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AMERICANS FLEE ACROSS BORDER

Reign of Terror Sets in on Texas-Mexico Lines-Funston Distributes Forces

OFFICIALS DENY INTERVENTION

More Mexican Outlaws Killed-Policy of Suppressing Details Decided Upon

GALVESTON, Aug. 12.—Incoming trains from the valley country are filling Corpus Christi hotels with American refugees, mostly women and children sent away for safety, according to advices from that city today.

One ranchman from the Lyford country moved his whole family and predicted a reign of terror along the border before normal conditions are restored. He attributed the cause of "dissenters" from the Mexican side stirring up their countrymen on the American side.

LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 12.—According to rumors in this city today, 1,000 additional forces have arrived to reinforce the garrison on the Mexican side. All is quiet on the American side of the river. A local Carranzista paper calls upon its readers to make ready "to defend national honor."

One hundred and thirty rifles and two hundred and sixty-four thousand rounds of ammunition are being held up by the local customs officials. This war material was purchased during April last by the Carranzistas.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 12—Three more Mexican outlaws were today added to the list of killed in battle near Mercedes, Hidalgo county, thirty miles northwest of here.

No report of whether soldiers, county officers or rangers were in the fight has been received. Officers have adopted a policy of refusing to give details of fighting in which they were concerned. This is said to account for the lack of confirmation of a report that eight other Mexican bandits were killed in Hidalgo county since Friday.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 12—After passing a quiet night the lower Rio Grande valley today is watching for results of the sending of more troops into this section. General E. P. Naffarette, Carranza commander at Matamoros today denies that a thousand of his men could enter Texas to incite uprisings against the Americans and gives for his reason that he has now but 500 men between Aldamus and the mouth of the Rio Grande. He charges that the brigandage in Texas is caused by Huertistas in anticipation of Carranza's recognition of the United States. He expressed his willingness to co-operate with American authorities in keeping any bandits which may cross into Mexico and will turn any such over to the Americans.

Adjutant Henry Hutchings of the Texas National Guard reports no further disturbance throughout this section last night but he has rangers on guard in Cameron and Hidalgo counties.

Three companies of United States troops from Laredo reached Brownsville this morning, the fourth company of the battalion having been detoured at Kingsville.

GALVESTON, Tex., Aug. 12—"The statement that foreigners in Vera Cruz

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WAS NOT WITH STARR HE SAYS

Bud Maxfield, On Trial for Bank Robbery, Labors to Establish an Alibi

CHANDLER, Ok., Aug. 12—With the completion of the testimony today in the examination of two witnesses for the defense in the trial of Bud Maxfield, charged with taking part in the robbery of two banks at Stroud, Ok., last March, it was expected the arguments of attorneys would be heard and the case be given to the jury before night.

Although Maxfield admitted on the witness stand that the contentions of the state were true, in that he formerly owned a wagon in which the robbers had driven to Stroud and of a pistol dropped by one of the raiders of the bank, he declared he had sold the wagon and pistol several days before the robbery took place. Henry Starr, leader of the band who has confessed, bought the wagon, Maxfield declared and Lewis Estes, who also has confessed to aiding in the robbery, acquired the pistol. Maxfield and others testified he was in Tulsa the day of the robbery.

FOR DEFENSE BOARD

HOBART, Aug. 12—J. A. Quirk, commander of the G. A. R. post here, today received notification of his appointment as a delegate to the conference on national defense which will be held in Washington, October 4-7.

Watchful Waiter

BRIG. GEN. FREDERICK FUNSTON.

Brigadier General Funston, commander of the American troops at the Mexican border who is keeping a careful watch across the Rio Grande and international boundry during the present crisis. In case force is necessary to compel peace in Mexico, Funston is the man of the hour once again to lead the troops into that country.

VILLA SCOFFS INTERVENTION

Through Member of His Cabinet Expresses Satisfaction With the Wilson Method.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—General Villa has informed the United States government that he is willing to sign a truce of three months or more duration with his opponents during which time a peace conference shall be held.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Aug. 12—"I do not believe the sending of American warships to Vera Cruz should be considered as indicating an intention of the United States government to intervene in Mexico," said Diaz Lombardo, foreign minister in the Villa cabinet, when he read a dispatch today telling of the departure of the battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana from Newport.

