

**WEATHER.**  
Partly cloudy, probably showers late tonight or tomorrow; moderate temperature; light to moderate variable wind.  
Temperature for the past twenty-four hours: Highest 72 at 3 p. m. yesterday; lowest 59, at 4 a. m. today.  
For full report see page 4.

## MEXICAN PROBLEM NOT TAKEN UP AGAIN

Secretary Lansing and Pan-American Envoys Meet in New York.

## CARRANZA TO BE ASKED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE

Warning to Americans to Quit Northern Mexico Doesn't Foreshadow Recognition.

NEW YORK, September 18.—Secretary Lansing and the pan-American diplomats resumed their efforts to solve the Mexican problem today at a conference here in the Hotel Biltmore. The Secretary of State came here from Washington last night on his way to spend a vacation in northern New York, and the representatives of the South and Central American republics gathered from Washington and their summer quarters.

The diplomats had before them the latest official information relating to the relative military supremacy of the contending factions in Mexico. Their accepted policy was that eventually the party which can demonstrate its superior strength and its ability to enforce a stable government shall receive support and recognition. There was no thought that this question could be settled at today's meeting. The conflicting claims of the opposing movements in Mexico must be exhaustively considered.

## Invitation to Carranza.

One point apparently already agreed upon was that Gen. Carranza would be asked to send a representative to meet the conference. Similar invitations will be extended to the other leaders. The shifting military situation in Mexico and the claims of the warring chieftains offer a difficult barrier to any decision regarding the recognition of Carranza. The diplomats here to confer with Carranza are the ambassador of Argentina, Brazil and Chile, the E. C. powers, who figured in the conference at Niagara Falls, and the ministers of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala.

## Mexicans, Seeking a Fight, Bring on a Border Clash; Two Engagements Bloodless

Reports to the War Department today concerning the firing across the Mexican border yesterday, told of in news dispatches, declared that there were two engagements, and that although no one was killed, "it was evident that the attack was made by Carranza soldiers, and that their commander endeavored to make it appear that our soldiers fired first." The report was signed by Col. Blockson, the United States Army officer in charge where the shooting took place.

The interest in the Mexican situation today shifted to New York, where the pan-American diplomats are conferring on the possibility of peace. Secretary Lansing of the State Department left for New York last night to attend the meetings.

The most important report received in Washington was that from Col. Blockson. Yesterday morning the report stated that Carranza had employed the Diega ranch near the Brownsville pumping station had been fired on by Carranza soldiers. Glass to the scene with twenty men. Just as he arrived a shot was fired.

## Lieutenant Appears Alone.

The lieutenant left his detachment under cover and appeared on the bank alone with his hat in his hand. He saw a man on the opposite bank fishing and called to him. The fisherman, the report says, went back to the levee and picked up his rifle, ready to fight. Four others, all of whom opened fire on Glass, no shots having yet been fired by the American troops. Glass immediately got under cover and ordered his men to open fire. The Mexicans were immediately reinforced by another squad. About noon the report said that American Consul Johnston informed Col. Blockson that American soldiers were being shot at by Carranza soldiers. Glass, who was not returning the fire, and asked Col. Blockson to stop the shooting.

## Villa Expresses Surprise.

Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the army, has received through a New York agent of Gen. Villa a personal telegram from the Mexican general expressing surprise at the report, warning that Carranza was planning to leave northern Mexico. Gen. Scott is well acquainted with Gen. Villa, and the two have conferred on Mexican affairs several times. Coincidentally the warning came at the time of an announcement saying that the warning to United States citizens to leave northern Mexico should not be construed as indicating an intention on the part of the United States to favor any particular side in the Carranza-Villa dispute. Gen. Villa's telegram, received by Gen. Scott, is as follows:

"I thank you for your communication and beg you to manifest respectably to the government of the United States that it caused us great surprise that the government has given such instructions to American residents in the zone of danger. We have always given every kind of guarantee and protection to foreigners and we will continue to do so. We have always given every kind of guarantee and protection to foreigners and we will continue to do so. We have always given every kind of guarantee and protection to foreigners and we will continue to do so."

## PAY FOR MUNITIONS OBSTACLE TO LOAN

Majority of American Bankers Apparently Oppose Commission's Program.

## OTHER UNSETTLED POINTS NOT A BAR TO AGREEMENT

Interest Rate Probably Will Be 5 Per Cent, With No Underwriting Profits.

NEW YORK, September 18.—The two parties to the negotiations looking to the creation of a mammoth credit loan here to Great Britain and France met in secret again today in an effort to adjust their differences over this question: "Shall the big credit—billion dollar or otherwise—provide funds for the payment of munitions of war as well as wheat, cotton and other commodities, or shall a separate and distinct method be adopted in settling the bill for rifles, shrapnel, war automobiles, aeroplanes and other items coming under the meaning of the word munitions."

## American Bankers Divided.

The American bankers, or what appears to be a majority of them, apparently do not. In their camps, however, there is marked division of opinion, while the commission is reported to be unanimous.

