

OFFERS SOLUTION MEXICAN PROBLEM

COLONEL J. BRYAN GRIMES UNFOLDS A PLAN FOR MEXICAN PACIFICATION.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People Gathered Around the State Capitol.

Raleigh.

With the hearty approval and endorsement of Governor Craig and President J. Y. Joyner of the North Carolina Peace Society, Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, has written William J. Bryan, urging a plan he has worked out for a peaceful adjustment of the Mexican trouble through a peace protectorate of the leading civilized nations of the world, this entailing some modification of the Monroe Doctrine. Colonel Grimes suggests that this same plan might be successfully invoked hereafter in similar cases. He fears that the Mexican conditions, which are a most serious concern to the American people, may eventually involve the United States in a long costly and bloody war.

He points out that "if the United States is not to intervene in Mexico—and it should not—it ill comport with the civilization of a great government to stand with a drawn sword in the form of the Monroe Doctrine and deny to other nations the inalienable right and duty to protect the lives and the property of their own citizens. Such a course makes this Government morally responsible and it will be held answerable to the other nations."

Colonel Grimes thus states his plan: "Would it not be a forward step in the interest of humanity and an example in the furtherance of worldwide peace in the future for the United States to invite some of the most interested nations, say Spain, Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy and perhaps Brazil, Chile and Argentina under a clearly expressed pact, treaty or agreement, jointly to occupy Mexico for its pacification, forming a kind of joint military protectorate there and binding themselves to withdraw after establishing a stable government—the Government of Mexico indemnifying these Governments as China did in the occupation of Peking by the allied armies."

Decisions of the Supreme Court.

The list of opinions delivered by the court follows: Rile' vs. Pratt, Pender County, no error; State vs. Snipes, Forsyth, no error; Latta vs. Nichols, Orange, no error; Morganton Manufacturing Company vs. Anderson and Creab, Forsyth, affirmed; Supreme Council vs. Grand Lodge, Forsyth, appeal dismissed; Wood vs. Land Improvement Company, Durham, affirmed; State vs. Hill, Guilford, no error; Laban vs. Field, Guilford, no error; Cousins vs. Chair Manufacturing Company, Guilford, no error; Merchants National Bank vs. Branson, Guilford, no error; Benton vs. North Carolina Public Service Corporation, Guilford, no error.

Make Survey of Truck and Freight.

William R. Champ, chief of the division of markets in the co-operative marketing division of the agricultural experiment station and the department of agriculture is undertaking to make a survey of the fruit and truck industry in all the communities throughout the state, in order, especially, that he may ascertain definitely where and how he can best help the growers organize a more effective system of marketing. He is working especially throughout the county demonstration agents and local Farmers' Unions, and individual growers are being appealed to in many instances. Blanks are being sent out, the filling out and returning of which is, all that is asked of those being appealed to.

Must Ask For Institutes.

Director T. B. Parker of the farm-institute division of the State Department of Agriculture announces a new policy this season in the holding of institutes. This is that there will be institutes hereafter only in those localities in which the people petition for them. Heretofore these institutes have been held at random and in consecutive circuits for the convenience of the parties holding the institutes. He is writing to leading farmers in all communities to make reports.

Ship Mail to Raleigh.

Within the past day or two one of the largest mail order houses of the country has shipped to Raleigh three carloads of its spring and summer catalogues. These are being mailed out to points in all parts of the Raleigh second parcel-post zone that includes postoffices in this state and portions of Virginia and South Carolina. The mail order house sent a check for \$2,800 to the Raleigh postoffice to pay the postage, eight cents being required for each catalogue mailed. The freight shipment is to save postage.

Recess is Taken in Rate Hearing.

