

CARRANZA MAY INVITE U. S. TO GET OUT

Indications Point to Possible Trouble With De Facto Government

TRAIL NOW COLD CARRANZA'S PLEA

Mexican Officials Said to Be Preparing to Demand United States Troops Be Ordered Back Across Border—Delay in Granting Use of Railroad Irritates Washington—Army Pushing Plans for Long Campaign.

Laredo, Tex., April 6.—Fifty persons, including women and children, were murdered by bandits between Torreon and Zacatecas, on March 28, when the marauders wrecked the train on which they were riding, according to word brought here today by passengers.

El Paso, Tex., April 6.—Intimations in Washington that the Carranza government might soon indicate to the American government, that the troops pursuing Villa were futilely following a "cold trail" and that the de facto government would welcome the return of the United States troops to their own country occasioned no surprise in El Paso.

There have been persistent reports that the de facto government looked with no favoring eye on further pursuit of Villa. These reports were not confirmed because the Mexican officials both here and in Juarez said that matters of a diplomatic nature must be considered only by the government heads at Queretaro.

Hunt to Be Continued. Army officers here say that while the difficulties of the Villa hunt increase daily and that it may be weeks before he is captured, the pursuit will be relentlessly continued until the word comes from Washington to withdraw the troops.

Twenty Apache Indian scouts passed thru here today en route to the front, where they will try to pick up the trail. The Apaches made a ride of sixty miles from Fort Apache to Holbrook, Ariz., and then did a war dance before taking the train.

Railroad Not Yet in Use. In army quarters here the war department's authorization to add 108 motor trucks to the Columbus-Casas Grandes supply train is taken to mean there is no immediate hope of obtaining the Mexican Northwestern for shipment of supplies.

It is stated that the request for the trucks went forward more than a week ago.

Since the state department announced that General Carranza had assented to the shipment of supplies over the Mexico Northwestern not one word has been received locally when use of the road would begin.

Mexican Consul Garcia said he had received no instructions from the de facto government. Army officials said to date not one pound of supplies had been sent forward other than by way of the motor truck train.

With the addition of 108 new trucks about 330 trucks will be in service. The total cost of the truck trains will be about \$750,000, it is estimated.

Railroads Greatly Needed. The entire Mexican situation was yelied in obscurity today as far as the border was concerned. For the last three days not a single Mexican or American has arrived here from the interior and the scanty news given out at Juarez threw no light on the operations of the troops pursuing Villa, beyond the confirmation of the impression that the chase had been practically halted, at least temporarily.

To attempt the pursuit further without the use of the railroads is almost a hopeless task. The one incalculable factor is the question as to whether Villa is wounded or not. The Mexican commanders are emphatic in their assertions that the bandit chief is disabled. That Villa should spread a report to the effect that he had been shot is so characteristic a maneuver, that it is considered a clever ruse by the American officials.

While no one disputes the fact that the international situation is very delicate, one with grave possibilities, the control which General Carranza has shown he possesses over his lieutenants and the calm with which the Mexicans have treated the crossing of the border by American troops has brought about a feeling of optimism.

Sending Thru Private Shippers. Private shippers are using the railroad in an increasingly large degree. The largest customers are the field quartermasters and the effect is to a degree the same as if the army was doing the shipping.

Today a train of twelve cars pulled out for Casas Grandes. It bore food for the soldiers and hay and oats for the horses and mules.

"HOW LONG?" ASKS CARRANZA. De Facto Government in Mexico Making Significant Inquiry. Washington, April 6.—Attention of administration officials was focused today on the different aspects of the expedition into Mexico. In some quarters there was a strong inclination to connect the de facto government's apparent delay in permitting the use of the railroads with a desire of General Carranza to have the American sol-

diers leave Mexican soil. It is understood Carranza officials have made informal inquiries as to how much longer the expedition will remain in Mexico and how far south it will penetrate. Legally the American forces are now pursuing what is known as a "hot trail." No surprise would be occasioned here if Carranza soon would suggest that the trail had become cold.

