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Key West For Possible Duty in  
Mexican Waters.

Washington, May 10.—Mexico's last revolution after getting underway with a remarkable absence of fighting, apparently has not been without the usual tropical season of blood-letting.

From behind the veil that obscures the events of the last few days are beginning to trickle the stories of whole sale political executions, counter executions, and other accompanying struggles for supremacy in the Latin-American countries.

Carranza is variously reported captured, in flight, or in hiding; Candido Aguilar, his son-in-law and minister of foreign affairs, executed with General Francisco Murguía, commander of the garrison in Mexico City, after a wholesale slaughter of political prisoners, including fifteen generals; forces of the revolution in control of the capital and most of the metropolitan cities of the country while American warships and marines continued to move into strategic positions were the foremost features of today's news.

## Communication Cut Off

Communication between the United States and the Mexican capital continued intermittently and uncertainly. Reports received here of the cutting of the telegraph lines which carry cable dispatches overland from Vera Cruz to Mexico City are supported by border reports that the line of Carranza's escape is held by the revolutionists. The telegraph lines which stretch down over the Texas border and reaching across the Northern desert, ending at El Paso, Washington with Mexico City, flicked off their last dots and dashes yesterday afternoon and were occupied for a few minutes with a stack of dispatches which had been accumulating for days. What happened in Mexico City or somewhere along the line to interrupt them in one of the mysteries of a revolution. From all reports, Tampico, Vera Cruz, Monterrey, and Puebla, as well as Mexico City, now are in the hands of the rebels. Search of Vera Cruz has failed to find Carranza. One report had him under arrest at Expiranza.

## Communication Cut Off

The last message received from the American Embassy in Mexico City said quiet prevailed on Saturday morning after the departure of Carranza with no "unusual disorder," according to the State Department's announcement.

"The only untoward incident reported," the statement continued, "was the capture of one of President Carranza's trains on May 7 at Aguascalientes, about 275 miles north of Mexico City, an incident in which there were several casualties."

No mention of the fate of Carranza was made by the embassy.

General Obregon, Carranza's former right-hand military man and now his opponent, has ordered that the President if captured, be treated with consideration and taken to Mexico City. Reports published in Mexico City newspapers and received here today flatly announced Carranza's capture together with Ambassador Bonillas, Carranza's representative in Washington until a few weeks ago and later one of the candidates for the presidency.

Battleship to Key West  
Meanwhile, the American government, while continuing a policy of watchful waiting took some measures to afford refuge to Americans. There are estimated to be some 8,000 or 7,000 such in Mexico, some of whom are being sent to the United States. For the most part, however, that class probably is far in the interior, and the Americans who might readily avail themselves of aid are principally oil men and planters along the Gulf coast.

For their assistance the Navy Department has ordered the superdreadnaught, Other destroyers have reached Tampico for possible duty in Mexican waters. She will take on a full company of marines before steaming South. Meanwhile the naval transport Henderson will load 1,200 marines from the navy yard and proceed to Key West to await developments at Tampico, joining the gunboat, Sacramento and the cruiser Dunham. Other destroyers have reached Tampico and Vera Cruz and three more will go with the Oklahoma.

FOREIGN TRADE SHOWS  
COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY

Washington, D. C. May 9.—Reflecting the country's trade prosperity, March figures issued by the Department of Commerce show that March exports were \$280,000,000, the second highest month on record. Imports for the same month were \$454,000,000, exceeding by \$10,000,000 the previous high month.

For the nine months ending with March, the exports were \$6,051,000,000, or more than a billion dollars in excess of the same period in 1919, while imports for the nine months were \$9,719,000,000, or approximately a billion and a half greater than for the nine months of the preceding year.

REV. THURSTON B. PRICE



General Evangelist of the Methodist Church, South, who will conduct the revival meeting at the Divine Street Methodist church. Rev. Price is a successful evangelist of National reputation having held meeting in many parts of America.

REBELS CAPTURE  
CAPITAL FRIDAYWashington Receives Official  
Confirmation of Occupation  
Of Mexico City

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Official confirmation of the occupation of Mexico City rebel forces at noon on Friday, May 7, was received today by the State Department from the American Embassy. There was no disorder and no foreigners were interfered with, the message said.

"Communication was reopened with the American Embassy and the information received up to 7:00 o'clock tonight indicated there had been no disorder in connection with the taking over of the city nor was there anything of a disquieting nature regarding the safety of Americans or other foreigners," the State Department's announcement said. "No reference was made to President Carranza."

