

## NO HINT OF FORCE FOUND IN APPEAL

Armed Intervention Is Not Intimated in Pan-American Statement to Mexico.

## FRATERNAL SPIRIT INVOKED

Leaders Called Upon to Meet on Neutral Ground to Take Peace Steps.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—The Pan-American appeal to Mexico, now being delivered to the chiefs of factions and Governors of States, was made public here to-night by the State Department. Without even an intimation of armed intervention, it calls upon the leaders to meet somewhere in Mexico on neutral ground in a conference "to adopt the first steps necessary to the constitutional reconstruction of the country" and to issue a call for immediate elections. The services of the United States or any of the other Pan-American conferees are offered as intermediaries to arrange the meeting.

## IT IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MEXICAN PEOPLE

The appeal, although addressed to the political and military leaders, takes on the form of an announcement to the Mexican people themselves. As made public by the State Department, the document is prefaced by this announcement:

"The Mexican people are informed that the following communication has been sent to many prominent persons in Mexico who possess authority or military power within the republic."

"The undersigned, the Secretary of State of the United States, the ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiary of Brazil, Chile and Argentina and the envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala, accredited to the government of the United States of America, acting severally and independently, unanimously send to you the following communication:

"Inspired by the most sincere spirit of American fraternity, and convinced that they rightly interpret the earnest wish of the entire continent, they have met informally at the suggestion of the Secretary of State of the United States to consider the Mexican situation and to ascertain whether their friendly and disinterested help could be successfully employed to re-establish peace and constitutional order in our sister republic.

## EFFECTS OF LONG STRIFE HAVE BEEN LOST SIGHT OF

"In the heat of the frightful struggle which for so long has steeped in blood the Mexican soil, doubtless all may well have lost sight of the dissolving effects of the strife on the most vital conditions of the national existence, not only upon the life and liberty of the inhabitants, but upon the prestige and security of the country. We cannot doubt, however, that one can doubt—that in the presence of a sympathetic appeal from their brothers of America, recalling to them these disastrous effects, asking them to save their mother land from an abyss—no one can doubt, we repeat—that the patriotism of the men who lead or aid in any way the bloody strife will not remain unmoved, no one can doubt that each and every one of them, measuring in his own conscience his share in the responsibilities of past misfortune, and looking forward to his share in the glory of the pacification and reconstruction of the country, will respond nobly and resolutely to this friendly appeal, and give their best efforts to opening the way to some saving action.

## STORM DAMAGE HEAVY

Fruit Plantations Are Almost Completely Wrecked.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, August 11.—All along the central districts of the north coast fruit plantations were almost completely wrecked by the disastrous storm which swept Jamaica yesterday. At Port Maria scarcely a banana tree was left standing. Four lives were lost at Buff Bay, where wharves and fruit houses were wrecked and several public buildings unroofed. It will be impossible to get details of the damage done until means of communication is restored.

## STORM IS APPROACHING

KEY WEST, FLA., August 14.—The approach of the tropical storm which has been sweeping through the West Indies was in evidence off the Florida coast to-night, but no serious damage to shipping has been reported. Practically all vessels are remaining in port.

## GATHERING ALL FACTS

Commission Will Report on Facilities for Southern Shipping.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—The Interstate Commerce Commission will make an exhaustive investigation of shipping facilities between the United States and South and Central America. It will gather full reports of ships available for that trade for use by President Wilson if an effort is made at the coming session of Congress to pass some kind of legislation to provide shipping facilities.

## OYSTER MEN COMPLAIN

They Object to Paying for Being in Transit.

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Oyster interests all along the Atlantic Coast complained to the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day against railroad regulations, which require them to pay for being in transit. They complain that the regulation advances the rates beyond the 5 per cent increase recently granted.

## BLAST FURNACES ACTIVE

Great Demand for Pig Iron Is Bringing Prosperity.

SHARON, PA., August 14.—Activity such as this region has not known in seven years is shown by blast-furnace interests, due to the increasing demand for pig iron. The statement was made to-day that furnaces which have been long idle would be placed in operation before October 1.

## N. & W. MOUNTAIN EXCURSION

Next Tuesday, August 17. Phone Madison 47 for full particulars.

## Kaiser Is Willing, but Won't Be First

If He Is to Consider Peace, Other Nations Must Make Overtures.