Funston to Use Recruits. General Funston today asked the war department to send the recruits listed under the recent authorization of 20,000 additional men, to Brownsville, Tex., for distribution among the border patrol regiments. The recruits are being assembled and drilled at stations at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri; Columbus Barracks, Ohio; Fort Logan, Colorado, and Fort Alcatraz, California. They will not be sent across the border but will fill up regiment of the border guards.

At General Funston's request a battery of the Fourth field artillery, which has been ordered to the Panama canal zone, will remain on the border.

REBELS CAPTURE SWATOW.

Chinese Revolutionaries in Possession of City.

Amoy, China, April 6.—Revolutionaries have the entire city of Swatow in their possession. Business is at a standstill. The rebels are at an attack by government troops from Canton is feared.

The American gunboat Wilmington is protecting foreign interests at Swatow. The rebel forces are well disciplined.

CARE FOR FLOOD CONDITIONS.

House Committee Makes Appropriations to Meet Needs in West.

Washington, April 6.—Flood conditions on the Sacramento river will be cared for in the general bill being drawn to cover conditions on the Mississippi. The house flood committee has so decided. The expenditure of \$45,000,000 for the Mississippi is proposed, with an appropriation of \$5,800,000 for the Sacramento. The latter sum will be spent in connection with California state and district appropriations.

HOLLWEG'S SPEECH REACHES PUBLIC

German's Interested Especially in Peace Declarations and Plans Regarding Evacuation of Belgium and Future of "New" Nation.

Berlin, April 6.—Two statements in Dr. von Betham Hollweg's speech in the reichstag have attracted especially the attention of the public, the first being that in which he alluded to submarine warfare and the relations of Germany with the United States and the second in which he referred to the first time of the possibility of withdrawing from Belgium, which, however, he said, "must be a new Belgium."

This is interpreted as an affirmation that Germany would not evacuate the country without receiving necessary guarantees about its future and that the "New Belgium" would make provision for the Flemish portion of the kingdom, a hint of the nature of which is regarded as being given by the chancellor with the word "Netherlands." He spoke of the necessity of assuring to the "long oppressed Flemish inhabitants" the privilege of developing their "Netherlandish language and characteristics."

Dr. Spahn, leader of the Catholic center and Friedrich Ebert, socialist leader, delivered speeches in the reichstag concerning in the views the chancellor had expressed, the Overseas News Agency says. Herr Ebert said that Germany's enemies, and especially the socialists in enemy countries, depend on the word "Netherlands" of Germany, and that therefore it was the duty of Germans to stand firmly by their country.

With regard to the question of annexation, Herr Ebert pointed out that Germany could not give back the freed Polish and other provinces to the reactionaries. Russian yoke and that this is to be understood in the light of the chancellor's declaration that Germany does not want to crush other nations.

LUDERITZ'S NAME BROUGHT INTO CASE

Confessed German Spy Implicates Consul at Baltimore in Conspiracy to Fraudulently Obtain American Passports.

Washington, April 6.—The government's investigation of the alleged connection of Karl A. Luderitz, German consul at Baltimore, with the issue of an American passport to Horst-von der Goltz, a confessed German spy, and the name of Bridgman Taylor, has reached a point where the next step is to lay the facts before a federal grand jury.

The story told department of justice agents by Von der Goltz at New York is to be made the basis of grand jury action. Von der Goltz is quoted as saying he went to Baltimore with a letter from Captain von Papen, requesting the consul to aid Von der Goltz in any way he could.

Von der Goltz has sold the agents he presented the letter and discussed with Luderitz plans for obtaining fraudulently an American passport.

Von der Goltz's story, it is said, has been corroborated by the prisoner Tucker, arrested three weeks ago at El Paso, and now held at Ellis Island, N. Y.

Tucker, it is said, was familiar with Von der Goltz's plan to obtain a passport and has corroborated Von der Goltz's story.

Bonds to Cover Indebtedness. Des Moines, April 6.—Bonds to the amount of \$200,000 will be issued to cover the amount of this city's indebtedness, according to statements made following this morning's council meeting.

A meeting of the mayor's financial cabinet was called to consider ways and means.

GERMANS RENEW VERDUN ATTACK

Penetrate French Center on Avocourt-Bethincourt Front.