"The invitation that the Pan American conference will send to the military conference does not now show any animosity in any way as far as can be seen in the messages relating to this intention.

"I believe that the South American nations will not help in an armed movement against our country and would protest against an act of this kind. I also am certain of the good will of President Wilson toward Mexico and that the American government does not intend to carry out armed intervention, since it solicited the co-operation of the Latin-American nations, one of which is Argentina, which had declared that it would oppose any armed intervention in Mexican affairs.

"If President Wilson had a plan of intervention at any time, he would surely have not asked the Argentine republic to participate in the conference."

TYPHOID PREVALENT

Most Attacks Mild—Stagnant Overflow Not Responsible—Fifteen Cases Have Been Reported

Typhoid fever cases in Oklahoma City are more numerous now than they have been at any time during the past year, according to the record of the health department. Some fifteen cases are being treated at present. A variety of causes is supposed to be responsible for the unusual prevalence of the disease. The stagnant water which covered the bottom lands so long after the overflow caused by the river is not held responsible for any of the cases, as they are all scattered over other and higher parts of the city.

PHONES AID POLICE

Co-operation of Exchanges With Law Enforcement Agencies Is Worked Out By Zones in New York City

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—The New York Telephone company today began to co-operate with the police department in the capture of criminals. The territory within 100 miles of New York City has been divided into seven zones. As soon as the police notify the telephone company descriptions of any criminals sought by the police will be flashed in a few minutes to all chiefs of police, sheriffs and constables and railroad station agents.

SCHOOLS SIGHT DOVE OF PEACE

Members of Board of Education Will Not Have Any More Quarrels, Perhaps

MORRIS IS ON PEACE MISSION

Judge Hayson Grants Injunction Holding Dixon Never Was Member of Board

FRANCIS H. Dixon, a resident of Oklahoma county, was never a member of the Oklahoma City Board of Education de facto or any other kind. The law passed by the last legislature validating the charters of cities of more than 50,000 was upheld by Judge John W. Hayson Thursday and Oklahoma City is entitled to only eight members, two from each ward, in the school board. Judge Hayson granted the injunction restraining the board members from signing contracts that have heretofore been made with teachers.

All acts of the school board affected by the vote of Dixon are invalid, under the decision handed down by Judge Hayson Thursday morning. The school board will have to appoint teachers all over again and search the records for acts in which Dixon cast a vote. All contracts on which he voted will have to be made over again. The coal contract is said to be included among them.

Judge Hayson's decision, it is stated, settles the Dixon controversy in the board of education and paves the way for a settlement of the differences that have heretofore existed. Efforts are being made Thursday to establish a basis for the settlement of all disagreements. The first requisite will be the elimination of Superintendent Buchanan and Principal Masters of the high school.

Nothing to Contend About

An informal meeting of the board of education will be held in a few days and the members will lay aside their differences, if the efforts that are being made Thursday are not fruitless. The foundation for the

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WORK AT HIGH SCHOOL

Executive Committee Laying Out Work for Next Year and Planning to Open School Next Month

Although the Oklahoma City High school has no principal, yet there has been no delay in preparing for the work of the coming school year. At the last meeting of the board an executive committee was appointed to make all necessary preparations.

The committee is composed of C. W. Turner, S. D. Lippincott and H. F. Rausch. Turner and Lippincott are at work now on the arrangement of study periods in the school and later will assign teachers to the classes. The committee has no authority to change the course of study in any particular. Rausch is out of the city at present, but is expected to return soon.

It is estimated that the attendance at the high school this year will be between 1,800 and 1,900 students.

NO THINNING OUT OF BOOTLEGGERS

Internal Revenue Collector States Inference Based Upon Issuance of Liquor Licenses

"AS FAR as I can ascertain, there are as many bootleggers in Oklahoma City and Oklahoma county this year as there were last," said Hubert L. Bolen, internal revenue collector, when asked as to federal licenses being taken out by the gentry in this part of the country. "Seemingly they are all active, too, as it would be a waste of money for them to buy a federal liquor license for $25 if they did not intend to make use of it.

"Last year we issued about 125 permits, and that number will be reached this year by the time we get them all rounded up. Of course I have only one man to work in eleven counties, so that getting them all to come to time takes a little time. However, we generally get all of them, without much trouble, as the alternative of serving a sentence in the federal penitentiary does not appeal to them."

