

CARRANZA AGREES TO ASSIST U.S.

General Scott Reports Results of Border Conferences to Secretary Baker—Oregon to Police Parral and Big Bend.

American Force to Stay Until Carranzistas Show Themselves Able to Cope With Bandits—Situation Less Critical, is Belief.

Washington, May 16—The result of the conference at El Paso, reported today by Major General Scott to Secretary Baker has been to convince the Carranza government that the United States has no other purpose in its operations in northern Mexico than to stamp out brigandage and as a consequence there exists substantially an unwritten understanding that the Carranza forces shall demonstrate their ability to handle the situation as the necessary first step toward withdrawal of the American punitive expedition.

General Scott believes General Obregon is acting in good faith and that the border situation is less critical today so far as the American government is concerned.

General Obregon has agreed to occupy and police the Parral district, securing the mountainous regions to the west of that town in search of the remnants of Villa's followers. He also agreed to establish a strong patrol line along the Mexican side of the Big Bend country.

For that purpose General Obregon has ordered into those regions 10,000 troops under General Trevino. Another element was cleared up by General Obregon's agreement not to bring the large force of Carranza troops in Sonora through Pulpis Pass in General Pershing's rear.

On their side, General Scott and General Funston have agreed that the border precautions would be taken by American commanders not to disperse their forces so as to embarrass the operations of the Mexican troops. As to Villa himself, neither American nor Mexican officials seem to have any knowledge of his present whereabouts.

General Obregon believes his dead. General Scott reported the statement of the Mexican war minister in that connection was merely an expression of opinion.

The first obstacle encountered by the American expedition at El Paso was the necessity of convincing General Obregon that the expedition after Villa was not an intervention step. Mexican officials pointed out to General Scott that it was not customary for forces in pursuit of one man to go with field guns and mounted artillery. The American officers finally succeeded in persuading the war minister, however, that the United States government had no intention other than its announced purpose. The understanding as to what steps would be taken by both military commanders followed.

A new plan for patrolling of the border has been recommended by General Funston. He proposed a corps of 500 motorcycle troops. Secretary Baker said today he would probably approve the plan. General Funston will make El Paso the base of operations for the motorcycle scouts.

General Pershing reported that Julio Acosta, one of Villa's aides, was killed during the engagement at Ojo Azules, May 5.

The gunboat Marietta returned yesterday to Tampico from Tuxpan. Conditions there were reported quiet.

Bandit Groups Routed
Columbus, N. M., May 15—Efforts of the American expedition to scatter the bands of Villa followers in the district occupied by General Pershing's command are rapidly nearing a culmination, according to belief expressed here today. The larger bands have been broken up and driven south, but a few fugitives remain in the territory just north of the field base at Namiquipa. This was corroborated by the attack by them on 12 troopers on a foraging expedition recently. Unofficial reports here indicated that flying columns of cavalry are now riding hard in an attempt to exterminate the larger bands.

Arraign Men Accused of Stealing Samples
Charged with stealing a sample case filled with women's neckwear which had been left in the lobby of a local department store by a salesman representing Oppenheim & Baruch of Fifth avenue, New York, Charles Gordon and Louis Cauber of this city were arraigned before Judge Curtis and a jury in the criminal superior court this morning.

The salesman, Edmund Silverstein, said he arrived in this city Feb. 23 last. He left the case in the store lobby while he went inside. When he returned the case was gone. With the aid of Detective Bray the case was located in a Middle street resort and the accused were arrested when they called for the property. They deny the guilt. The trial was resumed this afternoon.

FREIGHT CLERKS ON "NEW HAVEN" ROAD TO STRIKE

Grand President Forrester Issues Orders to Brotherhood, To Be Effective at 2 p. m. Tomorrow—One Hundred and Fifty Employees of Railroad in Yards Here Will Go Out in Accordance With Order, Says Chairman Bundock of Bridgeport Local.

New Haven, May 16—An order for a strike to be effective at 2 p. m. tomorrow, was issued this afternoon by J. J. Forrester, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway Freight Clerks, to the members of the organization employed on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad.