## Points of Disagreement.

On the other hand there is an apparent disagreement on these features of the proposed credit: The question of including munitions of war; the matter of Russia's participation, and the interest rate. The last named, it is said, however, is practically settled, as the commission has taken the positive stand that Great Britain and France will not pay more than a straight 5 per cent interest rate, bankers and investors to obtain the bonds on the same terms. If this be the case, however, no underwriting syndicate, no big fees for placing the loan, and the subscription books will be opened to all comers.

## Prepared to Ship Gold.

It is a matter of general knowledge that the two nations are prepared to (Continued on Second Page.)

## WELL WORTH READING TOMORROW

"AUSTRIAN CHILDREN PUT THEIR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL," the story of what tiny patriots are doing to help their country.

"AN AMERICAN BANK IN SOUTH AMERICA," another of the "trade relations" articles, by ROBERT F. WILSON.

"WHERE IS ALL THE MONEY COMING FROM?" asks BURTON J. HENDRICK, referring to the vast expenditures for the war in Europe.

"WHAT THE WASHINGTON SUMMER CAMPS HAVE DONE FOR CHILDREN THIS SEASON," by OCTAVIUS ROY COHEN.

"THE BROWN EYES OF THE LAW," an entertaining story, by HOLWORTHY HALL.

"NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF CENTRAL UNION MISSION BEHIND IN SOUP, SOAP AND SALVATION," by CHARLES M. PEPPER tells how CANADA is one of England's chief reserve resources.

"THE POOL MAKER," an amusing story, by OCTAVIUS ROY COHEN.

"A WOMAN WHO MAKES \$300,000 WORTH OF FLIES EACH YEAR," by CHARLES M. PEPPER tells how CANADA is one of England's chief reserve resources.

"SAFEGUARDING FAMILIES FROM POVERTY BY KNOWING HOW TO MAKE A WILL," by ASHLEN BROWN interviews the "FATHER OF THE SUBMARINE IN AMERICAN NAVAL FORCES."

"THE FIRST WOMAN PLUMBER" and "SHALL I INVEST IN OIL STOCKS?"

"U. S. REPRESENTATIVES ABOARD WORK TO BRING WORLD TRADE TO AMERICA."

## NEW PRESS NOW FEAR POTOMAC DAM

Secretary Garrison Thinks Project Good, But Believes It Should Wait.

## WATER SUPPLY ADEQUATE FOR COMING FIVE YEARS

Federal Government Not Greatly Interested in Early Development of Power.

Secretary Garrison is fully impressed with the great advantages of the falls of the Potomac for supplying power for federal and municipal purposes in the District of Columbia, but he does not feel justified at this time in asking Congress to appropriate for the proposed power plant just above Chain bridge, estimated to cost altogether \$1,271,000.

## Letter to Mr. Newman.

The result of these deliberations is embodied in a letter just sent by Secretary Garrison to District Commissioner Newman, in which the Secretary refers to the conference of August 4, 1915, with yourself and the gentlemen representing the Chamber of Commerce of the city of Washington, relating to the Great Falls power project. I beg to inform you as follows:

## French Destroy Turkish Position.

Enemy Mine Gallery Blown Up Without Loss—Moslems Claim Gains.

LONDON, September 18.—The destruction of a Turkish position on the Gallipoli peninsula by the French forces was announced today by the French war office. The announcement follows:

"In the Dardanelles from September 12 to September 17 there was no movement of importance. The Turks attacked several positions of our front by means of mines, which had not been employed by them up to this time. The morning of the 17th an enemy mine gallery was destroyed, after it had been advanced for several days, by our counter mines. The operation was perfectly successful without costing us a single loss."

## Full Power for Economy.

"The economics of the development have been questioned in some quarters. The estimate cited above contemplated the generation of only power sufficient to meet the needs of the federal and District government."

## Wise Policy for Future.

"From the information at hand, I am nevertheless of the opinion that the undertaking will certainly eventually be wise public policy and that the power proposition will become more attractive as the cost of the project is reduced."

## MEETS DEATH IN RESERVOIR.

H. S. Vance Drowns, Witnesses Being Powerless to Rescue Him.

KOKOMO, Ind., September 18.—Making repeated frantic efforts to get a grasp on a smooth concrete wall of a reservoir belonging to the Indiana Railways and Light Company, H. S. Vance went to his death yesterday in thirty feet of water. Vance while fishing in the reservoir fell into the water and although a number of persons saw him make desperate efforts to save himself they were powerless to lend aid and the hopeless struggle was soon ended when Vance disappeared from view.

## Memorial to Antietam Unveiled.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., September 18.—A granite monument, erected by the state of New York in memory of the members of the 14th New York Regiment of Brooklyn who fell at the battle of Antietam, was unveiled and dedicated yesterday, the fifty-third anniversary of the battle, on Antietam battlefield at Sharpsburg. The monument stands on Cornfield avenue.



PREPARING AGAINST PREPAREDNESS.

