

### NO REPORTS RECEIVED BY WAR HEADS

Developments in Mexican Situation Are Awaiting Advices From Gen. Scott.

### SITUATION UNCHANGED CLAIM OFFICIALS

Gen. Carranza Offers to Put 25,000 Men in Mexico on Withdrawal of U. S. Troops.

Washington, May 2.—Developments here in the Mexican situation awaited tonight's advices from Gen. Scott as to his further conference with General Obregon at El Paso. The war department had received no reports whatever from either of the staff up to a late hour.

Administration officials declared the situation to be unchanged in any respect, after President Wilson and his cabinet had conferred at its regular Tuesday meetings.

There was no indication tonight of any change in a determination of President Wilson to accept any proposal of the Carranza government conditioned on the immediate withdrawal of the American forces in Mexico.

From Mexican sources it was learned today that based upon the immediate withdrawal of the American troops, General Carranza has offered through his two representatives to place an active army of 25,000 men in Northern Mexico as soon as the Americans are withdrawn.

The offer was accompanied by assurances, it is said, that more than half this force would be so placed as to guarantee border towns from future bandit raids, while the remainder would be used in a vigorous pursuit of bandits until the whole territory adjacent to the border had been absolutely cleared of these outlaws.

Officials still maintained silence today as to the nature of the new instructions to General Scott.

### Can Make Concessions.

There is reason to believe that the American officers now have authority to make concessions in the way of limiting the zone in which General Pershing's forces shall act until a demonstration has been made, such questions as that of using Mexican railways to supply the American troops also may be waived, it is understood, if they embarrass the de facto government in its domestic relations. The American army officials are confident of their ability to maintain the supply of motor trucks.

Just what would be required in the way of demonstration by Mexicans is not known. The protection of Villa's body or positive proof that he has ceased to be a factor in the situation through death or other cause undoubtedly would weigh with officials here. It is understood, however, at the conference a broader ground has been taken than the mere question of Villa's elimination, and that the establishment of permanent guards against outlaw raids from any sort is what is aimed at in discussions with General Obregon.

If the American forces were withdrawn, the Mexican spokesman argued, the crushing out of brigandage would become a matter of personal pride with the Carranza commanders whereas it is now a matter of competition and possibly jealousy which would lead to clashes.

A protest against the continued employment of the interpreter who has been aiding General Scott and General Funston at their conference with General Obregon was received at the embassy today from Consul Garcia, the de facto government's representative in El Paso, and interested for General Obregon. The nature of the complaint was not revealed and Mr. Arredondo is not communicative to either the state or war departments. According to the despatch, Henry H. Ames, an American, who has long been engaged in business in Mexico, has been interpreting for the American officers.

**ARE ORDERED TO STOP MUNITION SHIPMENTS**  
Laredo, Tex., May 2.—The war department has instructed the commanders at McIntosh here to stop all shipments of war munitions to Mexico. A half million rounds of cartridges held by customs inspectors on account of questionable destination, will be taken in charge by the local military.

**LEAVES FOR SAN ANTONIO.**  
Columbus, N. M., May 2.—After preparation for at least a temporary stay on Mexican soil are well under way at the expeditionary base here, and in the Mexican territory occupied by Gen. Pershing's troops, according to reliable information here tonight, Gen. Pershing himself left the headquarters at Naminiqua for an inspection trip to San Antonio to aid him in the redistribution of his troops.

**BELIEVES AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED**  
El Paso, Mex., May 2.—At 8 o'clock tonight, eight hours after his conferences with Gen. Obregon, Gen. Scott handed the following statement to the Associated Press:  
"We are still conferring in a spirit"

### Irvin Leads W.C. Handy in Mayoralty

Winners in St. Paul City Election Will Not Be Known Until Today.

St. Paul, May 2.—Late reports tonight show that V. R. Irvin is leading W. C. Handy for mayor of St. Paul, 11,274 to 6,009 in 84 precincts heard from. The race for controllership between John C. Flanagan and Jesse Foot has been a seasaw affair. In 54 precincts Foot is leading by 900 votes. In the count for councilman, only a small percentage of precincts have been counted, and the winners will not be known until tomorrow.

### TWO KILLED IN PITCHED BATTLE WITH STRIKERS

Foreigners Attack Edgar Thomson Works, But Are Forced to Retreat.

