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MEXICAN BOILING POINT IS NEAR

TO SLAY ALL AMERICANS OVER SIXTEEN YEARS OLD

Mexican Bandits Along the Border are Pledged to Murder United States Citizens and Snatch a Piece of Land For Foreigners.

THREATEN TO ATTACK BROWNSVILLE

Every Texan Carries a Rifle or Revolver and is Prepared to Defend Himself Against Invading "Army" of Outlaws.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Aug. 12.—Terror rules along the border. "The army of liberation for Mexicans in Texas" is spreading through the district—an organization following the "plan of San Diego," whereby portions of the American border would be snatched from the United States and turned over to Mexicans, negroes, Chinese and Japanese. This "army" consists of Mexicans from Texas and across the border and its membership is estimated at from 300 to 1,000 or more. It is pledged to slay Americans over sixteen years of age.

More Troops Wanted. Throughout the section there is an insistent demand for more United States troops. Congressman Garner announced today he would add his appeal to the governor's in seeking Wilson's aid. Soldiers are keeping the closest watch on the situation about ten miles below here where it is reported, several hundred bandits are massed ready to sweep into Texas. Matamoros is a danger spot. Warnings to officials have declared Mexicans will make a concerted attack on Brownsville if there is any occupation of Vera Cruz. While the latter proposition does not now appear imminent, there is a growing feeling all along the border that Carranza is not getting a fair deal from the United States. Reports from Laredo declare that this spirit is rampant and that the possibility of an attack there is strongly represented. Brownsville citizens were vehement in their denials today of General Funston's suggestion that local political feuds had a bearing on the situation and were indirectly responsible for the recent raiding.

ALL CITIZENS ARMED. As a result of the wider territory through which this "army" is working, Governor Ferguson has asked President Wilson for more border troops, suggesting the doubling of the present number. Citizens throughout Hidalgo, Cameron and Starr counties are all armed. The country has all the spirit and appearance of the old frontier days. Rifles are ready in practically every home; the men go abroad with revolvers slung in holsters at hip or tucked "Texas fashion" just under the left arm for best action. Cavalry and infantry are patrolling the three counties and extra police are on guard here. Private Windhouse is the latest victim of the "army." He was slain Tuesday night in southern Hidalgo county. Reports of skirmishes in remote sections still come in almost hourly over telephone lines, though early today and last night there was comparative quiet.

[By Charles P. Stewart, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Wilson faced an involved Mexican tangle today. General Carranza had defied him. It was known the administration meant to answer this warning. Even before time had been given for the pan-American conference to make their final appeal to the Mexican leaders to "settle together," the president had before him the first chief's warning to them to cease meddling. Secretary Lansing was the first of his cabinet advisers the president conferred with on his return from Cornish and the Carranza defiance was the first matter they took up. That the first chief's note was deemed highly objectionable was tacitly admitted. It was recognized, however, that such an answer as the administration certainly wanted to make, was likely to precipitate such a situation

The War in Mexico

Latest Developments Among Our Revolutionary Neighbors of the South.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
GALVESTON, Texas, Aug. 12.—"It is false that strangers are in imminent danger in Vera Cruz," Carranza today cabled his consul personally. At the same time he reported receipt of an answer to the note he addressed to the Argentine government. To this the president replied that his government entered the Pan-American conference with the understanding there should be no discussion of Mexico's domestic affairs and no armed intervention. Explaining the Brazilian minister's departure from Vera Cruz, Carranza said it was because of ill-health, but said that as for the Guatemalan minister he was expelled under article 33, as a pernicious foreigner, accused of taking sides with the Zapatistas. Carranza charged, too, that President Cabouiski Cabera of Guatemala, encouraged revolts which recently had troubled the Carranzistas. It was admitted that a subordinate official in Vera Cruz had made an ill advised speech concerning the peace conference but these sentiments were disavowed and as a result no anti-foreign demonstration has occurred. Carranza declared the constitutional government guarantees lives and

property to individuals "of whatever race."
Mexican Wrath. **WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.**—General Carranza, through his agency here, authorized the publication today of aathing arrangement of the Latin-American conference, the white house and financial interests on both sides of the border, written by General Heriberto Jara, constitutionalist. "I am informed the American department of state has suggested to the A. B. C.'s the idea of interfering in a direct manner in our affairs," he says, "that it is proposed to impose on us a president who will be supported by the white house by force of arms. If such a thing has been accomplished by Mexicans and foreign Jews, who from the other side of the border speculate in a scandalous and criminal way with our misfortunes, and if the Washington government considers the highway robbery of the bandits of the highway worthy of protection and esteem than the autonomy of a country, I energetically protest against an outrage of such character. "It cannot be justified either in the name of civilization or the principles

ENGLAND

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
LONDON, Aug. 12.—The admiralty today had no confirmation of press reports that a British submarine has torpedoed a Turkish cruiser near the Bosphorus, forcing her to run ashore and had sunk another Turkish transport. The Daily Telegraph's Athens correspondent cabled that the former German cruiser Goeben, renamed the Sultan Selim had been torpedoed. The Athens correspondent of the Daily News reported that the cruiser Breslau and an armed Turkish transport were victims of the British submarine.

