

OFFICIAL PERSECUTION OF CHURCH ABANDONED

Catholic Priests Unite in Saying Conditions in Mexico Are Much Better.

RUMORS ARE EXAGGERATED

Do Not Propose to Be Made Accomplices of Politicians Who Are Enemies of Revolution—Evidence Presented to Commission.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., October 31.—To the evidence that the Mexican commissioners are placing before the International Joint Commission to uphold their assertions that the Carranza government is growing in strength was added today a long embargo they said had been signed by ten Roman Catholic priests resident in Mexico City, who asserted that official persecution of the church no longer is practiced.

The last session of the commission before the national election will be held on Thursday or Friday. The Mexican members have planned to hear President Wilson and Charles E. Hughes speak in New York, and most of the attacks of the American commission will go to their homes to vote.

The message of the priests which the Mexicans placed before the American commissioners follows, in part: FALSEHOODS ATTRIBUTED TO ENEMIES OF REVOLUTION

By the press of the United States and through other channels we have been informed that the enemies of the Mexican revolution who are fighting against it at various points of the republic have been publishing broadcast the most exaggerated versions regarding outrages alleged to have been committed by the government.

During 1914 we had to deplore quite a number of untoward incidents, but then the main situation was truly critical, and it is notorious that such deeds of violence were committed by undisciplined troops opposed to the revolution, headed by Mr. Carranza, the deplorables being Villistas and Zapatistas.

At present it would not be possible to point out actual facts to warrant the assertion so frequently bandied about. On the contrary, we are in a position to state that the civil as well as the military authorities of the federation, or of the states, have respected the clergy and the church personally and as regards the institution.

It is true that recently the government has closed two churches in this city, due to pressing public needs, but this has been done without any violence whatsoever and pursuant to all the formalities provided in previous laws and after seeking churches situated in small districts wherein there are others opened to the cult.

All of which leads us to confidently hope that within a short period, when the constitutional reorganization of the country will have taken place, we shall all enjoy the blessings of peace and the respect and guarantee of all rights.

After Mr. Cabrera had formally repudiated the statement, issued by George Edmunds, of the Mexican News Bureau, in Washington, and credited to Mr. Cabrera, the joint commission here issued a statement containing the following by Mr. Cabrera:

Mr. Edmunds came to me and talked of the Mexican Review, on the staff of which he is employed. He spoke to me of the method of promoting its circulation and increasing its influence. As he was leaving the room and with his hand on the knob, he asked me how we were getting on with the work of the commission. I told him that we had talked that day of the conspirators on this side of the border who were assisting the enemies of the de facto government, and that we had taken up the possibility of deporting such conspirators under the provisions of the immigration laws of the United States. That was all of our conversation. He then asked me if I wished him to tell the newspaper men of this, and I told him that it was not necessary, as it had been given to them in the official press statement issued by the commission.

It wish to make a complete and full denial of this interview. Not only was it unauthorized, but I never said what was ascribed to me there. Any one who knows me knows that I do not speak that way. I have always been careful to give nothing to the press except with the knowledge and consent

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How to Mark Your Ballot

(Prepared by J. N. Brennan, Secretary of the State Democratic Committee.)

Scratch all candidates for President and Vice-President except Woodrow Wilson and Thomas R. Marshall.

Do not scratch any of the electors. If you scratch the President and Vice-President of any political party the electors will be counted as they would be counted if the names of the electors had been scratched.

Do not scratch Claude A. Swanson, candidate for United States Senate.

Scratch all other candidates for Congress, but do not scratch the name of Andrew Jackson Montague.

Scratch all other candidates for Administrative Board, but do not scratch the name of Graham H. Tolson.

No name is considered scratched unless the pen or pencil mark extends through three-fourths of the name.

of my American as well as my Mexican colleagues.

MAVOCOTE AND COMMAND CAPTURED BY VILLA

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, TEX., October 31.—Gov. Bennett agents here received an authenticated report from Chihuahua City tonight that a train carrying Fortuna Mayocote, the Carranza commander, and his command had been captured by Villa bandits in Bachina Bay Pass, south of Chihuahua City, while General Mayocote was trying to intercept Villa in the vicinity of Santa Rosalia.