MORE THAN 400 SHOTS ARE FIRED

Pittsburg, Pa., May 2.—Two men are known to have been killed, four probably fatally wounded, and a score of others seriously injured this afternoon, when a mob, said by the authorities to have been composed primarily of foreigners, attacked the Edgar Thomson Works of the Carnegie Co. in Brodbeck. A pitched battle lasting an hour followed, during which 400 shots were fired, but the rioters were finally forced to retreat in the face of a deadly fire from the riot guns and revolvers of the deputy sheriffs and plant guards. The situation is quiet tonight, but 2,000 citizens of the borough have been sworn in as deputies and are patrolling the streets.

District Attorney R. H. Jackson announced that he would take steps to oppose the deportation of all foreigners connected with the trouble.

**Climax of Disorder.**  
The riot was the climax of a day of disorder in the boroughs of Brodbeck and Ranskin, during which mobs stormed the plant of four big steel companies, drove the workmen out, and then partially wrecked the interior of the plants.

Many of those injured in the fighting at the Edgar Thomson Works were spirited away by the rioters and for hours after quiet had been restored, injured continued to be brought to hospitals for treatment. Snipers, hidden in doorways and windows near the Thirteenth street entrance, tried to pick off deputies who were fighting to hold back the mob, and two deputies were said to have been hit. Women also joined in the mad fight to gain entrance to the works and two were wounded. The two men killed were foreigners.

### MOTHER BURNS THREE CHILDREN

Fires Bed, Causing Death of Babies and Fatal Injury to Herself.

Penns Grove, N. J., May 2.—Mrs. C. Sinkovitch, 35 years old, was found lying with her throat cut on a blazing bed, beside the bodies of her three children at her home today. Two of her children, Steuben, five years old, and Frank, three, were dead, when neighbors were attracted by the "discovered tragedy."

Elizabeth, six months old, died shortly afterward. The mother is in the hospital in Wilmington, where it is declared she will die. The woman's husband, a worker in the powder plant here, disappeared about three weeks ago, and neighbors say she has been acting queer ever since.

### SHIP OKLAHOMA IS IN COMMISSION

Philadelphia, May 2.—The Oklahoma, the latest oil burning super-dreadnaught, added to the United States navy, built at an approximate cost of \$7,000,000, was placed in commission at the Philadelphia navy yard today. The ship is commanded by Roger Wells, and her complement consists of 50 officers and 800 men.

The huge warship steamed to the navy yards this morning from the New York Shipbuilding company's plant, where she was built. She was greeted with a volley of blasts from tugs and other passing craft. The vessel is capable of making 20.5 knots an hour with her powerful engines. Her displacement is 27,500 tons, and she measures 533 feet from bow to stern. Her main armament consists of ten 15-inch breech loading guns, mounted in four turrets.

### GOV. COMPLETES CASE AGAINST LIEUTENANT FAY

Defense Will Open Their Case After Formal Motions Are Heard.

### MINIATURE SHIP IS PLACED ON EXHIBIT

Lieut. Blassburn Testifies That Bomb Would Completely Destroy a Ship.

New York, May 2.—The government case here today against Lieutenant Robert Fay, Dache and Walter S. Scholz, on trial in the United States district court on the charge of conspiring to destroy munition ships of the Entente allies. The defense will open tomorrow after formal motions are heard by the court for the dismissal of the case on various grounds.

Among the chief witnesses for the government today were William J. Flynn, chief of the United States Secret Service, and Captain K. Tunney, head of the bomb squad of the New York police, who arrested Fay and the others. They testified to the authenticity of alleged confessions of the men on trial.

Against the protest of the defense, the court accepted as evidence, a miniature ship with a working model of Fay's rudder bomb attached. A demonstration given by Horace A. Boucher, an expert marine draftsman, was designed to show that the bomb was a perfect invention that operated with the movements of the rudder.

The government considered its case closed when Lieutenant Robert T. Blassburn, ordnance officer at Ft. Wadsworth, testified that Fay's bomb would have completely destroyed a ship. He declared he contends that the bomb was a perfect invention that operated with the movements of the rudder. They asked permission of the court to examine witnesses today. He was permitted to question Boucher and Lieutenant Blassburn.

### SYLVESTER DIES AT GLENDIVE

Conductor Who Shot Wife Accidentally, Operated Upon in Montana Hospital.

Glendive, May 2.—That grief and worry over his troubles so preyed on the mind of Charles Sylvester, a well known Northern Pacific conductor, that his health failed completely. Sylvester died at the railroad hospital at Glendive late Monday afternoon. Physicians there had operated upon him for gall stones or ulcer of the stomach, and also removed his appendix.

