

### CITY IS HOST TO COUNTY TREASURERS

Annual Meeting of County Treasurers' Association Opens Today.

EXCELLENT PROGRAM OF ENTERTAINMENT

Governor Hanna Will Address Visitors During Trip Up the River.

The Capital City for the next two days will be host to the County Treasurers' association of this state, which includes every county treasurer in the state, and a great many who previously held the office.

The business sessions will open at the Commercial club at 10 o'clock this morning and will continue today and tomorrow.

River Trip Today.

Captain I. P. Baker will entertain all the visitors with a trip up the river this afternoon on the "Scarab." All visiting members of the association and their ladies, as well as all employees at the state capitol, are invited to make the trip. The boat will safely accommodate 250 persons, and the weather man has promised good weather for the occasion. Not only state and county officials, but the entire forces are invited to make the trip.

Governor L. B. Hanna will give an address during the river trip.

Cars will be provided by the Commercial club to take the visitors to the boat, and will also be there to bring them back to the Grand Pacific hotel, the association headquarters, after the trip. The cars will leave at 1:30 o'clock, and it is planned to return by about 6 o'clock.

Many Visitors.

Among the visitors in the city today, in addition to the county treasurers, are several county auditors, any number of county commissioners from all parts of the state, and the mayors of several villages, who are in the city to attend the meeting of the state equalization board. All are invited to take the river trip, with the county treasurers.

The Treasurer's Job.

The men gathered here today handle every cent of money that comes into the state treasury. Last year, collectively, they handled \$17,691,677.46, while this year they will handle about \$18,500,000.

United States Treasurer John Burke was expected to be present at the gathering this year, and was scheduled to deliver an address. Mr. Burke, however, was recalled to Washington sooner than he anticipated and passed through here two weeks ago.

Complete Program.

The program for today and tomorrow is as follows:

PROGRAM.

Meetings held at Commercial club rooms.

Tuesday—10:00 A. M.

Roll Call.

Election of Temporary Chairman.

Election of Temporary Secretary and Treasurer.

Appointment of Committees.

General Remarks.

1:30 P. M.

Address of Welcome—C. L. Young, President of Commercial Club.

Response—O. B. Lund, County Treasurer, Kidder County.

2:00 P. M.

Steamboat trip up the Missouri river. Gov. L. B. Hanna will give an address on the trip.

Wednesday—10:00 A. M.

Election of Officers.

Designation of Place of Next Meeting.

Question Box and Address—William Janger, States Attorney, Morton County.

1:30 P. M.

Auto Ride to State Penitentiary, Capitol, Indian School and Fort Lincoln.

4:00 P. M.

Report of Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

SCOTT SEES VILLA.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 9.—Major General Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, bearing a special commission from the state department to General Villa, arrived here today. He saw, among other callers, a committee of mining men at the home of J. S. Williams, whose guest he is to be while here, and made a brief visit to General Francisco Villa at Juarez. He was accompanied by his aid, Lieut. Col. Michie, and George C. Carothers, special agent of the state department.

After his return from Juarez, Lieut. Colonel Michie explained that the visit to Villa was merely an exchange of greetings, and was no part of the official conferences which will begin tomorrow.

General Scott declined to discuss his mission.

### AMERICAN POWERS AGREE ON PLAN TO IMPROVE SITUATION IN MEXICO

Secretary Lansing Refuses to Discuss Details of Arrangements; Propose to Call Meeting of All Military Leaders.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The powers of North and South America already have agreed upon a definite plan for dealing with the Mexican problem and when the Pan American conference is resumed in New York, Wednesday, the program will be formally ratified.

This information came today from Secretary Lansing, who though he would not discuss details said he was decidedly encouraged over the prospects.

Sick of War.

The confidence expressed by officials generally here that the conference who were representing the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala, and Uruguay, will be able to shape a course likely to bring peace and restore constitutional government in Mexico is due to the fact that all are agreed that most of the people in Mexico are sick of war and with encouragement from friendly powers will join in a movement to clean house.

Fear of Reprisals.

It has been reported to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing that the fear of reprisals by the military chieftains has kept the people in subjection while the country has been impoverished by the battles of relatively small forces of armed men.

Reaching their conclusion on these reports, the Pan American conference are understood to have determined to present the situation to all of the various elements in Mexico addressing directly not only Generals Carranza, Villa and Zapata, but the governors of state, all military leaders of considerable following and other men, urging them to come together for a caucus, at which a substantial provisional government might be framed.

