

AFFAIRS IN MEXICO

STATE DEPARTMENT TOLD OF ECONOMIC CRISIS—SITUATION IS GRAVE.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN CAPITAL

De Facto Government Pictured as Facing Serious Situation—Monetary Problem Becomes More Acute—Railway Men on Strike.

Washington, D. C.—The economic situation in Mexico is extremely grave, according to official advices sent to the state department. With the monetary problem already acute, the food shortage in Mexico City virtually continuing without prospect of any immediate relief and with the labor strike extending over virtually all the Mexican railway lines, the de facto government is pictured as facing a serious domestic plight.

Consul Letcher from Chihuahua City is here, and brought with him a synopsis of the reports of five other consuls recently ordered to the border to talk over conditions with military officials there.

It was officially stated that while Mr. Letcher makes his report on conditions in Mexico, that was not the sole purpose of his trip. It was explained he was ordered here that routine matters might be taken up with him.

The department has received further advices from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City telling of the new note that was in process of preparation by the de facto government, but the message threw no light on its purpose.

While reports as to the domestic situation of the Carranza government are gloomy, the attitude of the Mexican officials toward the United States has been described as more friendly since the border conferences between Gens. Scott and Obregon. It is believed possible this will be reflected in the new note, although some officials think a new request for withdrawal of the American expeditionary forces will be recommended with whatever other proposals Gen. Carranza has to make.

NEW PROTEST FOR BRITAIN.

United States Again Objects to Interference with Mails.

Washington.—President Wilson Monday completed a note vigorously renewing the protest of the United States to Great Britain against interference with American mails.

Secretary Lansing and legal experts at the state department made the original draft of the note and the president revised its phraseology. It is made up largely of legal arguments to meet the contentions of Great Britain, in the memorandum, concurred in by France, presented to the state department several weeks ago. The United States takes the position that practices complained of in its first complaint on the subject have been continued, and the American government must now insist more emphatically that they cease.

State department officials consider that the chief weakness in the position of Great Britain is her policy of taking neutral mail vessels into British jurisdiction and submitting them to local censorship regulations.

Bill Carries \$23,900,000.

Washington, D. C.—That agricultural appropriation bill was reported by the senate committee Monday, carrying \$23,900,000, a reduction of nearly \$760,000 from the total as passed by the house. The committee cut in half the \$2,500,000 provided by the house for foot and mouth disease eradication and eliminated entirely \$200,000 allowed for free distribution of seeds. Items for general expenses of the animal industry and soils bureau were increased \$388,000. If the bill passes as reported there will be a fight in conference, as the house always insists upon its free seeds.

To Save Daylight.

Kansas City.—The clocks of Kansas City will be set forward an hour, to conform with the daylight saving plan, from the first Sunday in June to the first Sunday in October, if an ordinance that was passed in the lower house of the city council is favorably acted upon by the upper house. Friends of the measure say its passage there is assured.

Concern Over Illness of Hill. St. Paul.—The illness of James J. Hill, railroad builder and capitalist, is causing more than passing concern to his friends and business associates. Mr. Hill has not been at his office in the railroad building since Wednesday of last week, remaining in retirement at his Summit avenue residence.

Johnson Taps for Bishop. Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—Dr. E. S. Johnson, superintendent of Sioux City district of the Methodist Episcopal church, Monday led the field of white candidates for election as missionary bishop of Africa at the general conference of the church in session here.

Army Bill Up to Wilson. Washington, D. C.—President Wilson Monday began consideration of the army reorganization bill passed by congress last week. He expects to sign it.

Boston.—The Nebraska left the navy yard here May 22 under orders to proceed to Mexico. She will take on a complement of apprentice seamen at Newport, R. I., en route.

Topoka, Kan.—A prospective yield of 100,000,000 bushels of winter wheat in Kansas this year was forecast in a report covering conditions up to May 17.

London.—A force of Russian cavalry has joined the British army on the Tigris in Mesopotamia.

NEWS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Happenings of the State Condensed for Readers of the Dakota Farmers Leader

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Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Burglars are continuing their operations in Vermillion, several business places having been robbed recently.