The order calls upon both men and women employed in a clerical capacity in the freight department of the system to leave their work at the time appointed and not to return until the company acceded to the request for increased wages and changes in the working schedule.

It is said that the clerks' organization has about 2,100 members.

The strike order was issued following a failure of Grand President Forrester and General Manager C. L. Bardo to come to an agreement.

WIL LOBEY OFFICIAL STRIKE ORDER HERE
G. A. BUNDOCK ASSERTS.

George A. Bundock, chairman of

ANTICIPATING VIGOROUS PROTEST OF U. S., ENGLAND MAY INSIST ON CLAIMED RIGHT TO EXAMINE MAIL

Washington, May 16—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, told Secretary Lansing today that his government was striving to eliminate the delays and interferences to mails to which the United States is again about to make protest, but that Great Britain could not relinquish its claim to the right to prevent the use of the mails for transmission of goods or information by its enemies.

BELIEVE HE WAS RAILROAD COP DEAD IN HOTEL FOR MANY DAYS IS PINCHED FOR BREAKING PEACE

Unusual Circumstances Attending John Lennon's Death Come to Light.

Startling details of the death of John Lennon, a well known salesman for the Warner Bros. Co., living at 231 Elm street, became known here today.

The body of Mr. Lennon was found in his room at the Hotel Onandaga, Syracuse, N. Y., late Friday night. It is believed that he had been dead in his room since Monday.

Disorganized conditions of the hotel staff are held responsible for the unusual circumstances. There had been a strike of chambermaids, and it is reported that there was a shortage of help which accounted for the fact that the room occupied by the salesman was not made up.

Mr. Lennon was expected in Bridgeport on Wednesday. When he did not arrive home, relatives here telephoned and telegraphed to the hotel, and received the information that he was registered, but not in the hotel.

An autopsy, conducted by the Syracuse authorities, disclosed as the cause of death, acute dilation of the heart. Mr. Lennon was widely known in commercial circles, and was prominent in the Elks.

The funeral was held from his late home, at 8:30 this morning and a half hour later from St. Augustus's church where the solemn requiem mass was sung by Rev. Robert J. Bowen, assisted by Rev. James B. Nihil as deacon and Rev. Edward Hayes, formerly of St. Joseph's cathedral, Hartford, as sub-deacon. The church quartet composed of Miss Aurelia Berger, Mrs. F. J. Kelly, J. J. Kenedy and Prof. A. J. Brisebois sang Schmidt's mass. At the offertory, "Domine Jesu" was sung and after the mass, "Come Unto Me." As the body was being borne from the church, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was rendered on the organ hymns. The church was filled with friends of Mr. Lennon. Three coaches of the cortege were occupied with the beautiful floral tributes. Four of the bearers were salaried men chosen from the New York office of Warner Bros. and four from the local office. The bearers: William Struss, Harry Tish, Frank Mills, Eugene Kiley, Irving Peters, L. C. Nease, Thomas Varin, and John A. Leonard. Burial was in St. Michael's cemetery where Father Hayes read the committal service.

GAME IN LAWRENCE OFF.
Lawrence, May 16—Bridgeport-Lawrence game postponed today on account of rain.

FALSE ALARM.
A false alarm of fire was rung in at box No. 4 this afternoon. The apparatus was called at Crescent and Nobel avenues.

THE WEATHER.
Fair and warmer tonight, Wednesday partly cloudy; moderate east winds becoming variable.

CORSET STRIKE MAY BE ENDED BY FIRM OWNER

Edward Russell, Proprietor of Factories, to Confer With Workers.

GIRLS STEADFAST IN DEMAND ON OFFICIAL MACHINISTS at Automatic Machine Co. Walk Out Early This Morning.

Negotiations with the object of obtaining a settlement of the strike at the George C. Batcheller Co. and the Crown Corset Co. will begin tomorrow morning.

Edward Russell of New York, head of both plants, will come to this city tomorrow to meet a committee of the strikers. An adjustment of the strikes may be effected, however.