To Render Support.

A government so set up would have the support of the United States and other American republics. Officials here believe it would be able to suppress promptly any dissatisfied group which might attempt to continue civil strife.

There has been talk of joint armed intervention by the powers represented in the conference to quiet any leader who insists upon remaining in the field with military forces. Some of the conferees, however, are said to believe that the moral support of the powers behind such element as joined in the conference for a new provisional government, together with a strict embargo of shipment of war munitions to anyone in Mexico except the government so formed, would quickly accomplish the desired result.

Somewhat Perturbed.

Administration officials were somewhat perturbed over an official announcement that the Guatemalan minister to Mexico, Ortega, had been ordered from Mexico by General Carranza and the report that friction between Carranza and Senor Cardosa, the Brazilian minister to Mexico and for many months the diplomatic agent there for the United States had preceded the latter's determination to leave Mexico at this time. Cardosa is coming to the United States to confer with Mr. DeGama, Brazilian minister, who is one of the Mexican conferees. He will travel from Vera Cruz to New Orleans on an American gunboat which also will bring minister Ortega.

MEXICANS ATTACK AMERICANS.

Brownsville, Aug. 9.—Arrival tomorrow of 20 more Texas rangers and four companies of United States infantry from Laredo, Texas, is expected to bring peace to Norias, 68 miles north of here, where five Mexican bandits and one Mexican woman were killed yesterday when for an hour, 15 Americans, eight of them United States cavalrymen, stood off the attack of 60 Mexicans. Five of the Americans, including three soldiers, were wounded, and the 15 saved from death just as their ammunition gave out by the arrival of 17 Texas rangers.

The Americans, rangers and soldiers had gone to Norias ranch house searching for Mexicans. Eight soldiers were left at the railroad at Norias, while the rest of the party, numbering 17 rangers, went to search a waterhole 12 miles distant. Meanwhile the Mexicans from cover of the brush galloped toward the little detail at Norias. The soldiers at first took them for rangers returning. Seven American civilians, all armed, joined the cavalrymen. The Mexicans swept down on this party as it was strung out along the railroad track. The ammunition of the Mexicans also gave out and they returned.

### Wilson Goes To Aid of Auto Party

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 9.—President Wilson tonight spent several hours on official business received from Washington. He worked in his study until a late hour, the Mexican situation claiming his chief attention. He also was in communication with Secretary Lansing and Secretary McAdoo.

This afternoon, the president was automobiling on the road between Windsor, Vt., and Ascutneyville, Vt. As his automobile rounded a curve he and his companions discovered another machine overturned on an embankment. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Grason hurried to investigate and found two women and a man underneath the machine. The president helped to pull them out. An examination by Dr. Grason showed that none of them was seriously injured.

President Wilson is planning to return to Washington within the next few days.

### Umpire Is Hurt; Stove Explosion

Chicago, Aug. 9.—Umpire E. C. Quisley, who was seriously injured when a gas stove exploded in the umpire's quarters of the National League baseball park this afternoon, was resting easy tonight and will be back in the game within a week or ten days, according to his physician. Quisley was preparing to heat water for a bath after the game and had just turned the gas on full when the explosion occurred.

### M'ADOO DENIES MEXICAN RUMOR

New York, Aug. 9.—William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, after spending virtually the entire day at the sub-treasury and the financial district, denied late today that his mission here has been to discuss with bankers plans for financing a possible new Mexican government. In view of the fact that the conferees between Robert Lansing, secretary of state and the six South American ambassadors and ministers will be resumed here Wednesday, the meeting of Secretary Lansing and Secretary McAdoo at a hotel here Sunday was regarded by persons interested in the Mexican situation as having some important bearing on the future of the disturbed republic.

Secretary McAdoo, however, said he came here on department business, and not to discuss plans for financing Mexico. He did not state the exact nature of his business.

THE WEATHER.  
The Dakotas: Generally fair  
Tuesday and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

### GERMAN LINES FORGING RAPID RETIREMENT OF SLAVS TOWARD INTERIOR

Occupation of Praga Brings to Dramatic Close First Stage of Brilliant Drive Through Poland.

London, Aug. 9.—While the Austro-German armies made fresh progress today in their campaign against the Russians, the conflict on the western front took on new impetus.

