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Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was in conference with Secretary of State Lansing this morning. He said he came to get information as to the situation in Mexico, but found the Administration had no direct reports on the fight at Parral.

OPPOSED TO WITHDRAWAL

Senator Stone is understood to have acquainted the Secretary with the sentiment in Congress, which is known to be overwhelmingly opposed to withdrawing troops from Mexico. Later Senator Stone was at the White House.

Secretary Baker said today that the American troops did not violate the agreement between the United States and the Mexican de facto government by passage through Parral.

The only agreement made with Carranza, Baker said, was that the troops would not occupy a Mexican town. Mr. Baker had no information confirming reports that the force engaged at Parral was led by Maj. Frank Tompkins. Major Tompkins led the detachment of cavalry that first crossed the border after Villa's attack on Columbus, N. M.

Funston Anxious For News From Pershing

SAN ANTONIO, April 14.—Major General Funston has been given practically unlimited authority in protecting the cavalry and other troops in Mexico who are menaced by the threatened activities of Carranza's forces and the Mexican populace.

In the second outbreak of fighting a number of the troops are reported to have been killed and the cavalry is reported to have turned a machine gun on the Mexican mob.

The American troops, who may have been under command of Major Tompkins, evidently broke free from the main column on the ride southward toward the mining town. Some fear is felt that unorganized Mexican bands may have cut off their retreat and have prevented news of the attack from reaching Brigadier General Pershing.

In that event the American force might suffer serious casualties in fighting its way out. The Villa hunt is still on. Though Funston fears another such incident as that at Parral might precipitate a crisis, he has received no word of the developments. Until Villa had been killed or captured or until the War Department orders the expedition's withdrawal, he said, the bandit hunt will continue with the same vigor that carried American troops 400 miles into interior Mexico.

Funston and members of his staff are inclined to regard the fighting at Parral as the result of a hysterical outbreak of Mexican citizens unfamiliar with their national events. Parral has been a Villista stronghold, it was pointed out, and the people likely were misinformed as to the American mission.

The situation is becoming serious, it was admitted at headquarters. But Funston is confident the Parral incident and the Carranza withdrawal request can be settled and the people likely were misinformed as to the American mission.

News of the affair spread through the

city late last night after Gen. Pablo Gonzalez had issued a manifesto, warning the public against any hostile demonstrations against Americans.

War Minister Obregon sent a message to the local garrison before midnight, giving all details he had at that hour on the Parral affair, and declaring that the fighting resulted from the violation by American troops of their pledge not to enter Mexican cities.

The text of this message was printed in the newspapers today. The papers print lengthy articles declaring the American troops have suffered terribly from climatic conditions, and have fallen in their attempt to capture Villa.

General Carranza, War Minister Obregon, and other members of the cabinet have arrived at one of the city's suburbs and, it is reported, will enter the capital on Sunday. Preparations are being made for their reception.

General Carranza's command is estimated at about 12,000. His base is situated near Satevo.

There are Carranza garrisons north, south, east, and west of him, the principal one being at Torreon, under General Trevino, commander-in-chief of the entire army of the de facto government. Trevino has about 4,000 men.

The garrisons situated at various points in Chihuahua and Sonora, extend

ing as far as the international border, are as follows: At Juarez, 1,800, under Gen. Gabriel Garcia. Gusman, 100. Ascension, 500, Gen. Rafael Davila. Pearson, 300. Villa Ahumada, 600; General Hernandez. Quitos Pass, 4,000; Gen. Francisco Gomez. Naniquipa, 500, Col. Apolanto Cano. Madera, 1,200; Gen. Francisco Bertani. Misiones, 300; Gen. Francisco Garcia. Guerrero, 500; Gen. Juan Cavazos. Chihuahua City, 4,000; Gen. Luis Guillero. Satevo, 1,500; Gen. Luis Herrera. Parral, 500. Jimenez, 500.

In addition, the Arrieta brothers are supposed to have 3,000 men in Durango.

