

## ALLOWS MUTUAL INCURSION

### President Wilson Will Let Carranza Follow Bandits Into United States.

Believes, however, That with Increased Vigilance of Border Patrol, Incursion of Mexicans into This Country Will Not Be Necessary.—Step Will Probably Remove Any Danger of Resistance to Americans by Carranza's Forces.

Washington, March 13.—President Wilson today decided to accept Carranza's proposition that Mexican troops be permitted to enter American territory in pursuit of bandits. A note to this effect will be dispatched probably this afternoon. Officials believe in the view of the president's decision that all danger of Carranza's troops opposing the American expedition is now past. It is expected, however, that the border will be so closely guarded that there will be no necessity for Carranza forces to avail themselves of the privilege. The president considered the fact that Carranza was placed in a delicate position owing to the feeling of his people against the Americans. He made it plain at the White House that the president will not go before congress at this time.

## GERMAN BARK SUNK.

### NORWEGIAN BARK SUNK BY GERMAN WATER CRAFT.

Consul Osborne Makes Report of Sinking of Vessel to State Department.

Paris, March 12.—J. B. Osborn, American consul, in his report to Washington on the sinking of the Norwegian bark Sillus, is understood to have set out clearly that the Sillus was torpedoed by a submarine. The seven persons on board the bark were rescued.

The French press is engrossed with the battle of Verdun and publishes without comment the latest German memorandum regarding submarine warfare and the news of the sinking of the Sillus. The Temps, however, remarks that the torpedoing of the Sillus can not fail to reopen the entire conflict between the United States and Germany.

## SAYS THE CANAL IS SAFE.

### Geologist Doesn't Think Earthquake Will Hurt It.

Washington, March 11.—The Panama canal will not be swallowed up by an earthquake in the future and the troublesome slides now being encountered will eventually be conquered, in the opinion of Donald F. MacDonald, former canal geologist, and now connected with the federal bureau of mines. The results of his studies on the isthmus are embodied in an official report to the bureau made public today.

While, through seismic disturbances, the earth's crust on the whole isthmus is rising at the rate of three feet every hundred years, this will only mean a little additional expense in dredging the big waterway, Mr. MacDonald says. The cause of this rising, he declares, is the sinking of the ocean bottom outside the isthmian shore waters.

Discussing the slides, Mr. MacDonald states that in many cases the immediate cause was the over-steepness and height of the slopes, the blasting and other work attributable only to man. He adds that the geologic conditions were not sufficiently considered in the first plans for digging Culebra Cut.

Recent reports that the Gatun locks in time would soften into mud, when Gatun Lake filled, and thus the locks and dam would sink, have not the slightest foundation or geologic data, declares Mr. MacDonald.

## VISIT RURAL SCHOOLS.

### PARTY MADE STOPS AT NINE POINTS, AND TALKED ON FARM CONDITIONS.

Miss Lemmon Secured Cooperation in Organization of Home Demonstration Clubs—Secretary Reardon Discusses Rural Problems—J. Frank Williams on Pig and Corn Clubs—C. A. McFadden Praises Spirit of Chamber of Commerce—To Visit Other Schools Next Week.

Nine of the rural schools of Sumter county were visited this week by representatives of Winthrop and Clemson colleges, the federal department of agriculture, the county board of education and the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and five short talks were made at each of the schools.

The trustees and patrons, men and women, turned out in goodly numbers and gave the speakers a cordial welcome and promises of hearty cooperation towards organizing boys' corn and pig clubs, ladies home demonstration clubs, girls' canning and tomato clubs, poultry clubs, and other home demonstration and diversification efforts in preparation for the coming of the dreaded cotton boll weevil.

Miss Mary Lemmon, superintendent of home demonstration work, talked about increasing the efficiency, economy, beauty, and hygienic conditions of the home, told how to organize home demonstration clubs, and succeeded in getting a great many ladies and girls to agree to enter this field of operations under her superintendence.

