

MEXICAN CHIEF WILL NOT SIGN AN AGREEMENT

Border Conference Brought to an End Without Any Real Understanding

CARRANZA AFRAID OF FORMAL ORDER

Belief Held That de Facto President Will Help U. S. Hunt Down Bandits

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Secretary Baker announced after today's cabinet meeting that no change in the Mexican policy had been decided upon. No new orders for militia organizations to go to the border were in contemplation, he said, and indicated that no general intervention in Mexico was being thought of at present.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Upon receiving word today from Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott that the border conference with Gen. Obregon had been closed without agreement, Secretary Baker announced that he had directed Gen. Scott to return to Washington and Gen. Funston to return to his headquarters at San Antonio, Tex.

Gen. Scott's report which was in amplification of the official statement issued by the conferees at El Paso last night was transmitted to Secretary Lansing and also was considered at the cabinet meeting. Its contents were not disclosed but there were some indications of an unwritten agreement having been formulated to cover co-operative action along the border for the present.

Secretary Baker said the conferees had tried to reach a basis for a written agreement but found it impossible, although all interchanges were of the most friendly character.

Carranza Afraid.
It was suggested that Gen. Carranza, faced by the political situation in Mexico, was unwilling to make any written agreement to which his opponents could point as indicating a surrender of sovereign rights. Under that theory, Gen. Obregon, it is understood, has given assurances that every possible means will be employed by his government to aid in the speedy extermination of the bandits while the formal diplomatic discussion of the withdrawal suggestions proceeds. It is possible that neither side will endeavor to force the negotiations while the disturbed condition along the border continues.

Before going to the cabinet meeting, Secretary Baker said no steps to send additional national guardsmen or regulars to the border were in immediate contemplation. It was made plain, however, that should Gen. Funston again find his border guard too thin to protect American towns and ranches, there would be no hesitation in calling out more state troops. So far, however, it was said, not even preliminary steps in this direction have been taken.

Gen. Funston returns to San Antonio with his original orders altered in no way. He has full authority to dispose his men either in Mexico or along the border.

MEXICANS MOVE TROOPS.

El Paso, Texas, May 12.—Juan N. Amador, secretary of foreign affairs of the de facto government, who participated in the conference with Gen. Obregon, called on Gen. Scott today and reiterated to him that such troop dispositions as were necessary to restore and maintain order along the northern frontier already had been ordered.

Gen. Obregon, who will remain for a few days at Chihuahua, has directed Gen. Trevino to send into the state of Chihuahua and Coahuila ten thousand men. These forces will be taken from Torreon, San Pedro and other points in the southern part of Coahuila. Trevino's headquarters will be in Chihuahua City, Chihuahua.

Immediate occupation of the district about Parral has been ordered and what the Mexicans regard as an adequate force will be dispatched to the Big Bend country and every effort made to run down the bandits and rescue J. Deamler, who was captured in the Giant Springs and Boquillas raid. Mr. Amador expected to leave tonight for Mexico City where he will have an important role as secretary of foreign affairs in the negotiations that have reverted to the foreign officers of the two governments. To newspaper men he insisted he had no doubt of an early and amicable adjustment.

Mr. Amador made it clear that Generals Scott and Funston had reiterated the assertions of the administration that it was not the intention of the U. S. government to keep the troops in Mexico indefinitely and that therefore he did not attach so much importance to this as had been given to it in some quarters.

STATE TROOPS TO BE DRILLED FOR FIELD SERVICE

MILITIA OF BORDER STATES NOT TO BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE WORK OF GUARDING.

San Antonio, Tex., May 12.—The company of coast artillery from Galveston passed through San Antonio this morning on its way to Marathon to strengthen the base of the second punitive expedition in Mexico. Ten other coast artillery companies ordered out for border service have left for Ft. Sam Houston, where they will go into camp with the militia subject to the further orders of Gen. Funston.

With the mobilization of the Texas militia virtually completed the next step will be to muster in the troops and then put them through a course of training better to fit the organizations for field work.

Now that the conference in El Paso has been terminated, Gen. Funston is expected to return to headquarters immediately.