FORUM SPONSOR CAUSES SENSATION

Edward J. Ward, one of the principal sponsors of the Community Forum movement in Washington, today furnished a sensation at the hearing on the Johnson community forum bill by admitting that he is employed by the United States Bureau of Education at a salary of \$1 a year, and that the rest of his salary is paid "by one other person."

Attention first was directed to Prof. Ward's status at the Bureau of Education late Wednesday afternoon when he was asked by Congressman Ragsdale whether he was a government official. He said he was an employee of the Bureau of Education.

"At what salary?" asked the congressman. "Oh, at \$1 a year," replied Prof. Ward. Everyone attending the hearing laughed, taking the reply as a joke, and the session adjourned.

Congressman Ragsdale, however, wrote to the Bureau of Education, and yesterday introduced a letter from a bureau official stating that Prof. Ward was employed as a specialist for community organization at a salary of \$1 a year.

Congressman Lloyd asked Prof. Ward, "Are you employed by any other persons that the Bureau of Education?" "Yes, by one other," replied Prof. Ward.

Congressman Ragsdale then stated Prof. Ward already had told him that and had said that if he were asked the question at the hearing he would not tell who employed him.

Congressman Lloyd then asked Prof. Ward who he considered had the right to direct his services. "To this Prof. Ward answered: 'To answer in the language of him who tried for the first time to learn where my salary came from, I will say 'who pays the piper calls the tune.'"

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"If it is not possible for a married couple to live together because of vice or drunkenness, they should not be divorced," Tompkins declared, "but separated from bed and board and thus prevented from remarriage. He or she who would do differently is a coward. I will go further and say, in plain words, that I believe remarriage, so-called, after divorce is swinish. Even swine would know better."

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ASYLUM HOSPITAL CALLED INADEQUATE BY DR. WOODWARD

Health Officer Says Condition Retards Improvement of Private Standards.

Continuing its campaign for a new institution to replace the present dilapidated Washington Asylum Hospital building, the Monday Evening Club today obtained a statement from Health Officer W. C. Woodward, in which the latter condemns the present structure and its facilities.

Dr. Woodward says the maintenance of the hospital in its present condition "renders more difficult the efforts of the Health Department to bring about proper standards in homes, places of business and privately owned institutions."

He says the Government has no right to ask or expect any person to live on a higher plane of sanitation than is provided in public institutions.

Dr. Woodward's statement, which was given out today by the Monday Evening Club, follows: "The present Washington Asylum Hospital is inadequate in both the extent and character of accommodations to meet the ordinary demands of humane treatment with respect to the treatment of the sick and injured who must be confined to its care. This not only reacts unfavorably upon efforts made to relieve or cure the patient, but leaves upon dismissed inmates ideas of Government efficiency that are likely to increase the respect of such patients for the Government itself, and ideas of Government housekeeping that are likely to question the present Washington Asylum Hospital should be replaced by a properly constructed, equipped, and maintained institution."

Advocates of Hospital. Among the well-known advocates of a new municipal hospital who are exerting their best efforts to obtain an appropriation from the present Congress to replace the old structure are: Walter W. Paley, the Rev. Earl Wilfong, J. Van Arsdale, Dr. R. K. Berry, E. T. Ragan, R. S. De Pau, O. T. Lawrence, John L. Kuhn, M. A. Leese, Mrs. Lawrence O. Manley, Mrs. Alton G. Grinnell, Mrs. John Kuhn, Elizabeth Van R. Feaser, Robert I. Braddock, Clementine I. Braddock Peisu, Mrs. R. G. Peck, Mrs. H. E. Lutz, Mrs. M. B. Whitfield, Miss Helen Nicolay, Mrs. H. C. Workman, W. B. Gardner, G. I. Curtis, C. B. Wilcox, W. E. Dinsey, Charles H. Storn, Andrew M. O'Brien, Frank King, H. W. Nicola, and Charles H. Doling.

BISHOP SEES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. Prelate Speaks at Conference of African Branch of Denomination.