The Villa troops, it is said, used artillery captured from General Ozuna. Several bridges have been destroyed between Horcasitas and Santa Rosalia, and on this account train service south of the State capital has been suspended for two weeks, a letter received here states.

This letter, written by an American, says conditions in Chihuahua City are unsettled, and a large number of the Carranza soldiers are deserting. The ammunition supply is also reported to be small.

The Villa movement is said to be in the general direction of Torreon.

NO WARNING GIVEN WHEN SHIP IS SUNK

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Secretary Lansing stated that he was not in possession of sufficient facts on which to base a judgment of the case. While preliminary reports have indicated that the Marina was sunk without warning, additional information on that point is desired.

When President Wilson left here tonight he gave directions that he be kept in touch with the situation during his trip to Buffalo and New York City.

SIX AMERICANS REPORTED KILLED

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, October 31.—Six Americans were killed in the sinking of the British steamer Marina, according to a telegram received by American Consul Frost, says the Press Association. The telegram declared that fifty-one Americans had been saved.

The Americans reported killed, the Press Association says, were two men named Brown, two named Thomas and one named Middleton and one named Robertson. Men named Miller and Davis, it is added, were injured.

Consul Frost has arranged to take the depositions of twenty-eight American survivors who have proceeded to Dublin. Thirty-four additional survivors, including fifteen Americans, are expected to arrive at Cork tonight.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Skibbereen, where some of the survivors of the Marina have arrived, says that the steamer was attacked by two submarines.

BURGOMASTER IS REPRIEVED

One of Eight Persons Sentenced to Death by German Military Tribunal.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, October 31.—It was announced today at the Vatican that official information had been received that Germany had reprieved the Burgomaster of Namur, two priests and five women, one a prospective mother, who had been sentenced to death by a German military tribunal. The eight persons were found guilty of espionage.

The action of the German government was taken in response to representations by Pope Benedict XV, the United States and Spain.

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FRIENDS OF PROHIBITION SING THE DOXOLOGY

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make it real after years of long, hard, grave effort."

In answer to the reference to the numbers of saloon employees who would be thrown out of work, Mrs. Johnson stated that the Women's Prohibition League of America two months ago had undertaken to provide positions for all such men. Many men, said Mrs. Johnson, had applied for work to begin after November 1, but the business men of Richmond had not co-operated with the league in offering positions. Rev. J. J. Wilker, D. D., speaking later in the evening, mentioned the fact that the vice-president of the Richmond Cedar Works had told him of the need of 600 men in that plant.

JUDGE RICHARDSON ASKS AID IN ENFORCING LAW

Judge D. C. Richardson, of the Hastings Court, spoke, he said, as both citizen and official. As a citizen he congratulated the audience of prohibitionists on the completion of what he termed the most important legislation ever carried through in the Old Dominion. As an official he appealed for the co-operation of the people of the city in enforcing the law.

"Contrary to the general opinion that a judge should not have any personal views on any question, I have strong likes and dislikes," said Judge Richardson. "I know and state my views on public questions. I was not raised any other way, and I never shall change my practice in that line. For more than forty years I have been connected with the administration of criminal law in this city. I have seen the sin, misery and degradation caused by alcohol, and I long ago determined to strike a blow for prohibition when I had the opportunity."

DECREASE IN CRIME FOLLOWS PROHIBITION

Commenting on his recent trip through the West where he passed through a number of prohibition States, Judge Richardson declared emphatically that the reform was a success wherever he had been. In Portland a judge holding a position similar to that of Judge Richardson told him that cases in his court had decreased 50 per cent since the State had gone dry. "Prohibition and peace go together," said the speaker, referring to the well-kept appearance of dry towns. "And peace, prosperity and happiness come along in the same procession."

"I can do little as an official in enforcing the law unless you help me," he continued the speaker. "You citizens make up the jury. And unless public sentiment is back of the jury, it is impossible to enforce the law. After selecting the best men in the community to serve on a jury, I have seen them flock to my office with all sorts of excuses. People must realize that it is their duty to act on juries."