An unexpected recess in the intrastate freight rate hearing before the commission came recently. The recess was at the request of Attorney General Bickett, and will be until July 7. The reasons are that Mrs. Hillman, wife of W. C. Hillman, the rate expert who was on the stand giving direct testimony for the state, is very ill and he must go to her in Philadelphia at once, in order that she may be hastened to her home in Evansville, Ind., while she yet has strength to make the trip; that there are a number of commercial organizations in the state which desire to present evidence in support of the reduced rates prescribed by the Justice act and there is not time now for this evidence to be marshalled at this time; and also that by taking a recess at this time, and arranging for the railroad authorities to have copies of the evidence that the state will offer for making an analysis of it, there will be saved much time and labor for the state, the railroad companies and the commission.

In urging the recess Attorney General Bickett pledged to submit counsel for the railroad companies complete copies of all the remaining evidence that the state will introduce when the commission reconvenes. This will include the uncompleted evidence of Rate Expert Hillman. Before the recess he completed the evidence as to the Southern Railway along the lines indicating that the Southern's figures to show the Justice rates too low are on a wrong basis of differentiation between freight and passenger rates, between inter and intrastate freight and as to just what constitutes "local freight" trains, and that if a right basis is applied, the Justice rates will be found to be fair and just as between the railroad companies and the shippers.

Cavalry Makes Perfect Score.

Adjutant General Lawrence W. Young of the North Carolina National Guard has received from the United States war department the reports of the recent annual inspections of the North Carolina companies of cavalry and sanitary corps, the reports showing perfect scores in all respects, the finest showings ever made by any North Carolina state guards. The final reports on the inspections of the companies of infantry have not yet been received, but it is thought that only the Washington company will be disbanded for failure to measure up to the minimum standard of condition.

Commission Gets Depot Plans.

Plans for a union passenger and freight depot at Apex were submitted recently to Superintendent W. A. Gore of the Seaboard and Vice-President J. Edd Staggs, of the Durham and Southern to the North Carolina corporation commission. The station was destroyed more than two months ago and the public has since been served from a box car. The plans for the new station provide for a structure that will cost about \$22,000, will have separate freight and passenger departments and will give attractive waiting rooms for men and women of both races.

Coast Artillery is Inspected.

Inspection of the companies of coast artillery in this state was concluded here recently by Inspector-Instructor Greig of the United States war department and Col. Thomas Stringfield of Waynesville, inspector of small arms for the North Carolina National Guard, the last inspection being that of the First Company Coast Artillery, Raleigh, W. D. Morrow captain. While no official statement of the condition of the companies as developed in the inspection is obtainable yet, it is understood that the companies have made a very good showing with considerable improvement over the conditions a year ago.

Prepare to Fight Cattle Tick.

The state department of agriculture is notified that the counties of Lenoir, Harnett and Wayne have provided special appropriations to aid in the eradication of the cattle tick within their bounds through the co-operation of the federal and state departments of agriculture. Their aid will be in the form of providing assistant inspectors to take a hand in the eradication work.

Some Recent State Charters.

The Old Fort Manufacturing Company, Old Fort, capital \$25,000 authorized, and \$6,000 subscribed by I. H. Greene, R. L. Murphy and others for a lumber and brick business.

New Express Rate Ordered.

The corporation commission made an order recently requiring the Southern Express Company to put into effect on June 5th, the new system of rates applicable to intrastate express business in North Carolina, it being based in the new schedule of rates applicable through the interstate commerce commission on interstate business throughout the United States, but with considerable modification that will avert raises in rates on various commodities that would be the effect of blanket application.

W. G. Womble For Rate Expert.

The Corporation Commission announced recently, effective at once, the appointment of Mr. William G. Womble of Raleigh as rate expert for the commission, a position for which provision was made by the special session of the last Legislature. The commission has given a good deal of consideration to this appointment and is quite confident that in Mr. Womble it has made a selection that will be very helpful to the commission and to the public in handling rate matters.

WATER AND LIGHTS

TRI-STATE ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN ATLANTA.

NEW OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Prominent Speakers Urge the Conservation of the South's Many Resources.—Resolve to Enlarge the Scope of Its Work Over South.