Bishop Earl Cranston, venerable prelate of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was the chief speaker today before the Baltimore annual conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which convened at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church Wednesday.

Bishop Cranston spoke on "Organic Union." He told the delegates that there was little real distinction between any of the Methodist churches, and predicted that differences which do exist eventually will disappear.

The bishop attended the conference at the invitation of the Rev. C. H. Steppeau, pastor of the Metropolitan Church. Bishop John Hurlst, of Baltimore, and the Rev. Dr. J. F. Grimke also addressed the conference today. Responses were delivered by Dr. A. L. Gaines and Dr. I. N. Ross, both of Baltimore.

The Rev. Arthur Randall, of Towson, Md., will speak at the educational anniversary celebration, which is tonight's feature of the conference. The Woman's Mite Missionary Society is in session this afternoon.

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Sigma Nu Elects New Officers. W. W. Smith Becomes Lord High Chancellor.

William Wolf Smith was elected lord high chancellor of the Sigma Nu Phi fraternity by the general term of the high court of chancery, the governing body of the national organization at the National University Law School last night.

The meeting of the national officers took place following initiation ceremonies of the Joseph H. Choate chapter of the fraternity.

W. Gilbert Dent was elected first vice lord high chancellor; J. V. Morgan Morgan, second vice lord high chancellor; J. Jarvis Butler, master of the rolls; Raymond H. Berry, master of the exchequer; Benjamin Y. Mattin, custodian of the seals, and Edward S. Braheara, grand marshal.

The executive council will be guests at a dinner in the Dutch room of the National Press Club tomorrow evening. This dinner will be followed by the organization of the Washington Alumni Club of the Sigma Nu Phi Justice Siders of the District Supreme Court; Corporation Counsel Conrad H. Syme, Congressman Charles Carlin of Virginia, and other prominent alumni are expected to attend.

They will be the guests of members of the Press Club at an illustrated lecture on "The Navy," and later at a buffet supper given by the Joseph H. Choate chapter.

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The Palais Royal. A LISNER Hours 9 to 6 G STREET. Read This. The hats used during the week for the pre-Easter displays—both in the windows and second floor parlors—are to go on sale tomorrow, Saturday, at considerable reductions in prices. The Palais Royal is noted for millinery ever latest and best—because of these week-end sales. Come tomorrow—and profit by the following reduced prices: \$8 \$10 \$12. BE EARLY—let your first after breakfast visit be to these second floor millinery parlors of the Palais Royal. Others than you have been sighing for this or that hat. Be early—and find best of \$10.00 to \$14.00 Easter Hats at \$8.00 to \$12.00. On Second Floor—per 6 big elevators. Special \$2.98. The hats, exactly as illustrated, and many others, creating the most attractive Easter display for juveniles ever seen in Washington. Third Floor—new building. Palais Royal, A LISNER G STREET.

Mexico City Excited Over Parral Clash

MEXICO CITY, April 14.—Mild excitement was caused today by publication for the first time of news of the clash between American troops and Mexican civilians at Parral. There were no demonstrations, however.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia and Maryland—Showers this afternoon; fair and cooler tonight and Saturday; strong westerly winds. Virginia—Fair tonight; Saturday cooler; strong westerly winds.

TEMPERATURES.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. 8 a. m. 61, 9 a. m. 63, 10 a. m. 64, 11 a. m. 65, 12 noon 64, 1 p. m. 64.

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide, 11:45 a. m. and 11:58 p. m. Low tide, 11:42 a. m. and 11:58 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rose, 5:25 | Sun sets, 6:35. Light automobile lamps at 7:05 p. m.

16,000 Carranzistas Peril to Pershing

Garrisons of Mexicans Are on All Sides of American Punitive Expedition.

EL PASO, Tex., April 14.—It is estimated that Brigadier General Pershing and his invading command are now surrounded by an army of Carranzistas nearly three times as large as the number of American troops.

General Pershing's command is estimated at about 12,000. His base is situated near Satevo.

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