The annual convention of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the district has just been held at Claremont, with a good attendance from all parts of the district.

The five elevators in the town of Florence, Codington county, bought approximately 700,000 bushels for the fiscal year. It is believed that this is a record for any South Dakota town.

At a meeting of the Hot Springs Commercial club it was decided to hold a three days' Fourth of July celebration this year. Committees are already at work on an elaborate program.

The city council is planning to sell several of the business streets of Alexandria during the summer months. The Commercial club and business men generally are behind the movement.

Several families of German-Russians have been brought from Lincoln, Neb., and given employment on ranches in the neighborhood of Belle Fourche. They will be employed chiefly in the beet sugar fields.

Parker's semi-professional baseball team opened the 1916 season by defeating Sioux Falls by a score of 8 to 0. Although the playing was ragged at times, it was on the whole a good exhibition of the national game, for the opener.

South Dakota's knights of the grip will be welcomed to Mitchell the first two days in June, the occasion of the annual grand council session of the United Commercial Travelers. The entertaining lodge will be Renimore council No. 249.

That the rural roads of Miner county may be brought up to the standard of the best in the state the commissioners of that county are taking steps to spend thousands of dollars this summer in a road building campaign and in constructing drainage ditches to protect the roads.

Through the efforts of the Commercial club it has been decided that Hot Springs will celebrate the nation's birth this year with a three days' program of sports and races. It is expected the other towns of that part of the Black Hills will unite in making the celebration a rousing one.

The Haakon County Fair association has set September 7 and 8 as the date for the next county fair to be held at Philip. The Old Settlers' picnic, an organization made up of residents of Stanley, Haakon and Jackson counties will be held here on the 6th of September, the day preceding the fair.

At a meeting of the Scotland volunteer fire department it was decided to send a contesting team to the annual tournament of the South Dakota Firemen's association, which will be held at Yankton in June. Scotland has won many honors at tournaments in the past, and is expected to do as well this year.

At a mass meeting of business men and other residents, committees were appointed to make arrangements for the annual field day celebration to be held in Carthage June 6. Baseball games and other sports will be provided for the entertainment of those in attendance, and several thousand people are expected to be present.

The Norwegians of Colton and vicinity are to observe the Norwegian independence day. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Colton concert band. Ball games and other sports were provided for the entertainment of those in attendance. Leading speakers were present and addressed the gathering.

The Sioux Indians on the Cheyenne River and the Standing Rock reservations will turn out to the number of several thousand to the annual district convention of the Indian Young Men's Christian association for the week ending in June in the Congregational church at La Plante. The convention will be opened by Rev. William Lee, a missionary well known on the two reservations. The gathering will be one of the most unique held in either of the Dakotas this year.

The Alliance of Sioux Falls is engaged in the task of raising a fund of from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for the erection of a permanent home for the alliance on a lot owned by the organization in a central location near the business district. The alliance has since its organization two or three years ago, occupied leased quarters. The alliance looks after the comfort of the working girls of Sioux Falls and provides such of them as desire it with a home and board at cost. Since the alliance came into existence hundreds of girls have been benefited. With the erection of a larger building the scope of the alliance will be enlarged and the working girls of the city benefited in a corresponding degree. The citizens are contributing liberally to the building fund.

Mrs. Wilkins of Trent known as "Grandma" Wilkins, has been advised that her back pension claim for 1904 has been granted by the pension department at Washington. Her husband, who was a veteran of the Civil war died about eleven years ago. Immediately after his death his pension was cut off, and not until this time has it been restored. She now will be allowed a back pension of \$3 per month from July 21, 1904, and \$12 per month from April 19, 1905. She will receive about \$1,500 back pension money. She has recently been seriously ill.

Gov. Byrne has granted a pardon to Mrs. Marie Thompson, sentenced from Walworth county April 1 to one year in the penitentiary on a charge of adultery. Mrs. Thompson is about to become a mother, and the pardon is granted to prevent the child being born in a penal institution.