Unless action is forced by the Mexicans, the American army will make no forward move while negotiations between Washington and Mexico City are being conducted. Active preparations along the Arizona-New Mexico-Texas border will be made, however, and Gen. Funston expects to strengthen all border points that might be objectives of raiding parties at the earliest date. The fresh regular troops will be distributed along the border almost immediately after their arrival at their temporary stations, but some time will pass before the militia will be utilized. The guardsmen from the three states are being mobilized at Douglas, Columbus and San Antonio, where they will be mustered into service and drilled for field service.

HORSES ARE SECURED.

Springfield, Ill., May 12.—Arrangements made by Adj. Gen. Frank Dickson some time ago for supplying horses for the Illinois national guard in event of a possible mobilization still are effective and if the first cavalry, I. N. G., is called out by the federal government these horses can be secured by the state.

"Our plans for a mobilization of the state troops are complete except for the name of the president and the date and blank lines have been left for that purpose," said Gen. Dickson today. "I can state positively that if we are asked by the federal government we can get mounts for the first cavalry and such other troops as may be required to be mounted."

COWBOYS VOLUNTEER.

Helena, Mont., May 12.—One hundred cowboys of Montana have offered their services to the local U. S. recruiting office for war with Mexico, it was announced today. A cowboy delegate who made the offer to the army officers here said a thousand rangers could be secured in ten days.

BOY-ED IS GIVEN HONORS BY KAISER

RECALLED ATTACHE DECORATED FOR HIS ACTIVITIES IN AMERICA.

London, May 12.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that Capt. Karl Boy-Ed, formerly German naval attaché at Washington, has been decorated with the order of the Red Eagle, third class, with swords, by the emperor.

Capt. Boy-Ed was appointed to the Washington embassy December, 1911. After various charges had been made against him in regard to his connection with passport frauds, the equipment of German commerce raiders from the country and German intrigues in Mexico, President Wilson requested his recall. After the president had declined a request from Berlin to explain the reasons for the demand for Capt. Boy-Ed's recall, the attaché was ordered home last December.

The charges against Capt. Boy-Ed continued after his departure from this country. In March of this year, when Horne von Holtz was arrested in New York in connection with the plot to blow up the Welland canal in Canada, he made a statement to the U. S. district attorney charging that Capt. Boy-Ed had proposed an invasion of Canada from this country.

GAS KILLS GIRL.

Des Moines, May 12.—Heart trouble, brought about by gas from a stove, the vents of which had been left open, today is believed by coroner's physicians to have caused the death of Catherine Yeager, 19, socially prominent here and a daughter of a former Des Moines chief of police. Miss Yeager's body was found in the kitchen of her home late yesterday. The coroner stated there was no ground for the belief that she committed suicide.

MEXICANS BURN MINING CAMP

Village on American Border Is Visited By Bandits From Across Line

RESIDENTS ESCAPE IN THEIR AUTOS

Score of Cavalrymen and Infantry Company Sent to Guard Vicinity

Tucson, Ariz., May 12.—Mexican bandits are reported to have raided Polaris, a mining camp, seven miles below Lochiel, on the border, yesterday, driving out the Americans, who escaped to Nogales in automobiles. Col. Sage, commanding at Nogales, sent a company of infantry and twenty cavalrymen to guard Lochiel, Washington camp and other towns on the American side.

Bandits Captured.

Brownsville, Tex., May 12.—Three Mexicans who killed Curtis Bayles, near Mercedes last night, were surrounded today, one of them was killed and the other two captured, according to a report received at Ft. Brown, Tex. The two captives are being held at military headquarters at Progreso, eight miles from Mercedes, the report said. The three men are supposed to have been attempting to enter Mexico.

PURSuing BANDITS.

Washington, D. C., May 12.—The state department received word late today that Gen. Trevino had ordered 1,500 Carranza cavalry and infantry toward the border to pursue the bandits responsible for the recent raids at Glenn Springs and Boquillas, Tex.

EXPEDITION RETREATING.

Columbus, N. M., May 12.—Reports unverified at military headquarters that American troops are being withdrawn from San Antonio, Mexico, and other advanced bases gave rise today to a belief in some quarters that developments look toward a protective patrol of northern Chihuahua.