When asked if there was not considerable difficulty in locating the merchants, Mr. Bolen said that while he had but five men in the state, they were sufficiently well trained and alert enough to allow but few to get past them. "The records of these licenses are on file at the collector's office," stated Mr. Bolen, "and as are all court records, open to the inspection of the public. If the city and county officials throughout the state don't get the violators, it isn't because they do not have a chance to know who is operating and where they live."

THE WEATHER

Washington Forecast

Oklahoma Tonight and Friday unsettled.

Kansas Showers tonight and probably Friday; not much change in temperature.

Arkansas Tonight and Friday unsettled, probably showers in southwest portion.

East and West Texas Tonight and Friday fair; cloudy.

For Oklahoma City and Vicinity Unsettled and generally cloudy weather tonight and Friday; no decided change in temperature.

7 a. m.	79
8 a. m.	79
9 a. m.	79
10 a. m.	79
11 a. m.	81
12 noon	83
1 p. m.	85
2 p. m.	86

The shallow low pressure area that was central over Arkansas yesterday morning has moved northeastward to the Ohio valley and lower lake region and caused precipitation over territory east of the Mississippi river. Precipitation has been general also in the Texas and Louisiana coast section. Local showers and thunderstorms are reported in New Mexico, northwestern Texas, the lower Missouri valley and the northern Rocky mountains. The rainfall was quite general over the western portion of the Corn belt, and was heavy in excessive in southeastern areas. A low pressure area appears to be developing over Western Texas and southwestern Oklahoma.

FOUR KILLED IN OHIO COLLISION

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 12—Four persons were killed today and more than a score were injured, some of them seriously, when a heavily loaded freight train crashed into a special train bearing a party of members of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Mount Sterling, Ohio, many of them accompanied by their families.

The accident occurred at Orient Station, on the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern railroad 14 miles south of Columbus.

PRESIDENT IS SNOWED UNDER

Wilson Returns to Find Multitude of National Loose Ends That Need Immediate Handling

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—President Wilson, returning from Cornish, N. H., reached the White House shortly after 9:30 a. m. today. He will confer with Secretary Lansing on the Mexican, Haitien and other foreign situations.

It was announced at the White House that there would be no cabinet meeting tomorrow. The president has determined that pending matters in the various departments are not in shape for general discussion with his advisers as yet.

After his conference with Secretary Lansing, devoted chiefly to the Mexican situation and the work of the Pan American conference, Mr. Wilson planned to see Secretary Garrison of the war department and Secretary Daniels of the navy, to take up questions of national defense.

The situation along the Mexican border in Texas, where raiders have attacked American ranches and several Americans have been killed recently, also was expected to figure in the conference with Secretary Garrison.

LABOR TANGLE WAXES

Bridgeport, Conn., Which Has Its Good and Bad Days, Is Gloomy as to Strike Situation Now

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 12—Labor troubles in this city and nearby towns which apparently had given promise of amicable adjustment, have suddenly assumed a more serious aspect.

A walkout yesterday of some seventy machinists and helpers at the plant of the Lake Torpedo Boat company in this city and a threatened strike today of about 600 machinists at the Farrell foundry and machine company's plant in Ansonia, were disturbing features.

The reply of the Locomobile Company of America to the demand of about 800 of its employes for a readjustment of hours and pay was expected today.

Blacksmith Says Report of His Death Distorted

ALTON, Ills., Aug. 12—John Neely, a blacksmith, of East Alton, arose in his shop today to remark with emphasis that it was not his body which was found in a railroad yard at Springfield, Mo., last Monday.

The body of this murdered man had been identified by Millard Brady of Springfield as that of his friend Neely. Brady told of a train robber's threat on Neely's life fifteen years ago and presumed that the robber had fulfilled his threat.

RISK APPEARS TOO RISKY

PONCA CITY, Aug. 12—Oil men here have been notified by the insurance companies that they will take no more risks on oil tanks.

LAY ON M'DUFF SAYS FRANKLIN

Not Frightened By Governor's Threat to Discharge Employes in Office of Supreme Court Clerk.

GOVERNOR IS NOT THE STATE

If He Appoints Clerical Force Franklin Will Refuse to Approve All the Salary Claims

GUBERNATORIAL fanfare and the shouting, "I am the state," have little effect upon W. M. Franklin, clerk of the supreme court of the state of Oklahoma, who holds fast to the belief that government in this country is handled by three coordinate branches and that one department is not dependent upon the will of another.

