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ANARCHY AND FAMINE REIGN IN MEXICO CITY

State Department Considering Best Methods to Bring Relief to Stricken People.

CARRANZA AND ZAPATA BATTLE FOR CAPITAL

Only Opening of Railroad Communication Can Help Matters.

Washington, July 1.—Faced with unparalleled conditions of famine and anarchy, Mexico City is threatening the safety of foreigners, and officials of the United States are giving serious consideration tonight to measures of relief.

Long dispatches by courier to Vera Cruz by the Brazilian minister in Mexico City are before Secretary Lansing here and Wilson at Cornish, who may authorize the effort to obtain the consent of Carranza to send supplies through neutral agencies.

"Only the opening of the railroad from Mexico City to Vera Cruz," said a message, "can bring relief to the situation." Dispatches first received nearly two weeks ago, revealed while the cables from Mexico City were not cut, Carranza authorities refused to permit messages to pass.

FIGHT OVER CITY.

Puebla, Mexico, July 1.—June 24th, via Havana July 1.—Fighting for the possession of Mexico City by forces of Carranza and Zapata has been in progress for eight days.

Villa Demands Huerta Back

A formal request for the extradition of Huerta on various criminal charges have been presented to Governor Ferguson of Texas, by the Villa governor of Chihuahua state. This is the latest complication in the status of the former Mexican dictator, who is now facing prosecution at El Paso for alleged violation of American neutrality law, brought to the attention of the federal government by Ferguson, who forwarded the Mexican governor's request to the state department.

CENSUS RETURNS IN NEXT WEEK

Expected Returns Will Show Mark Increase in State Population.

When the final figures on the state census are compiled next week, it is expected that they will show a marked increase in the population of North Dakota. The state law provides that a state canvass shall be made every ten years. This law went into effect in 1905.

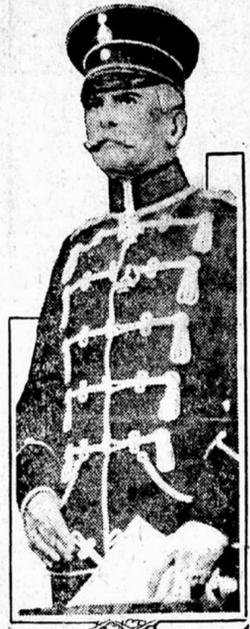
No Accurate Figures.

Heretofore it has been almost impossible to obtain accurate figures on the state population. Past records, which according to law should be filed in the state library, were in all probability lost in making the transfer from the old to the new building. A recapitulation of the returns will be made in the secretary of state's office, and the record placed on file.

Plan to Take Over Station

Washington, July 1.—Indications tonight are that the United States soon will take over the wireless station at Sayville, L. I., because of alleged violations of neutrality, and conferences among the high officials continue, but it is evident the government will soon assume complete control over this plant, one of the two high power wireless stations maintaining direct communication between America and Germany.

HAILED AS HERO BY THE GERMANS



General von Mackensen.

Following his great victories over the Russians in Austria, General von Mackensen is hailed in Germany as one of the war's greatest heroes. It is rumored that after he has completely routed the Russians he will turn his attention to Italy.

M'GILLIS NAMED UNDER NEW LAW

Former Sheriff of Burleigh County Transportation Agent.

Duncan J. McGillis, former sheriff of Burleigh county, has been selected transportation agent under the new law effective yesterday. He will have charge of the commitment of men sentenced to the penitentiary and those sent to the state reform school. He will also supervise the transportation of the insane from the various county seats to the asylum at Jamestown.

Popular in Burleigh.

This position opens up splendid opportunities for the ability of Mr. McGillis. As sheriff he served two terms with the remarkable record of never losing a prisoner. He is very popular in Burleigh county and the slope district and is peculiarly fitted for the position.

Mr. McGillis will have a desk at the state house, but work under the various institutions, the heads of which made the appointment. The first prisoner to be brought into the penitentiary under the new law comes from Dickinson. Mr. McGillis made the trip there yesterday.

Change in Law.

In the past, the sheriffs of the various counties brought the insane, men under sentence and children committed to the reform school to the various institutions themselves. It was believed a saving could be effected by creating a department to handle this work. Mr. McGillis assumed charge of this department yesterday.

