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## C. D. FALLS WRITES OF THE Capture Of Vera Cruz

From U. S. S. Chester

U. S. S. Chester,  
Vera Cruz, Mexico,  
May 10, 1914

Editor,  
Kings Mountain Herald,  
Dear Sir:

If you will publish what I have to say regarding the Chester and her most important place in the taking of Vera Cruz April 22 I will be very thankful.

We were lying in the Panuca River at Tampico on the night of the 20th. We received orders to proceed to Vera Cruz. All hands were called upon deck to prepare to get under way, for we had many hours work before being ready to proceed. All night we worked in the wind and rain to get things ready for the trip, putting shields on all our guns. We got under way at about 10 a. m. After we were out of Tampico we started preparing our ammunition. We had it all hoisted to the decks from the magazines below. The crew went about their work without a murmur. At about 11 p. m. on the night of the 21st. we steamed into the Vera Cruz harbor cleared for action, with all lights out. Upon coming in our commander asked permission to go inside the break water which was granted, and by twelve was ready to send our battalion ashore. After landing about three o'clock in the morning the snipers commenced popping away at them from towers, doorways and windows. At 3:30 a. m. orders were given to advance upon the naval academy. Lieutenant Naval's men were in the lead. Just as they got abreast of the academy all windows and doorways burst out with flames and smoke. It was so sudden that our men didn't fire until they formed the line of skirmishers. By this time the Mexican snipers were gaining ground and the men were falling before the fire. The commander in his cabin took this all in until he could stand it no longer. He turned around and gave the order to fire. As the words were out of his mouth our five inch guns were talking to them. Only twenty minutes did it take to destroy the naval academy. Our guns were red hot when we ceased firing. Seventy-six shots were fired before the tube was swabbed. Only one man was wounded on the Chester during the battle. Arthur Barnstine was wounded while loading the gun, while the Chester has the honor of sinking a regiment of men and Admiral F. F. Fletcher.

Best congratulations to our gun pointers.  
C. D. Falls, Seaman  
U. S. S. Chester

Mr. R. A. Bookout resigned as superintendent of Mountain View Sunday school at Johnston Sunday and Mr. G. M. Howell was elected to succeed him.

Rev. C. L. Bragaw returned Saturday from Orangeburg, S. C. where he had been on a visit to his family. He states that his family will arrive in about two weeks.

Mr. Eugene Meisler, a student at Davidson college, came home Saturday. He preferred not to remain over for commencement.

## LOCALS

Mr. E. L. Campbell was in Charlotte Tuesday.

Mr. Roy Keller returned from a visit to his relatives at Concord Saturday.

Mr. W. O. Ruddock went to Gaston's Sunday to visit his and other sisters.

Miss Fannie Hord left Wednesday for Charlotte where she is visiting her friend, Mrs. Hill Blanton. She is also taking in the big celebration.

Misses Margaret Kendrick and Fannie Hord went to Bessemer City Sunday to visit Miss Hord's sister, Mrs. D. P. Froneberger. They returned Monday accompanied by little Miss Bonnie Lee Botts.

Mrs. Johnson and children of Kannapolis, N. C. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lee Woodall. Mrs. Johnson was the mother of Mr. Woodall's first wife.

Rev. C. L. Bragaw went to Charlotte Monday to visit Mrs. L. C. Arrowood, a member of his Long Creek congregation, who is under treatment in the Charlotte Sanatorium.

The meeting at the Baptist church is progressing nicely. Rev. J. J. Beach is doing some effective preaching and the people are manifesting much interest.

Rev. C. L. Bragaw drove his automobile to Orangeburg, S. C. last week and says that the best road he found anywhere was right here in Cleveland county with the possible exception of a short piece near Columbia.

Miss Kate McKay arrived in the city Saturday and is at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. McKay. She taught at Morehead City last year and will return this fall when the school opens. Herschool was out about two weeks ago, since which time she has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Will Morrison, at Belhaven, N. C.

Rev. D. E. Vipperman went to Gastonia Monday to see his wife who is there sick.

The Mountain View Sunday school at Johnston organized four classes Sunday night, Baraca and Philathea and Junior Baraca and Junior Philathea. All told there were over fifty members enrolled in the several classes. This Sunday school is taking on new life and from the spirit shown among its members we shall expect to hear good things from them.