SECURE FOOTING IN HAUCOURT VILLAGE

French Take Offensive Slightly to West of Scene of Main Action, Capturing Positions in "Square Wood" After Desperate Night Struggle—Germans Repulsed East of River Meuse and Halted North of Caillette Wood.

Throwing huge masses of men into action the German crown prince has renewed his drive against Verdun from the north-west, attacking two salients in the Avocourt-Bethincourt front, and succeeding in penetrating the French center. Paris admits that the Germans secured a footing in Haucourt, but declares it is held by the fire from French guns.

Meanwhile the French were on the offensive slightly to the west of the scene of the main action. They rallied from the Avocourt redoubt and carried an operation from the redoubt for another French work on the edge of the wood to the north, occupying a large section of the area known as the "Square Woods."

A desperate all night struggle around Verdun resulted in substantial gains for the French north of Avocourt, west of the Meuse, according to today's Paris bulletin, while east of that stream German attacks on French positions were repulsed.

At one point on the Avocourt-Bethincourt line, however, it is admitted that the Germans succeeded in penetrating French lines. The sinking of a German submarine by French and British warships is reported.

The steamer Zent has been torpedoed without warning, according to a Querschnitt dispatch. Two men were killed and forty-eight others probably drowned.

Paris, April 6.—The war office announced this afternoon the capture by the French of a large portion of the position north of Avocourt wood known as "Square Woods." This ground was captured in the course of fighting which went on all of yesterday and last night in the Verdun region, west of the Meuse, on the Avocourt-Bethincourt line.

At one point along the Avocourt-Bethincourt line the Germans succeeded in penetrating French positions. Two attacks were made by German troops against French positions north of Caillette woods but they were without result.

German Submarine Sunk. Paris, April 6.—A German submarine was sunk today by a squadron of British and French warships, the crew of the submarine was captured. The crew of the submarine was captured.

Roumania Prepares for War. London, April 6.—A long delayed dispatch from Bucharest filed by Reuters' correspondent there, March 31, says that in view of the undisputed military preparations of Bulgaria on the Roumania frontier, the government of Roumania is taking "necessary military measures."

Premier Bratianu also has prolonged the parliamentary session until the end of April so as to be ready to deal as quickly as possible with any Bulgarian surprise, which, in the opinion of some, is by no means out of the question.

The Roumanian press comments on the dispatch of the Bulgarian forces said to be for the purpose, the newspapers say, of attacking Dobruja, which Roumania acquired from Bulgaria after the second Balkan war.

The press comments on the hostile attitude of the Roumanian newspapers and demands the recall of M. Radew, the Bulgarian minister at Bucharest, who is accused of stirring up trouble in Dobruja.

Blockade Runner Seized. London, April 6.—The Brazilian steamer Saldama de Gama, which sailed from Para, Brazil, Feb. 6, for New York, with a cargo of raw rubber, has been seized off the Arkny Islands by a British patrol boat. The ship and her cargo have been placed in the prize court.

This is believed to be a deliberate case of attempted blockade running, the officials here contending that the steamer for Para for New York could never have gotten so far off her course. This is the first seizure by the admiralty of a complete cargo of rubber.

Another Raid on English Coast Frustrated by Anti-Air Craft Defenses. London, April 6.—The increasing effectiveness of England's anti-aircraft defenses was demonstrated last night when a single Zeppelin, which undertook the fifth raid in six days, was prevented from penetrating the northeast coast and was forced to flee after the briefest visit of the kind yet made.

The night was clear and moonlight. The searchlights discovered the raider and never once lost him during his stay. As he reached the coast he was flying low and the smallest guns found him such an easy target that he was forced to rise. The larger guns then found the range and surrounded the Zeppelin with a terrific hail of shrapnel.

After maneuvering near a northeast coast town for about ten minutes, the raider was seen to turn and sail homeward.

One person was killed and eight persons injured in last night's Zeppelin raid, it was officially announced this afternoon in the official statement on the raid follows:

"The air raid last night on the northeastern counties was apparently made by three Zeppelins. The first attempt apparently was made by one craft, which was driven off. Numerous observers state that this craft was struck by an anti-aircraft gun shot.