PARIS, August 14.—A dispatch to Fournier's News Agency from Rome asked why the German Emperor, in answer to the peace letter of Pope Benedict, declared his willingness to accept peace, provided the nations with which Germany was at war made the first overture. Austria made a similar reply to the Pope's letter, the dispatch adds.

## Sends Letter of Sympathy.

AMSTERDAM, August 14 (via London).—What reports to be a letter of sympathy to the people of East Prussia from Pope Benedict, through the Bishop of Frauenburg, is printed by the Bayerische Kurier, says a telegram from Munich. The letter is given as follows:

"The Holy Father deplors with sincerest sympathy the sad position of the population of the Baltic provinces, who, in fact, for their loyal Christian views, deserved a better fate. At the same time, the Holy Father welcomes most heartily the wonderful readiness of all Germany to make sacrifices in order to assist the stricken provinces.

"As a sign of his fatherly and loving care, he sends this gift of 10,000 marks (\$2,500) for the relief of sufferers."

## WAR MUNITIONS HELD

Federal Authorities Fear They Are Intended for Filibusters.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., August 14.—Suspecting the steamer Prince Albert, flying the British flag, and chartered by the Southwestern Steamship Company, of being an instrument of a Mexican filibustering expedition, local Federal authorities, acting on advice from Washington, to-day refused to allow the steamer to proceed on her voyage to Mazatlan until the vessel had discharged 308,000 rounds of ammunition and fifty-two cases of rifles in her cargo. The munitions were consigned to M. Epstein, a business man, and other supposedly Carranza agents at Mazatlan, Mexico.

The vessel, loaded 100,000 rounds of ammunition at San Francisco and took aboard 208,000 rounds and fifty-two cases of rifles at San Pedro.

Captain Moorehouse, of the Prince Albert, explained to the customs officials that the war munitions were consigned to Carranza interests at Mazatlan, but could not furnish written credentials to that effect. Collector Elliott will hold the seized munitions until advised by the Treasury Department as to their disposal.

## APPROPRIATION OF \$50,000 WAS MADE FOR SURVEY

Mr. Myers was employed by the board during the latter part of November, 1914, soon after the annexation ordinance went into effect on November 5. An appropriation of \$50,000 was made for the survey, and it will cost, according to the board, at least \$50,000 to complete the work. Figures were not immediately available to show how much had been expended under the direction of Mr. Myers.

Under the charter the board has the right to merge departments under its control, and to employ and discharge from the city's service those whom it appoints. Attention was drawn to this fact yesterday. It was stated that, under the new arrangement, proceed more rapidly, and that the results will be more quickly apparent. All of Mr. Myers's force will be maintained on the payroll so far as they may be found competent and serviceable.

## HANKINS EXPERIENCED IN SURVEYING WORK

Major Hankins is regarded as an expert in the extra burden assigned to him. He has had much experience in surveying. In 1892 he surveyed that territory known as Lee District, embraced between Broad and Grace Streets and Lombardy Street and the Boulevard. In 1906 he surveyed and laid off the sewers in the "big annexation," comprising Fairmount, the northeastern and the southeastern sections of the city. His work has been so closely associated with the general survey, said a member of the board, that it was deemed proper to place the general and the sewer survey under his direction.

The new arrangement will mean a saving to the city of \$200 a month, according to a member of the board. Mr. Myers has been paid \$300 a month as engineer in charge of the surveying force. He is well known in Richmond and is prominently connected. He has been employed in railway survey work, and is generally regarded as a competent engineer.

## GREAT CATHOLIC MEETING

Convention of Federated Societies Will Open To-Day.

TOLEDO, O., August 14.—Delegates began arriving to-day for the fourteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies. The convention will begin on Sunday morning with pontifical high mass and continue until Wednesday morning. About 500 delegates and as many others from the Catholic clergy and laity from all parts of the United States will be in attendance.

At the pontifical mass on Sunday, the formal opening of the convention, Most Rev. John Bonzano, of Washington, apostolic delegate to the United States, will officiate, assisted by a number of church dignitaries.

## DELIGHTFUL OVERNIGHT TRIP TO BALTIMORE

via York River and Chesapeake Bay. Only \$1.00 round trip. Inquire 907 E. Main, or phone Mad. 72, relative Atlantic City and Niagara Falls cheap excursion fare.

## REMOVES MYERS AS CHIEF OF SURVEY

Board Summarily Relieves Engineer of Position Given Him in November.