It was on the evening of February 5, 1915, that Sylvester told his wife he was going to Dickinson, returned a few hours later to the rooms over the newspaper office at Belvidere and found a couple of men there. A quarrel followed, and Sylvester took a revolver from his grip and according to the testimony brought in at a subsequent trial, started out "to get that fellow."

His wife interferred and was shot in the stomach, dying February 9. Sylvester was formally charged with murder on February 10 by the Stark county officials and was given a preliminary hearing which lasted until February 17. Held to and tried in district court the jury returned a verdict substantially that the shooting of Mrs. Sylvester was an accident.

After a brief time Sylvester came to Mandan again and resumed his work as conductor. His friends scarcely knew him for he had lost flesh and was a changed man. He sought only to live apart with his 12 year old son.

The boy presents a pathetic figure in the case. He was told yesterday that his father was dead but would not believe it, nor could any of the sympathetic friends at the Brink home where he lives, persuade him of the truth of the statement. This morning he went to the Northern Pacific telegraph office in Mandan and asked whether he had heard from Glendive how his father was today. Charles Sylvester had been employed by the Northern Pacific since 1902 and until 1910 ran between Dickinson and Glendive. He was transferred to Mandan and served as passenger conductor from "Mandan" to Glendive until 1914 when he took up a homestead 17 miles north of Belvidere. He returned to the railroad work just a short time before the tragedy which cost his wife's life and eventually his own.

**SET FIRE BUG WHO TRIED TO ABATE NUISANCE**  
Hebron, N. D., May 2.—Convinced that a "fire-bug" attempted to destroy their slaughterhouse, Funk Brothers offer \$100 reward for information concerning his identity. Local people believe some person took upon himself the abatement of a nuisance.

### CONSCRIPTION BILL PASSED IN PARLIAMENT

Slackers Will Be Forced to Join the Colors Under the New Regulation.

### IRISH REBELLION FIZZLES OUT FAST

Usual Bombardments on French Lines Only Features in Western Zone.

London, May 2.—The recruiting problem in England is to be dealt with by the British parliament in a bill to be introduced by the government calling for general and immediate compulsory enlistment.

Although since the commencement of the war, the enlistment had exceeded 5,000,000 men, Premier Asquith told the house of commons that the existing machinery for recruiting was not sufficient to get more men to the colors, and that it was the purpose of the government to ask for legislation which would compel the so-called "slackers" to answer their country's call.

With the situation in Ireland virtually normal, the military authorities are now busily engaged in running down the few of the remaining Sinn Feiners who have failed to surrender.

**Lay Down Arms.**  
All the main bodies of the rebels throughout Ireland have laid down their arms and are giving themselves up, according to the chief secretary for Ireland, but until the situation has been brought under control, there will be no lessening of the activities of the military, and martial law will be maintained.

**German Attack.**  
A German attack against the Belgians to the north of Dixmude is the only infantry engagement reported at any point along the western front. Artillery bombardments, especially severe, to the northeast of Verdun, have been the sole method of warfare on the other sections. North of Dixmude the Germans, after a preparatory artillery bombardment, charged and occupied three portions of Belgian advance posts, but the battalions in counter attacks immediately drove out the invaders.

A German attempt to assume the offensive against the Russians at Raggasem, near Riga, was put down.

German aircraft have bombed several Russian positions in the Gulf of Riga, and a Russian air squadron has delivered an attack against the German naval base at Windau, Courland.

**Heavy Casualties.**  
Vienna reports that the heavy fighting between Austrians and Italians in the Adamello section of the Austro-Italian line, still continues and that attacks against Austrian positions have been put down with heavy casualties.

The Russians are continuing the pursuit of the Turks in the Diurdirk, of Asia Minor.

**Steamers Torpedoed.**  
Four steamers, two of them neutral, have been sunk, but whether by mines or torpedoes has not been stated. A Brazilian and a Swedish vessel were the neutrals. Two of the boats, the Swedish steamer Friedland and the British steamer Hendonhall, were bound from Portland, Me., for Rotterdam with supplies for the Belgian Commission for Relief in Belgium.

**Relief Ships Lost.**  
Two steamers, under charter by the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, have met with mishap at sea.

The British steamer, Hendonhall, has been sunk; the Swedish steamer, Friedland, has been damaged and is being towed into Black beach at the mouth of the Thames. Both vessels sailed from Portland, Me., for Rotterdam with relief supplies for the Belgians.

A dispatch received by wireless this afternoon from the Dutch steamer, Batavia the IV, said the Friedland was sinking. Another wireless from the Batavia this evening said: "We are near the Long Sand lightship with the Friedland. We will bring her into Blackbeep at the mouth of the Thames."