Local Farm Demonstrator J. Frank Williams addressed the boys and school patrons along lines of diversification, organization of boys' pig and corn clubs, planting of grain, raising of livestock, fertilization, cooperative marketing, etc. He secured guarantees of hearty cooperation from a great many men and boys.

He has arranged, with the Sumter Chamber of Commerce for a meeting of a great many boys and girls on Saturday, March 25th, 1916, at which the Sumter County Pig Club will be regularly organized. The boys and their fathers will be the guests of the Rex and Lyric theatres after the meeting.

County Superintendent of Education J. H. Haynsworth attended the nine meetings and said that the county board of education heartily endorsed the efforts of the Winthrop and Clemson representatives, and urged the trustees, teachers, and patrons of the schools to cooperate in every possible way with the efforts for teaching agriculture, better and more attractive country homes, consolidation of small schools, better school houses, and improving the social environment of the rural sections in every possible manner.

Secretary E. I. Reardon spoke of the rapid approach of the boll weevil, showing his hearers government maps and bulletins containing statistics which show that the weevil will reach South Carolina within three years. He advocated patronizing of home merchants, home farmers, home canning club products, home labor, and every other kind of home enterprise in order to keep all the home money possible at home to help build up our own section and furnish employment for the thousands of home raised products, our boys and girls, who are trained by our better citizenry factories, the public schools.

He also urged consolidation of schools, cooperation between city and country, community interest clubs, and making the country attractive to keep the boys and girls on the farm.

Miss Lemmon arranged for a four-day course of training for hundreds of women and girls, in home demonstration work during June of this year, in Sumter. She has the guarantee of the county board of education, the county trustees and teachers and city superintendents of education, the county trustees and teachers and city teachers, together with the assurance of the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Dealers' Association, that everything possible will be done to help make the four-day course a success.

District Demonstrator McFadden delivered entertaining talks about the work of Miss Lemmon and Mr. Williams. He urged that poultry, pig, livestock, home demonstration, and other cooperative clubs be organized, that farmers plant an abundance of oats, corn, wheat, peas, vetch, peanuts, clover, sorghum, alfalfa, truck of all kinds, and raise hogs, beef, and dairy cattle, go into the creamery route business and otherwise get on a cash and live at home basis as quickly as possible in readiness for the boll weevil. He said the farmers should

## COMPLICATES GERMAN AFFAIR

### SINKING OF NORWEGIAN BARK WITH AMERICANS ON BOARD CONSIDERED SERIOUS.

State Department Orders Full Investigation Which May Bring New Problems with Germany and U. S.—Americans Were all Saved.

Washington, March 11.—The Norwegian bark Sillus, which was sunk off the French coast Thursday night was torpedoed without warning. She had seven Americans aboard.

This information was received at the State department from American Consul Osborne at Havre. All of the Americans were saved. A full investigation has been ordered by the department.

Officials regard the matter as very serious. This action may force a show down with Germany.

## BORN A SLAVE, DIES RICH.

### Levi Kirkland Leaves Estate Worth Probably \$65,000.

Camden, March 11.—Levi Kirkland, one of the best known negroes in this county, and probably the wealthiest negro in this section of the State, died at his home near Westville on March 1. He was quite aged, having been born a slave.

Kirkland, by thrift and wise business judgment, had accumulated quite a fortune. He paid taxes on four tracts of land, amounting in all to 3,005 acres, and owned sixty-three lots and buildings in the town of Westville, besides personal property and cash money amounting to around five thousand dollars. At the time of his death he had forty bales of cotton stored on his farm, and it is estimated that his estate is worth around \$60,000 to \$70,000. He was a good farmer and was well liked by both races.

## CHARGES ARE FILED.

### Persecution Charges Against Postmaster.

Columbia, March 13.—"Persecution political activity" in connection with the recent Republican conventions has been alleged against "certain postoffice employees" by A. C. Ligon, postmaster at Orangeburg. Mr. Ligon's charges were made in a letter to A. F. Lever, congressman, and Mr. Lever has informed Mr. Ligon that the postoffice department is investigating.

have done these things anyhow even had there been no cotton boll weevil.