Supporting this contention is the transportation of supplies which had been concentrated at San Antonio, back seventy miles to Namiquipa. It is known also that Gen. Frederick Funston has expressed his belief that the present line of communication is too long to be maintained properly.

Final arrangements for the concentration of the New Mexico national guard were completed here today. The first companies probably will arrive from Deming and Silver City before night. With the announcement that the militia is to be brought to war strength for the mobilization, Capt. James Walsh, chief of ordnance of the base, has prepared the additional equipment necessary.

AMERICANS HELD IN MEXICAN JAIL

San Francisco, May 12.—Efforts were being made here today to obtain the freedom of four officers of the burned American power schooner Gen. Mariscal, reported held in prison at Acapulco by Mexican authorities.

The Mariscal was destroyed April 12 in Acapulco harbor. All of the crew were arrested by the port authorities but later all were released except four—Alfred Brown, purser; Will Wig, first mate; George La Violette, chief engineer, and Frank Horn, first assistant engineer.

The wives of the two engineers have telegraphed U. S. Senator Phelan they believed their husbands were in danger of being executed and asked that the United States protect them. The United Engineering works has taken the matter up with the navy department.

RAIN PREVENTS OPEN AIR MEETING

Des Moines, May 12.—On account of the cold rainy weather, the plans for a big open air celebration today for William Jennings Bryan were abandoned and the committee in charge decided to content itself with a reception and address at one of the local churches. Mr. Bryan will arrive here this afternoon and talk in the interests of prohibition and suffrage. His coming marks the beginning of a suffrage demonstration which will continue through tomorrow.

HOBSON AGAIN BEATEN.

Birmingham, Ala., May 12.—William B. Bankhead, son of Senator Bankhead, has defeated former Congressman Richmond P. Hobson for the congressional nomination in the newly created tenth district by fifty-one votes, latest returns of the democratic primary show. Hobson has announced he will contest.

IRISH LEADERS SHOT.

Dublin, May 12.—James Connolly and John McDermott were shot this morning for complicity in the rebellion.

REVOLT BROUGHT ABOUT BY SECRET ORDER OF BRITAIN

IRISH PUBLICATION IN AMERICA BARES DETAILS OF RECENT TROUBLE.

San Francisco, May 12.—"The Leader," an Irish publication here, prints today a purported copy of a document alleged to have been issued secretly by the British government and the discovery of which is said to have precipitated the recent revolution in Ireland.

According to "The Leader," the document fell into the hands of Tom Kelly, a Dublin alderman, who read it at a special meeting of the city corporation the Wednesday preceding the riots. The exposure of the government's plan of preparedness, according to "The Leader," was the signal for the uprising.

The document, according to the alleged copy, had "the sanction of the Irish general office commanding the forces in Ireland."

It directs that on receipt of an order issued from the chief secretary's office, Dublin castle, and signed by the undersecretary and the general officer, certain measures be put in force immediately.

These measures included the arrest of all members of the Sinn Fein national council, the central executive Sinn Fein volunteers, general council, Irish Sinn Fein volunteers, county board, Irish Sinn Fein volunteers, executive committee, national volunteers and the Coisde Gnotha committee, Gaelic league.

The alleged document directed that the Dublin metropolitan police and royal Irish constabulary forces in Dublin be confined to barracks; that provision be made to notify inhabitants to remain indoors "until such time as competent military authority may otherwise direct or permit," and gave directions for military occupation of certain premises throughout the city.

ASQUITH IN IRELAND.

Dublin, May 12.—Premier Asquith arrived in Dublin today and was taken in an automobile to the vice regal lodge. The premier's program for the day was first a conference with departmental chiefs and afterward consultation with Gen. Maxwell in regard to the military situation which is well in hand.

It is reported that in all likelihood a proclamation will be issued shortly abolishing martial law, the provisions of which have been greatly modified in the last few days.

The situation in some parts of the provinces is said to be still rather disturbed and it is likely that military control will continue in these districts for some time longer.

Premier Asquith intended also to meet several civilian deputations so as to learn at first hand their ideas concerning the reconstruction of the destroyed portions of Dublin and perhaps to formulate a plan for compensation. There is relief apparent among the population at the promised cessation of executions which were beginning to cause considerable agitation.