Atlanta, Ga.—Scientific and practical business problems involved in the management of water and light plants were discussed at the session here of the fourth annual convention of the Tri-State Water and Light Association of the Carolinas and Georgia. Scores of members from every section of the three states were in attendance. The annual address of President A. J. Spolles was the principal feature of the session.

Included in the program were addresses by H. W. Graves, chief forester of the Federal Department of Agriculture, and M. F. Coun, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Graves appealed to members of the association and to the south generally to prevent serious injury to southern industrial development by affording better protection for the forests, farms and mineral resources. He praised the marked advance in industrial enterprise which he said was evident in the south and declared conditions of today only approached the threshold of possible development.

"Serious injury to the industrial development of the south can be prevented by adopting right measures now," said Mr. Graves. "The National forest reservation commission has approved the purchase of 120,700 acres in North Carolina at a total cost of \$924,589; of 23,286 acres in South Carolina at a cost of \$128,157; and of 96,132 acres in Georgia at a cost of \$622,654. These Government forests, however, will form only a very small portion of the forest area which must be protected. A considerable number of states have made a beginning to meet this problem."

Mr. Graves said the engineer and the forester "must work hand in hand if our river system is to be converted from sources of danger and expense to one of the highest usefulness."

The following officers were elected: President, F. C. Wyse, Columbia, S. C.; first vice president, J. W. Neave, Salisbury, N. C.; second vice president, Hugh Hill, West Point, Ga.; third vice president, E. R. Fluke, Sparta, Ga.; secretary-treasurer, J. C. Barnwell, Rock Hill, S. C.

N. C. Postmasters Appointed.

Washington.—At Grassy Creek, Edward D. Greer; Lewisville, John T. Poindexter; Lilesville, Robert L. Lindsey; Moores Springs, William G. Moore; Proctorville, Pearson P. Smith; Thurmond, James A. Thompson; Westfield, Bertie E. Dix; Yanceyville, Henry W. Perry; Ararat, Thomas W. Bryant; Climax, Malcolm L. Alford; Crutchfield, Thomas S. Draughn; Glenwood, Walter C. Ashworth; Legeerwood, Joseph H. Elliott; McLeansville, Peter V. Boone; Northside, William H. Fleming; Pates, Hugh Monroe; Sandy Ridge, Cabell Hall; Colfax, W. E. Bowman; Caroleen, William C. Lynch; Bahama, Adolphus W. Tilley; Bear Creek, Groves C. Phillips; Bonlee, Benjamin H. Waddell; Dallas, Robert S. Lewis; Denton, John E. Varner; Essex, Luther E. Williams; Milton L. Kendall; Holly Spring, James C. Adams; Julian, Eva L. Whitaker; Kelford, Walter R. Brown; Lewiston, John B. Saunders; Lowgap, Joseph L. Cockerham; Mayodan, H. Roy Martin; Price John W. Price; Ruffin, J. Benton Staley; Stantonburg, Romulus T. Beauman; Stem, William A. Brinkley; Whitesett, James H. Joyner; Wilkesboro, Norman O. Smoak; Woodland, Kate N. Griffin.

Miss Wychie is Honored.

Raleigh.—Miss M. L. Wychie, of Raleigh, a well known nurse of Raleigh, will be in charge of one of the Red Cross relief stations at the Con federate reunion in Jacksonville, next month. She will be the only North Carolinian selected by the Red Cross for this grade of work.

Improved Road Drag.

Canton.—Good roads enthusiasts of Bethel section of this county have adopted a device, which the designer Ira Mann, says is a great improvement upon the famous split-log drag and they are demonstrating its superiority by systematically improving the highways of their community. The invention is somewhat similar to the split-log but according to those who have seen it work, is made of two pieces of sawed timber, plated with steel. The steel plates prevent the edges of the drag from wearing.

Wilmington's Export Increase.

