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AMERICANS MAY ENTER CHIHUAHUA

TENTATIVE OCCUPATION, PENDING ERADICATION OF VILLA EXPECTED

CONFERENCE OF LEADERS BEGINS EL PASO TODAY

Reported that Obregon Will Meet Americans "Half Way" in Capture Bandits

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Tex., April 28.—On the eve of the Obregon-Scott-Funston conference, a feeling grew in El Paso tonight that the tentative American occupation of a part of Chihuahua, pending the eradication of Villa bands by the Carranza government, would result from the negotiations.

Generals Scott and Funston arrived tonight, but neither would discuss their instructions. The opinion here was based on the attitude of Carranza officials accompanying Obregon, who intimated that Obregon is willing to meet the Americans "half way."

It is pointed out that Carranza might consent to the presence of General Pershing's columns on Mexican soil if the actual chase of Villa is relinquished to the de facto government troops. This provided for the withdrawal of Americans, arranged upon the receipt of assurances that the bandit groups have been wiped out.

Reports today said large forces of Carranza troops were moving into the Guerrero district. Information from Columbus said a large force of United States infantry had moved across the border and the cavalry had been moved westward to Ghisolis ranch in order to cross into Mexico tomorrow.

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Sheriff Recker said that he was informed that three boys, answering the description of Bruce, Bowen and Easter, were seen in the vicinity of Oakdale with some of the goods which were reported as stolen. The drug store at Judson mill and the Gordon Mercantile company were the places robbed. The plate glass window of the drug store was smashed, while the mercantile store was entered through a transom over the front door which was also smashed. A diamond ring valued at \$150 was stolen, together with several watches, clothing, cigars and cigarettes.

REPORT FOUR BRITISH SQUADRONS WIPED OUT

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 28.—In a battle near Gallipoli, Constantinople reports, a British force of four cavalry squadrons has been annihilated by the Turks, who captured three hundred prisoners. The British officially announce that an attempt to relieve General Townshend besieged at Kut-el-Amara failed when a vessel sent in was grounded four miles east of Kut.
Constantinople says a British air-

IRISH SNIPERS

(By Associated Press.)
London, April 28.—According to official reports tonight the Sinn Feiners still hold the post offices and sniping continues. Several fires occurred in Dublin. In other parts of Ireland centers of the disturbances are in the counties of Galway, Ennis-cothy, Kilmurphy, Clonmel and Gorey.

DUBLIN OVERRUN BY A ROWDY MOB OF SINN FEINERS

Loss of Life Can't Be Estimated, But Much Shooting in Streets

(By Associated Press.)

London, April 28.—The first details of Dublin fighting coming through today said the outbreak was due to a combination of members of the Sinn Fein society and followers of James Larkin, head of transport works and union strike leader. The disturbance, which assumed proportions of insurrection, began Monday when Sinn Feiners assembled for one of their usual parades. About six hundred of them took possession of the general post office in Sackville street and fought off the police and several squads of lancers, paralysing the postal and telegraph service. Another group took St. Stephens Green and dug trenches in it. Several newspaper offices were also occupied.

According to delayed Dublin dispatches it is impossible to approximate the loss of life, but a large holiday crowd are on the streets and the shooting of Sinn Feiners is promising.

COTTON SHIPMENTS OFF OVER 2 MILLION BALES ACCOUNT OF BLOCKADE

Atlanta, Ga., April 28.—Atlanta cotton men say that the census bureau reports have recently developed the interesting fact that during the months of December, 1915 and January and February, 1916, southern cotton was exported to the amount of only 1,801,725 bales.

It will be remembered that the British orders in council stopped shipments of cotton to Germany, Austria and northern Europe went into effect in March, 1915. During the months of December, 1914 and January and February, 1915 the exports of cotton were 4,075,000 bales. These three months are the most important months for cotton shipments. The census bureau report, according to local cotton men, also shows that during the year ending July 1st, 1914, the year just before the European war began, the United Kingdom of Great Britain took 3,593,216 bales of cotton; Germany took 2,350,761 bales; Belgium took 214,245; France 1,013,334. As two-thirds of the French cotton mills in that part of France are now in German possession, the mills entirely cut off from the use of southern cotton by the orders of Great Britain are mills which consumed approximately 3,250,000 bales of cotton the last year before the war.