No change was recorded at the factories this morning. Both were idle.

Automatic Machine Co. Workers Quit

Several score of machinists walked out this morning at the Automatic Machine Co. as a result of a strike vote taken last night.

According to union officials, only 14 machinists remain in the plant. They said the plant is tied up.

The machinists demand the eight hour day and a 10 per cent. increase in wages. They are now working nine hours a day.

A meeting of the workers' committee was held yesterday afternoon with Norman Leeds, president of the company. He refused the concession. The machinists held a mass meeting last night at 27 Cannon street and, with one dissenting vote, agreed to strike today.

The walkout occurred at 9 o'clock. There was no demonstration. Pickets were placed around the plant. Meetings will be held every morning until conditions are adjusted.

President Leeds of the company told the men that the firm has increased wages 25 per cent. during the last year and couldn't afford to make any more changes. He said today that 80 men are out.

FAIRFIELD STRIKERS OBTAIN OTHER JOBS
(Special to The Farmer.)
Fairfield, May 16—Employees of the Wood Brothers Mfg. Co., which makes lamps, are on strike. About 200 men are on strike. They have obtained jobs in another local factory.

The men struck following an altercation between one employe and a colored worker in the shop, following which the discharge of the colored worker was asked. When the request was refused, some of the men quit.

EXPRESS DRIVERS IN CHICAGO TO STRIKE

Chicago, May 16—Five hundred drivers employed by express companies here were ordered to strike today. The strike was called by W. A. Near, president of the Teamsters' Joint Council, who said the cause of the strike was the discharge of drivers who had joined the Wagon Drivers' Union. The companies involved are Joseph J. Fitzpatrick, a railroad policeman, living at 107 Gilbert street paying a fine of \$10 and costs in the city court while his prisoner, John Monte, colored, of Meriden, was released upon a note.

The disturbance as described in the city court this morning occurred at 12:10 last night. Monte, who had purchased a ticket for Providence is alleged to have been ordered from the station by Fitzpatrick. Having a ticket Monte resisted the interference. Fitzpatrick called for reserves from the police station under the belief that indignant passengers were about to take his prisoner from him. The police who were rushed to the scene of action heard the general complaint with the result that both participants were placed under arrest.

YOUNGSTOWN PLANTS RE-OPEN AFTER STRIKES
Youngstown, O., May 16—The plant of the Republic Rubber Co., closed since April 29, when the management announced it would not operate in view of the "excessive demands of labor," re-opened this morning and the company claimed that 550 of its 1,250 employes returned to work. The plant of the General Fireproofing Co., closed by a machinists' strike, also re-opened today. More men went back to the plant of the Trussed Concrete and Steel Co. strike is on, the management said.

The Girard Iron Company announced a wage advance to one thousand employes today.

J. H. CROSSLEY SUED FOR \$350 PLUMBER'S BILL

Judge Appoints Appraisers on Estate of Cooper Aircraft Co.

Papers were filed in the common pleas court this morning in a \$350 suit brought against J. Harry Crossley, the missing real estate dealer, by George L. Beitner, a local plumber. The action is brought to recover for work done and materials furnished. Five parcels of property in which Crossley has an interest were attached. The property includes 704-706 Hancock avenue, 728-734 Hancock avenue, 736 Hancock avenue, land on Waterman street and at Hollister and Connecticut avenues. The suit is returnable to the June term.

Another matter concerning Crossley's affairs came up in the superior court. Judge Webb appointed Robert Adams, Stephen E. Goodell of this city appraisers on the estate of the Cooper Aircraft Co., which recently went into the hands of a receiver. Crossley was secretary of this company. The appointment of Attorney William J. Suckley as receiver was confirmed by the court.

CASEMENT WEEPS AS BOY WITNESS TELLS OF ARREST

NEW POLICEMEN TO MAKE FIRST APPEARANCE IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Bridgeport's new policemen, who were appointed last night by the board of police commissioners, will make their first public appearance May 30, in the Memorial Day parade, and June 1 they will go on duty.