He spoke appreciatively of the hearty cooperation between the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, County Board of Education, Demonstrator Williams, Home Demonstration Agent Miss Lemmon, and Winthrop and Clemson colleges, saying that he knew of no county where there was such close cooperation between the business men, farmers, and government agents as in Sumter county. That the friendship between the rural districts and Sumter is splendid, and that the meetings between farmers, their wives, sons and daughters and Sumter business representatives and agents of the government being held now, as well as those of the past had cemented the ties of friendship between Sumter and thousands of country people, and are beneficial to both.

There will be several hundred ladies and young women attend this summer school of instruction, and the women of Sumter are to be asked to act as hostesses of the visitors by entertaining them in their homes.

The schools visited this last week were: Concord, Graham, Lawrence, Bethel, Ingram, Providence, Wells, Osvego and Baker.

On Monday, March 13, the schools of New Hope, Pisgah, Rembert, and Hagood will be visited by the same party, except Mr. McFadden. Miss Lemmon will be with the party on Monday, but not the rest of that week as she has to attend the State Teachers' Association.

On Wednesday, March 15th, the schools of Woods Mill, Norwood and Lone Oak will be visited. During the next two weeks several days of each week, perhaps four days, will be given by some or all of the five representatives to visiting schools to organize the forces for living and buying at home, increasing the grain crops, hay, vetch, clover, fruit yields, truck products, and hog, poultry, dairy, livestock, and other food and feed stuffs.

The trustees, teachers, and patrons of the rural schools, and many others, including country merchants are giving the speakers a warm welcome and cheerful cooperation.

## M'Laurin Offers Protection

### ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO CARE FOR INSURANCE.

Warehouse Commissioner Believes That Number of Companies Withdrawing Has Been Exaggerated.

Columbia, March 11.—In a statement given to the press, which was published Friday morning, the State warehouse commissioner, John L. McLaurin, said that he would have something more definite to give out later. Yesterday afternoon he gave out an additional statement, in which he said that "in anticipation of the action of the Southeastern Underwriters' association in getting companies to withdraw from South Carolina, and especially the threats as to insurance upon property upon which loans are outstanding in the attempt to force the calling of the loans," he went to New York and had made arrangements there which were ample to take care of all such insurance. He stated that he believes the number of the withdrawals by companies from this State has been exaggerated, and that after this excitement is over it will be found that there are plenty of companies in South Carolina to do the business.

"But if any one desires to place insurance, which is necessary on account of the present situation as the result of cancellations or refusals to renew; if they will write to me I will place the insurance in New York through the channels which I have arranged," he said.

"The policies," said Mr. McLaurin, "will be written in companies whose standing is acceptable to the life insurance or mortgage companies making loans in South Carolina. I wish to reiterate emphatically that if any one is threatened with the calling of loans or in any other manner to the detriment of the business interests of South Carolina by the cancellation or failure to renew fire insurance policies, I can place this insurance in some of the best companies in the United States, and this talk about insurance agents requesting that I furnish them the names of the companies in order that they may form connections with them. I desire to say that I have not felt called upon to seek insurance connections for agents of companies which are withdrawing or may withdraw, but that I am simply seeking to protect the business interests of the people of South Carolina from threatened disarrangement by the Southeastern Underwriters' association and have perfected arrangements to this end."

## NOT TO HOLD SPECIAL SESSION.

### Governor Thinks Extreme Step Unnecessary—Replies to Anderson.

Columbia, March 10.—Gov. Manning is opposed to an extra session of the general assembly to consider the question of repealing the anti-compact law, passed at the recent session. That an extra session be called was suggested by J. H. Godfrey, mayor of Anderson, and members of Anderson city council.

The governor sent the following telegram yesterday to Mayor Godfrey: "Replying to your wire on insurance matter, I see no necessity for calling extra session of legislature. I believe that the interests of the people will be taken care of. I shall use my efforts to this end."