VALLEY IS KEY.

Paris, May 12.—Senator Berenger, writing in today's Matin, says that the key to the war lies in the possession of the Briey valley between Verdun and Metz.

"Since the war began," says Senator Berenger, "France, having lost the Briey basin, has been obliged to import almost all the iron required from England and America, while Germany, having occupied the whole Briey valley, is able to add 21,000,000 tons to her own annual output. This explains the assiduity of the Germans at Verdun. They want to capture the fortress so as effectually to prevent the French from attacking Metz."

WAR SUMMARY.

Hard fighting has been resumed in the vicinity of Dead Man hill on the Verdun front, the Germans making another attempt to dislodge the French from the hill, the capture of which on May 10 was reported by the Paris war office. Two attacks last night were repulsed by the French, the war office announced today.

Increase in the violence of the artillery fire in other sectors of the Verdun front is reported, the region especially subjected to the shelling being between Dead Man hill and the Avoucourt wood, to the southwest. In the Douaumont-Vaux district, east of the Meuse, the bombardment is being continued.

On the eastern front the Russians and Germans are engaged in artillery duels at various points and the same conditions prevail along the Italian-Austrian front.

In the Caucasus region around Mt. Kope the Turks claim to have driven the Russians from positions about nine miles in extent and forced them to retreat eastward.

British Premier Asquith has gone to Dublin to study the situation caused by the Irish revolt. The British house of commons last night passed a resolution expressing dissatisfaction with the administration of Irish affairs.

OTTUMWA WELL REPRESENTED

Members of Chapter G Are Active at P. E. O. State Meeting in Newton

LAUD MRS. PORTER FOR HER ACTIVITY

Local Woman Retiring as President Praised for Work; Elect Officers

Ottumwa was well represented at the state convention of the P. E. O. sisterhood, Mrs. Stella Porter, state president, Mrs. Clara Porter Upp, president of chapter G, Mrs. John Wormhoudt, Mrs. J. W. Neasham, Mrs. J. F. Webber, Mrs. George Haw, Jr., and Mrs. L. A. Andrew, attending the sessions which were held in the Methodist church at Newton this week.

The social side of the convention was not neglected, motor trips, informal dinners and the big reception and entertainment Wednesday evening being delightful features. The church was beautifully decorated with yellow and white silk P. E. O. flags and chrysanthemums and the rostrum was massed with roses, lilies and spring flowers. Mrs. L. A. Andrew entertained the state grand officers, the officers of the Newton chapter and the Ottumwa women at a prettily appointed dinner party Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Hotel Churchill. The accommodations at the church, where the sessions were held, were very pleasant and complete, the dining room having a seating capacity of 600.

Sioux City Honored.

An interesting address by the state historian and the election of the following officers for the Iowa state grand chapter during the ensuing year, were the features of interest Thursday afternoon:

Mrs. Cornelia Sawyer of Sioux City, president.

Mrs. Louis N. Healy of Grinnell, first vice president.

Mrs. Fannie Carrier of Newton, second vice president.

Mrs. May Frantz of Burlington, recording secretary.

Mrs. Lucy Englebeck of Des Moines, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Carrie Buechele of Waterloo, treasurer.

Mrs. Myrtle Arnold of Clarinda, organizer.

New chapters granted charters were E V at New London, E W at Tama, T X at Lake Mills and E Y at Sioux City.

Mesdames Webber, Wormhoudt and Neasham returned home Thursday night, and Mesdames Porter, Upp and Andrew remained over for the evening closing session. Mrs. Haw is visiting in Des Moines en route home.

Much gratification was felt by the Ottumwa contingent at the numerous compliments and high tributes of praise paid the outgoing president, Mrs. Stella Porter of this city.

The frequently expressed opinion by delegates and companion officers, seems to be that much of the success of the past year's work of the state organization and the expeditious manner in which the convention was handled, is due to Mrs. Porter.

FRENCH TORPEDO AUSTRIAN VESSEL

Berlin, May 12.—"The Austro-Hungarian passenger steamer Dubrovnik has been torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the Adriatic," says an Overseas News agency announcement today.

The Dubrovnik was not armed and was torpedoed without any warning whatever."