The Embassy reported troops constituting the advance contingent of Pablo Gonzales took control of the Mexican capital. The State Department said the advance contingent of General Jacinto Trevino who upon effecting possession of the city issued a formal assurance of complete guarantees. In this announcement he advised commerce and industry and banks and other institutions to continue their normal operations and threatened drastic punishment of speculators in articles of necessity. A new chief of police and a military commander for Mexico City were appointed.

"General Obregon was on his way into Mexico City from the West while Gonzales was entering from the South. He sent assurance to the embassy on May 7 that there would be no disorders at Mexico City."

"An official telegram from Vera Cruz dated early today said that a wireless message received there from Mexico City had stated that President Carranza had left Mexico City and that General Obregon was in possession of the city. It said among other things that President Carranza was accompanied out of the city by some of his adherents."

"The American consul at Vera Cruz reported order being maintained in the State of Vera Cruz."

## MRS. JOHNSON IS REAL 'HIRAM'

Washington, May 9.—With women possessed of the ballot it seems certain that from now on the "first lady" of the land must be more than a mere "first lady." She must be a stateswoman, for now there are going to be stateswomen as well as statesmen.

Senator Hiram Johnson is fortunate at the polls next November. Mrs. Hiram Johnson will measure up to all of the requirements of a stateswoman. Even now there are some members of the Senate who believe Mrs. Johnson is the most interesting female student of current politics that Washington knows.

Mrs. Johnson rides to the Capitol with her husband, she lunches at the Capitol with him, and she listens to his speeches from the Senate gallery. Whoever you find Senator Johnson you are always certain to find Mrs. Johnson—She is a real 'pal' and adviser.

Mrs. Johnson's judgment on political questions has been sought more than once by a perplexed Senator, for those who know her recognize her as a clear thinking, sensible woman. Some of her informal speeches on the treaty of peace, made in private to her friends, would rival those made by her husband on the floor of the Senate. Mrs. Johnson has views, and strong views, and behind those views there is clear reasoning.

When Hiram Johnson, the young California lawyer, married Miss Minnie McNeal he married a partner, and she has been just that through his long climb up the ladder of success in public life.

Although she is a grandmother, one would never suspect it of Mrs. Johnson. She carries the air of youth, the enthusiasm of youth, and her black, mappy eyes are those of a woman who delights in life and enjoys the struggles through which success is won.

California is the desired home of Mrs. Johnson, but home is wherever "Hiram" is—she calls him "Hiram" in public—and if Senator Johnson reaches the White House Mrs. Johnson will still be Mrs. Johnson, a real American woman.

MORE FORESTS IS  
NEED OF COUNTRYLack of Trees Given as Reason  
For High Cost of Living in  
United States

Washington, May 9.—And now comes another reason for the high cost of living. This time it is trees. There are not enough to go around. Production and more production is the one thing that everybody seems to agree upon as the national need for the high cost of living, but who will produce the forests and provide the wood and the paper that keeps 10 per cent of an industry going?

Asks Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry Association. "We are using up our forests almost three times faster than we are replenishing them. We cannot keep up into the open market and order a billion feet of lumber grown for delivery day after tomorrow or week after next. We may be able to figure on how much corn we can ship on a given date, or make plans for the production of a thousand automobiles for in these cases the matter of production is but a matter of days or weeks. Not so with trees, for with trees it is a matter of years."

"Just the other day some two hundred thousand acres of timber land was bought up by a match concern. The tons consumption of pulp wood from which printing paper is made has increased enormously. The war made a great drain on our timber resources. Newspaper publishers wrestled with the newspaper situation at their last meeting and will continue to wrestle with it for some time, it is safe to predict. When we stop to think of our forests as the basis of all national prosperity and that nothing is being done looking to national forest policy, we must as business men stop indeed. Here is the situation:

"Use of newspaper has increased 200 per cent in twenty years. Ten years ago the United States produced its entire supply of pulp wood, but now two-thirds of it is imported. This means freight rates to be added to the purchase price. Of all the paper used in the United States 22 per cent is used by the newspapers. Only one newspaper plant has been constructed in the United States since 1909."