E. H. Rand was taken back from Turton, S. D., to Perkins county to stand trial for wife desertion. He waived examination and was held to the next term of circuit court.

LITTLE BEND BIDS

POWER SITE NEAR PIERRE CAN DEVELOP OVER 100,000 HORSEPOWER.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

From the Capital City, the Various State Institutions and from Many Different Parts of the Sunshine State.

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Pierre.—The passage of the greatest army bill, which places \$30,000,000 in the hands of the president for the location and development of a government nitrate plant, is of first interest in South Dakota and a strong movement is being inaugurated to present, through our congressional delegation, the advantages of the Little Bend power site for such development. The Westinghouse people, who made an examination of Little Bend in 1911, reported that a 45-foot head is possible there, which, from the average flow of the Missouri, will produce 100,000 horsepower, counting 85 per cent of the efficiency of the turbines. The force of the state engineer's office is formulating the material as rapidly as possible for the presentation of the project to the president.

It is understood the president will place the matter of location in the hands of a board of army engineers and will be entirely guided by the judgment of such board, quite free from political influence, and, in this case, the Little Bend will have a tremendous advantage.

Doesn't Pay to Be Careless. Assessing a fine of \$90 against a butcher for violating the pure food law, a Salem justice established a new high record in the penalty inflicted on offenders under this statute. To the above amount \$3.15 costs must be added to obtain the total amount which the butcher is compelled to pay. The offense consisted in selling a quantity of spoiled fish which was in such condition as to cause illness in several families. An inspector of the state food and drug department went to Salem and the case was quickly disposed of, the defendant pleading guilty to the charge. Probably the size of the fine was largely determined by the fact that this is the third offense by this Salem butcher against the state food law. Some years ago he was successfully prosecuted for selling watered oysters, and last fall a second complaint was filed against him on the charge of using meat which was unfit for food. Three other cases were handled by inspectors of the state food and drug department the same week. In Aberdeen a food dealer was fined for selling medicinal stock food which was not registered in conformity with the state law, and in Watertown two grocers were fined for selling as and for cider vinegar a product which was not clear vinegar. These Watertown cases are the most recent of several cases resulting from an effort by the department to put a stop to the sale of imitation cider vinegar where genuine cider vinegar is called for by the purchaser. A short time ago grocers in Sioux Falls and Mitchell were successfully prosecuted on the same charge. The word "vinegar" without qualification, has been defined by the government as apple cider vinegar, and this is by far the most popular vinegar in use in America. It is an easy matter to imitate the color of cider vinegar and some manufacturers are successful in very closely imitating its chemical composition. The food commissioner advises housewives to insist on obtaining the kind of vinegar asked for from their grocer.

Do Dandelions Die?

Query and will die though the plants ripen seed even though the bloom be dug up and left lying on the ground? Reply by Prof. N. E. Hansen, South Dakota State college: "It would not be safe to leave the dandelions on top of the ground for the plant is of such strong vitality that exposed roots would very likely ripen seed, especially with an occasional shower to keep them moist. The roots should be burned, or at least put in a pile and covered with these Watertown cases are the most recent of several cases resulting from an effort by the department to put a stop to the sale of imitation cider vinegar where genuine cider vinegar is called for by the purchaser. A short time ago grocers in Sioux Falls and Mitchell were successfully prosecuted on the same charge. The word "vinegar" without qualification, has been defined by the government as apple cider vinegar, and this is by far the most popular vinegar in use in America. It is an easy matter to imitate the color of cider vinegar and some manufacturers are successful in very closely imitating its chemical composition. The food commissioner advises housewives to insist on obtaining the kind of vinegar asked for from their grocer.

Gives Scholars Medical Test.

Dr. W. Franklin Jones of the University of South Dakota gave the pupils of the Alexandria schools tests as to their mental and physical equipment, which will result in many minor defects being remedied. Dr. Jones visited the schools upon the invitation of the Parent-Teacher association of Alexandria.

Special Enumerator Appointed.

Mobridge has petitioned Gov. Byrne to appoint a special census enumerator, under the state liquor license act, to take a census of that place to decide upon the number of saloon licenses which may be granted in that town this year, and Anton Runbeck has been appointed as such special enumerator.

