

WITHDRAW TROOPS AS PRELIMINARY TO REAL CONFERENCE

Mexicans Cannot Discuss Issue Involving Further Cooperation South of the Boundary

REPORT VILLA DEAD AGAIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
EL PASO, Texas, April 30.—Major-General Scott, chief of staff, and Major-General Funston, in command of the American troops on the border and in Mexico, representing the United States war department, and General Obregon, commander in chief of the forces of the de facto government of Mexico, with his officers-advisers, met in conference in Juarez, across the international bridge, yesterday, the conference lasting for two hours. Following it, the American officers returned to this side of the line.

While no statement was given out as to the result of the conference, if any were accomplished, it is understood that the Mexicans made the preliminary announcement that they were directed to request General Scott to order the withdrawal of General Pershing and his troops from Mexican soil, the issuing of such an order to be preliminary to a general discussion of the situation. General Obregon stated that his instructions were based on the withdrawal of the American troops and that he was not authorized to discuss any basis of cooperation that included the use of American soldiers in Mexico.

He was informed by General Scott that he on his part had no authority to discuss the withdrawal of the American troops, but that he would insist upon pledges from the de facto government of Mexico for the most effective cooperation between the two forces in the field for the carrying out of their common object, the suppression of the border bandits and the death or capture of Villa.

Such cooperation must include the right of the Americans to extend their lines to Casas Grandes and so strengthen their position as to make effective attack upon the line of communication impossible. The border districts of the north are to be policed by the American troops, while the south, below the American lines, is to be policed by the Carranzistas, the latter to cut off any possible retreat of Villa and his men.

There must also be, General Scott is reported to have stated, cooperation between the Carranzistas and the Americans in the matter of forwarding supplies to the Americans in the field, with the United States army given the right to use the Mexican government railroads for the transportation of troops and the forwarding of supplies.

During the course of the conference, fresh reports of the death of Pancho Villa were received by General Obregon, in command at Casas Grandes. These reports brought a new factor into the situation and complicated matters for the American representatives. Garcia telegraphed that he had received word from Col. Carlos Carranza, who was sent out to bring in the body of the bandit chief when the reports of his death were first received, that he has been unable to find the body of Villa but has secured indisputable proof that the chieftain is dead. Colonel Carranza reports that he hopes to find the body within a few days and make the fact of the death beyond any further question.

The American officials while apparently in doubt of the authenticity of the latest reports from Colonel Carranza, are not in position to insist upon discounting or discrediting the reports, and have to proceed on the assumption that the news of Villa's death will this time be substantiated. The conference will be resumed to-day.

TURKS BREAK BEFORE RUSSIANS

Slavs Once More Sweeping Back All Resistance On the Caucasus Front

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PETROGRAD, April 29.—The Turkish offensive, which for a time brought the army of the Grand Duke to a halt and threw it on the defensive in the Caucasus, appears now to have broken down and the Russians are once more sweeping westward, driving the Turks back on every front.

The Turkish resistance south of Bittlis has weakened and the Ottomans are being thrown back from all their advanced posts, the Russians of this wing getting daily closer to Diargkeh, where they will effect a junction with the central wing in an advance against the main Turkish communications to the lower Taurus.

BRITISH FORCE ON TIGRIS SURRENDERS

Supplies Failed and Starvation Forced Capitulation of Ten Thousand

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, April 29.—General Townshend's little garrison of 10,000 men, besieged in the city of Kut El Amara since the week of last December, has surrendered to the Turks. The official announcement of the fall of the garrisoned city was made early today.

The British force, which originally was about 20,000 men but was reduced to 10,000 after the almost incessant fighting which preceded its capture of Kut El Amara, has been besieged in the menagerially supplied city for 143 days.

Before his surrender General Townshend destroyed all the guns and munitions which remained of those in stock at the time the city was occupied early last winter.

It is believed probable that Townshend had intended to avoid a sacking of the city by a relief force sent toward the city on the Tigris and could not be defeated, and all efforts of the British relief forces to cut their way to the beleaguered city were fruitless. The last resulting in the announcement from Constantinople that the British expedition had sustained a severe defeat.