"The second Zeppelin appeared shortly after but dropped no bombs.

"Another raider delivered an attack later in the night.

"The total number of bombs dropped was twenty-four explosives and twenty-four incendiaries. The casualties reported: "Killed, one child; injured, eight."

The German Version. Berlin, April 6.—The German admiralty announced today that German airships last night silenced a battery near Hull, England, with bombs and destroyed an iron works near Whitby. The air ships returned safely.

British Force Captures Felahie. London, April 6.—The town of Felahie, in Mesopotamia, has been captured by the British. All the positions gainer have been consolidated.

Felahie is in Mesopotamia below Kut-el-Amara, where a British force under General Townshend is beleaguered. It has been the scene of several engagements between the Turks and the invaders.

Relief for British. The capture of Umm-el-Henna, which is on the Tigris, about twenty miles down stream from Kut-el-Amara, is the most important gain from this campaign in some time and is held to be the last serious barrier to the relief of General Townshend, although two or three less strong positions are still to be overcome before Kut-el-Amara is reached.

Subject of Criticism. Next to the Dardanelles expedition, the operations in Mesopotamia have been a subject on which the government has been more criticized than any other, not only on account of the breakdown in the hospital arrangements but also on account of the question of responsibility, with insufficient forces, toward Baghdad.

As in the case of the Dardanelles, the critics accused the ministers at home of insisting on the expedition against the advice of the military authorities in India and on the spot.

This accusation, however, met with an unqualified contradiction by Austen Chamberlain, secretary for India, in the house of commons yesterday. Mr. Chamberlain declared that the advance on Baghdad was undertaken on the advice of the commander-in-chief in Mesopotamia.

CANDY-MAKERS PROTEST RATES. Five Hundred Concerns in Plea to Commerce Commission. Washington, April 5.—Five hundred candy companies, including all of the principal manufacturers in the United States today petitioned the interstate commerce commission for a general order of rate of rates to points west of the Mississippi. Practically 750 railroads are made defendants to the proceedings.

FAIL TO CLOSE SALOONS. Fulton Only Wet Town on Northwestern Between Chicago and Omaha. Clinton, April 6.—Women of Fulton, across the river from here, were unsuccessful in their attempt to overthrow the saloons in Fulton at Monday's election. Fulton now is the only wet city on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad between Chicago and Omaha.

Clarke to Address Hawkeyes. Des Moines, April 6.—Governor Clarke today accepted an invitation to address the Hawkeye Association of Chicago at the annual meeting, April 28.

Emperor Nicholas Indignant. Petrograd, April 6.—Emperor Nicholas has sent telegrams to the chiefs of the Red Cross service in which he expresses profound indignation over the sinking of the Red Cross ship Portugal.

PLANS BETTER COAST DEFENSE

Fortifications Bill Largest Ever Reported to Congress.

\$100,000,000 FOR GUNS AND FORTS

Bill if Adopted Will Make Attacks on Larger Coast Cities Impossible—Guns Called For of Power Sufficient to Destroy Ships Fifteen Miles Distant—Mobile Guns on Railroad Cars to Protect Unfortified Points.

Washington, April 6.—The third great element of the national preparedness program was today brought into the house. It is the largest fortifications bill ever reported and the first of four annual measures under which it is proposed to spend approximately \$100,000,000 for increasing and modernizing the coast defenses, already officially declared to be superior to any in the world, to supply an ample store of reserve ammunition for the guns.

Included in the bill are provisions for mounting sixteen-inch direct fire rifles to guard New York, Boston, San Francisco and other cities from long range naval bombardment. Provision is also made for mounting twelve-inch rifles now in reserve, so they will have a range of more than 20,000 yards, or fifteen sea miles. No ship could live within that distance of the guns.

The bill carries appropriations of \$23,305,123 and additional authorities claimed to be one of the chief causes of loss to producers.

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The purpose of Brown's appearance was to deny an allegation that the packers control trade journals. Brown explained that he was one of the two most who supply estimates for ticker service on the Chicago markets.