THREE SMACKS SMITTEN. **LONDON, Aug. 12.**—Three small fishing smacks were sunk today by German submarines in British waters. **TALK OF PEACE.** **LONDON, Aug. 12.**—The Milan correspondent of the Times reported today that Germany is willing to negotiate for peace on the basis of withdrawal from Belgium and already has made preliminary overtures to obtain the mediation of the pope. Both Germany and Austria are unwilling to face another winter campaign, the Times correspondent declared.

FRANCE

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
PARIS, Aug. 12.—Trench to trench fighting with grenades and large bombs, with heavy artillery rooking the whole region, makes the combat being waged around Verdun the most furious on the Franco-Flanders battle front in the past fortnight. Official dispatches this afternoon reported the repulse of two determined night attacks by the Germans near Maria Therese and Fontaine Aux Charnes. The crown prince's troops are hammering hard at the French positions near Vienne Le Chateau. Le Pêtre woods, in the Pont-A-Mousson region have been the scene of desperate fighting in the last twenty-four hours, the Germans piling up heaps of dead against the French blockhouses. In the Vosges region a German attack on the French trenches at the summit of Lingkopf was repulsed by a shower of grenades. Bomb actions and cannonading continued throughout the night around Souchez, the war office reported.

FOUR KILLED ON EXCURSION TRAIN
Knights of Pythias Outing Came to Sad End With Fifty People Injured.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
COLUMBUS, Ohio, Aug. 12.—Four persons were killed instantly and fifty injured, fifteen of them seriously at 2:30 a. m. today when the Mt. Sterling, Ohio, Knights of Pythias, B. and O. excursion train, returning from an outing at Cedar Point was crashed into from behind by a freight train at Orient Station, fourteen miles southwest of Columbus. The accident occurred in a blinding rain storm. The excursion loaded with three hundred men, women and children had stopped at the Orient Station to discharge passengers when a freight train coming from the east, crashed into its rear, demolishing the last coach. The dead: **THAD MITCHELL, 15,** Mount Sterling, Ohio. **MAGGIE SOLLERS, 20,** Greenland, Ohio. **THORNTON NEFF, Jr., 35,** Mount Sterling, Ohio. **LOGAN SALLER, 22,** Williamsport, Ohio.

Would Increase Holidays. **NEW YORK, Aug. 12.**—The Rev. H. P. Hames, curate at All Angels' Episcopal church, Eighty-first street and West End avenue, has a proposal to change the calendar which he says several influential New York clergymen favor. Novel features of this Hames calendar provide that all the holidays shall come on Monday. This he says, will give the tired man two whole days and a half of rest. Again, there will be only twenty-eight days in each month and the remaining days will be put into another month, named "Holiday," which will come in between July, June and July. The extra day still unprovided for—two in leap year—will be put at the end of December for more holidays. "The fact that each month will begin on Sunday and end on Saturday will go far toward regulating our haphazard method of present day computation," said Mr. Hames. "Also, joy will be felt by the trader and the social set alike that Easter will be uniformly the third Sunday in April in following the vagaries of the wandering moon from early in March to late in April. Another convenience is that Christmas will always arrive in the middle of the week."

GERMANY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
Berlin, Aug. 12. (Via wireless to Sayville.)—A protest against the sale of American war munitions to the allies, drafted by the military rabble, was made public today by the Association of Jews in Germany for distribution throughout neutral countries. It was based on the allegation that the Russians have thrown American made shells into Polish towns believed to harbor Germans. "Europe stands in flames," wrote Dr. Levi. "Across the ocean in peace, America hears not the thunder of cannon, a fruitful rain of gold falling on her lands, enjoying the golden peace. We cry to America, that in this most unhappy land, from whence come thousands of your most loyal and industrious citizens, our towns are being destroyed by your shells."

AIR RAID KILLS EIGHT. **Berlin, (via wireless to London), Aug. 12.**—French aviators bombarded the German cities of Zweibrucken and Sankt Ingbert, killing eight civilians and wounding several others. Both cities raided by the French aviators are in Bavaria. Zweibrucken is a city of 15,000 on the Zwarbach. Sankt Ingbert lies ten miles west of Zweibrucken. Its iron foundry and other factories probably attracted the raid by the French.