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## GERMAN GOVERNMENT PLANNING ANNEXATION

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GENEVA, September 18.—The London-Gazette says it has learned that the German government has decided to issue a declaration annexing to the German empire the occupied territories in France and Belgium.

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## Crowned Heads of Europe as Army Commanders

Recently the Czar of Russia took command of all his fighting forces. Is he a soldier? Are the other crowned heads fighting men or mere puppets? Read the article tomorrow in THE SUNDAY STAR

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## SERBIANS BEAT BACK ATTEMPTED INVASION

New Austrian Movement Increases in Scope, But Efforts Prove Utile.

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## PROGRAM FINISHED FOR STONE LAYING

Construction of Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington to Begin October 1.

## TROWEL TO BE WIELDED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Four Important Speeches to Be Made at Ceremony to Be Feature of G. A. R. Celebration.

Program for the laying of the corner stone of the Memorial Amphitheater in Arlington at 2:30 o'clock, October 1, which is to be, next to the Grand Army parade, the biggest event of the G. A. R. celebration here has been completed, and now is in the hands of Secretary Garrison, who has proposed to have four important speeches at the laying of the corner stone. President Wilson already has accepted the invitation of the Arlington memorial commission to lay the stone, but will not speak.

## Guests of Honor Invited.

Col. John McElroy, acting commander of the Department of the Potomac who is making arrangements for the dedication of Camp Matthew G. Emery the morning of Monday, September 27, at 9 o'clock, in commemoration of the services of the first commander of Washington volunteers, who marched to the defense of the city of Washington, is threatened by Gen. Early, has invited William V. Cox, his wife, and all other descendants of Matthew G. Emery to be guests of honor at the dedication exercises.

## Departments to Be Decorated.

All government departments are to be decorated during the week of the encampment and fully lighted each night at the request of Isaac Gans, chairman of the decorations committee.

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## HUGE BLOW AT FOE IN NEW CAMPAIGN, HELPS GERMAN PLAN

Objective Yet Doubtful, But It Possibly May Be Italy or Serbia.

## TURKEY EXPECTS AID OF BIG TEUTON ARMY

Kaiser May Be Preparing to Smash His Way Through the Balkans.

## VILNA VIRTUALLY INVESTED

Enemy Troops Now on Three Sides of City—Russians Continue Success on Southern Battle Line.

## LONDON, September 18.—

Reports that the Austrians and Germans have decided to initiate a new offensive campaign are multiplying, but there is little concrete evidence concerning the direction which it may be expected to take. Cabling from Rotterdam, several correspondents assert they have reasons to believe the central powers have not only decided to strike a heavy blow, but have already put under way the preliminary military movements. The objective of the new campaign is generally believed to be either Italy or Serbia.

## A message from Constantinople, as given out in Berlin today by the Overseas News Agency, quotes Enver Pasha, Turkish minister of war, as saying that a great German army was to go to Turkey.

There is a possibility that the Germans and Austrians are planning to smash their way through the Balkans.

## The city of Vilna is now virtually invested on three sides. The troops of Field Marshal von Mackensen have reached a point near Vileika, thirty-seven miles southeast of the city. The fall of Vilna would place in possession of the Germans a considerable section of the railroad to Petrograd, a portion of which, between Dvinsk and Vilna, they already hold.

On the southern end of the battle line the Russians continue to gain successes, their latest achievement being the capture of 1,300 men along the Stripa. Little activity is reported from the center of the line, where a readjustment is expected following Field Marshal von Mackensen's capture of Pinsk.

## Fate of Vilna in Balance.

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says: "The fate of Vilna hangs in the balance. The latest letters received from there state that cannonading is heard without interruption day and night. Bomb-dropping aeroplanes are constantly in the air. Three of them have been brought down recently."

"The evacuation of government institutions has been completed and factories are being removed. Thousands of workmen have already left. The supply of sugar has been exhausted and the price of various commodities has doubled. Newspapers have suspended publication."

"The Russian war office advises that Vilna can be held as long as may be required by the strategic situation, but the Russian staff, however, to defend Vilna at all costs, but 'only as long as there is an army there does not inspire alarm.'"

"The Russian forces at that point do not appear to be in a position of danger, notwithstanding the fact that the German operations flanking Vilna have been carried forward to Glinbolok, which extends to within a few miles of the Molodechno-Polotsk line."

"The invaders are spreading out on both sides of this road and are attempting to cut the Molodechno-Polotsk line at several places. However, they do not threaten the Russian rear, as the railroad running south-east from Vilna is strongly covered by Russian forces. Moreover, there remains the road extending south from Vilna, through Lida to Barysaw."

"It is pointed out at the war office that the favorable aspect of Vilna to the Russians is in the fact that they continue to maintain their positions to the westward, in the direction of Oran."

"A Constantinople telegram states that at a review of troops held in honor of the 120th anniversary of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces at the Dardanelles, Enver Pasha said the presence of the duke was the forerunner to the arrival of a great German army."

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