For Soldiers' Home.

The state has received a draft for \$5,200 from the general government as aid to the state soldiers home at Hot Springs.

Declaration Contest.

Yankton.—The fourteenth annual state high school contest in declamation held by the Yankton college proved the largest ever held here, there being 28 contestants. In the declamation contest Miss Blanche McElwain of this city won first place the second going to Mae Gilbert of Hurley. An honorable mention was given Allie Hanson of Gayville. Franklin Scott of Yankton was awarded first place in the oratorical contest, with Don Follett second. Franklin Scott delivered "The March of the Flag."

Yankton Plans Big Pageant.

Incentive in the early history of southeastern South Dakota will be reproduced in Joseph Mills Hanson's "The Pageant of Yankton," which will be presented in the Garden Terrace open air theater at Yankton on the afternoons of June 14, 15 and 16, under the auspices of Yankton college. More than 200 persons will take part in the pageant. Mr. Hanson, prominent South Dakota author and poet, will be in active charge of the spectacle. He will be assisted by officers of Yankton college and members of the Commercial club at Yankton. The Pageant of Yankton" is divided into three episodes and 12 scenes. Part of the dialog is in verse. All of it is based on historical facts, which were obtained by Mr. Hanson. The pageant will open with the arrival of the Yankton Indians at foot of the bluffs of the Missouri river at Yankton. These Indians were driven from their haunts in Iowa and Minnesota and settled at Yankton while wandering over the prairies in search of a home. Episode two will show the coming of the first white man to South Dakota. He was Pierre Duroc. He came to Yankton in 1870. Scene two of this episode will show the arrival of the Lewis and Clark expedition at Yankton on August 29, 1804. Scene three will be a reproduction of the founding of the first trading post at Yankton by Frost, Todd & Co. The negotiation of the treaty for the cession of the Yankton lands will be shown. These lands embraced all the southern part of the present state of South Dakota. Scene five will show the departure of the Yankton townsite. This was on July 10, 1859. The third episode takes up the arrival of the first governor of Dakota territory, Dr. William Jayne, and the settlement at Yankton by his party. Yankton, the "mother of the Dakotas," was the first territorial capital. The next scene will show the Indian outbreak of 1862. The old Yankton stakadee will be shown filled with refugee settlers and their families. Relatives of the men who were instrumental in driving off the Indians will take parts in the scene. Reproductions will be shown of the coming of the first railroad in 1873, the founding of Sacred Heart hospital, the founding of Yankton college by Dr. Joseph Warr, and as finale the "ultimate city." Previous pageants which have been given in this section, have shown incidents from the history of the general northwest. The Yankton pageant will deal entirely with the history of southeastern South Dakota.

Inheritance Taxes Fill State Coffers.

Approximately \$150,000 will be brought into the state treasury of South Dakota this year in the collection of inheritance taxes, according to the statement of H. C. Preston, collector of inheritance taxes, and a member of the tax commission who has this department in charge. It is expected that \$80,000 will be received from the Williams Deering estate, of Rock Island, Ill., as the result of proceedings just started in Lincoln county. Attempts will be made to collect tax from property owned by Richard Sears, founder of the firm of Sears, Roebuck & Co., in South Dakota. Elmore W. Hurst of Rock Island, Ill., who died last July, left about \$300,000 of real estate in South Dakota from which a tax will be due. Forty thousand dollars of the amount already collected came from the Trip estate, of Prairie-du-sac, Wis.

Watertown Winner.

The eleventh annual high school field and track meet was held at Brookings May 19 under the auspices of State college. Twenty schools were represented and there were 157 contestants. The day was perfect and over 2,000 people witnessed the contest. No records were broken, but some were tied. Watertown won the most points, scoring 26; Pierre, 22; Brookings, 17 and the relay race and banner; Huron, 9; Sioux Falls, 7. Five failed to score a point. Williamson, of Watertown, was the star, with a score of 21 out of 26 for his school. Dahl, of Pierre, made 10 in weights, and Hall, of Brookings, two firsts in jumps. Watertown and Pierre won four firsts each in events; Brookings, 2, and Huron, Redfield and Yankton, 1 each.