"But newspaper publishers are not the only ones who are concerned. Mr. Pack. 'In other industries the amount of wood is great. Over 25,000 manufacturers depend on the forests for raw materials, and work is 1,130,000 men in wood-using plants. The lumber industry produces \$1,000,000,000 of goods annually. The value of the total value of all manufacturers. The capital invested in it is \$3,000,000,000, or 13 per cent of the aggregate manufacturing investment."

"Production is the word, as we all agree, but production must be begun at one of the prime sources of our nation's wealth, the nation's forests."

RESERVE ACT SAVED  
COUNTRY FROM RUINWithout It, War Would Have Bank-  
rupted the Nation, Declares  
Senator King

Washington, D. C., May 9.—That the first six months of the war would have bankrupted the country in credit and money had it not been for the financial policy inaugurated under the Federal Reserve act and supplementary legislation, is asserted by Senator King of Utah.

Replying to incidental criticisms of the currency law by Senator McCumber during a Senate debate, Senator King showed that one of the first things attempted by the Democratic party when it came into power was the enactment of currency legislation which had been lacking under Republican leadership. The Federal Reserve act, he said, had stood the test of both peace and war, and that the country's finances are now stabilized as they never have been in history.

Has the Senator advocated its repeal or modification?" asked Senator King. "I do not recall that he or any other Republican has seriously attacked the Federal Reserve act or has offered amendments of a vital or important character to it that have been constructive measure. I have wondered what would have been the result if the Federal Reserve act had not been upon the statute books and if we had had on the statute books only the financial legislation that we found there when the Democratic party came into power under the first administration of Woodrow Wilson."

Saved From Bankruptcy  
"Why, if it had not been for the financial policy of the Democratic party which have been crystallized into law under the splendid leadership of Woodrow Wilson, our country would have been bankrupt, so far as credit and money are concerned, within the first six months of the war."

Sensor King reviewed the history of financial legislation, the inadequacy of the temporary measures known as the Aldrich-Freeland bill and the failure of the Senate under the leadership of Senator Aldrich to enact comprehensive currency legislation that would meet every condition, and called attention to the number of panics under the old fiscal policy fastened upon the country by the Republican party. Concluding, Senator King challenged the Republicans to insert a plank in their Chicago platform calling for the repeal of the Federal Reserve act, declaring he would delight to see such an issue presented to the people.

## STAY-IN-SCHOOL DRIVE

Washington, D. C., May 9.—In its campaign against illiteracy the Children's Bureau of the Department of Agriculture has organized a stay-in-school drive to help show children the value of remaining in school to the end of the session. This will be followed in the fall by a back-to-school drive.

## THE PRICE MEETING

At the Methodist church

in Dunn on May 10, 1920 Rev. Thurston B. Price, assisted by J. Dale Stentz, will begin a revival meeting. Mr. Price is a preacher of National reputation having held many successful meetings in many states of the Union. Mr. Stentz is a gospel singer, who has won distinction as a leader of music in revival meetings and as a soloist. You will like each of them.

Preparatory to the meeting cottage prayer meetings will be held from Tuesday of this week throughout Friday and the public is cordially invited to attend these meetings. They are in the following homes: Tuesday night May 11 at the home of E. L. Packer, Wednesday night at the home of Fred Baggett, Thursday night at the home of B. Lewis and Leo. E. Prince. Friday night at 8:00 the concluding prayer meeting will be held at the church.

It is the desire of the pastor that all who can take part in these special sessions of prayer and thus assist in the preparation for a great meeting.

"CORNER" IN PRINT  
PAPER IS CHARGE  
CORTLAND SMITHSays Print Paper Manu-  
facturers In Conspir-  
acy to Regulate  
Prices

Washington, May 9.—Charges of a "corner" in print paper were made today before the Senate committee investigating the paper shortage by Cortland Smith, president of the American Press Association.

Mr. Smith testified that print paper manufacturers were in a conspiracy to regulate both production and prices.

To break the market, Mr. Smith said a substitute for wood pulp was found. He urged a congressional appropriation of \$250,000, to be used in experimenting with substitutes and asked that it be placed in the hands of "persons who cannot be reached by the paper" manufacturers.

Describing the country press as "having its back to the wall," the witness declared that unless relief were provided it would be "annihilated."

"Not half the country press will survive unless there is a drastic change in the situation," he told the committee. "The country papers have no paper. Publishers of the country realize that something must be done, and they have turned their eyes to this committee. The remedy lies with this committee."

