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## CARRANZA'S REPLY TO APPEAL IS 'NO'

Vera Cruz, Sept. 13.—General Venustiano Carranza's reply to the appeal of the United States and the Latin-American countries for a conference between the leaders of the various Mexican factions, having in view an adjustment of Mexico's interecine struggle, is in a polite but unequivocal "no."

In a note issued by Foreign Minister Acuna, General Carranza has told the diplomats that he can permit of no interference whatever by foreign governments. He explains that he is in control now of all Mexico except the states of Chihuahua and Morelos and a part of the state of Sonora.

The signers of the note to Carranza are invited to come themselves or to send representatives to some point along the Rio Grande for a conference at which the affairs of Mexico may be discussed "solely from an international point of view" and with the idea that Carranza's government be recognized as the de facto government in Mexico.

### Commands Army of 150,000.

The diplomats are told in the note that the first chief of the Constitutionals now commands an army of 150,000 men; that the functions of public service have been restored, the railways repaired and railway traffic resumed. The note adds that in the fields and the cities there have been reborn the activities of normal life. Stress is laid in the note on the assertion that soon the entire country will be at peace.

The reply insists that the first chief is actuated by the highest motives in declining to participate in the conference. It is stated in the note that the fact that the revolutionists had entered into a pact at Juarez with the old government was one of the weaknesses of President Francisco I. Madero's arrangement for the rehabilitation of Mexico and that this alleged trafficking with the opposition was one of the reasons for the disagreements that culminated in the tragic battle in Mexico City in February, 1913. Incidentally, it is stated in the note that "some foreign diplomats" were involved in that affair.

### First Chief "Only Authority."

The reply of General Carranza explains that a conference with any "conquered faction" would mean the sacrifice by Carranza of the first chieftaincy of the army and his executive power, and a betrayal of the faith and confidence now reposed in him by the people and the army. That Carranza represents the army in making such a reply is indicated in a paragraph of the note in which the diplomats are told that they will be able to observe from the answers they received to their notes from the military chiefs and the civil subordinates of Carranza that the first chief "is the only authority that could decide, and who, in fact does decide" matters submitted to them.

The reply of General Carranza was handed to John R. Silliman, President Wilson's representative in Mexico.

## U. S. DOLLAR MAY DOMINATE

Federal Reserve Board Thinks Time Has Come When Eagle Should Rule in Markets.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The time has come, in the opinion of the federal reserve board, when the American dollar should take a dominating place in the financial markets of the world and when American or dollar exchange should become the medium through which the millions of dollars of exports and imports of the United States are paid. To open the field for American exchange, the board issued revised regulations governing the discount of bankers' acceptances by federal reserve banks, providing among other things that under certain conditions such acceptances may be renewed.

### New York Population 9,773,817.

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 13.—The total population of New York state is 9,773,817, according to figures submitted to the constitutional convention by Secretary of State Hugo. New York city has 5,066,222, an increase of 300,661 in five years. During that time, however, the borough of Manhattan has shown a decrease of 187,481.

### Postoffice Clerks Select Memphis.

San Francisco, Sept. 13.—The National Federation of Postoffice Clerks, at the closing session of their convention yesterday, voted to maintain headquarters in Washington and select Memphis, Tenn., as the next convention city.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Arthur L. Honeywell, Davenport, Iowa; first vice president, Morris Simon, Philadelphia; secretary-treasurer, Thomas F. Flaherty, San Francisco.

## PLEASANT, OILY GRAFTERS SEEK PROSPEROUS FARMERS

The Belgrade Journal, published at Belgrade in the Gallatin valley, one of the great wheat producing sections of Montana, says:

"Knowing that the majority of ranchers in the valley are going to have a little change by them most of the time, there will be a veritable campaign of effort to part them from their loose coin. There will likely be some very neat appearing, pleasant mannered, gentlemanly fellow show up with "fortunate eastern connections" which enable him to offer good loans at a remarkably low rate of interest. But don't bite, Mr. Rancher, at least until you have looked into those eastern connections. Talk the matter over with your local banker, or some one whom you know you can trust, and get inside information on those "fortunate eastern connections."