A Paris news agency dispatch on May 10 told of the sinking by a French submarine in the lower Adriatic of "an enemy transport laden with war material."

The Dubrovnik was a vessel of 4,238 tons gross, built in Newcastle in 1912. Marine registers reported her last at Constantinople.

CHILD PREVENTS FATAL SHOOTING

Ft. Dodge, May 12.—Only the heroism of a girl pupil saved Miss Lillian Crossley, a school teacher near here, when Mrs. H. C. Simpson, infuriated by jealousy, tried to shoot the teacher.

The child ran in between the angry wife and the teacher and kept the former from firing until she could be disarmed.

Mrs. Simpson drove Miss Crossley away from the Simpson home, where she had been boarding, accusing her of alienating Mr. Simpson's affections. She says she will sue the teacher.

Mrs. Simpson has been arrested on a charge of attempting to kill the teacher. The wife is 26 years old, her husband is 29 and Miss Crossley is 45.

HEADQUARTERS OPEN.

Chicago, May 12.—Progressive headquarters will be opened here Monday, it was announced today, with F. P. Corrick, state chairman for Nebraska, in charge. Mrs. Kellogg Fairbank, in charge of entertainment, is making arrangements for the social care of the delegates and visitors.

HALF MILLION IS LOST IN FIRE AT SANDUSKY, OHIO

BLAZE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN SWEEPS SECTION OF TOWN AS HIGH WIND RAGES.

Sandusky, Ohio, May 12.—Fire here today in the business district did \$500,000 damage.

The fire started from an unknown cause in the Wasner livery barn at the corner of Market street and consumed the building so rapidly that it was with difficulty the horses were saved.

A strong wind from the southeast swept the flames into the old four story Schmidt block at the southeast corner of Market and Wayne streets. The fire spread in and the wind carried firebrands from this burning structure diagonally across the corner to the four story Kuntz block. Loss on this building was about \$200,000 and on goods in the block another \$200,000. The gale made difficult the work of the firemen, several of whom were slightly injured.

In the Schmidt block were the Nobil shoe store, the J. H. Herman furniture store, the Dilgert & Bitner furniture store, the Healy clothing store, F. E. Swayne's piano store and the Bowser & Sharp carpet store. The first three of these establishments were consumed and the others appear doomed. Fire in the Kuntz block was put out without great damage.

Subsiding of the high wind probably was all that saved the business district of this city from entire destruction. The fire burned out thirteen large stores and a number of smaller establishments.

METHODISTS HEAR OF FOREIGN WORK

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 12.—Representatives of fourteen nations participated in a meeting today held in connection with the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, at which short reports on the work in foreign fields were given. Native workers from Korea, Japan, India, Denmark, Uruguay and Mexico reported that despite the war progress had been made in church activities during the last four years.

Among the speakers was Dr. Mary Stone, a Chinese woman physician, who is in charge of the Methodist hospital in Kluakang, China.

CHURCH ADOPTS ADVERTISING PLAN

Salem, Ore., May 12.—F. J. Rupert was installed today as publicity manager for St. Paul's Episcopal church of this city. The appointment was suggested by the Rev. S. Gill, rector and former newspaper man, who said he believed publicity in church work should reap results as beneficial as newspaper advertising does in the business world.

PHYSICIANS ARE PLACED IN PERIL

OTTUMWA MEN ON EXCURSION WHICH NEARLY HAD DISASTROUS ENDING.

Davenport, May 12.—The lives of four hundred Iowa physicians who are attending a state convention here were imperiled when the rudder of the steamer on which they were taking an outing last evening broke and the boat started to drift toward the presiding railroad bridge. A ferryboat crossing between Davenport and Rock Island heard the signal of distress and came to the rescue.

Had it not been for the proximity of the ferryboat the swift current probably would have carried the excursion steamer with great force into the bridge as it was impossible to steer the big boat.

Officers Elected.

The Iowa State Medical society at its closing session this morning selected Des Moines as the next meeting place and elected officers as follows:

President, John F. Herrick, Ottumwa.

President-elect, J. N. Warren, Sioux City.

First vice president, Charles B. Taylor, What Cheer.

Second vice president, C. A. Bolce, Washington.