Sir John French, commander of the British expeditionary force, reporting a fierce artillery engagement in which the British and French forces captured trenches at Hogg, a front of 1200 yards.

The occupation of Praga, reported by Berlin, brings to a climax the first days of the drive at the Polish capital region of eastern Poland, of which Warsaw is the dominating center. Praga is essentially a part of the capital, with great railroad stations on the road running to Petrograd and Moscow. Few details have been received of Grand Duke Nicholas' final stand at Praga, but indications are that the withdrawal of the Russians became imperative to escape from the German line gradually drawing together in their rear.

Apex of Letter "V"  
Warsaw now is the apex of a vast letter "V," he arms of which are the rivers, Narew on the north, and the Vistula on the south. The German lines spread along these rivers are contracting gradually as the armies in the north and those in the south approach each other. The strip of territory across which the Russians may withdraw to safer positions now is hardly more than thirty miles across.

Novogorodsk is the only place west of Warsaw at which a Russian garrison remains and its fall seems eminent.

Attitude of Poles.  
The attitude of the Poles toward the new German regime is arousing deep interest as the occupation of Warsaw unites for the first time, three branches of the Poles heretofore divided among Russia, Germany and Austria. Under the Russian regime Poland has been a hot bed of disorder, and it remains to be seen whether the control of this occupied territory will be as difficult a problem for Germany as it has been for Russia.

The official report from Berlin characterized the operations around Hogg, as a "battle," but Sir John French's latest report showed them to have been another trench fight preceded by a severe artillery exchange and resulting in the recapture by the British of nearly a mile of trenches previously taken by the Germans. This has served to divert public attention temporarily from the magnitude of the German sweep in the eastern field, but operation in the west still lacks general significance.

CHAUTAQUA FOR SPIRITWOOD LAKE.

Jamestown, Aug. 9.—A Chautauqua for Spiritwood lake is one of the possibilities of the future, if plans of Alexander Karr of Valley City are carried through to a conclusion. He spent the day here from Spiritwood lake, where he visited and secured a six months' option upon all the property of George Tucker on the south shore. The property consists of 140 acres of fine beach land shore line, besides much tillable land to the south which can be parked and made available in numberless ways.

ENTIRE FAMILY SICK.

Mandan, N. D., Aug. 9.—Rosie, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hecker, Third avenue S. E., is in the Mandan hospital in a dying condition, and five other children are more or less seriously ill as the result of dysentery.

The whole family has been poisoned in some manner, believed to have been from drinking impure surface water. The six children were taken ill about eight days ago, but in the past few days have been most seriously affected.

Rosie was taken to the Mandan hospital today and is expected to die.

SENATOR BURTON VISITS STATE.

Fargo, Aug. 9.—"There is a great future before the farmers of the United States. The pressure of population upon the means of subsistence is constantly increasing and the result must be the added prosperity of the agriculturists and of the cities dependent upon them."

Ex-Senator Burton of Ohio uttered this encouraging sentiment at the dinner given him Thursday by the Commercial club in its rooms. He is on a visit to Senators McCumber and Gronna, long time friends in the senate and men who usually worked and voted with him. The former was present at the dinner. Judge Spalding, who was a member of the house of representatives when Burton was also a member, presided and introduced the speaker.

### NATION'S CROP WILL EXCEED ALL RECORDS

Three Billion Bushel Corn Crop; Wheat Reaches Billion Mark.

TEN MILLION MORE ACRES ARE SOWN

Value of Major Yields Will Aggregate More Than \$3,500,000,000.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Three billion bushels of corn, one and a-half billion bushels of oats, and a billion bushels of wheat are in prospect for this year's American harvest. Record crops of rye, white and sweet potatoes, tobacco and rice and are also predicted for the prosperous farmers, who have planted three hundred and ten millions, five hundred and forty-six thousand acres, or ten million acres more than last year, to their principal product.

Greatest Ever Grown.  
The wheat crop, the greatest ever grown in any country, will be worth more than \$1,000,000,000, while the corn crop may reach \$2,500,000,000. Estimates of the principal crops announced today by the department of agriculture, based on conditions August 1, show that all crops will be greater than last year. Interest centered on wheat and corn. Both showed improvement over July conditions, though excessive rains and cold weather in the central states interfered with the threshing. Oats also suffered in those states, but in other sections, the improvements more than offset this.

Corn prospects increased almost 100,000,000 bushels, the principal gain being in Illinois, 30,000,000; Kansas, 24,000,000, and Oklahoma, 25,000,000.