The policemen met this afternoon in the city court room and were measured for uniforms.

The appointments were the main topic of discussion in store and factory, office and home today. Dissensions have arisen in some quarters because of some that were overlooked.

The Ninth District Republican club is the scene of a row because Thomas Quinn, secretary of the club, was not appointed. His friends thought he was sure of a job two years ago. Many opposed him, however. Two factions have been created as a result.

The reason given why Quinn was not appointed is that he was too short, but his friends say they know a matter of a few inches may be waived.

East Bridgeport got 29 of the appointments. The Eleventh district led with 10 and the Ninth and Twelfth got eight. The Tenth got three.

Captain John H. Redgate was appointed last night to fill the vacancy created by the death of Eugene Birmingham. Three captains, five lieutenants, seven sergeants and 70 new men were named. Six veteran officers

and policemen were retired upon pensions, having reached the age of service limit.

The meeting required the presence of Mayor Clifford B. Wilson at seven o'clock and it was nearly 9 o'clock before the executive session which preceded the cut and dried formula of announcing the names and voting upon candidates was ended.

Bridgeport now has a total force of 172 officers and men. Preparation of the new recruits began today when they were summoned to the city court room at 6 o'clock to be measured for uniforms to the value of more than \$7,000. They will then be drilled under command of Lieutenant Garry Sanger, and will appear for the first time in public in the Memorial Day parade.

The new appointments will become effective June 1, when the men retired will turn over their desks and badges to the department clerk and new rules and regulations now being planned by the commissioners will be announced.

The commissioners plan to name three more new lieutenants and seven policemen.

The rapid increase in the membership of the Bridgeport force will mean that larger areas of the city may be protected night and day and will also insure rapid remodeling of the police precincts, that the clothing of the men

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Irish Lad on Stand Tells of Driving Casement Through Country As Prisoner—Defendant Weeps As He Pens Statement During the Boy's Testimony.

Arrested at Point of Rifle, Testifies Soldier—Another Through Jams Little Courtroom in London—Bailey is Calm During Court Ordeal.

London, May 16—Sir Roger Casement wept in court today during the second session of his trial for high treason.

As a ruddy-faced Irish lad, Martin Collins, aged 12 years, told with pride of driving Casement a prisoner through the countryside, the defendant began writing a statement. What he wrote was not known, but he wept quietly as his pen scratched over the paper.

The morning session was devoted to the examination of witnesses who identified Casement as the man arrested near Tralee after the landing of the German submarine.

Large crowds of people were in line early around Bow street police station, waiting for the opening of the trial. The little courtroom was crowded within five minutes after the doors were opened and many hundreds of men and women were unable to obtain admission.

Quinn, of Scotland Yard, who is in charge of the police arrangements, voiced the popular feeling about the hearing when he said:

"I have followed every notable case that Bow street has known in many years, but the court never has been the scene of any examination so full of dramatic interest as the present one. The reason for this is, of course, been a factor, but the case in itself has features which raise it far above the level of any criminal hearing in my memory.

There was some speculation today as to whether Casement's lawyers would place him on the stand at this preliminary hearing. It is generally believed that this will not be done.

His lawyers refused to be entirely at ease. They will consider such a step or not.

The first witness of the day was Mary Gorman, a typical Irish girl, who was the first witness to identify Casement as one of the men who landed from the German submarine at Tralee. She testified she saw three men passing a farmyard gate early Good Friday morning.

She was asked by A. H. Bodkin, for the prosecution, whether she could identify any of the three men. She replied:

"Yes, sir," and pointed to Casement. The prisoner bowed his head and scribbled diligently on a pad of paper.

Among the spectators were Michael Flavin, Nationalist member of the House of Commons, whose home is at Tralee, and a number of friends of Casement, including several women. Casement appeared to be entirely at ease and smiled cheerfully as he took his place in the dock. Daniel J. Ballew, who is accused jointly with Casement, apparently, was more composed than he was yesterday.