A score of miles away from Kut El Amara the relief army has been held for months by the well organized and powerful Turkish forces. Efforts to take food to the city by aeroplane did not afford relief in sufficient quantity to save the situation.

DIVORCE FEES ADD TO ALREADY HIGH COST OF LIVING

Attorney's fees in divorce cases have gone up in Judge Stuart's court, thus adding to the "high cost of living." Before Judge Stuart got on the bench these fees were fixed either at twenty-five or thirty dollars. Shortly after the start of the new year the fees went up to forty dollars and next to sixty. Yesterday in each of two divorce cases tried Judge Stuart fixed a fee of \$100.

The divorce granted yesterday by Judge Stuart was as follows: Mrs. Miriam Kain from Samuel Kain, on the ground of desertion, permanent alimony fixed at thirty dollars a month, Kain being ordered to pay his ex-wife's attorney a fee of \$100; Mrs. Kaahookano Ng Yee Taik from Ng Yee Taik, desertion and non-support, alimony and attorney's fee fixed at thirty dollars a month and \$100, respectively.

Ninety-one cases for divorce were instituted in Honolulu during the four months ended today. Per month, the cases filed were as follows: January, twenty-three; February, nineteen; March, twenty-four; and April, twenty-five. The last case for this month was filed yesterday, that of Yachiro Taka hashi against Tanya Takahashi, on the ground of desertion.

HILO WAITS FOR GOVERNOR IN VAIN

However, Metzger Lease Is Running Out, and That's Some Compensation

HILO, April 28.—Nothing further has been heard from Governor Pinkham nor commissioner of Lands Riverburgh, relative to the opening up of the Waiau lands, despite the fact that the latter promised to visit Hilo in company with the Governor "towards the end of April." The month is now almost closed but a silence, which may well be likened to that of the tomb, reigns.

To those who are interested in this project, and there are many, this state of affairs is very unsatisfactory and it is hoped that something definite will be done in the immediate future. There is one point, however, which this delay may automatically settle and that is the question of compensating D. E. Metzger for his right and interest in a portion of the land set apart under this proposition. Metzger has a sub-lease from the Waiau Mill to certain land, a portion of it being included in the 350 acres released by the plantation and Metzger wants something more than a quid pro quo before relinquish his right.

However, despite this feature of the matter, the promised visit of the Governor and land commissioner is being looked forward to, as there are several matters in relation to this proposition which should be benefited by being brought to the personal attention of the Governor and land commissioner.

HONOLULU BABIES AVERAGE HIGH IN BABY WEEK TESTS

During the Six Days Five Hundred and Twenty Youngsters Had Good Points Scored

SEVEN HUNDRED PEOPLE DAILY WATCHED IT ALL

Result of Good Already Done Will Probably Lead To Permanent Work

Baby Week, which closed at Palama Settlement last night, has been of importance to Honolulu and will result in lasting benefit. This was the sentiment which prevailed at headquarters last night when the many doctors, nurses and social workers of Honolulu, whose earnest efforts were instrumental in making Baby Week a glowing success, congratulated each other upon the results obtained.

The baby examinations for the week have shown that as a whole Honolulu babies average high in all ways. The great majority of the 526 babies examined during the week passed the tests with average of ninety per cent. Eight infants suffering from diseases unknown to their mothers were discovered. A large number of minor defects were also discovered amongst the children, including two cases of curvature of the spine.

The average attendance each day at the headquarters has been over seven hundred. No exceptionally high scores were recorded by the examiners yesterday. Many of Honolulu's leading physicians have given at least an hour a day of the examining of babies, while most of the women have volunteered their services and spent the entire afternoon of each day in keeping the scores. The various committees have also worked unflinchingly for the cause and each raise is due those who planned, arranged and explained the various booths and exhibits.