"Or perhaps it will be one of those affable, easy to get acquainted with fellows who has found an exceptional opening for the investment of a considerable amount, of which he lacks a few thousand of having raised. Of course, the rate of income will be very attractive and there will be no question about the returns in the end. You may be sure he will put it up to you with its full force. But don't give him "a strike" unless it is one straight from the shoulder and well placed on the point of the chin.

"And there will be others. It is impossible for the Journal to guess even half of them. But the object of this article is to urge the ranchers, and others as well, to be on their guard against the people who make an easy living working other people. If some proposition looks exceptionally attractive to you, if there is merit in it, it will keep, at least for a few days while you look into the matter. If it won't stand looking into, it won't stand by you in a pinch. And that is the kind of investment you want. When some fellow comes along and you are about to part with your coin, just hold on long enough to consult with your financial advisor, go into the matter thoroughly with him, and if he advises it, "take a shot at it" if you still feel so inclined.

"But a still wiser course would be to make it a practice to do business with those men or concerns who have treated you right in the past, or who are located where you can get at them for redress in case they hand you a package."

## HERO OF THE MERRIMAC WILL STUMP MONTANA

Richmond Pearson Hobson, the south's great prohibition orator and the accredited hero of the Merrimac in the Spanish war, will come to Montana and put the state in the "dry" column in November, 1916, according to Rev. Joseph Pope, the president of the Montana Anti-Saloon league. Hobson is now scheduled to speak in Miles City and Helena on November 10 and 11, and other dates will be arranged for him to follow these.

Moreover, a battling dry squadron composed of the famous Woolly, Morrow, Banks and Young quartet will start a statewide prohibition campaign on October 3 that will last eighteen days. They will give addresses on national prohibition in every town of consequence in the state of Montana.

Rev. J. E. Parker of Helena, who has just completed a forty days' tour under the auspices of the state W. C. C. T. U., met with the dry Montana committee and discussed plans for the big prohibition meeting that will be held in Helena, Wednesday, Sept. 22, when delegates from religious, civil and social organizations will gather together in the cause of the "Dry Montana" from all parts of the state at Helena.

"The prohibition sentiment is strong in the state," said Rev. Pope. "If we were to take a vote now Montana would go dry. The eastern part of the state is especially strong against the saloon. County option will decide the question in Richland county October 13. Petitions for election are in the hands of the Sheridan county commissioners and petitions are being circulated in Dawson county. There is strong prohibition agitation in other counties."

### Farm Trucks

Another shipment of John Deere 3 1/2 inch farm trucks just received. Price \$65.00.—Stanley Scarce.

## WALTER W. WARWICK



Walter W. Warwick of Cincinnati is the newly appointed comptroller of the United States treasury, succeeding Judge George E. Downey of Indiana, who was recently made a Justice of the United States court of claims. Mr. Warwick has been in the government service since 1893 and has held a number of important positions. He served on the Taft economy and efficiency commission and just before his new promotion was assistant comptroller.

## BREAK WOULD MEAN WAR?

AMBASSADOR VON BERNSTORFF IS QUOTED IN INTERVIEW.

Says "The German Submarine Commanders Would Be Instructed to Sink Everything in Sight."

New York, Sept. 13.—Ambassador J. H. von Bernstorff is quoted in an interview printed by the Evening Sun as declaring that a diplomatic break between Germany and the United States will mean war.

"If diplomatic relations are broken off," the German ambassador is quoted as having said, "the German submarine commanders will be instructed to sink everything they see and, of course, this means war within two or three days."

The interview, according to the Sun, was given by Count von Bernstorff, through a person close to him. The statements credited to the ambassador in the quotations above, according to the Sun, were made to the man who acted as intermediary.