A good many of the Kings Mountain people attended the commencement exercises at Bethany last Friday. Among those we have been able to learn of are, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Plonk, B. P. Caldwell and little son Frank, Thomson Jackson, L. A. Long, J. T. Welch, A. A. Nissen, Ralph Ware, Jim Herndon and G. G. Page.

The excavating for the brick buildings across the way is done and the brick work commenced Tuesday morning. Mr. H. F. Peterson of the Kiser Lumber Company has the contract for the work. These promise to be nice buildings and will add greatly to the appearance of the town. Who'll be the next to put up a nice structure.

## The Outcome Of THE CLOSING DAY IS RAPIDLY The Primaries Approaching

Following is the relative standing of the several candidates for political offices as shown by the primary Saturday. This is not the official count for anything except Gaston county. The counting will be done in Cleveland Saturday.

STATE SENATE		
K. Mtn.	Cleveland	Precinct
Q. Max Gardner	103	1889
W. A. Mauney	272	1294
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES		
R. B. Miller	150	1171
J. B. Smith	108	1571
C. J. Woodson	9	130
N. Champion	6	242
CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT		
F. L. Hoyle	268	236
C. E. Ford	70	984
SHERIFF		
D. D. Wilkins	176	1342
W. D. Lackey	173	2064
REGISTER OF DEEDS		
J. J. Lattimore	275	2914
TREASURER		
Rush Stroup	241	2295
J. Beattie Murray	78	894
CORONER		
E. L. Jenkins	285	2760
COUNTY SURVEYOR		
A. M. Lovelace	272	2739
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS		
J. Y. Irvin	283	2830
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		
H. T. Fulton	326	2622
L. G. Palmer	299	2636
R. M. Gidney	86	1306
E. C. Borders	112	1636
W. J. Arcy	22	820
RECORDER		
J. V. Anthony	258	2423
COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION		
W. L. Plonk	299	2555
M. N. Hamrick	270	2542
E. D. Dickson	270	2567
LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS		
E. Y. Webb	292	2945
E. R. Preston	49	278

The ninth district will show the relative standing for Webb and Preston in the several counties to be about as follows:

County	Webb	Preston
Gaston	2241	404
Burke	606	34
Catawba	1201	241
Cleveland	2945	278
Mecklenburg gave	1200	majority
	8193	957
	957	
	7136	Webb's Majority

## Gaston County

GASTON COUNTY		SHERIFF	
LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS		Clay Abernethy	214
Webb	2241	W. Neil Davis	1540
Preston	404	J. D. B. McLean	889
U. S. SENATE		Mack Wilson	113
Lee S. Overman	2174	CLERK OF COURT	
CORPORATION COMMISSION		C. C. Cornwell	2061
Travis	1757	E. Lee Wilson	557
JUDGE		REGISTER OF DEEDS	
Harding	2430	A. J. Smith	2716
SOLICITOR		COUNTY TREASURER	
G. W. Wilson	2151	Carl Finger	2752
L. J. Hunter	278	SURVEYOR	
STATE SENATE		C. A. Black	2708
A. K. Dixon	2750	CORONER	
REPRESENTATIVE		H. S. Sellers	2614
D. P. Dellinger	828	COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
G. H. Marvin	842	Abernethy (Dallas)	628
S. S. Mauney	1518	Little (Dallas)	1955
John Peatt	1881	McArver (Gastonia)	2570
		Davenport (River Branch)	258

## SOCIAL

**Mr. and Mrs. Baker Entertain.**  
Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Baker entertained at their home on last Thursday evening the Beethoven Music Club. As this meeting had for some time been looked forward to with pleasure the young folks were prompt and the evening was an enjoyable one. Nothing was lacking in the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Baker. They made it a pleasant event. Miss Little made short talks on the Opera and particularly on Lohengrin Fount and Il Travatore and the Musicians who composed them. After the talks by Miss Little, Mr. Baker played on his player-piano selections taken from these operas and other instrumental numbers. Delicious candies were served after which the club gave the following program; Parade review, Miss Grace and Horace Rudisill; Shadow Dance, Miss Virginia Mauney; Valse Charomatique, Miss Nina Hunter; La Bien Amie, Horace Rudisill; Hossarriten, Miss Nina Hunter, Mary Fulton and Sarah Ransour.