The order of Great Britain not only cut cotton out of these mills, but to a large extent affected the shipments to Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. The loss of cotton exports due largely to English interference with shipments for the months named was over two million bales.

Ship raid raided Quetta after the British defeat and dropped bombs on the hospital. Turkish aircraft attacked and sank warships at Port Said. Artillery bombardments continue both east and west of the Meke in the Garden region. There has been some slight infantry activity on the British front in France. German aeroplanes have dropped bombs on the Russian battleship Siva in the Gulf of Riga. Berlin claims, with good results.

Dublin Postoffice Seized by Rebels, and Irish Plotter.



Sir Roger Casement.

The postoffice in Dublin, indicated by the arrow, was seized by a mob. The picture shows a scene on O'Connell street, with the statue of Daniel O'Connell. Sir Roger Casement, on

whose head the British placed a reward of \$25,000, was caught off the Irish coast as he tried to land with Germans from a German ship. The outbreak of the Dublin mob, coincident with his capture, was evidently a part of his plan. The photograph of him was taken while he was at dinner in Munich with St. John Giffney, American consul there, who came back recently.

CARNEGIE GIVES MEDALS TO TWO S. C. RESIDENTS

COLUMBIA MAN SAVED FARMER FROM ENRAGED BULL IN 1914

GEORGETOWN MAN Ash Blander Rescued Two Men From Suffocation in July 1911

(By Associated Press.)
Pittsburgh, Pa., April 28.—The Carnegie Hero Fund commission, at its spring meeting here today, recognized fifty-two acts of heroism in various parts of the country. In eleven cases silver medals were awarded, and in forty-one cases bronze medals. Nineteen of the heroes lost their lives, and to the dependents of ten of these, pensions aggregating \$6,000 a year were granted; and to the dependents of eight of the others who lost their lives, sums totalling \$6,000, to be applied, subject to the direction of the commission, in various ways, were granted. In addition to these money grants in three cases, sums aggregating \$8,000 were appropriated for educational purposes, payments to be paid as needed and approved; and in twenty-four cases awards aggregating \$30,000 were made for other worthy purposes. Payments in these cases will not be made until the beneficiaries' plans for the use of the awards have been approved by the commission.

The awards to South Carolinians were as follows: William Logan Eppworth of Phoenix, Columbia, S. C., for saving Charles M. Starbuck, a farmer, from an enraged bull at Columbia, June 11, 1914.

Asa Hamilton, Georgetown, S. C., for saving the life of Daniel and Richard Nickett, from suffocation at Georgetown, July 21, 1911.

CONDITION MR. ASHLEY Practically No Change at Early Hour This Morning

There had been practically no change in the condition of Mr. Josh Ashley at an early hour this morning. It was stated that he seemed to be growing weaker, and that the end was hourly expected.

GERARD WILL HAVE A TALK WITH KAISER

American Ambassador Not Informed As to Purpose of the Conference

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 28.—Ambassador Gerard, who left Berlin to confer with the emperor at army headquarters, has informed the state department that he has not been informed of the purpose of the conference. No explanation of any kind accompanied the emperor's invitation. It is believed the emperor wishes to discuss the entire European situation, so his personal views may reach President Wilson.

Optimism over the outcome of the decision was apparent in German circles today after the receipt of dispatches from Berlin indicating that Germany would attempt to meet the American demands. Because of Ambassador Gerard's visit, officials think it impossible for Germany to reply before next week.

GREEK HELD ON A CHARGE OF "SLAVERY"

Man and Woman Arrested at Greenville—Travelled in Three States

Greenville, April 28.—Unhatched with conspiracy to violate the white slave act, Ed Knuckley and Annie Azer, Greeks, were arrested Thursday evening at a house in a suburb of Greenville known as Nickletown. Knuckley is held on another indictment charging him with violating the white slave act, alleging that he transported Annie Azer from Charlotte, N. C. to Rock Hill, S. C.; thence to Columbia, thence to Augusta, thence to Greenwood, and thence to Greenville, for immoral purposes. They have been staying in and near Greenville since the latter part of February, and it is alleged that they stopped at several of the hotels here before taking up their abode on the outskirts of the city.