Wilmington.—The exports from the port of Wilmington for the quarter ending March 31 were more than triple what they were for the same quarter last year. In 1913 the exports for the first quarter of the year amounted to \$1,126,531, and this year for the corresponding period the exports amounted to \$3,463,139. Total exports and imports values for the first quarter of the two years show 1914 to be leading by more than 100 per cent as follows: 1914, \$4,678,125; 1913, \$2,113,920.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS



Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, who will be in Charlotte 20th of May to attend the celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

SOUTHERN SOCIETY MEETS

Secretary Bryan and Daniels Among Speakers Who Sang South's Praises.

Washington.—Dixie's sons and daughters sang praises of her rapid commercial development and expanding influence in National affairs at the third annual banquet one night recently of the Southern Society of Washington. Secretaries Bryan and Daniels put aside for the hour their responsibilities to attend, and other notable dinners included Maurice Egan, Minister to Denmark, many of the Southern congressional delegates and Southerners in Washington official life.

The scene was enlivened by the frequent singing of Dixie melodies. An old-time negro quartet led in songs that found unanimous response.

As a North Carolinian, Secretary Daniels spoke for the womanhood of the South, referring to the changing scenes that have made woman figures in modern economic life.

The chivalry of the type that was exemplified in the surrender of a seat in a street car, he thought, must be applied so as to lighten the burdens of women who were compelled to contribute to the support of their families.

"Chivalry in its highest sense," he declared, "must not confine itself to the ballroom but must prove its genuineness by seeing that the woman who works is better paid and is not compelled to labor through long hours."

"Perhaps we have been too tardy in this respect," he continued, "but conditions are growing better. The Southern States are constantly improving conditions by the enactment of laws governing the employment of women, and the time is not far before it will be illegal for women to work at night."

Big Land Deal in Brunswick.

Wilmington.—Planning a development similar to that which in past five years has transformed the pine and sand barrens of Moore county and the surrounding sections into one of the most productive and advanced agricultural centers in the South, the Brunswick Land and Lumber Company, composed of four Northern and four Southern capitalists, has purchased the original title to what is known as the Allison grant, a tract of 43,000 or more acres in Brunswick county near Southport and extending into the neighborhood of Bolivia, and is already at work upon preliminary arrangements, looking toward opening up the land.

Record Shipment of Fertilizer.

Wilmington.—Swift & Company Fertilizer Works, located on the northeast branch of the Cape Fear above Hilton, recently established a record for a single shipment to one customer. A special train of 28 cars was provided by the Atlantic Coast Line to convey the shipment to its destination, Oxford, so that it could be got there as promptly as possible for the use of the farmers of that section.

Hospital to Be Built.

Mount Airy.—Mount Airy is to have a modern hospital just as soon as it can be completed, material is being placed upon the grounds and the contract has been given for its construction. Mrs. B. A. Irvin, a retired milliner of this city, and friends of hers will finance the proposition. For some time Mrs. Irvin has contemplated the erection of a hospital, and purchased the site more than a year ago. The new building will be of native granite, two stories high and will consist of 20 rooms.

Lets School Building Contract.

Rocky Mount.—For the elegant new \$35,000 high school building for the city graded school system there was recently awarded the contract, the exact figure named being \$32,805, this including no heating or plumbing. These contracts will be let later by the board, and it is understood they will total some \$4,000. The award was made on condition that the building be completed within five and one-half months, and this will insure its being ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall session.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS LAUDS DEMOCRACY

AT A JEFFERSON DINNER IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, HE MAKES STRONG SPEECH.

PRAISE FOR JEFFERSON

Champ Clark, Governor Cox and Other Notable Speakers Were Among Those Present.

Cleveland, O.—Laudations of the accomplishments of the present Democratic Administration, and tributes to Thomas Jefferson and his influence on legislation occupied speakers at the Jefferson "dollar dinner" of Cuyahoga County Democracy. Among those who made set addresses were Speakers Champ Clark, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Governor Cox of Ohio. Present, and the deliverers of short speeches, were Senator Atlee Pomerene and Congressmen William Gordon, Robert J. Bulkeley and Robert Cresser of Ohio.