"The ambassador," says the Sun, "is quoted as saying that the United States has won, with his co-operation, a diplomatic victory, since Germany has conceded the seafaring principles for which President Wilson has been contending. The ambassador is reported to be amazed that the newspapers and American citizens should continue to speak of breaking off diplomatic relations."

## MILLERS FIND WHEAT SCARCE

Despite Indication of Greatest Crop in History, Record Prices Are Paid in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 13.—Despite the fact that the government report a few days ago indicated the biggest wheat crop in history, millers are experiencing difficulty in getting wheat to make flour. The rains at harvest time spoiled considerable wheat and now winter wheat suitable for milling is scarce. This is indicated by the high premium being paid for soft winter wheat in the Chicago market.

There was a sale of 50,000 bushels of No. 2 red winter wheat in store, supposedly to a miller, at \$1.15 which at the time the sale was made was 18 cents over the price of September. Track lots of No. 2 red sold at 2 1/2 cents to 13 cents over September price in the cash market.

"These premiums are the highest ever paid in the history of the exchange at this time of the year," said James Coughlin, wheat expert for J. Rosenbaum Grain company.

### Surgeons Will Hear Wilson.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States opened here today. The sessions will continue tomorrow and Wednesday. President Wilson has promised to address the doctors, who have come from all parts of the country, before the close of the convention.

## ELK'S MINSTRELS COMING SUNDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 19

Yes, they're coming! The Elk's Minstrels, famous in song and story will be in Ronan Sunday night, Sept. 19th, with all their mirth and music. By special arrangement this renowned organization is bringing the same performance with which they won the first prize at the State Association of Elks held at Lewistown a month ago. Not an idle moment will there be, according to the boys, from the opening chorus through the finale and on to a small sized hour when that special orchestra they are bringing plays "Home Sweet Home" or "We Won't Go Home Until Morning", or something like that. This bunch has been organized for several years, they have toured practically the entire state of Montana, and have been pronounced professionals by many competent critics.

"Gentlemen, be seated," as graciously announced by Interlocutor Ronald Higgins, will really start the big thing going on all "eight cylinders." From then on a person's presence is a matter of self defense, because the boys overlook nothing. Music is also in order. All the new ragtime, not to speak of the late ballads, will be rendered. Jay (Jasper) McCormick has framed and plotted a lot of new, original verses for his hit, "There Must Be Little Cupids in the Sea," while Ed Prendiville, the "Smoked Irishman," warbles "Dublin Bay" in his own original manner. Hugh Campbell has been requested to repeat his rendition of the popular ballad, "In the Garden of the Gods." The Elk's Quartette, conceded to be one of the best in the Northwest, are rehearsing every night and they have promised a new "minor" or two. Did you ever hear of a Yiddish eon? If not, come and hear Gil Heyfron exclaim "At the Wedding."

"Everybody Rag With Me" will be sung by Fred Angevine and performed by him after the show at the dance. "When I was a Dreamer and You Were My Dream" will be offered by Mel Wilson, one of the most popular baritones in the state. (Ed. Note—The home boys are requested to hang on to your girls during this song, as Mel is a regular handsome "brute.") Ed LeVasseur, soloist and dancer, is to be on deck as an Elk's show would not be complete without him.

John Trewhela, monologist and all around athlete, will be there with all his usual "pep." In fact he confided to the writer of this article that he would rather lose his right eye than miss the trip with the bunch to the reservation. And so, like the little Ford, we could "ramble right along" with the whole program but we haven't the time and besides we want to have something "up our sleeve" as it were.

Oh, yes, the boys have brought a special orchestra and every one who can swing a foot is requested to come out and "cut 'er loose." Get your tickets early.

## GOOD "BOOM" COPY WRITTEN BY HERODOTUS

Glory be to the memory of Herodotus, the first real estate boomer that ancient history makes record of. Although it is not of record that Herodotus was actively engaged in the real estate business, the suspicious lay reader might infer from his talk that he had secured some governmental concessions, had employed "shoestring" homesteaders to secure a big tract in the basin of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers and was resorting to the clever arts of the seasoned real estate dealer in an effort to colonize his holdings.