Big Program for Zionist Movement

Boston, July 1.—Zionist conventions which have been in session here this week were brought to a close with the announcement of the National Congress of Representatives of All Jews in the United States will be held as soon as the European war is over. The purpose of this congress is to take action to obtain for Hebrews the same freedom and civil status in all countries as is accorded other races, and to obtain national individuality by obtaining Palestine from the Turkish government for Jewish colonization.

FIRST MOTHER'S PENSION.

The first mother's pension to be awarded in Sutsman county was granted in probate court Wednesday morning, when Mrs. Harris of Jamestown was granted a pension of \$20 a month.

The proceedings were brought for her by Attorney Freeks under the provisions of the new law passed by the last state assembly. Mrs. Harris has the support of two children, aged two and five years, for each of which she will receive for their support until 14 years of age, the sum of \$10 a month. Another mother's pension application is now pending and will be heard by Judge Hemmi July 12. This is of Mrs. Mikelson's.

3 BILLS KILLED BY REFERENDUM SAYS TOM HALL

Out of Sixteen Petitions Three Have Necessary Number of Names.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF STATE.

Possibility of Contest Over Immigration Bill Is Rumored.

Three bills passed at the recent session of the state legislature have been suspended by the voters of this state through the medium of the initiative and referendum.

The official report of Secretary of State Thomas Hall, made public yesterday sets forth the various bills, in regard to which petitions were circulated, and the number of signatures secured by each.

May Contest Action.

Rumors have been rife to the effect interested parties may contest the referendum of the immigration measure.

The official report on Initiative and Referendum petitions is as follows:

House Bill No. 114—An act defining the crime of bootlegging, fixing the punishment therefor, and repealing Sections 10144 and 10145, Compiled Laws, 1913. Total number of signatures 9,635.

House Bill No. 492—An act amending and re-enacting Chapter 279 of the Laws of 1913 known as the laws for terminal elevators. Total number of signatures 8,374.

Senate Bill No. 194—An act creating a state board of immigration, prescribing its powers and duties, making an appropriation therefor, and repealing Sections 573, 574, 575, 576, 577 and 578 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year 1913. Total number of signatures 8,272.

House Bill No. 216—An act relating to an emergency board, and to repeal Sections 1821, 1823 and 1824 of the Compiled Laws of 1913. Total number of signatures 4,892.

Senate Bill No. 148—An act making an appropriation for new buildings, equipment and improvements and repairs for the hospital for the insane at Jamestown. Total number of signatures 4,824.

Senate Bill No. 279—An Act to amend Sections 236, 237, 255, 265, 270 and 273 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for the year of 1913, relating to the board of control of state institutions, and to provide for the transfer of inmates from one institution to another institution. Total number of signatures 5,049.

Telephone Companies.

Senate Bill 139—An Act placing telephone companies under the supervision of the board of railroad commissioners, giving said commissioners power to compel physical connections between telephone systems to regulate the rates and charges of telephone companies and to control construction and operation of telephone plants and providing penalties for the violation of orders promulgated by the board of railroad commissioners. Total number of signatures 4,913.

Senate Bill No. 150—An Act to provide an appropriation to cover necessary expenditures and emergencies, and to provide for the maintenance of the penitentiary, from March 29th, 1913, to April 1st, 1915. Total number of signatures 4,617.

Senate Bill No. 156—An Act authorizing an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of Sections 711, 712 and 713 of Chapter Nine of the Compiled Laws of 1913 relating to the employment of public accountants and establishing a uniform system of accounting. Total number of signatures 4,750.

Trustees Public Property.

Senate Bill No. 152—An Act amending and re-enacting Section 376 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913, relating to the powers of the trustees of public property. Total signatures 4,742.

House Bill No. 356—An Act prescribing the manner in which rates to be charged by persons, firms or corporations for water, gas, or electricity for light, heat or power may be regulated and placing such regulation under the control of the board of railroad commissioners. Total number of signatures 4,660.

House Bill No. 506—An Act to appropriate money to cover the deficiency in the salary and expense accounts of the state examiner, as shown on the books of the state auditor on December 31, 1914. Total number of signatures 4,787.

Board of Regents.

House Bill No. 361—An Act creating a board of regents for the state university, the state agricultural college, the normal schools, the school of science, the normal and industrial school, the school of forestry, and such state educational institutions as may be hereafter established, to prescribe its powers and duties, to provide for the management and control of the state educational institutions, to provide an appropriation to carry out the purposes of the Act, and repealing all Acts and parts of Acts in (Continued on Page Three.)

LITTLE TENSION OVER SINKING OF ARMENIAN

Believed Ship Made Attempts to Escape After Being Warned to Stop.