The country papers are forced to buy in the open market, he testified, and are paying an average minimum price of 17 cents a pound while some are paying as high as 22 cents. The print paper situation is absolutely controlled by men who increase production to suit the demand," Mr. Smith declared. "Then you believe there is a conspiracy between the plants," inquired Mr. McNary, Republican, Oregon.

"I do," was the reply. "Many of these paper people admitted this and were fined several years ago."

Asked whether he had taken the matter up with the Attorney General, Mr. Smith said he had not, as he was aware that the Attorney General had not brought relief from high prices in other lines. He added that "the country press is of the opinion he never will."

DANIELS BEGINS REPLY TO  
ADMIRAL SIMS' ALLEGATIONS

Washington, May 9.—Investigation of the navy department conduct of the war, begun by a senate subcommittee more than four months ago, will enter its concluding phase tomorrow when Secretary Daniels begins his reply to the charges made by Rear Admiral Sims, which precipitated the inquiry. Following cross examination of the secretary, Chairman Hales plans to call Admiral Sims in rebuttal and close the hearings.

Mr. Daniels' response, an extended statement which will begin to read to the committee tomorrow, is expected to take two or three days to finish this, but if his cross examinations does not take more time than is now considered probable, committee members believe that hearings may be concluded this week and the work of drafting a report to the full naval committee be taken up next week.

## CONSERVATION OF PAPER

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Joining in the movement for the conservation of paper, the Postoffice Department is having re-stamped several million of the old two-cent post cards that they may be used under the present one-cent rate. This not only saves paper, but saves the government the cost of printing the new cards.

REED AND JOHNSON  
DISCUSS TREATYMissouri Democrats Indulge in  
Sarcasm on President's Last  
Appeal

Washington, May 9.—President Wilson's call to the Democratic party to carry the treaty ratification issue into the campaign drew expressions today from two members of his own party. William J. Bryan and Senator Reed, of Missouri, and also from Senator Johnson, of California, leader of the Republican irreconcilable group in the Senate treaty battle.

Senator Reed, in a statement, declared such a platform would mean for the Democrats the loss of every state north of the Mason and Dixon line and the breaking of the "Solid South. Senator Johnson also in a statement said he could respect the President's consistent advocacy of respect for men whose views shifted with the varying popular wind."

Mr. Bryan, at his home in Florida, reaffirmed his declaration for immediate ratification by joint action of Republican and Democratic treaty friends in order "to take the issue out of the campaign."

"The President's demand that the treaty shall be accepted exactly as he brought it from Versailles is the most extreme of premeditated political suicide yet devised," Senator Reed said. "On such a platform as the President demands, it is my opinion that we will lose every state north of the Mason and Dixon line and that the solid south will be broken."

Every member of the Senate except six, Mr. Reed, voted for one or more of the Lodge reservations denounced by the President. The President or Democratic Senators who voted for reservations will face repudiation at San Francisco, he added.

Senator Johnson said he had consistently opposed the League of Nations in its original form and with the reservations appended," and added: "The league presented to us was either a good or a bad thing. If it was as good as the President and his associates insisted it required neither amendments nor reservations. If it was as bad as we insisted, neither amendment nor reservation could make it good."

"The President has consistently maintained his position and I can respect an adversary of that sort. Those for whom I have no respect in this contest are the men who were with the President when they thought his position was popular during the discussion last year, and who then demanded the immediate passage of the league without reservations nor amendments and who now, with the varying popular wind, embrace the so-called Lodge reservations, which they denounced for so long a time."

MADE BONUS BILL  
PARTISAN MEASURE

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Partisan consideration of soldier bonus legislation has been denounced in the House by Democrats under the leadership of Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, member of the Ways and Means committee.

Probably the most serious criticism of the Republican program is due to the G. O. P. plan for raising funds with which to give the soldiers a bonus. Democratic members of the committee who favor bonus legislation propose that the bonus shall be paid by taxation of "war millionaires"—men who grew rich out of war contracts or business conditions and prices incident to the war. The Republicans, however, insist on raising the money by levying a sales or consumption tax, which would affect every home in America, rich or poor.

Under the latter proposition, it is contended by Representative Rainey and his Democratic colleagues, Congress will give the ex-soldier and sailor a bonus and then take part of it away from him through a tax on the articles he eats or wears. Meanwhile, the excess profits of the "war millionaires" will be almost undisturbed and the tax will not be paid by those most able to bear additional burdens of taxation.