Speaker Clark and Secretary Daniels arrived here early in the day. Secretary Daniels, spoke before the students of Western Reserve University law school in the morning, and at noon Daniels and Clark lunched with the members of the City Club, where both delivered speeches.

At this gathering Secretary Daniels made his only reference to the Mexican situation.

"We have had no war in which the American Navy did not figure prominently," he said. "If we go to war with Mexico now, we are in better condition than ever before."

Speaker Clark, like Secretary Daniels, devoted a large portion of his address to an eulogy of Thomas Jefferson.

Governor Cox spoke almost altogether on state issues, defending his administration.

The influence of Thomas Jefferson on the character and construction of present day legislation and government was depicted by Secretary Daniels. The speaker declared the same unselfishness, devotion and liberality which characterized the Democratic Administration in the days of Jefferson were seen today vividly reflected in the leadership of President Wilson, the counsel of William Jennings Bryan and the example of Tom Johnson, Cleveland's late mayor.

Mr. Daniels said the new tariff, currency and tax laws were in thorough accord with the "principles of our great mentors, Jefferson and Jackson."

STATE GUARDSMEN FITTED OUT.

War Department Sends Equipment to North Carolina Military Companies.

Raleigh.—Adjutant General Young of the North Carolina National Guard received notice that the full equipment for the field hospital company at Asheville has been forwarded by the War Department. It includes eight field wagons, 32 sets of harness, two water filters, 15 field tents, four tents for the men and four wall tents for the officers, besides a great deal of other minor equipage.

General Young has assurances that wagons and other field service equipment for infantry and cavalry of the Guard will be forthcoming and says that within a very few days the North Carolina Guard will be ready for the most warlike movements that the Mexican situation may demand. This infantry and cavalry equipment will include 58 wagons all told, and 12 ambulances and three wagons for the new corps for ambulance service just formed at Canton.

Forest Fire Near Southern Pines.

Southern Pine.—For several days a forest fire lit by a carter's hunter has been burning around Southern Pines and Manly. Considerable damage has been done to pine timber and in some of the vineyards and orchards where the fire ran through the grass.

Buncombe's Part of Highway Ready.

Asheville.—That Buncombe County's part of the Asheville-Charlotte highway will be in readiness for the use of motorists and other travelers by the time the state convicts reach the county line was assured recently when the Board of County Commissioners made plans to augment the force now at work on the highway. The action was taken upon the request of members of the Good Roads Association of Asheville and Buncombe County, the Asheville Motor Club and the local Board of Trade.

Sixth District Postmasters.

Washington.—For postmasters in the Sixth District: Cooper, Daniel A. Mathews; Hope Mills, John T. Bynum; Wade, Miss Sallie W. McNeill; Manchester, Miss Kate Waddell; Orrum, Albert C. McCullen; Lumber Ridge, Charles P. McGowan; Rennert, Charles W. Watson; Marietta, William McD. Oliver; Supply, Mrs. Lizzie Galloway; Town Creek, Mrs. Nellie B. Walker; Castle Haynes, Edward R. Jones; New Berlin, Mrs. Little E. Applewhite; Bolton, Miss Sallie F. Troy.

REAR ADMIRAL BLUE



Rear Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department, is a busy man these days in Washington, directing the departure of the warships for Mexican waters.

NELSON O'SHAUGHNESSY



Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires in Mexico City, tried his best to show Huerta the serious results that would follow his refusal to order a salute to the American flag at Tampico, but failed.

GENERAL GEORGE BARNETT



General Barnett is the recently appointed commander of marines and his men may fall the duty of seizing the customs houses at Tampico and Vera Cruz.

G. W.'s Fame. "When opportunity knocked at the door of George Washington," remarks the Observer of Events and Things "it seems to have made use of a hatchet."