IF SO SUBMARINE WAS JUSTIFIED IN ITS ACTION.

Report of Ambassador Page Says Craft Was in Admiralty Service.

Washington, July 1.—Official information on which to base accurate judgment of circumstances under which the British steamer Armenian was destroyed with the loss of a number of Americans is lacking tonight, and until all details are available, Lansing stated, the position of the American government could not be determined.

From news dispatches, however, and a close reading of official reports of yesterday, the officials are inclined to the view that inasmuch as the Armenian apparently refused to submit the warning command of the German submarine to halt, and made repeated attempts to escape, according to international law, the sinking of the vessel was justified, even though non-battants were aboard.

Rule Laid Down.

This was the rule laid down in the case of blockade runners in the American civil war, and is the principle applicable also to neutral vessels, which refuse to submit visit and search. There was little tension over the incident in official quarters here after it became known the Armenian sought to evade capture.

It is admitted if official reports bore out the press dispatches, there was no likelihood that any new cause of complaint will be added to issues pending between the United States and Germany.

Few officials suggested inasmuch as Germany had in effect given warning that the enemy ship was loaded with contraband, the merchantman carrying contraband might be justified in attempting to escape since a halt would mean certain destruction, and with no assurances that the crew would escape.

In Government Service.

The only fact of importance received officially by the state department came in a report from Ambassador Page, and said the British admiralty informed him the Armenian was "engaged in admiralty business."

The officials at the department of state declared the question of where a ship engaged should be treated by hostile vessels as a public ship of war or a defenseless merchantman was a "close question of international law," and an opinion could not be given until the belligerent government's control over the ship and crew was definitely known.

GETS THREE YEARS FOR STEALING TEAM

Slope County Resident Will Spend Next Three Years in Penitentiary.

State Transportation Agent D. J. McGillis, went to Dickinson yesterday to take into custody one Mike Chevrislaw, who recently pleaded guilty to stealing a team of horses. Chevrislaw already has a penitentiary record back of him. He was turned over to Warden Talcott and will serve three years.

Deficit Cut to \$35,864,581

Washington, July 1.—The second business year of the present administration closing yesterday, showed a deficit of \$35,864,581, compared with a surplus for the year ending June 30, 1914, of \$34,481,672. Official explanations will not be issued until the figures for the year can be analyzed by McAdoo, but on the face of the records it is apparent the receipts were much smaller and there were enormous reductions in the customs revenues resulting from the war, while disbursements were much greater.

Notwithstanding the deficit of the year's business, the treasury has an actual net balance of \$82,025,716. With such a balance on hand, there is every prospect that it will be increased possibly by ten millions in the next ten days, and it is evident there will be no issue of Panama canal or other government bonds to replenish the coffers for many months to come, if at all.

"UPHELD BY BEST GEORGIANS"—SLATON



Governor and Mrs. Slaton at their Atlanta home.

"While I decided the Frank case without regard to anticipated approval or disapproval, excepting that of my own conscience, I am personally pleased with the thousands of expressions of approval received since the announcement of my decision," says Gov. John M. Slaton of Georgia. "It is especially gratifying to me that the majority of them have come from my fellow-Georgians."

GOV. WHITMAN REFUSES TO COMMUTE THE DEATH SENTENCE OF CHAS. BECKER

Reprieve of Two Weeks Granted to Give His Attorneys Chance to Appeal to United States Federal Court.

Albany, July 1.—Governor Whitman declined to commute the death sentence of Charles Becker. Simultaneously, Martin B. Maston, Becker's counsel, announced he would take no further legal step in his client's behalf. In order that other counsel for Becker may have the opportunity to appeal to the federal courts, however,

if desired, the governor granted the convicted man a reprieve of two weeks, from the week beginning July 12 to July 26.

Only a writ issued by the federal court now will act as a stay. The mere appeal will not have that effect. Maston never had been of the opinion that there was much hope of the federal courts interfering.

Bring Action to Test Law

Fargo, July 1.—Injunction proceedings to restrain the county auditor of Cass county from spreading on the state tax lists approximately \$20,000, 000 worth of mortgages held by individuals and concerns in this county were initiated by heads of prominent business interests in this city yesterday. They stated that the tax bill as passed at the last session of the legislature is unjust and should be declared unconstitutional.

Will Not Stand for Proposition.

