unpreparedness."

"It was wrong to expect a small percentage of citizens—largely unpaid, largely the butt of gold-lace jokes, and always with military interests strictly secondary—to bear our preparedness burden. The system has shown its weaknesses as we should have anticipated."

"Neither can the railroads be blamed for the delays caused in the transportation of troops."

"The American people never have suggested even that railroads ought to be prepared, mobilized as part of the nation's military machinery."

"Industries suddenly called on to give up part of their employees of the guard, and at the same time hurry up supplies for them are altogether wrongly blamed. Lately industrial preparedness" has become a phrase. Up to recently it had not even been that."

"We find, most serious of all, wide physical unpreparedness. Men called from stores, warehouses, offices or other indoor and partly sedentary pursuits, are supposed to be ready to fight. As a matter of fact, some of them have fainted when called on to march and drill a few hours in a climate which compared to Mexico's is like a summer resort."

"We find that when cavalry troops had to change mounts, the utmost confusion resulted. In one drill half a dozen was injured, one fatally."

"The answer is that the whole nation has been a 'slacker.' We've not only refused to do our duty but even to see it."

"Let us thank God it was only Mexico that waked us up."

"We must come to the truth. We must have a big enough regular army, trained and hardened, drilled, disciplined and equipped to hold the enemy in check. The reserve must be, not a few guardsmen, but the whole nation."

"Compulsory military training for all, is the answer."

MEETS WEDNESDAY AFTER-NOON

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. R. W. Turner on Church street on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Big Allied Offensive Still Gains Headway

And is Now Being Pressed Both North and South of the Somme With Monitors Assisting in Artillery Action

(By United Press)
Paris, July 3.—In a brilliant night attack the Germans were thrown back on a wide front, the French capturing Harcourt, within five miles of the strategical town of Peronne.

Thirty nine German battalions participated in the defense, thirty-one of which sustained frightful losses and suffered complete disorganization.

Most of the prisoners captured were exceedingly young.

Under a blazing July sun the allied armies are pushing across the rolling farm lands of the region north of the Somme where the greatest battle of history is developing.

With the arrival of heavy German reserves the fighting is growing more intense and threatens to extend itself along the whole 110 mile front from the Somme to the sea.

The British heavy artillery has been pounding the German line in Flanders for forty-eight hours. The sound of the guns of ships off the coast leads to the belief that British monitors on the coast of Flanders are assisting in the artillery action.

This startling announcement recalls the statement from Berlin made Saturday that the British might be expected to deliver their most powerful stroke further northward in Flanders while the British and French to the southward continued their gigantic offensive toward the railway centers of Peronne, Cambrai, and Lille.

The German losses for the first thirty-six hours of the fighting are estimated at twenty thousand. The offensive toward the South of Somme is now developing into a huge rolling movement which with the capture of Beaucourt has carried the French within five miles of Peronne.

The British public are not intoxicated by the reports of the sweeping success of the first stage of the allied offensive, but realize that to achieve its full purpose may take months of effort and may involve for the allies temporary setbacks and reverses.

Border Force Increasing

(By United Press)

El Paso, July 3.—Eastern militia, pouring into this city in a continual stream, are being rapidly dispatched to points along the international line, the names of which, for strategic reasons, are not given out.

Mexico City is Uncertain

(By United Press)

Mexico City, July 3.—The Foreign office is unable to make a definite announcement as to when Carranza's reply to the last American demands can be made. It is thought that it may be several days yet.

Mr. J. N. Bell of Thomasville arrived in the city Saturday to take a position in The Advance shop.

Hydroplane Has Arrived

The big Curtis Hydroplane arrived in the city promptly on time.

At about three o'clock she was sighted down the Pasquotank, skimming the air like a big mosquito hawk.

Rapidly the air-ship grew larger, and as word that she was coming got about, in various parts of the city whistles shrieked and shrilled. Crowds began to run down to the water front, but before any except those already near at hand could reach it, the big bird had skimmed down to the water and turned to her landing.

When first sighted the hydroplane was headed straight for The Advance office but before descending the pilot wheeled to the right, described a semi-circle and the ship struck the waters of the harbor with her nose pointed to Riverside drive where she made her landing, on a specially constructed pier.

Elizabeth City is now in gala color and in gala spirit. Bunting and flags are everywhere in evidence, and the city smiles her welcome to the visitors who are already beginning to throng the streets.

A. & M. COLLEGE GRADUATES FILL RESPONSIBLE PLACES

The demand for young North Carolinians whose education and training qualify them to take responsible places in the State's advancing development in Agriculture, manufacturing, and other productive enterprises, grows apace. Of the ninety young men who were recently graduated from the Agricultural and Mechanical College, practically all had positions waiting for them on the day of their graduation. These young men are taking their places not merely as leaders in the State's material growth, but in its solid progressive technicalship as well. The announcement of this great technical institution appears in this issue.

BOARD ALDERMEN MAKE TAX LEVY

The Board of Aldermen, in regular monthly session Monday afternoon made the following tax levy:

General Fund	\$.75
Fire	.07
Street Improvement	.04
Street Bonds 1911	.14
Water	.10
Market House	.10
Graded School	.40
Total	\$1.60

The levy on each taxable poll is as follows:

Street Labor	\$1.50
Water	.30
Graded School	1.20
Market House	.30
Total	\$3.30

OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS

Register of Deeds, J. W. Munden was taken to the hospital Sunday evening for an operation for appendicitis.