## DISSATISFIED WITH RESULTS

Second Assistant City Engineer M. O. Hankins Appointed to Direct Surveying Corps.

Dissatisfied with the progress of the work of surveying the annexed territory, the Administrative Board, in special session yesterday morning, summarily removed E. T. D. Myers, Jr., as chief engineer in charge of the survey, and appointed in his place M. O. Hankins, Second Assistant City Engineer. Major Hankins has been in charge of the construction of sewers in the city proper and of the laying out of new sewer construction in the annexed territory.

It was said yesterday by members of the Administrative Board that Myers had not been the progress in the survey which they had expected, and that the work was being done so slowly that intended improvements could not be accomplished in the time which had been allowed for them. Effort was made at a recent meeting to have Mr. Myers relieved, but action was postponed until the board could cast about to find a man to fill his place.

## HAD NOT FILED COMPLETE REPORTS

In the meeting yesterday morning the board called Major Hankins into conference, and learned from him that he had completed the surface survey and the survey for sewer construction in Scott's Addition, whereas, it was said, the board lacked complete reports from Mr. Myers as to the work which had been accomplished by him and his corps of ten assistants. Mr. Myers was not present at the meeting, and City Engineer Bolling, under whom Mr. Myers was employed, was also absent. Mr. Bolling said last night that he had not been apprised of the action of the board, and that he had deemed the work of Mr. Myers to be competent and satisfactory.

The board, however, took a different view, and Clerk W. W. Dunford was instructed to notify Mr. Myers in writing that he had been relieved of his duties, and that another had been appointed in his place. It was stated, however, that he may be allowed to continue as an assistant to Major Hankins, if he so desired, until the first of the month.

It was with great reluctance that members of the board admitted yesterday afternoon that they had taken such action against Mr. Myers. They said that the need of surveying the new territory was pressing, and that if the work was not immediately begun, it would be delayed until it was completed.

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## POWELL HAS ANOTHER SERIOUS SETBACK

The next serious setback Powell encountered came the day after Senator Noel withdrew from the case. It was the ruling by the committee which excluded all evidence bearing upon the general reputation of Judge Chichester in Spotsylvania County for making appointments with an eye single to the interests of the biparty "ring" to which he was alleged to belong. The "boss" of the ring, the Powell adherents assert, is Judge Alvin T. Embrey, who, with the equally able and scholarly St. George R. Fitzhugh, is defending Judge Chichester before the probers.

The demeanor of Delegate Powell since the departure of Senator Noel, the lawyer employed by Powell sympathizers in Spotsylvania to assist him in the prosecution, indicates that he is disheartened. Despite the pluckiness he has displayed in proceeding single-handed with the fight as mapped out by Mr. Noel and himself, the depression that has come upon him was so apparent at the last sitting of the committee that it excited comment, and among his adherents caused anxiety. His quick resentment at that session of what he interpreted as an insulting remark made by Mr. Fitzhugh, a veteran lawyer, with whom courtliness of speech and manner is characteristic, leads to the apprehensions expressed by some of Mr. Powell's intimates, who fear that Judge Embrey, always cool, calm and collected himself, and whose faculty for heeling a man in an argument in court has won him many an advantage, will provoke the spirited Powell to indiscretions in the argumentative clashes that must inevitably mark the progress of the proceedings during the coming week.

The committee has been in constructive session since 4 o'clock on Friday.

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## HEARING MAY COME TO SPEEDY FINISH

Neither Chichester nor Powell Supporters Will Be Surprised at Early Termination.

## MUCH TESTIMONY EXCLUDED

Even Men Closest to Accuser Do Not Expect Him to Win Case.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 14.—An early termination of the investigation by the special committee of the House of Delegates of the charges against Judge R. H. L. Chichester, of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, will cause surprise neither to the friends of the accused judge nor the followers and those whose sympathies are with Delegate Samuel P. Powell.

Mr. Powell and his supporters will suffer less disappointment in the event that Judge Chichester is given a clean bill of health by the investigators. But some of the men closest to him believe and admit that Mr. Powell will not present evidence sufficient to satisfy the probers that Judge Chichester is guilty. They do earnestly aver, however, that Delegate Powell will lose none of his following in Spotsylvania County or Fredericksburg should the committee give the judge a clean bill of health.

