

ple mentally and physically ever to hold world supremacy or must we degenerate into a second-rate nationality because we allow the 20 national perils to overtake and rob us of our strength?"

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WESTERN ELECTRIC CO. HIT BY SUITS IN EASTLAND CASE

More than 100 suits aggregating \$500,000 have been filed against Western Electric Co. by relatives of Eastland disaster victims. Have been brought under workmen's compensation act which provides for payment of damages equaling four years' salary at time of accident.

Company will contest claim on ground that employes were not doing work for company when they went on Eastland excursion. Claimants will answer this by saying that company forced its employes to take trip. **DIVER MIXES HIS STORIES IN EASTLAND PROBE**

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 25.—Conflicting story of two pilings which defendants to federal charges of negligence in connection with Eastland disaster claim caused the tragedy was told yesterday by William Deneau, known commonly as "Frenchy," a diver.

Deneau, who has been employed at different times by the city of Chicago, by Martin Flatow, representing the owners of the Eastland, and by the U. S. government, told of finding the piling and layers of rock in the river bottom. He admitted that during employment as a diver by city he found neither pilings nor rocks.

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CARRANZA PLANS ELECTION—MEXICO CITY TO BE CAPITAL

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 25.—While Francisco Villa was organizing flying regiment of cavalry today as nucleus of new revolution Gen. Carranza at Queretora was endeavoring to set up effective defacto government. Task of bringing Mexico out of anarchy, poverty and disease, which prevails in many sections, ac-

ording to refugees, has heretofore been eclipsed by necessity of suppressing malcontents and bandits. Carranza is now planning for election of congress and afterward a president. Capital will be re-established in Mexico City after one or both elections are held.

Most drastic step to allay misery of Mexican people was reported from Chihuahua City, where Carranzista governor, in order to avoid extortionate prices, has taken direct charge of sales of food stuffs.

Villa and Army at Hearst Ranch?

With report that Villa was raising a new army at Hearst ranch in Chihuahua, nothing was heard from Carranza troops sent to bring in bandit chief dead or alive.

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STAGE GREATEST AIR RAID EVER IN BALKANS

London.—2 German aeroplanes bombarded French seaport town of Dunkirk at 6 o'clock this morning, the admiralty announced. Two hours later a German aviator was shot down by British airmen at Nieuport, several miles from Dunkirk on seacoast.

Berlin.—Turkish troops east of Kut-El-Amara reinforced by arrival of artillery and infantry from Bagdad have repulsed every attempt of British to advance to relief of Gen. Townsend's besieged garrison.

Salonika.—More than 100 bombs dropped by 45 French aviators who raided Monastir and other Southern Serbia cities with important results Monday. Greatest air raid ever executed in Balkans.

London.—France has urged England to declare immediate blockade without waiting for further protests from neutrals.

Blockade advocates today claimed large majority in commons in support of that policy.

London.—Paris and London papers today printed reports that Emperor Franz Josef is seriously ill. No Austrian verification.