Secretary, T. E. Throckmorton, Des Moines.

Treasurer, Thomas F. Duhigg, Des Moines.

Editor, David S. Fairchild, Clinton.

Seven Ottumwans attended this Davenport convention and in all probability were aboard the steamer which came so near disaster. The local people at the convention are Dr. J. F. Herrick, Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Spillman, Dr. E. T. Edgerly, Dr. Donald McElerry, Dr. E. C. Hubbard and Dr. D. E. Graham.

ELKS LODGE HAS ORGANIZATION OF CADET CORPS

Company of Ottumwa Boys Formed and Being Given Drills Every Week

T. A. STOESEL WILL DIRECT THE LADS

Plan to Attend the State Meeting at Davenport if Proficient in Tactics

Ottumwa Elks' lodge has organized an Elks' Cadet corps, made up of boys from 9 to 17 years of age for military drill. Captain Theodore A. Stoessel had the drill in charge which is held every Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the lodge room. The committee in charge of the work is Capt. T. A. Stoessel, George R. Gibson, Dr. C. M. Work, John Lewis and E. H. Emery, exalted ruler.

For some months the movement for such a corps has been agitated in Elks circles as a means toward preparedness and on April 25 return cards were sent out and the first drill was held on Saturday afternoon, April 29. Another practice was held last Saturday and will be continued every week in the future.

Many prominent men look with favoring toward the future. The Elks think it proper to show by this and other means their patriotic interest by teaching the elements of soldiering in this community. If the lads of Ottumwa show the proper response, it is the plan of the lodge to equip the company with suitable uniforms and guns and this feature of the good work so prominent that it will greatly impress the community.

Want Boys to Enroll.

The boys who have enrolled in the corps have been appealed to in an effort to interest other boys and it is the hope of the lodge to greatly increase the enrollment. One of the cardinal principles of the lodge is patriotism and the flag is the major emblem and is always spread upon the altar. The ritual of the order teaches that the only distinctive American order is the B. P. O. E. and the first duty of its members is to the country and flag. It is said that Ottumwa will be the credit of taking the lead in this work which it is hoped may be taken up by lodges throughout the country.

The parents are urged to see that their boys take advantage of this opportunity afforded them and enroll. The parents are invited to the drills and the lodge room is open to the public during these drills. As an added incentive a plan will be carried out to have field days in some park during the summer where the boys can have a good outing. Flags, pennants, stirring music and much else to inspire the patriotic fervor will be afforded by the lodge on these occasions.

May Attend State Meet.

If Captain Stoessel is able to bring the corps to a good standard of efficiency the boys will be taken to the state meet at Davenport this summer. This, however, depends on the response of the lads to this opportunity afforded them by the local order and to the interest taken in the project by the parents.

Twenty-four boys from all parts of the city are now enrolled in the company. Following are their names: George and Thomas Keefe, 426 East Fourth street; Rowland Beckley, 131 Alta Vista avenue; Raymond Blake, Sheridan avenue; Lyle Harvey, 161 South Willard street; Hugh Conroy, 407 Chester avenue; John O'Gar, 235 North Clay street; Fred Gilliland, Bismark avenue; Frank Kemp, 910 West Fourth street; Percy Eager, 328 East Second street; Cleon Caton, 228 North Wapello street; Richard and Arthur Areingdale, rural route No. 8; Lawrence Zaubitzer, 513 West Fourth street; Stanley Yates, 804 West Fourth street; Paul Green, 1908 Schworm street; Hyman Jeruchansohn, 521 East Main street; Herbert Farrington, 512 Center avenue; Lee and Lawrence Meler, Carter avenue; Garrett Cupp, rural route No. 8; Ira Newby, 423 West Fourth street; Virgil Payne, 715 West Second street; David Nevin, Taft avenue.

The next practice will be held Saturday afternoon at which time a number of new boys are expected to enroll.

BRANDEIS' RECORD AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Washington, D. C., May 12.—Louis K. Liggett of Boston, a director of the United Drug Co., was the first witness called today before the senate judiciary committee at the reopened hearing on the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court. The committee is looking into any connection Mr. Brandeis may have had as a lawyer in a merger between the United Drug Co. and the Riker-Hagaman stores.

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