It is difficult to find any one among the 7,000 inhabitants of this city who expects the hearing to result otherwise than in vindication for Judge Chichester. It is more difficult to find one who is not more or less familiar with the celebrated case. The popular belief is that the evidence will be closed, the arguments for the prosecution and the defense concluded and the case submitted to the investigating committee within ten days, if, indeed, a week does not suffice.

## JUDGE JESSE F. WEST.

Judge West presides over the Circuit Court of Prince George County, in which the new industrial town of Hopewell is located, and his firm stand for law and order is reflected in the present clean-up campaign in that community.

## GRUMP UPHOLDS CLAIM OF LAFAYETTE COMPANY

Hands Down Opinion Declaring Building Line Ordinance to Be Unconstitutional.

ORDERS MANDAMUS ISSUED

Execution of Order Is Suspended Thirty Days to Allow City to File Petition With Supreme Court of Appeals.

Holding the opinion that the ordinance passed on June 12, 1915, establishing a building line on the south side of Grace Street, between Shafer and Harrison, cannot be justified as an exercise of the police power of the State, and that it is in violation of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States, Judge Crump, of the Law and Equity Court, yesterday issued a writ of mandamus against Building Inspector Butler to compel him to issue a building permit to the Lafayette Apartment Corporation.

On notice from the City Attorney that an appeal would be taken, Judge Crump issued another order delaying the execution of the writ of mandamus for thirty days until the appeal can be prepared and heard.

IN HIS SUMMING UP, Judge Crump said he was constrained to believe that the ordinance was passed largely for the protection of the citizens objecting to the erection of the apartment house; that it is an unreasonable restraint upon the full use and control of the real estate of the petitioner, the Lafayette Apartment Corporation; that the establishment of the building line prescribed by the ordinance is not a police regulation, and that it is invalid because it is in conflict with the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution.

If Judge Crump's opinion as to the validity of the ordinance of June 12 be upheld by the Supreme Court of Appeals, it will have the effect of declaring invalid also the general ordinance which empowers the City Council to establish a building line whenever it deems it to be necessary. Judge Crump, in his opinion, calls attention to the fact that in several recent cases the courts have had occasion to pass upon the validity of building line ordinances, and that, with the exception of one, in which the case was not decided upon the merits of the ordinance, none of them was sustained.

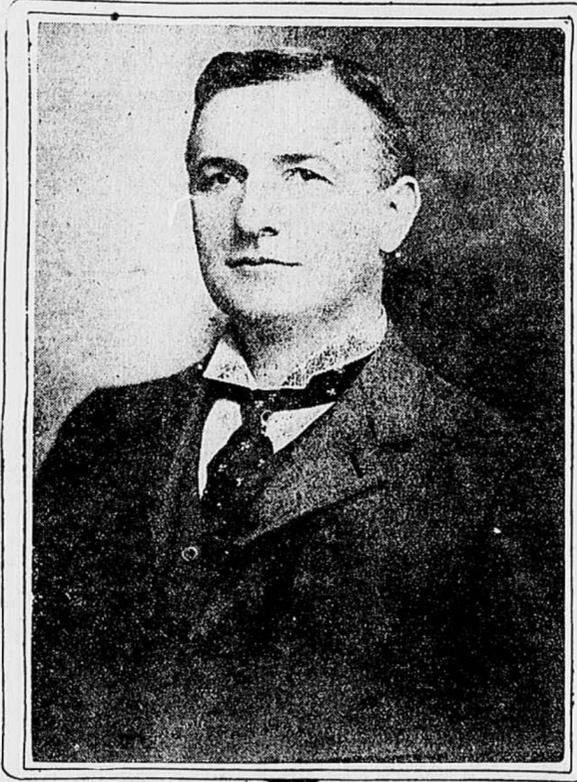
COMPANY REFUSED TO ACCEPT TWENTY-FOOT LINE

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# TEUTONS PREPARE FOR BALKAN DASH

He's Putting "Hope" in Hopewell



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## RELIEF OF TURKEY NEXT ON PROGRAM IN EUROPEAN WAR

Diplomacy Failing, Kaiser Will Force Hand of Little States.

## HIS TROOPS ARE MASSES ON THEIR FRONTIERS

Roumanian Army Partially Mobilized and Ready to Resist Any Invasion.

## BULGARIA MAKES NO MOVE

Greece Still Adamant, but May Be Compelled to Fight in Behalf of Ally.