Dr. Arthur F. Jackson, lectured last night in the gymnasium, on the subject of "Tuberculosis," to a large and at times unruly audience. Different sides were shown, which described the different stages of the disease, together with an illustration of the proper methods of care for the afflicted patients. Examples were submitted proving the benefits derived from fresh air and clean surroundings, instrumental both in warding off tuberculosis and in helping in its cure.

The establishment of a permanent child welfare station will be taken up immediately following the returns and reports of Baby Week. Mrs. F. W. Macfarlane, James A. Rath and others need not be mentioned as already one money has been subscribed to ward the permanent station. The physicians who offered their services during the week are anxious to see the establishment of a welfare station, which is estimated, can be operated at a total cost of \$3000 a year and prove invaluable to the mothers, who, in time of need, need not be sent to a doctor. That those are such is a fact proven beyond a doubt during the examinations of babies and the attendance of mothers at the various booths and lectures during Baby Week.

Following baby week "Boy Day" will be observed among the Japanese. Next Friday, when a large red fish steamer will be seen floating over the home of every Japanese family in which a baby boy has been born during the year. The carp is the Japanese emblem for strength and determination.

An organization which deserves praise for assistance given during baby week is the Boy Scouts. The slogan which was posted about the settlement, which reads: "When in doubt, ask a Scout," proved true in every detail. Letters of thanks will be sent to every Scout troop and also individual Scouts who have participated, in Scout duties during the week.

WAIOLAMA SWAMPS SLOWLY DISAPPEARING

HILO, April 28.—The filling in of the Waiolama swamp by E. L. Lord is proceeding somewhat slowly, due to the fact that the pumping equipment is not working quite satisfactorily. However, the corner of the swamp opposite the Volcano Stables is being filled up and, judging by the progress made when the pump is working at full pressure, it should not be long before material change will be made. The sand is being pumped from the sea and the swamp beneath the discharge pipe is filled up, thus extending the reclamation. The surplus water which is pumped in with the sand is naturally blown an outlet through the canal to the Waiau River. This canal is now only in course of construction but considerable of the side walls has been erected and the bottom paved with stone in places.

Mud Lane will soon be opened to traffic again, as the cement bridge spanning the canal has been practically completed.

GERMANS WILLING TO END BATTLE

Losses Before Verdun Believed To Be Too Heavy Even For the Crown Prince

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, April 30.—Unless the efforts are wholly at fault, the German Crown Prince is willing now to admit defeat in his bloody efforts to break the French line along the Verdun salient. The reports from the front, based on the observations of the aviators, are that the Germans are withdrawing much of their artillery and are working to strengthen their new line, evidently with the expectation of holding them as their new front.

The past forty-eight hours have brought no renewals of the heavy German offensives which have marked the fighting of the greatest battle of the war to date, and it is thought that the efforts to advance, now that the portions of the Verdun defenses have been reached, have proven to be a bluff. At only one point yesterday were the Germans the attackers, this being at Thieumont, where the Teuton infantry attempted to seize the French trenches under cover of flame projectors. This assault was broken up and repulsed. A feeble offensive against Hill 304 was quickly repulsed after which the French counter attacked, taking some prisoners.

Before Deadman Hill the French were the attackers in the fighting, emptying some sections of the German trenches with artillery. The attempts on the part of the French to occupy this ground proved failures, however, while the Germans, on their part, were also unable to penetrate the curtain of fire and resume their positions.

FORGED TO RAISE FUNDS TO PAY HIS FORGERY TRIAL COSTS

When Mannel Quini was convicted recently in the police court of having forged Fred Kiley's name to two checks to keep him in gambling money, he was downhearted. He was not even the fact that he was on the way to jail to serve a six months' sentence did not rob him of his nerve, for the further fact that he had to have some money quick to pay the expense he had been put to during his trial.

Drawing his trusty checkbook to wards him, Quini wrote out a new check, signed it, as usual, with Kiley's name, and squared up with the world before the prison door banged on him. The fact of this check forged to pay the expense of a trial for forgery came to light only recently. Kiley couldn't make his bank account balance and thumbed his cancelled checks over, finally lighting on the further example of Quini's handiwork, dated the day he had gone over to the reef.