Representative Rainey pointedly calls attention to the fact that when the Democrats were in control of the House during the war all the great war measures were framed in non-partisan spirit and the Democrats of the Ways and Means and other committees called in their Republican colleagues and sought their advice in framing war bills. In considering the bonus bill, which is in effect a war measure, the Republicans at the House have shut the door on the Democrats, excluded them from committee sessions, and intend to put the bonus bill through as a caucus measure. The G. O. P. leaders called a caucus to break out the party's internal wrangles over bonus legislation.

## INCREASES LIVING COSTS

"We propose to tax war profits to meet this request of the soldier boys," said Representative Rainey. "The tax proposed by the Republican majority increases the cost of living. The soldier boys and their immediate families and friends will pay themselves one-fourth of the amount of their bonus. In other words, under this selfish desire manifested in the House to protect war fortunes, it is proposed to give them, they say, \$1.25 per day for length of service. It is proposed to give them this with one hand, and with the other hand it is proposed violently to take away from them 25 per cent of that amount."

"That is the proposition against which Democrats rebel, because we insist on an opportunity to vote whether this adjusted compensation shall be financed out of the poor people of this land or out of those who built up colossal fortunes during the war. The Republican majority refuses to have a vote on that in the House."

J. DALE STENTZ



A baritone singer, who has made a great reputation as a soloist and gospel singer throughout the States will lead the singing in the revival meeting at the Divine Street Methodist church. His home is in Asheville, N. C.

AN ASHEVILLE MAN  
SCALDED TO DEATHC. Brewster Chapman Promi-  
nently Known in South As  
A Capitalist

Asheville, May 9.—Further details of the death in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, Saturday of C. Brewster Chapman, Asheville and New York capitalist, have just been received here. This news is to the effect that Mr. Chapman was scalded to death in a tub of hot water, death also being hastened by an attack of heart disease at about the same time.

When the body was found the hot water had thoroughly cooked the flesh, the report states. While the full details of the death have not been received here, it is believed that the deceased was taking a bath and having fallen in the tub and died, the water continuing to run until discovered by a hotel attendant.

Mr. Chapman left here April 10 for California, where he and Francis Guder, formerly of this city, now a vice president of the Dupont Company, at Arlington, N. J., expected to spend several days on pleasure. Leaving California several days later, Mr. Chapman came by way of Vancouver and the Canadian Pacific and was due in Winnipeg the day he was found dead there.

He and his father, Henry Chapman, were the largest holders in the Arlington Company, world cellulose manufacturers at Arlington, N. J. until a few years ago when they sold out to Dupont. The deceased while a native of New York spent much of his life in Asheville and had been prominently identified with the business and social life of this city. Herman A. Guder, his partner here, left this afternoon for Winnipeg to get the body.

ALL THREE CANDIDATES  
WILL GET BLADEN VOTEEach of the Trio Has Following. Ly-  
on Will Probably Carry County  
Though Shaw Is Popular

Clarkton, May 9.—The three candidates for governor, Morrison, Page and Gardner, have about an equal following in Bladen. All three have made one or more speeches in the county. In the race for Congress, H. L. Lyon, who is a son of Bladen now living in Columbus, is very probably in the lead, and will carry the county, although John G. Shaw, of Fayetteville, is very popular in the townships adjoining Cumberland. H. L. Godwin is not as near strong in this county as he once was, it is said.

FOUR DESTROYERS LEAVE  
FOR DUTY IN TAMPIO

Washington, May 9.—Four destroyers left Key West today for Tampico, Mexico, the Navy Department announced tonight. The remaining two destroyers of the six sent South from New York last week will also proceed to Tampico as soon as minor repairs are completed.

The department made no explanation of its decision to rush the ships to Mexican waters. Those on route are the Isherwood, Putnam, Dale and Case. The Reid and Flusser are at Key West. It was indicated the Tender Black Hawk, with Capt. Long, senior officer of the flotilla, aboard also would proceed to Tampico.

WOULD PROHIBIT SUGAR EX-  
PORT

Washington, May 9.—Exportation of sugar would be prohibited under a bill introduced today by Representative Hudspeth, Democrat, Texas. The bill also would authorize the federal trade commission to investigate the manufacture, distribution and sale of sugar.

BAG WHISKY THEFT DISCOVER-  
ED

Jersey City, N. J., May 9.—The theft of \$21,500 worth of whiskey from a warehouse was discovered by the police today. The door had been broken open and 16 barrels and 299 cases of liquor hauled away. It was owned by a former wholesaler.