MUST WARD OFF ATTACKS OF LIQUOR INTERESTS

Rev. J. J. Wilker, D. D., pastor of the Leigh Street Baptist Church, at the beginning of a characteristic address, said that he faced the largest audience he had ever seen at a general assembly. Young Men's Christian Association, warned the speaker. The liquor forces were able to change their attack from that of a battleship to that of a submarine, he said, and it behooved the Commissioner of Prohibition to spread nets wide and deep to ward off attack.

Dr. J. S. Horsley, representing the physicians of the city, gave a scientific statement of the case against alcohol.

Rev. H. D. C. MacLachlan, D. D., pastor of the Seventh Street Christian Church, delivered an address full of warning and of earnest determination. The meeting to celebrate the end of the liquor traffic in the State, he urged, should be not so much a time of self-congratulation as of self-examination as to what the forces of prohibition were strong and brave.

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Submarine U-53 Is Safe at Home

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN (via London), November 1.—The German submarine U-53 has returned safely to a German port, according to the official announcement.

The German submarine U-53, in command of Lieutenant Captain Hans Rose, arrived at Newport, R. I., from Wilhelmshaven on October 7 and departed after a stay of three hours. In the course of the next day the U-53 sank five ships off the American coast.

Various reports have been current regarding the submarine, and it was uncertain whether the craft was returning to Germany or had remained on this side of the Atlantic. There were various rumors also that she had been sunk. A search by American warships for a German secret base along the northeast coast for supplying submarines proved fruitless, according to naval officers.

enough to continue the fight successfully. "The courts are on our side," said Dr. MacLachlan.

"Judge Richardson has just told us the position of the Hastings Court. I am here to say on behalf of my good friend Justice Crutehfield that all the laws of the Commonwealth will be enforced in the Police Court, Chief Werner, of the Police Department, has also assured me that he will enforce the prohibition law to the limit of his power. Let us see that he isn't hampered."

POLLARD AND PETERS SPEAK BRIEFLY

On account of the lateness of the hour, Attorney General Pollard limited his remarks to a clear pledge of his determination to aid Commissioner Peters in every way, both as citizen and as official.

Prohibition Commissioner J. Sidney Peters spoke primarily to the veterans of the temperance campaign who were scattered through the audience. "After passing through the period when temperance reformers were classed with cranks, after conquering enmity and antagonism unspoken, and after holding true throughout the fight to the high doctrine that the strong should protect the weak, you have been vindicated by the vote of the State. I congratulate you."

Rev. W. Ashbury, Christian, D. D., pastor of the Union Station Methodist Church; H. P. Taylor, Jr., representing the business men of the city, and S. L. Thomas, secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, concluded the program with brief addresses.

Letters and telegrams were read from Governor Stuart, Rev. James Cannon, Jr., Senator G. Walter Mapp, and from a body of prohibitionists celebrating in Blackstone.

Governor Stuart's letter, addressed to Mrs. Johnson, was as follows: "I thank you most sincerely for your

very cordial invitation to unite with the Women's Prohibition League of America in welcoming a dry Virginia in Grace Street Baptist Church on October 21. I should certainly be with you and would enjoy the opportunity of saying a few words on an occasion so impressive and so beautiful, but unfortunately I am booked for a number of speeches in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut during the week beginning October 29, so that I will be out of the State the entire week.

"Wishing you a most pleasant and delightful occasion and tendering you my most cordial congratulations on the culmination of a work in which you have labored so long and well, I am very sincerely yours,

"H. C. STUART, Governor."

The choir of Grace Street Baptist Church rendered special music between several of the addresses. A collection was taken for the benefit of the Women's Prohibition League of America.

New Loan for Russia.

LONDON, October 31.—A Russian imperial ukase authorizes the issue of a short term loan of 3,000,000,000 rubles, says a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd. The loan will be at the rate of 5-1/2 per cent, repayable in ten years.

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