Yesterday Quini was brought from the city prison to confer with the Bank of Hawaii officials. He confessed to Manager A. Lewis that he had used Kiley's name in vain for the third time. It is understood that he has agreed to dig up from somewhere else the amount of this last forgery and may not be prosecuted.

WOMAN SMASHED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Driver Failed To Control Car, Which Ran Down Aged Woman Alongside Curb

Noyo Makita, a Japanese woman, fifty-three years old, is in the Japanese Hospital, suffering from a fracture of the knee and serious internal injuries, due to being run down by an automobile driven by Donald Kent, bookkeeper for the Thomas Pineapple Plantation, on Waiau. Kent is under arrest, held for a high rate of speed. He spent last night in the cells, being unable to raise the \$250 cash bail demanded. The affair took place early last night on King street, near the Palama fire station.

According to the police reports, Mrs. Makita, with her husband, was standing alongside the curb, waiting for a street car, when Kent approached at a high rate of speed. Apparently he was unable to manage his machine, as, instead of sounding an alarm and averting out to avoid the standing couple he turned his car directly at them and ran the woman down.

The police officers who handled the arrest of Kent say that there were evidences that he had been drinking. Mrs. Makita, though seriously hurt, is expected to recover.

THOUSAND OF GARMENT MAKERS OUT ON STRIKE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, April 29.—A lock-out of 30,000 garment workers took place today. Unless there is a settlement of their demands within two days, the union leaders say an additional 30,000 will be called out on strike.

BREAK INEVITABLE, SAYS REVENTLOW

German Reply Ready But No Hint of Its Nature Is Given and Press Hazards No Comment

WILL REACH GERARD SOON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, April 30.—Count Reventlow, naval critic and one of the writers who has led in the advocacy of the use of submarines to their utmost limit, in his comments on the German-American situation declares that there is no way in which Germany can recede from her position and no method under which it will be possible for the Imperial Government to meet the demands of the United States.

"A break with America is now inevitable," he declares. Count Reventlow is the only publicist in Germany willing yesterday to voice an opinion as to the probable nature of the decision which has been arrived at by the Kaiser, the Imperial Chancellor and the foreign secretary, who have drafted the reply of Germany to the American note.

No comment on the fact that a reply has been drawn up and will be handed to Ambassador Gerard early this week, for transmission to Washington, appeared yesterday in any of the newspapers.

No indication of the nature of the reply has been allowed to leak out. That the reply is ready was announced yesterday morning by the Berliner Tageblatt, which stated that it would be ready for delivery within a few days.

The Germans have made an advance against the Russians on the east, capturing some positions south of Lake Narocz, between Stanarocze and Stachowce, and taking 5600 Russians. In addition to the prisoners, the Russians lost a cannon, twenty-eight machine guns and one mine thrower.

IRISH REVOLT VERGES TO COLLAPSE

Leader Shot and Many Prisoners Are Taken

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, April 30.—Lord Wimbourne, lord lieutenant of Ireland, reported officially from Dublin last night that the seditious outbreak in Ireland would be completely crushed within a few days. Outside of Dublin itself, where the rioters are still holding out in a few places, the country is quiet, with the exception of some isolated cases of minor disturbances.

"Dublin Castle was never captured by the rioters," he reports, "the only casualties in the neighborhood of the Castle being the shooting down by a sniper of the policeman on guard at the gate." The rebels cut the wires leading from Dublin through the country districts which gave connection with England, but, through some mistake failed to cut the wires to the north of Ireland, which allowed the English authorities to keep closely in touch with the developments at all times.

Since the reinforcements for the loyal garrison arrived in Dublin on Tuesday, the rebels have had to content themselves with sniping, finding it easy to shoot from the front windows and then to abandon the houses by the back doors, hiding their guns and mingling with the other citizens to evade capture by the soldiers. The difficulty of distinguishing between rebel and citizen allows the former every opportunity of observing the disposition of the troops.