As the first witness took the stand, Casement began to make voluminous notes. The testimony in the early part of today's session had to do with events which the two prisoners are charged with having played a part in after their landing at Tralee, whereas the evidence given yesterday dealt almost entirely with operations of Casement and Bailey in Germany.

Miss Gorman told the story of meeting Casement and his two companions on the beach after they landed from the submarine.

She talked in a brogue so broad that it was found necessary to ask her to write the words before they could be understood. This she did smilingly. After identifying Casement, she told how she had seen him entirely at ease in the day in the custody of a constable. She did not recognize Bailey.

At this point the attorney-general, Sir Frederick Smith, took a hand in the proceedings. He conducted the examination of Sergeant John Hearne, of the Royal Irish Constabulary, who was summoned by McCarthy when he found the boat. It was Sergeant Hearne who arrested Casement near Tralee.

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CORNER PHELAN POINTS OUT EXTENUATING FACTS IN CASE OF MARY PAPP

Coroner John J. Phelan, in his finding in the inquest into the death of Nicholas Papp, shot to death by his wife, last Thursday, points out extenuating circumstances for the young wife's conduct, stating that the circumstances are such as to greatly qualify the character of her act.

He finds that the young woman was suffering from "desperation and great mental anguish." He points out that it is his duty, under the circumstances, to order the young woman held for the criminal authorities to proceed with examination and decision.

The coroner's investigation has disclosed that Mrs. Papp after five years of very happy married life, found herself many miles from her kindred in a strange land and apparently fast losing the affections of her husband. He had squandered their life savings. She is about to become a mother. In the utter desolation that her disordered mind appeared about to envelop her, she decided to end her own life. Then having bought a revolver and prepared to kill herself she decided to kill her husband also.

The coroner's investigation discloses that the Papps met and were married in Welland, Canada, five years ago. Mrs. Papp's father opposed the match, but his wishes were overruled and lived very happily with her husband. They both worked and saved and had built a house.

About a year ago the first cloud came in their married life when their first born, a child of three, was burned to death. Then Papp decided to come to Bridgeport. He received about \$1,000 for his equity in the house they had built in Welland. He was to have deposited this in a savings bank in Bridgeport. Instead it appears he kept the money about him and began to squander it in drinking and gambling with evil companions.

He began to neglect his wife and turned a deaf ear to her pleadings to reform. As a last resort to keep her husband she got employment in the same factory and in the same room with him at the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co. factory. Her appearance before the coroner finds her occasion for his shopmates to twist him about the alleged espionage which she was exercising. She pleaded with him on her knees but he gave no heed. The coroner then says:

"I paid the funeral expenses," said Kereski. "I ought to be entitled to that money."

"I told you not to pay anything," came back Mrs. Papp, implying the first spirit she had shown during the lengthy hearing conducted by the coroner yesterday.

"You get that money?" challenged Attorney Klein. "I guess not." The coroner's verdict was part of Papp's estate.

"Yes, sir," rejoined Attorney Klein, "and today I have made application to the probate court for papers of administration and Judge Miller in the probate court has appointed Ernest Berger as administrator. He will handle the affairs of Mr. Papp."

A few minutes afterward Steve Navack, at the head of a delegation of Papp's former shopmates at the Bridgeport Metal Goods Co., appeared.

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CONNOR TO GET \$3,000 JOB ESTABLISHED LAST NIGHT BY CITY COUNCIL

Arthur F. Connor, chief clerk in the motor vehicle department of the office of secretary of state, Hartford, will be named examiner of liens for Bridgeport very shortly. This is the new position which the common council created by ordinance last night. Mr. Connor will receive a salary of \$3,000 per year. He will be named clerk of the board of appraisal of benefits and damages to succeed Attorney Abe S. Godulidz and will receive the \$810 salary that goes with that office as well as the \$2,200 per year which the ordinance provides for the salary of examiner of liens.

Whether he will be elected by the common council June 5, the next meeting of the common council or on the second meeting in the month has not yet been decided.