Next Move Up to Berlin. With the entire marine situation hinging on Germany's attitude in regard to the Sussex, officials today awaited a response from Berlin to Ambassador Gerard's inquiries.

Accumulation of evidence that German submarines were responsible for the Sussex and other disasters is understood to have convinced officials that it is up to the Berlin government to demonstrate the value of promises given the United States.

Col. E. M. House, who investigated the submarine and other issues abroad for the president, came to the White House again today. He conferred this afternoon with President Wilson and Secretary Lansing.

SEED MEAL TESTS LOW. Sixty-five Cars Examined Show Poor Percentage of Protein. Des Moines, April 6.—Results of recent tests of cotton seed meal taken by the state food and dairy departments were announced today. It was found that of sixty-five cars examined all were found to be from 20 to 25 per cent lacking in protein. The meal, which is used chiefly for fattening beef cattle, decreases in value as the percentage of protein decreases.

Steps have been taken to obtain a rebate for the purchasers and a report has been made to the food and drug bureau of the United States department of agriculture. The loss per car to the purchaser, it was said, would be about \$125.

IMPROVEMENT IN MILK. Quality Much Higher According to Recent Tests. Des Moines, April 6.—Great improvement in the quality of milk sold in Iowa has been noted by the state food and dairy department, according to State Dairy and Food Commissioner Barney.

Recent tests, Mr. Barney said, show that the milk now sold is 20 to 40 per cent better than that sold two or three years ago.

Cases reported where the milk had not been up to standard have been due to carelessness rather than deliberate adulteration.

PURPOSELY STARVE CHILD. Coroner's Jury Charges Des Moines Couple With Murder. Des Moines, April 6.—Coroner Koon today filed information in the municipal court to the effect that Mrs. Mary Dudi and her husband, "did premeditatedly allow their infant to die from starvation and neglect with the specific intent of bringing about such death and then did cast the body of said infant upon a refuse heap."

T-R. BULLETIN. NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises April 7 at 5:38; sets 6:31. Iowa — Increasing cloud with rain Friday and in west on Thursday night; rising temperature.

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City News: Supervisors Repudiate Road Convention. Lynch and Nichols Against Road Improvement. City Settles Damage Cases. State Center Couple in Golden Wedding. General. Paul Wins Baby Contest. Grand and Brief City News. PAGE TWELVE.

Markets and General: Late Seeding Makes Wheat Firm. Corn Follows Sister Cereal. Cattle Stranded. Hogs Slow and 5 Cents Lower. Republicans Hope to Control Senate. DENIES PACKERS' BUYERS COMBINE

Editor of Live Stock Publication Declares Agents Do Not Work in Competition to Fix Prices—Says Packers Do Not Control Trade Papers. Washington, April 6.—Denial that cattle buyers of Chicago packers are in agreement was made by J. R. Brown, editor of a live stock paper, before the house commission looking to a packing house inquiry. Lack of competition among the buyers is claimed to be one of the chief causes of loss to producers.

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TWO WOMEN SLAIN FOR THEIR MONEY. Brutal Crime Committed in Home at Seattle, Wash.—Kept Large Sum of Money in House—Cash Amounting to \$3,000 Believed to Have Been Stolen. Seattle, Wash., April 6.—The bodies of Mrs. Corinne Wheeler, 76 years of age, and Mrs. Kate B. Swift, aged 53, were found in their home here today by H. S. King, their nephew. The heads of both women had been crushed and \$3,000 supposed to have been hidden in the house was missing.

The murder was the most shocking committed here in recent years. The bodies of the women, found in different parts of the house, were clothed and indicated that they had been slain early in the evening.

Mrs. Wheeler and Mrs. Swift came here about a year ago from Carthage, Mo. King informed the police that his aunts kept a large sum of money in the house but no trace of it was found.

BOLD DAYLIGHT BANK ROBBERY. Two Men Secure \$15,000 From Vault of First National Bank of Houston, Pa.—Escape in Automobile With Loot. Canonburg, Pa., April 6.—Two men robbed the First National Bank of Houston, Pa., at noon today of \$15,000 and escaped in an automobile.