Relative to the governor's statement of yesterday, that an attorney advised he could discharge the employes in Franklin's office and himself appoint their successors, Franklin said he was not in the least apprehensive, and in this he appears to be fortified behind the law.

Franklin this morning issued this statement:

"Since the governor has gone into print again I will say that I notice that it is claimed that some attorney (?) has discovered that the governor can appoint the help for this department, and that there is a veiled threat that he will assume such power. The governor has no such power, and he cannot by force or threats, after I have refused to give my consent, appoint the force for this department. I do not want as cheap help for this department as the advice of the aforesaid attorney (?) is worthless. If the governor has the legal right to appoint the help for this department, he has the same right to appoint help in most of the other departments. True, in the creation of additional positions in

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JINGOES SNIFFING

Fact That War Department Inquires About Munitions Sets Heads to Wagging More or Less Ominously

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—Announcement that the war department had asked American manufacturers of war munitions for data as to their facilities for furnishing supplies, particularly in the event of an emergency led to some speculation here today, although officials explained that the action was in accordance with the usual practice both in normal times as well in war. The announcement declared emphatically that no purchases of war supplies was contemplated at present.

The step, it is explained, was made necessary by the fact that practically every private plant in the country is taxed to its capacity to fill orders from the warring nations of Europe.

MUNICIPAL WOOD YARD

CHICAGO, Aug. 12—Chicago is to have a municipal woodyard where unemployed men will be given work at $1 a day during the winter months. The project, officials today said will prevent the annual influx of men who refuse to work and depend on the municipal lodging houses to shelter them.

TAKE STEPS TO AMEND CHARTER

Petitions for Voters to Sign Will Be Placed in Circulation in Few Days

ARE you satisfied with the city charter as it now stands, or do you want it amended so that the chief of police, city attorney and municipal judge will be elected? Better make up your mind about it pretty soon, for you may be called on to vote one way or the other.

Those who are starting the movement to amend the charter say the petitions asking that the proposition be submitted to a vote will be in circulation inside of ten days. The proposed amendments to the charter are now being drawn by E. J. Giddings and James S. Taxford. The petitions will require the names of twenty-five per cent of voters at the last general election. When 1,650 names have been signed to the petitions, a sufficient number will have been obtained, but those pushing the movement say they will get many more.

The present charter provides that the board of commissioners may submit any proposed amendment to a vote of the qualified electors of the city at any general election or at a special election. The general election laws of the state shall govern, it is provided in the charter.

Favored By the Voters?

Those who are pushing the proposed change say they prefer to have the amendments voted on at a special election, when no political influence will be brought to bear. They propose to

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Le Gallienne's Fair Daughter

MISS EVA LA GALLIENNE

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—Miss Eva Le Gallienne, daughter of the well known English poet, Richard Le Gallienne arrived in this city aboard the American liner St. Louis to visit Mr. and Mrs. William Faversham, the actors. Miss Le Gallienne has inherited some of the artistic talent of her father, and although but 16 years of age has scored a decided triumph on the English stage. She may take up her stage work in this country.

SCHOOL SYSTEM IS UNDERMINED

Read's Removal From Institution for Deaf at Sulphur Followed by Interesting Revelations

Several days ago, when a delegation from Sulphur called upon Governor R. L. Williams at his office in the Mercantile building to inquire if it was not possible to secure the retention of Prof. Frank Read as head of the state school for the deaf at Sulphur, the state's chief executive said, substantially:

"You folks down there are never satisfied. If you don't accept what we give you and quit complaining I will take the school away from you."

To this a business man who headed the delegation replied:

"Look here, governor; you are not all of the state. We have a legislature and a supreme court. You are not all of it by any means. Now I helped secure your nomination and voted and worked for you at the election, but I want to say to you right now, you will not remove that school from our town just because we ask that a capable man, who is being jobbed by politicians, be retained."

The governor maintained his characteristic obduracy and the Cruce appointee was succeeded by a Texas Democrat.