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Amsterdam, May 17.—An Austrian munition ship is reported to have been sunk by a mine in the Adriatic sea off Durazzo, Albania.

Clinton, Mo., May 17.—Twenty-two persons were injured, some of them seriously here in the derailment of a Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train.

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UNDER CONTROL?



TWO KILLED IN RACE

LIMBERG AND MECHANICIAN DIE WHEN TIRE EXPLODES.

Occupants Hurlled Over Bank Forty Feet High—Eddie Rickenbacker Is Victor.

New York, May 16.—Carl Limberg, driving a Delage car, and R. Pallotti, his mechanic, were killed in the running of the 150-mile Metropolitan trophy automobile race at Sheepshead Bay speedway on Saturday.

The race was won by Eddie Rickenbacker of Indianapolis, in a Maxwell. He finished about 2 1/2 miles ahead of Jules de Vigne in a Delage. Ira Vail, in a Hudson, was third. Rickenbacker's time was 1:33:31.

The accident that cost Limberg and his mechanic their lives occurred on the north bank of the track when the racers were turning the fourteenth lap.

The front tire of Limberg's car burst, and the machine struck the rail at the top of the wooden bank. Limberg and Pallotti were hurled over the bank and landed 40 feet below. Pallotti was killed instantly, his skull being crushed. Limberg, also with his skull crushed, died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

RURAL CREDIT BILL WINS

Similar Measure Already Through Senate and Differences Must Be Adjusted.

Washington, May 17.—The Glass rural credits bill providing for a federal farm loan board and a system of 12 land banks passed the house on Monday by a vote of 295 to 19. A similar measure already has passed the senate, and the differences probably will be worked out soon in conference. Under the bill's terms the land banks would lend money to farmers at not more than 5 per cent interest, through local associations, mortgages running from five to thirty-six years.

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12 DINERS ARE KILLED

BLAST LOOSENS FOUNDATION OF RESTAURANT AT AKRON.

More Than Fifty Persons Trapped When the Structure Collapses Like House of Cards.

Akron, O., May 17.—At least a dozen persons were killed and nearly a score injured on Monday night when the old Beacon Journal building, occupied by the Crystal restaurant, collapsed as a result of a blast of dynamite in an adjoining excavation. More than fifty persons were in the cafe.

Battery B, Ohio National Guard field artillery, was called out to aid the police in restraining a crowd of more than 10,000 persons who packed the streets at Main and Quarry, where the accident occurred.

A tremendous roar echoing the screams of dying people, brought thousands to the disaster scene, in the heart of Akron's business district. Instantly the entire city, rallying under the shock, plunged to the work of rescue.

A great pile of ruins, broken timbers, twisted steel and tons of brick and mortar, buried the victims, who a moment before were dining in the restaurant.

Y. M. C. A. HOTEL DEDICATED

Elaborate Series of Exercises at the Opening of New Hostelry at Chicago.

Chicago, May 20.—With an elaborate series of exercises extending over a period of three days, and in which many men prominent in religious and philanthropic work participated, the new Y. M. C. A. hotel of this city has been dedicated. The building is probably the largest of its kind in the world. It occupies a ground space of 96 to 166 feet, is 19 stories high and contains over 1,800 sleeping rooms in addition to the offices, writing and recreation rooms, dining rooms, toilet and bath rooms. The construction of the building was made possible by donations from a number of leading business men of the city, and its cost has been above \$1,250,000. The intention is not to conduct it as a charity, but to make it self-supporting by nominal charges to its patrons. It is expected that it will offer an attractive home to hundreds of young men from the country visiting the city for a few days, or those seeking to gain a foothold in its industrial or business life.

Austrian Liner Torpedoed

Steamer Dubrovnik Sunk Without Warning, Berlin Announces—Vessel Was Unarmed.