## REVENUE COLLECTIONS

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Bureau of Internal Revenue collections for 1919 amounted to \$3,850,078.56, its expenditures were \$20,575,771.53 or a cost of only 53 cents for each \$100 of collections.

TOWN GETS READY  
FOR CHAUTAUQUA'S  
COMING ON JUNE 7Committees Planning Sale of  
Tickets and For Adver-  
tisingSEASON PASSES OFFER  
BEST OPPORTUNITIES

Purchasers Permitted to See Every  
Member At Cost of Few Cents  
Each. Program Includes High  
Class Musical Attractions and Lec-  
tures—Hare Free Week.

The Community Chautauqua looks bigger and better every day. Committees in charge of the advertising and sale of tickets are getting active and all indications point to a big success.

The Chautauqua begins June 7 and closes five days later. It will bring a notable array of musical artists, lecturers and entertainers, and the man who holds a season ticket is bound to get his money's worth—if he doesn't then he is looking for something that is better than the best.

On the season ticket plan each program can be heard for a few cents a number. In fact, the price is so low that no one need be excluded. The season ticket admit to all members—there are no extras of any sort.

It is apparent that an expense has been spared in making the program a glorious triumph from a musical, artistic and inspirational standpoint.

The coming of Wetmore's Famous Cosmopolitan Orchestra is in itself an event of extraordinary interest, especially as 1920 has been designated as the year during which people will be encouraged to hear more and better music. The orchestra appears at both sessions of the last day rendering a great variety of classic standard music which is sure to please everyone.

Other notable features are "The Feather" the great popular play which touches on the high cost of living. This production is presented by a complete cast of talented Broadway players, with special scenery and effects, and promise to be as big a "hit" here as it was when in New York, Chicago and other large cities throughout the country. Other numbers of unusual interest are Albert Edward Wigan, the noted Orator, Publicist and Scientist, who will appear on the first evening of our Cosmopolitan—his lecture entitled "Fourty Kinds of Fools" and "How Eli Got There" one of which will give, are gems of thought and inspiration. Besides these attractions, there is the Boston Light Opera Revue, a famous sextette of young women who sing and play brilliantly; The Theresa Sheehan Concert Company, a trio of artists who offer a program of clever songs, ensembles, recitations and beautiful music; Dr. J. W. Skinner, noted authority on South America, who tells about the opportunities in that great country for American Enterprise; Denton C. Crowl, the second Sam Jones; The All-Press-All-Star Company—a quartet of talented musicians who are great Chautauqua favorites, and many other attractions which warrant the close attention of everyone. Special features will be added. Among these latter is the Junior Chautauqua and the marvelous "Toyshop Pageant" for boys and girls which will be under the careful supervision of an expert play leader.

The Community Chautauqua will afford a fine world-wide vacation for you right here at home send all your daily comforts. Season tickets for yourself and family will prove to be a profitable investment. They will enjoy all of the ten great sessions and you too will be amply repaid for all the time you spend under the big brown tent.

## LOOKS GOOD FOR PAGE

If signs point to anything Hon. E. N. Page, who is a citizen of Montgomery county and is one of our own household will be the next governor of North Carolina. Mr. Page is truly a man of the people, a high toned Christian gentleman, and with a rare statesman in all that the term implies. And we rejoice that our former Congressman and citizen of Montgomery occupies such a warm and exalted place in the hearts of North Carolina Democracy. An administration by Mr. Page would shine out on the pages of history like the morning star. It would be an administration of such thoroughness, efficiency and accomplishment that it would be hailed by the sturdy citizenship as a God-send to our dear old North State. There are few men who possess such a combination of pronounced qualifications as Mr. Page, among the most prominent are his polished manners, unquestioned honesty, business foresight and executive ability. It would be North Carolina gain to have Mr. Page as its governor.—Exchange.

REGISTERED MAIL CONSON-  
MENT DISAPPEARS

Washington, May 9.—Postoffice department officials today estimated the value of the contents of registered mail which disappeared recently in New York at \$25,000. The mail, it was said, disappeared while being transferred from the grand central station to a western shore ferry. Reports to the department did not indicate the nature of the lost mail.

## SURPLUS MATERIAL SOLD

Washington, D. C., May 9.—War Department sales of surplus war material up to April 9 amounted to \$769,704,223 while material valued at \$46,155,329 has been transferred to other departments.