C. R. Stone, one of the heaviest property owners of this city, stated yesterday morning that he will not stand for the proposition of special mortgage assessments as ordered to be placed on the county tax rolls by the North Dakota State Tax commission. He declared there was no justice in the law and that he for one has filed like mortgages in several counties in order that there will be no error in filing, yet those would all be taxed. He stated that he was willing to pay a legitimate taxation but opposed a double taxation. When asked if the matter of an injunction was brought to his attention, he stated that he had been approached in regard to the matter. Other business firms visited yesterday and who opposed the law are the Independent Harvester company, and the Rumley Products company.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY.

Elera Perduin of Mercer county was brought to Mandan yesterday by States Attorney Cass of Stanton and was arraigned before J. M. Hanley in district court on the charge of rape. He pleaded not guilty. The case will be taken up later in the present term of the district court.

NORTHWARD DRIVE IS CONTINUED BY AUSTRO-GERMANS

Forces Gradually Closing in Toward Warsaw—Fierce Fighting Unabated.

BRITISH PRESS ADMITS SEVERITY OF SITUATION.

Allies Have Taken Turkish Stronghold of Gallipoli Peninsula.

London, July 1.—The northward drive of the Austro-Germans from Galicia into Poland daily is becoming more formidable, and England is puzzled as to whether they propose to make their main effort in this direction instead of maintaining a concentrated offensive to the eastward, and to force the Russians from the south-east tip of Galicia.

Whatever the ultimate object, fighting along the Gnila Lipa river has not abated, and this afternoon's Berlin reports not only records progress in this section, but further north in the arc around Lemberg and also along what has now become the northern front, between the vistula and Bug rivers.

Army of 2,000,000.

The Austro-German forces on this front are estimated at two million men and their progress has been rapid. They have crossed the forest fringing the Tanew river, and are not far from the Zamosc fortress, twenty-five miles north of the Galician frontier.

Only 100 miles to the north is the great Russian base, Brestlitovsk, linked with Warsaw by important railroads, and lying almost due east of the Polish capital. The development of the Galician campaign created a situation entirely unexpected by the Allies. Few months ago the Russians at the Carpathian passes, during the spring, were confident that predictions both in England and France that Hungary soon would be overrun. The British press now frankly concedes the new invasion of Russia is serious.

The Aras section is still the storm center of the western front, but despite the fact losses are piling up daily neither side is able to deliver a decisive blow.

Torpedo Boat Destroyed.

The British admiralty announced tonight that the torpedo boat destroyer Lightning has been damaged and four of her crew are missing. There is no mention of the manner in which it was damaged, but it is presumed it was struck by a mine or torpedoed.

Advances on Gallipoli.

An Athens dispatch tonight says the Allies have taken the Turkish stronghold Krithia, on the Gallipoli peninsula, to the western edge of which the British reached yesterday. Bulgaria, which both sides are using every effort to bring into the conflict, has notified its reservists in England to be ready to join the colors, but the Bulgarian officials here say this is purely a perfunctory procedure.

The British steamship Lomas was sunk today by a submarine off Scilly Islands. The second officer of the vessel was killed. The remainder of the crew was saved.

En Route to Argentina.

The Lomas was en route to Argentina for Belfast with a cargo of corn. The submarine first fired two shots, presumably a summons to halt, but the second shell struck the steamer, killing an officer. The crew was picked up by a Belgian trawler. The submarine sunk the Lomas by torpedo and shell fire. It was of thirty thousand tons gross.

It was officially announced that the total amount of captures during June by the Teutonic allied troops under General von Mackensen and Von Woyrich amounts to 409 officers and 146,650 men, eighty cannon and 265 machine guns.

The Italian ship Sardome, timber laden, was torpedoed without warning five miles from Sastletown Bearhaven, Ireland. Two of the crew were killed, several wounded and missing. Seven were saved. It was of two thousand tons gross, and sailed from Bunbury for London February 21.

May Transfer Superior Team

The Northern league magnates will hold an important meeting at Duluth Sunday, at which time a final decision will be reached regarding the ownerless Superior club. It is probable that the club will be transferred to Brandon, Minn.

J. P. Hardy and W. J. Boyd will attend the meeting, as the representatives of the Fargo-Moorhead baseball association. They do not anticipate that there will be any serious difficulty encountered at the Duluth meeting. It was reported in the Grand Forks morning paper that there was a possibility that the league would disband because of the Superior trouble, but the local baseball men do not consider there is any possibility of such a result.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Generally fair. Friday and Saturday: little change in temperature.