Away back in the misty morning of history, according to Anderson's Manual of General History (1250 B. C.) about the time the Chaldean monarchy was waning and Babylonia was coming to the fullness of its glory, Herodotus made a little journey to the valley of the Tigris and what he saw in the farming line inspired him to fall into print, as follows:

"Of all the countries that we know of, there is none so fruitful in grain. It makes no pretension indeed of growing the fig, the olive, the vine or any other tree of the kind, but in grain it is so fruitful as to yield two hundred fold. The blade of the wheat plant and barley plant is often three or four fingers in width. As for the millet and sesame, I shall not say to what heights they grow, though within my own knowledge; for I am not ignorant that what I have already written concerning the fruitfulness of Babylonia must seem incredible to those who have never visited the country."

If there is any Montana real estate

man who can write better advertising copy than that we should like to meet up with him. Even J. M. Kennedy used to lay it on pretty thick when as head of the state publicity bureau he wrote the leaders for Montana's annual advertising booklet, but even Jim would have to hand the palm to Herodotus, because Jim's pristine conscience would not allow him to write it down that Montana wheat yielded two hundred fold or that Montana oats or barley were so high that he was afraid to tell about it.

It is quite evident, too, that Herodotus had a few doubters and knockers in that grand old day of Babylonia, for note the admission he makes about the probability of skepticism concerning his big crop editorial. From this it is quite safe to infer that the fellows who made the geographies had Babylonia set down as a dry-land country and that a few old fossils went around wearing blue goggles and declaring that the country was fit only for rattlesnakes, jackrabbits, cowboys and Indians, also that it was a measly shame to see the "nesters" fencing up the landscape and spoiling a perfectly good range country.—Cut Bank Pioneer Press.

## FOR HIGHER PRICES FARMERS ARE HOLDING

Reports from all over the state are to the effect that the farmers are universally holding their wheat for an advance in price, which they believe is sure to come by the first of the new year. All the railroads operating in Montana are arranging for an abundance of cars to handle the business when the wheat commences to move, but so far there has been very little marketed and the roads are doing a very small wheat moving business.

According to a manager of one of the largest elevator firms in the state, and who has been making a trip over the state, there is every reason to expect an advance in wheat prices, but he does not believe it will reach the dollar mark until the first of the year at least. The tendency to hold grain for higher prices is general over the state and unless a sharp advance occurs, there will be little wheat sold before January.

## State Fair Next Week

The Montana state fair opens next Monday, Sept. 20th, and will continue all next week. The fair this year promises to be the best ever held in the state and it is expected that the exhibits will astonish even the most optimistic. Every county in the state will be represented with the choicest products of the field, its live stock, fruits, lumber, minerals, and every known product. Other attractions are offered in the shape of horse races, automobile races, aeroplane flights, etc.

## HAMMOND AS RUNNING MATE

St. Paul, Sept. 13.—Governor W. S. Hammond is a receptive candidate for the vice presidential nomination on the Democratic ticket.

Within a few days he may be an active candidate for the second honor within the gift of his party. State Insurance Commissioner S. D. Works has left for California. He will interview many Democratic politicians, including some of the Southern leaders, all with the view of sounding out sentiment relative to Governor Hammond's candidacy.

Before leaving Mr. Works, asked concerning the new move in Governor Hammond's interest, was reticent, but admitted that such a movement is on. "I do not care to discuss it," he said, "but several of Governor Hammond's friends have urged him to become a candidate and he has received many complimentary press notices. He is in a receptive mood."

From other sources it was learned that the movement in Governor Hammond's interest had gone further than Mr. Works' admission indicated. Upon his return from the San Francisco exposition Governor Hammond stopped off at Portland, Ore. Concerning him the Portland Confidential Banker had a complimentary article in which the following appeared:

Minnesota Is Congratulated. "Minnesota is to be most heartily congratulated upon having such a magnificent chief executive, a man not only big enough to be at the head of a great state, but to preside over the affairs of a nation."