## Russians Hurrying to Their Second Line

The rush of the Teutonic advance eastward in Poland is rapidly hurrying the Russians to their second line of defense centering upon the fortress of Brest-Litovsk. Austro-German concentration of effort seems to be in the direction of this stronghold, from which their forces are at points now barely forty miles distant.

Opinion in allied capitals seems to be divided as to whether Grand Duke Nicholas will be able to hold this new line. Petrograd military observers express confidence that the Teutons will be checked at the selected positions, while London is wondering whether a further retreatment of the Russians will be necessitated. The latest official reports seem to show the Russian lines are rapidly yielding in the center and to the south, where Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces have penetrated to the Radzya-Vidovna line, while in the north the Russians appear to be making a more determined stand.

In the west, the chief activity is in the Argonne, where the French report the repulse of new German attacks. Berlin claims some ground has been gained.

Reports from the Dardanelles carry the story of the operations little further than that told in recent British official statements which reported a new landing of troops and advances on land. Turkish reports deny any further gains by the entente allies.

LONDON, August 14.—Affairs in the Balkans are approaching a crisis. While diplomatic negotiations are proceeding in an effort to induce states still neutral to cast their lot with one side or the other, the central powers have massed troops on the Balkan frontiers. Their plan, it is supposed, is to force a way through to Turkey, who is believed to be badly in need of shells.

This concentration, which has been followed by an artillery attack on Serbian positions, is equally a menace to Roumania, which again has refused to permit shells to pass through her territory to Turkey.

## ROUMANIAN ARMY PARTIALLY MOBILIZED

The Roumanian army is already partially mobilized, and four divisions of reserves now have been called out. Bulgaria has not made any move whatever, while awaiting the reply of the Serb and Greece concede Macedonia to her in return for her military support. This answer probably will be forthcoming at the meeting of the Greek and Serbian Parliaments next week. The Serbians show an inclination to make some concessions to obtain the support of their former ally. Greece is more firm in her refusal, but it is believed here there may be a change in her policy when former Premier Venizelos returns to power, although he has a strong pro-German party opposed to him, and, according to a telegram from Berlin to-night, King Constantine will offer him the premiership only with the understanding that strict neutrality be maintained. This was the point upon which the King and Mr. Venizelos disagreed when a new Cabinet was appointed and Parliament was dissolved. Inasmuch as Mr. Venizelos was supported by the people at a general election, it was thought the King might fall into line, but the dispatch from Berlin indicates he has not changed his views.

## BOUND BY TREATY TO SUPPORT SERBIA

Should Bulgaria attack Serbia, however, Greece is bound by treaty to support Serbia. With an apparent improvement of the Russian situation on the eastern front, there are renewed expressions of confidence in the allied countries. The Russians claim they are continuing to drive the Germans back from Riga and west of Dvinsk, and still are keeping them away from the fortress of Kovno. Although the Austro-Germans continue their victorious advance in the south and southwest, the absence of official mention of capture of guns or munitions indicates that the towns and positions they oc-

cupied are being held.

BRIDE OF FRIDAY HELD FOR SELLING LIQUOR

Pauline Bickendorf, who runs the German cabaret in Hopewell, and who became the bride of the manager of her resort, G. A. Terry, was the one woman whose name appeared in the list of those indicted for selling liquor. She and Terry motored to Prince George, and court proceedings were delayed while the license was being issued by County Clerk Temple.

Judge West instructed Sheriff Boleseanu not to give any of the accused persons a chance to escape, and to place those arrested in the Du Pont jail unless they were willing to go before Hall Commissioner Temple at Prince George Court house to give bond for their appearance in court on Tuesday. Until the officers have had an opportunity to make the arrests, Judge West directed that a complete list of those indicted should not be made public.

## HENDERSON AGENT FOR WHOLESALE LIQUOR FIRM

In addition to Pauline Bickendorf, the list includes the name of former Chief Henderson and Tony Bessis, who have been indicted in connection with the bribery investigation and are now out on \$5,000 bail each.

The grand jury has by no means completed its probe into the liquor selling at Hopewell. It is said that there are at least 100 cases, involving violations of the liquor laws, yet to be considered.

Henderson at one time acted as the agent at Hopewell for a wholesale liquor house in Richmond, which also distributed beer, and is said to have received large shipments of ardent spirits in his own name. He operated a poolroom, where refreshments were

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