OFFICIAL REPORT. **Berlin, (via wireless to London), Aug. 12.**—General Von Scholtz's army has captured the important bridgehead at Vizna, east of Lomza, leading over the Narew river. This afternoon's official statement also reported the capture of the Wain bridgehead. South of Vizna where a violent battle has been in progress for two days, General Von Gallwitz has occupied Zambrow, twelve miles from the Warsaw-Petrograd railway. The Russians are falling back against the railway on the entire line from Lomza south to Novo Georgiewsk. Bavarian troops moving north from Ivangorod have captured the railway town of Lukow, only seventeen miles south of Siedlce, toward which the Russians who fled from Warsaw are retreating. Lukow stands on the shortest railway route between Warsaw and Brest-Litovsk, making it imperative for the retreating Slavs to secure a round about course in retiring upon the fortress. "Our air forces have bombarded the Bialostok railway junction," said the official statement this afternoon, "causing several sharp explosions. "In the north General Von Elchhorn has repulsed a Russian bloody battle, the enemy suffering heavy losses. In the southeast, General Mackensen has penetrated strongly fortified Russian positions after sharp fighting on the whole front between the Bug and Parozew, the enemy retreating." In the western theatre of war the only combats of importance are occurring in the western Aronne, where the crown prince is attacking the French lines. The war office reported the capture of a group of fortified French positions near Vienne Le Chateau.

THE WEATHER
For Keokuk and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, with showers Friday. Not much change in temperature. For Iowa: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday with showers Friday and west portion tonight. Not much change in temperature. For Missouri: Partly cloudy tonight with showers west portion. Friday probably showers. For Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, probably growing unsettled Friday. **Weather Conditions.** An area of low pressure is central this morning over the lower lake region and is attended by heavy showers. In remaining districts generally fair weather prevails with only slight temperature changes. The heavy rain-falls reported are: Detroit, 1.25 inches; Knoxville, 0.78; and Chicago, 0.48. Light showers fell in western Iowa yesterday afternoon.

River Bulletin.
Flood stage. Stage Change
St. Paul 14. Not received
La Crosse 12 7.8 -0.1
Dubuque 18 9.2 -0.1
Davenport 15 5.0 -0.2
Keokuk 14 10.3 -0.6
St. Louis 20 28.7 -0.1
The river will continue falling slowly from Davenport to Keokuk during the next forty-eight hours.
Local Observations.
Aug. 12. Bar. Ther. Wind Wth'r
11 7 p. m.—29.88 75 NE Clear
12 7 a. m.—29.93 63 NE Clear
Precipitation, .15
Mean temperature, 72.
Highest, 82.
Lowest, 63.
E. W. McGANN,
Temporarily in Charge.

BALKANS

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
Sofia, Aug. 11. (Delayed.)—The German and Austrian ministers visit of Premier Radoslavoff on Monday, seeking information regarding the new proposals said to have been made by the allies to obtain Bulgaria's participation in the war. They are understood to have informed the prime minister that Germany was about to begin an offensive against Serbia, and promised to make important concessions to Bulgaria if she remains neutral. Radoslavoff later conferred with Czar Ferdinand. The socialist in parliament are demanding that the people be consulted before Bulgaria takes any decisive step.

[The above cable dispatch evidently was filed at Sofia on Monday, but was held up by the censor and not allowed to be telegraphed to Berlin for transmission to America, via London, until yesterday. All cable dispatches from Balkan capitals in the past fortnight bear evidence of having been held up from one to six days by the censors, in addition to the usual delay at Berlin and London.]

ITALY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
ROME, Aug. 12.—A daring attack by two bersaglieri companies in the full glare of Austrian searchlights Tuesday night, swept the enemy from a strongly entrenched height at Monte Selbus, General Cadorna reported to the war office today. The bersaglieri charged without firing a shot, routing the enemy with their bayonets. The position, however, was made untenable by frightful fire from Austrian artillery on surrounding peaks and before dawn yesterday the Italians withdrew after first wrecking the enemy's works. At several other points on the plateau, Austrian attacks have been repulsed. On Monday strong enemy attempts to advance toward Selkofel and also toward Forte Del Fimbianco, were repulsed, said the official report. "In Carnia, enemy attacks on the entire front were repulsed. We advanced slightly at Plavrudness during Monday night and Tuesday by heavy artillery and infantry attacks."

NOW REPUDIATES CONFESSION MADE
Teller Perrin of Robbed Bank is Half Delirious and Makes Change in His Story.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—My acquaintance with Leo Perrin was only casual. I did not lend him money as he is reputed to have said. During his visit to me a few days ago the subject of borrowing was not mentioned. This was the statement of James Cagney, of Chicago, to the United Press today. Cagney said Perrin, who is charged with taking \$20,770 from the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, National bank, told him he was in Chicago on bank business. When detectives found \$8,000 hidden in the Perrin home yesterday, they said, Perrin told them Cagney had advanced the money.