Both the man and woman were well dressed and indicated that they had a plenty of money with which to fight the case. Knuckley told the officials that he was ready at any time to put up a cash bond. Both were incarcerated in jail last night.

BY A UNITY OF POWER LASTING PEACE POSSIBLE

OSCAR S. STRAUS WOULD WOULD PLACE NATIONS ON PLANE OF U. S.

THE PRESENT WAR

He Says Trouble Arose From Two Conflicting Schools of Thought

(By Associated Press.)
New York, April 28.—Oscar S. Straus, in an address on "International Reconstruction," before the National Institute of Social Sciences here today said that any lasting arrangement for the peace of Europe must be based on a unity of power, by placing the might of the united nations on the same principle as we constitute the joint power of the forty-eight states of our union as the guardian of the right of each state.

After tracing the development of international law, Mr. Straus said the present war in Europe arose from two conflicting schools of thought. They are opposed he said "of those who hold that in the relations of nations there is no room for moral considerations, in other words, that might makes right. The others are those who maintain that the relationships of nations should rest on moral principles."

"Underlying these issues," Mr. Straus said, "was yet another, the conflict of absolutism and democracy or constitutionalism."

The speaker covered briefly the history of the foreign relations of the United States since the Monroe Doctrine was formulated and pointed out that he believed that the policy of isolation for this country is impossible.

"Whether we will or no," he said, "we are a near and intimate member of the family of nations, and must take our share of the responsibilities of the intimate relationship. Involves the reconstruction of the world after this war is over (will be our concern as much as it will be the concern of any of the belligerent nations)."

In a strong national pronouncement, Mr. Straus said: "At three different periods during the last twenty-five years I saw at close range the play of diplomacy of the great European powers."

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HOUSE RATIFIES THE LEVER BILL

PLANS IN MEXICO (By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 28.—It was learned tonight that Generals Scott and Funston had been instructed to attempt to work out military plans for the cooperation of American and Mexican troops. The plans include the dividing of northern Mexico into two spheres of activity.

LOUISIANA HEIRS TO SMITH ESTATE UPHELD BY COURT

Federal Judge Speer Renders Decision in Famous Million Dollar Case

(By Associated Press.)
Macon, April 28.—After a hearing lasting more than four weeks Federal Judge Emory Speer today granted the petition of Louisiana claimants to the million dollar estate of the late James M. Smith, of Smithtonia, Georgia. Judge Speer announced that he would appoint federal receivers to replace the temporary administrators appointed by the Oglethorpe county court. It had been charged that the administrators were illegally appointed. Different sets of Smith claimants ranged from North Carolina to Louisiana.

Judge Speer will announce the new receivers in a few days.

ROOSEVELT PLEDGES HIS SUPPORT TO WOMEN IN THEIR FIGHT FOR VOTE

(By Associated Press.)
New York, April 28.—In a signed statement prepared here today for a committee of women representing the congressional union, Roosevelt pledged his support to the proposed amendment to the federal constitution giving votes to women. He said the matter of equal suffrage has become a national issue and demanded federal action.

Bible 280 Years Old.
Atlanta, Ga., April 28.—Bishop Warren A. Candler, chancellor of Emory University, has just received the rare gift of a Bible more than 260 years old, which was sent to him for the library of the theological department of the university.

The Bible is presented by Rev. U. G. Foster, pastor of the Methodist Temple, Union M. T. church, south of Louisville, Ky. The book—a splendidly preserved volume—is published in German and is enhanced by numerous remarkable wood cuts. This is one of a number of rare gifts that have been sent to Emory.

421 Vessels Building.
London, April 15.—According to the returns of Lloyd's Register there were 424 merchant vessels of 1,423,435 tons under construction in the United Kingdom on April 1. This is about 60,000 tons more than was under construction during the previous quarter but 160,000 less than the tonnage building twelve months ago.