This article has been sent out to different newspapers throughout the state and in various sections of the country as a "feeler."

Their response has been gratifying, according to Governor Hammond's friends.

## GERMAN ATTEMPTS AT VERDUN COSTLY

Paris, Sept. 13.—The German crown prince's army has lost more than 100,000 men in successive attempts to break through the French lines west of Verdun, it was officially estimated.

An official review of the fighting in the Western Argonne was given out supplementary to the daily communique. This review admits that in his attacks on Wednesday and Thursday the crown prince penetrated the French trenches on a front of two-thirds of a mile, but declares that German losses were out of comparison to the ground gained.

"Since the crown prince's army began its attempts against the French lines in the Argonne it has not obtained a single strategically important result," said the official review. "In one year a single German army corps has lost more than 40,000 men. The crown prince's army altogether has lost more than 100,000 men."

French Losses Heavy. It is officially admitted, however, that the French losses in this week's fighting were about as heavy as those suffered by the crown prince.

For 13 days Belgian, British and French artillery has poured a steady rain of shells from guns of all caliber on the German trenches from the Swiss frontier to the sea.

The official communique reported no cessation in the bombardment. The continual pounding has broken down rows of Zeppelin trenches around Arras, in the Argonne and the Champagne and has prepared the way for minor successes by the infantry.

The region around Arras, near Neuville and Rockincourt shook with the roar of exploding shells. Between the Somme and the Oise and in the region of Faye there were continuous combats all night with mines and artillery. The communique reports the wrecking of enemy trenches. In the Argonne the Germans attacked energetically with bombs and hand grenades. Their foremost ranks were bathed in a shrapnel fire that threw the enemy back.

Artillery Combat Continues. At Epernay in the Voivre region in Lorraine, at Arancourt, Parroy and Leirey the artillery combat continues. No important infantry fighting occurred in the Vosges. There has been, furthermore, a particularly violent artillery engagement in the department of the Meuse, and along the front in Lorraine.

The battle for Figa has been renewed after several days' lull. The Germans under Von Beseloff are violently attacking the entire front from Friedrichsdorf to Dinak and north-west of Friedrichsdorf are again attempting to cross the Dvina. They have been beaten back, but official dispatches indicate the assault is growing more violent. The Russian war office has every confidence that General Russky will hold the Dvina line without reinforcements.

## EXPORTS HINGE ON BIG LOAN

Anglo-French Commission Wants \$500,000,000—If Mission Fails Allies Will Buy Elsewhere.

New York, Sept. 13.—The Anglo-French commission, seeking a way to meet the huge bills of Great Britain and France for American munitions and other supplies, reached New York yesterday, welcomed by J. P. Morgan, and met approximately 100 prominent bankers, insurance heads and leaders in other lines of finance late in the afternoon at a reception in Mr. Morgan's library.

From an authoritative source it was learned last night that not only had Great Britain and France contemplated a heavy reduction in their purchases here—in every line except necessities which they can not buy elsewhere—but that it had been decided that such a reduction would be the only alternative left them should the commission fail in its mission to the United States.

Five hundred million dollars is the smallest sum which the commission hopes to borrow.

### Washington "Boosters" Off.

Washington, Sept. 13.—"Buy in Washington" was the slogan of a party of business men of the national capital who today started on a trade-boasting trip. The party is traveling in automobiles and will spend several days visiting 33 towns in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland.

### Bernhardt Cannot Use Limb.

Paris, Sept. 13.—Sarah Bernhardt, the world's greatest actress, probably never will appear upon the stage again. After a single performance here for the movies, she discovered she was unable to use her new artificial leg well enough to walk. She has cancelled her American engagement and returned to Bordeaux. Bernhardt's part in the movie play, "Jean Dore" required that she come to Paris for a big scene on the city's fortifications. She complained that her artificial leg seemed to short.