Big Shrapnel Order. **CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 12.**—Through a Cleveland stock and bond house, the Moline Plow works, of Moline, Ill., has closed a contract to buy the Avery Stamping works of this city and will transfer to Cleveland the bulk of a \$12,000,000 shrapnel order for the allies. —Read The Daily Gate City.

THREE BELCHING VOLCANOES HAVE TERRORIZED ITALIANS

Vesuvius, Mount Etna and Stromboli Suddenly Become Active at the Same Time and Fill Sky With Flames and Smoke.

PEOPLE IN NEIGHBORHOOD ARE FLEEING

Earthquakes Have Been Felt and Fear is Expressed That Another Great Disaster is About to Visit the Country.

[By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent.]
NAPLES, Aug. 12.—Vesuvius, Mount Etna and Stromboli, three of the world's greatest volcanoes, have suddenly become active and are belching forth great clouds of steam and smoke. Streams of lava are pouring down the eastern slope of Mount Etna from two new craters, threatening the destruction of Sicilian villages. The whole population of Naples and of Messina and other Sicilian cities are in a state of terror.

visited by destructive outpourings of lava, are flocking to their churches to implore divine protection. Messina, sixty miles northeast of the great volcano and the scene of the greatest earthquake disaster in history, is greatly alarmed. The population is clamoring for the traditional procession of the Madonna Della Lettera, which has so often saved the city from Etna's wrath, according to popular belief. Stromboli, rising 3,000 feet above the sea on one of the Lipari Islands, was giving forth an angry stream of lava that poured into the sea and spouting forth a thin dust of ashes, flames and smoke as the Adriatic steamed northward. So far as we could ascertain through the smoke haze that overhung the sea, none of the small villages at its base had been burned. The heavy vapors from Vesuvius clouded the bay of Naples today. Residents of some of the small villages near the base of the volcano are flocking into Naples, carrying their household goods strapped across their backs.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS. Severe earthquake shocks have been felt at Taranto and Brindisi in southern Italy, according to dispatches received here today, increasing the fear that a gigantic earth disturbance is about to shake Italy, though Naples scientists are trying to reassure the public. The first earth tremor was felt at Brindisi at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning followed by nine others. It was estimated that the center of disturbance was 125 miles from Brindisi. The meteorological apparatus at Vesuvius observatory was wrecked by earth tremors yesterday. Enroute from Athens to Naples aboard the Greek steamer Adriaticus, I personally witnessed the reawakening of the three great Italian volcanoes. Passing through the Ionian sea the smoke pouring from Mt. Etna was visible for miles. The top of the great cone, standing in two miles above the sea, was shrouded in a thick cap of smoke and steam.

LAVA IS FLOWING. Dispatches from Catania today said that two new craters have been opened on Mt. Etna on the eastern side and that a thick stream of lava is pouring down the slopes, threatening the destruction of Casino Del Ingles. The people of Catania, often

Judge Munger Dead. **OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 12.**—District Federal Judge William H. Munger, 70, died this morning after a two year's illness. He was a 33rd degree Mason.

What the War Moves Mean

By J. W. T. Mason, Former European Manager of the United Press.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]
NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—For the first time since the present German offensive against the Slavs began, the part being played in the campaign by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is announced by the German government. He is revealed as being in command of the operations in the Baltic provinces and as holding in check a Russian attempt to advance toward Riga and Mitau. Simultaneously, and perhaps with ominous significance, the Novoe Vremya, Petrograd's leading newspaper, is declared in today's dispatches to have published a warning that the real German objective is Petrograd itself. Where Von Hindenburg is, there must center the climax of the present struggle to force the Slavs to make a separate peace. The Baltic campaign has possessed elements of mystery from its beginning. Only bare announcements of its occasional progress have forced their way into official reports, and the numbers of troops engaged have been kept secret. It has been assumed that the purpose of the Baltic offensive was to cut the Warsaw-Petrograd railway and the attempt to

drive the Russians southward into the arms of Von Mackensen and the Vistula armies. But, the annihilation of the Grand Duke Nicholas' field forces may not be the major purpose of the Austro-Germans after all. The immense difficulty of the task may have caused its abandonment, if indeed, it was thought ever to be really possible by the German general staff. Instead of expending all their strength trying to put a ring about the Russians, the Teutonic strategists may intend principally to isolate Petrograd, and block the Slav armies in central and southern Russia. Then Von Hindenburg could march into the czar's capital and compel the czar and his court to flee. It is obvious the Russians are beginning to fear this may turn out to be the German plan. There are no illusions apparently among the Slavs concerning the Napoleonic comparison. Because Napoleon could not consolidate his hold on Moscow is no reason why the Germans, once in Petrograd, cannot cling to the city indefinitely. The Novoe Vremya estimates the present Teutonic power is seven times that of Napoleon's. Whether Russia's offensive was increased seven fold during the past century, remains as yet to be proven.