The Friedland has on board 7,000 tons of wheat. The London office announces that it has learned from Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador, that Germany has accepted the British proposal for the transfer to Switzerland of German and English prisoners of war for exchange.

The Osservatore Romano, publishes the following official communication: "The Pope is deeply preoccupied with the grave events in Ireland. He had Cardinal Gasparri (Papal Secretary of State) telegraph immediately to Cardinal Logue (Primate of Ireland) begging him to inform the Pontiff on the situation, and expressing the hope that further bloody conflict will be spared the beloved noble country of Ireland."  
Five hostile airships attacked the north coast of Enslind and the south coast of Scotland last night. The official announcement on the attack says that the movement of the

### NON-PARTISAN FIELD LEADER HAS VARIED CAREER IN SPOKANE

PREACHER MARTIN, WELL KNOWN SOCIALIST, HAS BEEN COATES' CHIEF LIEUTENANT IN OTHER STATES.

Spokane, Wash., May 2.—R. B. Martin, farmer for less than a year, one time preacher, office seeker and socialist lecturer, had a varied career during the seven or eight years he centered his activities in Spokane. He is now field manager for the Nonpartisan league of North Dakota. Through his affiliation with the socialist party, his close connection with D. C. Coates of Spokane, editor of the Nonpartisan leader, and the latter's intimacy with Charles Edward Russell, a socialist writer, Martin in 1915 shifted his base to North Dakota. For nearly five years Martin has, day and night, preached the necessity for political action through the medium of the socialist party. Now he is understood to be equally as insistent on the Nonpartisan idea as advocated by the farmers' organization of North Dakota.

Martin first appeared on the horizon of the state of Washington in 1909, coming from Wisconsin to work on some other point in the middle west. He had barely inhaled a few breaths of the mountain air of the northwest when he came to the front as an advocate of county political reform. He lambasted the "court house ring" with such vigor, posing all the while as a down-trodden and abused farmer, until his neighbors in the Spokane valley began to believe what he said. Other farmers' organizations were interested, a grand jury was demanded and granted by the court, and the chief result was the indictment of the then republican county clerk, Cal Atkinson, who was alleged to have collected \$1,500 interest on trust funds of light bulbs and placed the money in his pocket. Atkinson protested that the money did not belong to the county, that he was personally liable for it and paid for his own surety bond to protect the funds. On these representations his attorneys had the indictment quashed in the superior court and the case dismissed.

In 1910 Martin organized the Good Government league to fight Atkinson and the so-called county ring at the polls. Atkinson was defeated, and a democrat, Glen B. Derbyshire, elected in his stead. Martin went up and down the county among the farmers, picturing all forms of abuse at the court house.

Four years later, after serving two years, Derbyshire, the reform candidate supported by Martin and the Good Government league, was found to have stolen \$10,000 of the trust funds, for the taking of interest on which his predecessor was drummed out of office at the behest of Martin and his reform league. Derbyshire was traced across the continent located, brought back, convicted on a plea of guilty and is now serving time in the Walla Walla state prison.

In the same county reform campaign of 1910, D. C. Coates and his paper, the Labor World, furnished the printing (at card rates) for the Good Government league. Coates and his lieutenants whooped it up among the unions and Martin furnished the or-

### LAST PETITIONS FAIL TO ARRIVE

New Rockford Land Boomers Still Have a Few Days Left for Final Filing.

The last of the New Rockford capitol removal petitions, which were scheduled to arrive at the office of the secretary of state yesterday did not arrive. The capitol movers still have until next Monday noon to file their petitions, but officers of the removal association stated last week that the last of the petitions would be filed a week in advance of the final date.

The failure to file the petitions yesterday leads to the belief that enough names have not been secured. The final decision on that question, however, will likely have to be decided by the courts. The secretary of state has no precedent to go by in the matter, and will have to proceed with caution.

### COMMITTS SUICIDE BY SETTING FIRE TO HER CLOTHING

Murphysboro, Ill., May 2.—Miss Sophia Brauer, 31 years old, today saturated her clothing with oil, touched her garments with a match and was burned to death. She had been an invalid for months and a cripple since childhood.

### AIR OF GRAVE CONCERN SHOWN BY OFFICIALS

"Watchful Waiting" in Regard to Last Note Beginning to Cause Wonderment.

OFFICIALS STILL VERY OPTIMISTIC

Some Expect That Answer Will Assume an Argumentative Character.