The governor has also received protests from several other sections of the State against the anti-compact law.

## MRS. SARAH KEELS DEAD.

### Funeral Held Today at Friendship Baptist Church, Sumter County.

Columbia State.  
Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Keels died at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at her home, 2409 Park street. She had been in failing health for the last few years, but she bore her illness with Christian grace and never murmured. The funeral will be held today at Friendship Baptist church in Sumter county, the services being conducted by the Rev. A. B. Kennedy of Columbia. Mrs. Keels was a devoted member of the Second Baptist church of this city.

Mrs. Keels was born in Williamsburg county August 30, 1861. Before marriage she was Miss Sarah Elizabeth Johnson. Her husband died about 15 years ago. She is survived by seven children: Mrs. Lella Tomlinson, Mrs. Marie Lucas, Miss Sallie Keels, Miss Irene Keels, John Keels, Joe Keels and Roy Keels.

## GOVERNMENT CANNOT ACT.

### ATTORNEY GENERAL UNABLE TO AID SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gregory Writes Tillman Calling Attention to Decision That Insurance Is Not Commerce.

Washington, March 9.—Taking the position that insurance is not commerce, and that congress has no jurisdiction over insurance companies, Attorney General Gregory today wrote Senator Tillman that the federal government is powerless to take action in the matter of certain companies withdrawing from South Carolina.

"I have your letter of the 6th instant transmitting a letter of the 4th instant from the commissioner of insurance for the State of South Carolina relative to conditions in the fire insurance business in that State," Mr. Gregory said.

"The supreme court you may know, has held that the insurance is not commerce within the meaning of the clause of the constitution which confers power upon the federal government to regulate interstate and foreign commerce. I do not see therefore how anything can be done in the present situation by the department.

"In accordance with your request the commissioner's letter is herewith returned."

## PASSES MILITARY FORCE BILL.

### Articles of War Revised After Standing Virtually Unamended Since Codification in 1806.

Washington, March 9.—The senate passed a bill revising the articles of war, the special laws governing the country's military forces, which have stood virtually unamended since their codification in 1806.

jurisdiction of the court martial is extended by the revision over civil crimes committed by persons under military law, giving military authorities authority to deal with offenses in foreign stations and providing for offenders from being tried as now by foreign courts. Provisions prescribing the death penalty for minor offenses in peace time are repealed, the death sentence being mandatory in peace only for spies. The number of capital offenses in war time is reduced to 12.

Ostracism is part of the punishment prescribed for cowardice and fraud, it being set forth that "it shall be scandalous for an officer to associate with" any officer dismissed for these causes. Statutory sanction is given for imposition of mild disciplinary punishment without court-martial.

## WANT PLACE ON TICKET.

### Five Candidates for Governor and Likelihood of Other Entrants.

Columbia, March 9.—It looks as if the political situation already made interesting by five candidates for governor on the Democratic ticket, will be further complicated by the entrance of the prohibitionists. In a letter to the attorney general asking for information on the South Carolina laws the prohibition national committee states: "We desire to have a place upon your State ballot in South Carolina this fall." The law will be given them by Attorney General Peoples.

The request for the information came from the headquarters of the national prohibitionists, in Chicago, and intimates that not only an electoral ticket but a State ticket will be put in the field in South Carolina this year. They asked if the names must be filed by petition or can they hold a convention. This information was received with much interest in political circles here today.

The five candidates for governor on the Democratic ticket are: Richard I. Manning, the incumbent; Robert A. Cooper, of Laurens; Cole L. Blease of Columbia; John T. Duncan, of Columbia, and J. M. DesChamps of Columbia. There were no new developments in the Democratic ranks today.

The spring opening and display of new hats under the direction of Mrs. L. Atkinson on Thursday afternoon at the Ladies' Shop was an event of much local interest to the ladies of Sumter. The hats were placed out on tables, the different colors being artistically arranged on separate tables, where they were seen and examined by a large and enthusiastic crowd of ladies. The display was a pretty one and the many who attended were much pleased with the show of new spring hats.