Berlin (by wireless), May 15.—The Austro-Hungarian passenger steamer Dubrovnik has been torpedoed and sunk by a hostile submarine in the Adriatic sea, it was announced on Friday. The official report of the vessel's destruction stated that the steamer was torpedoed without warning.

SENATE BARS GEORGE RUBLEE

President's Choice for Federal Trade Commissioner Refused by Upper Body.

Washington, May 16.—President Wilson's nomination of George Rublee for federal trade commissioner was rejected by the senate on Monday by a vote of 42 to 36.

Hindu Mutiny Is Reported.

Berlin, May 19.—A mutiny of Hindu troops in Egypt is reported by the Neue Zürcher Zeitung. It is said that during the recent fighting near the Suez canal the Hindus in many cases refused to obey orders.

War Balloonist Is Killed.

Paris, May 19.—Jose Garcia Calderon, son of ex-President Calderon of Peru and a volunteer observation balloonist with the French army, was killed when his parachute failed to open.

Coal Up 10 to 30 Cents.

Philadelphia, May 18.—An increase of from 10 to 30 cents a ton in the wholesale prices of anthracite coal was announced here by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron company.

Cabrera Ready for Flight.

Galveston, Tex., May 18.—Private cable advices received here state that Estrada Cabrera, president of Guatemala, is preparing to flee from the country in face of the rapid progress of the revolution against him.

AGREESTO U.S. TERMS

CARRANZA TO PERMIT AMERICAN ARMY TO REMAIN IN REPUBLIC.

MEXICANS TO AID IN HUNT

Cabinet Given General Scott's Report on Unwritten Agreement at El Paso Approved by First Chief—Troops to Prevent Raids on Border.

Washington, May 18.—An optimistic view of the Mexican border situation was laid before President Wilson and his cabinet on Tuesday by Secretary Baker, after a long conference with Major General Scott, chief of staff.

General Carranza and his advisers now understand the motives of the Washington government more fully than ever before, as a result of the conference at El Paso between Generals Scott and Funston and Obregon, Mr. Baker was able to tell the cabinet, and tension along the international line has greatly relaxed. General Scott believes that the whole situation is less acute than it has been at any time since the raid on Columbus, N. M.

The change in General Obregon's views was clearly indicated by promises he made at the conclusion of the conference, promises approved by General Carranza, and which he is now carrying out with promptitude and vigor, according to official reports from army officers and consular officials in Mexico.

It is these pledges which are interpreted as forming an unwritten agreement. They include the following:

"That 10,000 picked troops under General Trevino, the ablest of the Carranza field commanders, occupy and police the territory about Parra, the southern limit of General Pershing's drive, and in other districts where there are no American troops;

"That an effective patrol be thrown about the Mexican side of the Big Bend region of the Texas border to head off the Glen Springs and Boquillas raiders;

"That every effort be made to liberate Deemer, the American storekeeper captured and carried away by the bandits; and

"That no troops will be moved from the forces in Sonora state through Pulpit pass to operate in rear of General Pershing's force."

This will be done to avoid the possibility of clashes, and for the same reason no attempt of co-operative troop movements will be made unless it be by arrangement of the local commanders, American and Mexican.

General Scott said that recent reports of Carranza troop movements in the region south of General Pershing in his opinion showed that General Obregon's orders were being carried out promptly.

AUSTRIANS START BIG DRIVE

Three Thousand Italians Captured When First-Line Trenches Are Taken in Montenegro.

Vienna, May 18.—Austria, after months of preparation, has assumed the offensive on the Italian front. Three hundred thousand troops have been concentrated in the Trentino-Tyrol sector. The start of the great drive through the mountain positions is reported by the war office in an official statement claiming the capture of nearly three thousand prisoners, numerous machine guns and several cannon. Italian trenches were rushed and the occupants killed or made prisoners.

14 KILLED BY POWDER BLAST

Thirty Others Injured at Du Pont Plant in New Jersey—Explosion Wrecks Building.

Gibbstown, N. J., May 17.—Fourteen men were killed and about thirty injured in a terrific explosion at the Repauno plant of the Du Pont Powder