Washington, May 2.—Two weeks have passed since the United States dispatched to Germany its note demanding that an abandonment of present methods of submarine warfare immediately be declared and effected, and tonight the state department was still without any definite information indicating that the demands would be complied with.

As the days go by, and no reply comes from Berlin, and Ambassador Gerard sends no word regarding the attitude of the German government, an air of grave concern is beginning to manifest itself in administration circles.

Publicly, officials continue to preserve an air of optimism. Privately, no attempt is made to conceal a certain feeling, and this feeling is certain to become more pronounced unless some definite news is forthcoming over night.

It is felt here that the very length of time which has been consumed by the German government in preparing a reply in itself indicates that the shape of a simple response to the direct and clear-cut issues raised in the American note, it is feared that the reply is likely to assume an argumentative character, which scarcely can be regarded as meeting the requirements of the United States.

Persons in close touch with affairs at the German embassy, however, continue to express themselves as being positive that Germany will make concessions to the United States which will prevent breaking off diplomatic relations. It is reiterated that all messages from the Berlin foreign office clearly indicate that Germany is most anxious to preserve friendly relations with the United States.

Heretofore, Mr. Gerard has kept Secretary Lansing and President Wilson fully advised, not only in regard to official developments, but in regard to the probabilities in advance of governmental and court gossip as well.

In this crisis, he has made no report whatever respecting his conference with Emperor Wilhelm.

**Participating in Confab.**  
Berlin, via London, May 2.—It has been learned that Dr. Karl Helfferich, the imperial treasurer is at headquarters participating in the conferences on the American note, and the framing of an answer thereto.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says Ambassador Gerard twice dined with Emperor Wilhelm and that he also was able to see the German troops at an important point on the front.

### MANY STATE MAPS ARE ORDERED

Maps Compiled by Department of Agriculture Are in Great Demand.

That the latest map of North Dakota, compiled by the Department of Agriculture was issued at a time when it was most urgently needed, is proved by the rapidly with which the 50,000 maps so ordered are being bought by those who can use this method of state advertising in their business.

These maps were received from the publishers March 27, this year, and at this writing, April 22, there are less than 3,000 remaining. By ordering in 50,000 lots a special price has been secured by Commissioner R. F. Flint which is less than half the rate that would be charged in lots of 10,000 or less. This full reduction has been offered to anyone who can use 100 or more maps, and figures out \$1.05 per hundred or multiple thereof, f. o. b., Bismarck, N. D.

The map speaks for itself and as a whole constitutes a veritable store house of information concerning the state. No one desirous of keeping posted on the development and resources of North Dakota should be without a copy. For a little more than half a cent each, there is no publicity literature that offers greater value. Commissioner Flint has placed another order for 50,000 with the publishers and will be glad to book orders at the rates quoted above. First come, first served.

This method of publicity has been rendered necessary because of the legislature to provide means for the free publication of this class of literature. Money secured from the sale of the map is turned into the printing fund of the department.

### AWAITING CHANCELLOR FOR FULL INSTRUCTIONS

Berlin, via London, May 2.—The German government is awaiting the reopening of the meeting of the Budget committee of the Reichstag today, said the government had not reached a decision with regard to the situation that had arisen from the American note regarding the submarine campaign. As soon as the imperial chancellor returns from headquarters, Herr von Jagow added, he would give the committee definite instructions.

**GERMAN TORPEDO SUNK TUBANTIA**  
London, May 2.—The evidence presented by the Dutch Shipping council had the pieces of metal found in the ship's boats have convinced the Berlin government that a German torpedo sunk the steamer Tubantia," says a dispatch from Amsterdam, quoting the Handelsblaz.

"Negotiations regarding the compensation or the sinking of the vessel are proceeding," the dispatch adds. "Meanwhile, Albert Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American Steamship company has offered to transfer to the Dutch company, a large Hamburg-American line ship to take the place of the Tubantia."

### DAWSON COUNTY MONTANA OFFERS FINE PRIZES

Glendive, Mont., May 2.—Over \$250 in cash prizes, a Holstein bull worth \$100 and blooded chickens worth \$15, are offered as the prizes in the Dawson county corn contest for the boys and girls. There will be hundreds of entries. Following exhibition here, prize winning ears will be shown at the Northwest Corn Show and at the State fair at Helena.

### STRAY BULLET STRIKES MAN

Bellevue, N. D., May 2.—A stray bullet from the target range of the Boy Scouts reached a main street here and struck Herbert Simmer, entering his right shoulder. A lodged in the neck at the base of the brain. He will recover, he target range will be moved.