**Resolutions of Thanks**  
Be it resolved;  
First: That we the members of Kings Mountain Baptist church in conference assembled do hereby tender our thanks to the school board and the patrons of the Kings Mountain graded school for the kindness extended to us during the building of our church and we assure them that these favors will ever be held by us in grateful remembrance.  
Second: That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our church and published in the Kings Mountain Herald; and that copies of the Herald be sent to the members of the board  
J. R. Miller, Chmn.  
D. F. Hord, Clerk.

**Bethlehem News**  
(These items were intended for last week but arrived too late)  
Mr. W. C. Hulleuder who has been very ill is improving.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bun Herndon had as their guest last week Misses Lucile and Lois Poston.  
Mrs. S. W. Norton was in town Saturday shopping.  
Mr. Will Hewell spent Saturday and Sunday in Gastonia.  
Mr. B. C. Barber and daughters, Misses Annie and Ethel, spent Sunday with Mrs. B. G. Logan.

Mrs. W. C. Hulleuder is able to be up again.  
Misses Lillie and Della Norton have returned after a visit near Shelby.  
Mrs. Clio Bookout of Gastonia has been visiting her mother, Mrs. John McDaniel.  
Mr. Hunter Wells spent Sunday with Mr. Car, Herndon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shumaker were host at the first of the week to the following; Rev. W. H. Hough and family, of Cornelius, N. C.; Mr. Tom White and family of Huntersville, N. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of Crouse, N. C. Mr. White is Mrs. Shumaker's uncle and Mrs. Clark is her sister.

## Of The Big Piano Contest

The closing day of the contest is rapidly approaching and soon the handsome piano will be given away. People all over the country are beginning to wonder who will be the winner. They are anxious to know whether their favorite Contestant is going to be the "Happy" owner of the valuable instrument. No one can tell until the last count of votes on the closing day by the judges which will be done immediately after the closing hour.

**"Running Neck and Neck"**  
There several contestants running close together and only be judged from now on from the amount of energy and efforts put forth as to who is the most "deserving" contestant, as we well know the majority of folks are going to help the one in the last go around who has shown the most determination to win and has proved without a doubt that she is the one "Most Deserving."

**„50,000 Free Votes"**  
Don't forget Saturday closes this big offer of free votes. For each club of \$10.00 turned in on subscriptions. Now is the time for every contestant to break the record in securing subscriptions. For just with a few clubs you can run your number way up and possibly ahead of some others, any amount from \$1.00 to \$5.00 will be counted in these clubs so now is the time to call on your "big" friends and strike them for five. Do not hold back any subscriptions turn in all you have Saturday May 23rd as you know what they will count now and the regular scale of votes is fast dropping off.

**"A New Piano"**  
A new piano just from the factory arrives and now on display at H. T. Fulton's New place of business the Kings Mountain Bank although there's none too much room there but it will not be long before someone is going to move it to the home. Will it be you? Or shall it be your favorite contestant?

**"350,000 Free Votes"**  
In a race "free for all" contestants from May 25th to Saturday 12 p. m. May 30th will be given to the one turning in the largest amount of money on subscriptions 200,000 votes to the second highest will be given 100,000 and to the third will be given 50,000. Any amount from one to five dollars will be counted and may be turned in at a dollar a time if so wished. Monday next to Saturday 12 p. m. May 30th this large offer holds good. These subscriptions must be secured with-in specified time.

**SIX DAYS**  
**"Votes Counted"**  
On every Monday, votes in the ballot box are counted. This Monday's count may surprise some, but you can not tell just what other folks are doing whether they be in Kings Mountain or in Gastonia, N. C.  
Mrs. Edith Massagee carries the honor of leading the contest at this time.

**LIST OF CONTESTANTS**  
Kings Mountain N. C.

Miss Vernna Lindsay	478,500
Mrs. J. L. Chaney	464,450
Kings Mountain, R. F. D. No. 2	312,000
Miss Mattie Ware	450,450
Miss Edith Barber	450,450
Gastonia, N. C.	
Mrs. Edith Massagee	501,900