Joseph K. McNutt, cashier of the bank, was alone at his window when the automobile drove up. A man entered carrying in his hand a piece of paper about the size of a check. He laid it before the cashier. On the paper was written, "Make a move and you will be shot."

McNutt was made to lie on the floor and one of the robbers guarded him while the other went thru the vault.

AD WASHI army bill. Another flood of telegrams protesting against the elimination of the volunteer army provision was submitted today by Chairman Chamberlain. Many were from officers of the national guard, who declared their views had not been correctly presented.

One from Maryland declared Senator Lee, author of the amendment to strike out the volunteer service provision, did not represent the sentiment of the guardsmen on the issue.

TEDDY WILLING IF HE'S WANTED

Roosevelt Makes Position Clear Regarding Presidency.

WOULD ACCEPT ON OWN PLATFORM

Makes Preparedness Chief Issue and Declares Himself Against All Men Who Are Not Pro-American All the Time—Ready to Make War on Willsonism—Wants Nation Ready to Meet Eventualities.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., April 6.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt is again out in the open as a candidate for the republican nomination for president of the United States. The fight which has been made by his followers to have him named when the convention meets in Chicago, June 7, will be carried on with redoubled vigor from this time, shred of all quibble and pretense.

The colonel's position, summed in a few words, is this: He is in a receptive mood, ready to head the fight against Willsonism and for adequate preparedness and Americanism if the country wants him to and that desire is reflected in the action of the republican convention.

Will Not "Pussy Foot." The colonel made known his attitude yesterday in a conversation with a visitor from a near-by state who has been nominated for congress and expects to go to the republican national convention as a delegate.

He told this candidate, among other things, not to expect him (the colonel) to "pussy foot" on a single issue he had raised, if he was nominated. He was not for war, he said; in fact, he abhorred war, but felt that preparedness was the only guarantee of peace.

The scene when the colonel made his declaration was dramatic. It will go down in history as another of the chapters in the politics of the nation, which the colonel has helped to write. There were five men present in the trophy-room at Saratoga Springs, who heard the conversation, which was in fact a declaration of his platform.

Nation Must Make Call. The colonel, with his characteristic vehemence, had been talking of Mexico and other international problems when the visitor interrupted him. "You know, colonel," he said, "I may make up my mind that we will have to nominate you."

Like a flash the colonel turned to his visitor. "Well, now, let me give you a piece of advice," he said, "pounding the chair in your arm. 'If you have any doubt on the subject do not nominate me. Get it perfectly clear in your head that if you nominate me it must not be because you think it in my interest, but because you think it in your interest to be pro-United States first, and all at the time and no pro-anything else at all."

"Every American citizen must be for America first and for no other country even second, and he hasn't any right to be in the United States at all if he has any divided loyalty between this country and any other."

"Not For Unjust War." "I don't care a rap for the man's creed, birthplace or national origin. I am for him if he is straight United States, and if he isn't I am against him."

"I am not for war. On the contrary, I abhor an unjust or a wanton war; but I feel with all my heart that you don't in the long run believe that you are afraid to fight for your rights."

HENRY FORD STILL LEADS. Returns From Two-Thirds of Precincts Give 1,700 Plurality. Detroit, April 6.—Although only a few more returns from the presidential primary Monday were received, it was evident that Henry Ford, of Detroit, was maintaining a small lead over Senator William Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids for the republican preferential nomination.

Complete returns had been received from only nine counties and less than two-thirds of the voting precincts of Michigan had reported. Ford's plurality was about 1,700.

It was quite generally conceded that the race would be in doubt until the state canvasser compiled the returns.

Ford Looks Like Winner. Detroit, Mich., April 6.—Detroit newspapers which compiled returns of the preferential primary Monday are agreed that Henry Ford, of Detroit, defeated Senator William Alden Smith, of Grand Rapids, for the republican nomination by a majority of 3,500 to 4,500.

Clarion Boy Run Down by Auto. Special to Times-Republican. Clarion, April 15.—Elmer, the 8-year-old son of John McClelland, was run over by an auto driven by C. C. Thurn at noon today. His left leg was broken and he was bruised on the head, but will recover. ad war