HIGHEST DUTY TO BE A MOTHER

Infant Mortality Due to Improper Feeding in Most Instances.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 9.—The mother who risks her life to produce a child does as great a service for the state as the man who kills some other mother's son in defense of it, according to a paper by Dr. Lydia Allen DeVilbiss, in charge of the Kansas department of child hygiene, which was read before the National Conference of Peace Settlement here today. Such being the case, Doctor DeVilbiss pointed out, both the mother and the child have a right to proper environment.

Pseudo-economists and moralists deprecate women for their refusal to bear children," said the paper. "Apparently their refusal to bear children," said the paper. "Apparently there is no response with a higher birthrate. Why should there be? If the would-be reformers were to direct their energies in making conditions better for mothers to bring children into the world and to rear them to efficient manhood and womanhood, the woman should certainly be more likely to respond cheerfully.

"Given a reasonable economic security and a worthy husband, the right sort of women will bear children that will be a credit to themselves and the country. And as for those who would still refuse when conditions are favorable and right, perhaps the world is just as well off without their children. "Besides, the child has his right in the matter. He has the right to intelligent consideration before he is born, even before he is conceived. He has the right to be loved even before he is born. And the child who is created in love, nursed in love and reared in love is indeed a happy child. Those who are not are to be pitied for they have been sinned against grievously."

Infant mortality rates in civilized countries vary from one in four or five to one in 18 or 20 it was pointed out. Perhaps two-thirds of these deaths are due to improper feeding and care, Dr. DeVilbiss asserted.

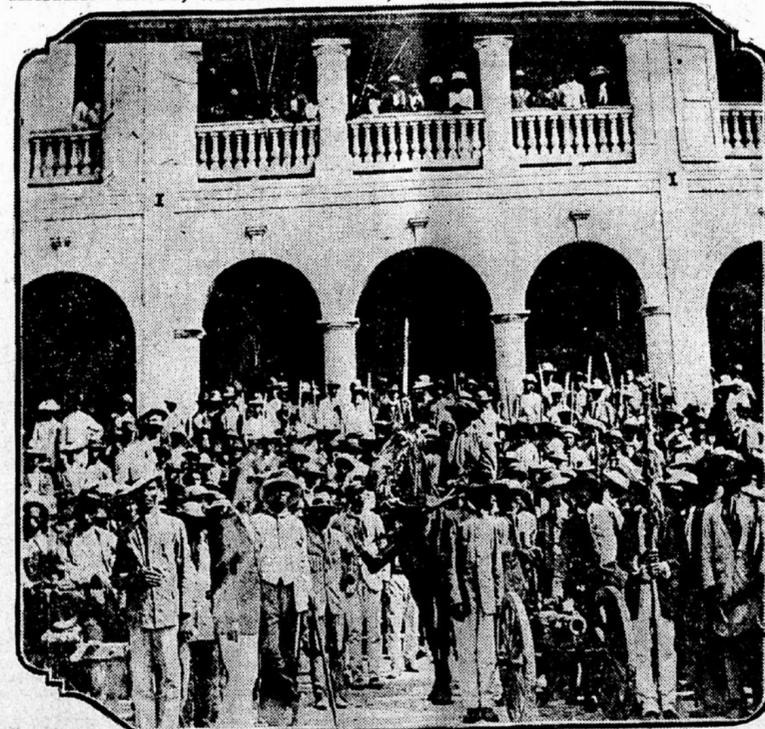
"The thousands of babies that are born annually only to sicken and die represent an appalling economic and social waste," she continued. "To take care of those that are born represents, then, the first task of child hygiene bureaus.

"Of those who die from other causes than improper feeding and care, a large percentage of the deaths might have been prevented by wider knowledge and application of the laws of heredity and eugenics.

"Parenthood is the greatest of all human responsibilities. Parenthood ought to be the privilege of the fit. To permit parenthood to the defective and to those who will transmit serious diseases and defects to their children is worse than stupidity. It is criminal.

"Every child is entitled to belong to the aristocracy of health and intelligence; every child has a right to be born with a sound mind in a sound body."

HAITIAN ARMY, WITH LONE GUN, GUARDS PRESIDENTIAL PALACE



The Haitian army, with its lone cannon of a vintage of other days, gathered outside the palace of the president, ready to resist any assault of the revolutionary forces. The commanding general of the troops is seen on his horse.