SULPHUR, Aug. 12—Much interest has been revived here in the state's mismanagement of the school for the deaf by recent comment in The Times relative to the removal of Prof. Fred Read, who has returned to his home in Illinois. When he was preparing to remove from here a local banker, giving him a hearty handclasp, said: "I am sorry to see you leave the school and the town, and I may say that is the sentiment of the entire population of the town. Only one man has had a word to say against you, and that man is a hardware dealer."

And thereby hangs a tale; one of

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NO SIGNS OF "KNIFE"

Head of Educational Board Returning From Vacation, Manifests No Symptoms of Political Bellicosity

R. A. Wilson, president of the state board of education, is again back in his office after a vacation of several weeks spent to his native state of Kentucky, where he was accorded especial honors, on one occasion the schools in his home county being closed for a day. It was rumored about the state house that he had returned with, figuratively speaking, "a knife up his sleeve," because of the board's action in making certain removals of school heads during his absence, but he gave no intimation of this to visitors this morning.

PREPARING SPEECH

Governor R. L. Williams has about finished the speech he is scheduled to deliver at the conference of governors in Boston next week. He expects to start east Sunday, going to New Orleans, thence by boat to the Bay state metropolis.

HINDENBURG ON TO PETROGRAD

German Army Within 300 Miles of Russia's Capital Now

BETWEEN RIGA AND DINSK

Lull Continues as Against France and England on Western War Front

LONDON, Aug. 12—The Baltic flank of the German armies under Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has virtually attained the banks of the river Dvina, between Riga and Dinsk, with Petrograd less than 300 miles away in a direct line. Thence southward the line sweeps west with the Russian fortress of Kovno still holding out. Next week may see a great battle on the road toward the Russian capital.

The second line of defense upon which the Russians proposed to fall back after abandoning Warsaw has all the appearance of having been rendered untenable and the British and Russian press are beginning to see in the Austro-German plan an ambitious plunge deeper into Russia with Petrograd as the goal.

In the meantime the Russian rear guards are fighting desperately especially in the critical Dvina region and at Kovno to capture which the Germans are making a terrific sacrifice of men.

It seems plain now that the Germans purpose no great demonstration in the west, but propose to push forward their so far brilliantly successful campaign in Russia on reports that conditions in France and Belgium are such that neither the French nor the British immediately will attempt a general offensive.

During the lull in activity on the front in France and Belgium the British public is looking on the Dardanelles to bring the relief Russia so badly needs, though the task of opening the straits remains a difficult problem which some think may only be solved by a change in the Balkan situation. Both Germany and the entente powers are exerting the hardest pressure on Bulgaria as that country is considered to be the key to the situation.

4,000 PITTSBURGH FIGHTERS

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 12—Four thousand Italian reservists from the Pittsburgh district have applied to the Italian vice consulate for transportation to Italy in order that they may join their regiments.

CIVILIANS KILLED BY AVIATORS

LONDON, Aug. 12—A wireless dispatch today from Berlin says that French aviators dropped bombs at Zweibruecken, Tsank and Ingbert, killing or wounding several civilians. The property damage was small.

BERLIN, Aug. 12—Austro-German forces pursuing the Russians who are retreating from the Warsaw salient have occupied Lukow, according to official announcement by the German army headquarter's staff today. Zambrowo also has been captured, the statement adds.

KILLED AT SILL IN TEST FLIGHT

Captain G. H. Knox Loses Life and Lieut. Sutton Injured in Aerial Maneuveres

FORT SILL, Okla., Aug. 12—Captain G. H. Knox of the First Aero squadron, who began test flights upon the Fort Sill reserve Tuesday, met death this morning when his airship fell five hundred feet.

Lieutenant R. R. Sutton is not expected to live.

The squadron had just been transferred here from California.

Upon their arrival several members said they considered the various currents of air existing in and near the Wichita mountains here extremely dangerous.

The aviators ascended about 9 o'clock this morning. They had been aloft but a few minutes when the aeroplane suddenly was observed to be falling. Captain Knox and his aide made desperate efforts to control the machine. Knox was instantly killed. Sutton was hurried to the army hospital where an operation was performed in an effort to save his life. The exact cause of the accident has not been ascertained.

$40,000,000 SEQUESTRATED

Civil Tribunal of Paris Ties Up Property of Rich German

PARIS, Aug. 12—The civil tribunal of the Seine has sequestrated the property of the German millionaire, Herr Jellinek. Their property, consisting mostly of real estate in Paris and the Riverla, is worth about $40,000,000.