The barricade on Sackville Street still holds, but the rebels in Liberty Hall were shelled out by the fire from a gunboat, after which the hall was seized and occupied by the soldiers. In the early stages of the fighting, the Sinn Fein riflemen fired upon the fire brigade as the members worked to extinguish the fires started by the rebels. The soldiers have since cleared the areas around the fires, which have been extinguished. The Binen Hall and the barracks of the Constabulary were destroyed by fire, while there were a number of other small blazes.

Field Marshal Lord French reported last night that the general postoffice in Dublin and the headquarters of the Sinn Fein society were amongst the main buildings burned, while in the latest fighting the leader of the revolt, Connolly, had been killed. It is believed here that this is James Connolly, the editor. Many prisoners have been taken by the troops and the revolt is fast verging into collapse.

A late despatch from Dublin last night to the Evening Star says that the military authorities in Dublin are now convinced that only between 1500 to 2000 men took any active part in the fighting while despatches to other newspapers state that a censorship has been established in Dublin at the telephone exchanges and that like censorships have been established in other Irish cities, making telephoning from house to house impossible.

A Waterford despatch says that the military in Dublin are now in control of the situation, although there is still street fighting and some burning still going on. There is strong condemnation of the rebels everywhere in Ireland," says the Waterford despatch. Instances are alleged in which the rioters shot down women and children. The rebels also set fire to the largest drygoods store and the Imperial hotel of Dublin.

Dublin yesterday resembled a city in battle. Field guns are barking, machine guns rattling and rifle fire pattering. Some of the bullets used have been found to be of German manufacture. The city is short of bread and there is some hardship. A despatch to the Evening News says that upwards of one hundred have been killed and wounded. The rioters, who were barricaded in houses commanding street junctions, kept up a constant fusillade, in some instances with wild aim, and the casualties include loyal citizens who were taking no part in the fighting.

John Redmond has instructed the Irish Nationalists to hold themselves in readiness to be at the disposal of the military authorities. At many places besides Dublin the Nationalist volunteers have mobilized to support the government troops. Simultaneously with the outbreak at Dublin on Monday a number of excursion trains arrived in Dublin, it has been learned, and men joining the rebels captured bakeries, motor and street cars and cabs. Many vehicles were used to erect barricades, and cushions were used in the trenches to hold up other rioters. Women attempted to get provisions to the entrenched rebels and other women resisted them, and many were the fights in the heterogeneous classes.

ILLINOIS LAWYERS PUT FRESH HEART INTO ROUGH RIDER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
CHICAGO, April 30.—Theodore Roosevelt was given an enthusiastic reception here last night when he appeared as the principal speaker before the Illinois Bar Association and addressed the members on the question of preparedness.

A storm of cheers greeted his declaration that "the answer to the question how may the United States best prepare herself is summed up in the one phrase 'universal training.'"

When the cheering died down, the Colonel announced that such a demonstration as he had just witnessed had put fresh heart in him and that he would now preach the doctrine of "universal military training" throughout the country with increased confidence.

Colonel Roosevelt made no direct references to politics in his address which dealt wholly with the military needs of the nation.

NATIONAL GUARD ABOUT TO WIN

Senate Will Probably Drop the Volunteer Plan To Break Committee Deadlock

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 30.—The house and senate conferees on the Army Reorganization Bill are deadlocked and have arrived at a point at which it appears impossible for any agreement to be reached. The main rock on which the committee has split is the feature of the Chamberlain Bill providing for a Volunteer Army, in addition to the National Guard. Another item of the senate measure with which the house conferees were not in agreement is that which appropriates for the establishment of government plant for the fixation of nitrogen from the air.

It seems probable that the bills will be referred back to the respective houses, in which event it is probable that the senate will yield in the matters of the volunteer force and accept the National Guard as the only reserve force, and also recede in the matter of the nitrate plant. The house will accept the other features of the Chamberlain Bill, including the much larger regular army.

REFERENDUM BEFORE GOING INTO WAR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, April 29.—Senator La Follette today introduced a bill providing for an advisory vote by the people to say whether or not war should be declared by any nation with whom the president had severed diplomatic relations. He did not ask for immediate action on it.

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