One Immortal Found.
The old-fashioned boy who used to wear a rubber collar on Sunday has been located, according to a correspondent, "in the eastern part of Saluda county, and the valuable article hangs on a nail in the great room every day when it is not Sunday."—The State.

German Sub Sunk.
London, April 28.—A German submarine was sunk off the east coast yesterday, officials announced today. Eighteen of the crew were captured.

No Important Action.
(By Associated Press.)
London, April 28.—Reports of activities on the Austro-Italian front and Russian-Turkish front relate to no important action.

REPUBLICANS WILL ILLUSTRATE IN CO-MITTEE TO KEEP THE NOMINATION FROM A VOTE UNTIL AFTER THE NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. This has Republicans denied and Senators Overman and Hoke Smith confirmed the statement of Cummins that Democrats have taken most of the time in the committee to investigate Brandeis.

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The debate was provoked when Senator Arundel of Arizona, charged

COTTON FUTURES MEASURE IS ADOPTED BY 101 TO 23

ACTION IS TAKEN BY ENTIRE HOUSE AS A COMMITTEE

Bill Identical With the Former Cotton Futures Law Held Unconstitutional

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 28.—The house today, sitting as committee of whole, adopted the Lever cotton futures bill as an amendment to the annual agricultural bill by a vote of one hundred and one to twenty-three. The Lever bill is identical with the former cotton futures law held unconstitutional by Federal Judge Hough, of New York, on the ground that it was a revenue bill which had improperly originated in the senate instead of the house. Under the provisions of the bill a tax of two cents a pound would be levied on all cotton sold for future delivery on any exchange or a similar place of business. Senator, of Wisconsin, denounced the special rule under which the bill was brought up as "Gag rule." He said: "The South is in the saddle and is willing to destroy every safeguard of the house where cotton is concerned." Lever declared the people wanted this legislation and he "did not care a tinkers damn how they got it."

MOTHER OF PHAGAN GIRL SIGNS A RECEIPT THAT PUT BLAME ON CONLEY

Atlanta, April 28.—The latest attempt by Thomas E. Watson, the Thomson, Ga., editor in his publication, the "Jeffersonian," to make further political capital out of the notorious Frank case in connection with the settlement by the National Pencil company of a damage suit brought by Mrs. Coleman, the mother of Mary Phagan, has developed the fact in Atlanta that Mrs. Coleman, in accepting the money paid her in settlement by the company, signed a receipt specifically stating that the company acknowledged Jim Conley, the negro, to be the murderer of Mary Phagan, but denied that Leo M. Frank had any connection whatever with the crime.

The whole issue in the trial of Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan hinged on the question whether Frank killed the girl or Jim Conley killed her.

The state contended that Frank killed Mary Phagan, and Conley helped him hide the body. The defense contended that Frank was at work in his office while Conley committed the dastardly deed, and that Frank had absolutely no connection with the murder.

In her suit against the pencil company for damages, Mrs. Coleman sued on both grounds. That is, she claimed that the company was liable if Frank killed her daughter, or liable if Conley killed her daughter, since both were employees of the company and the crime was committed in the factory, which nobody disputed.

In its answer to the suit the pencil company denied that Frank had connection with or knowledge of the crime, but admitted that Conley killed her, and the settlement was made on this basis.

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PREDICT UNFAVORABLE REPORT ON BRANDEIS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, April 28.—In a stormy debate in the senate today over the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis, two members of the senate judiciary committee which is investigating Brandeis' fitness, predicted an unfavorable report on his appointment would be made by the committee. These senators, one Democrat and one Republican, were Hoke Smith and Cummins of Iowa.

Republicans will illustrate in co-committee to keep the nomination from a vote until after the national conventions. This has Republicans denied and Senators Overman and Hoke Smith confirmed the statement of Cummins that Democrats have taken most of the time in the committee to investigate Brandeis. There never has been a time that Brandeis could have not a favorable report from the judiciary committee.