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CARRANZA PICKS DELEGATES FOR BORDER COUNCIL

WASHINGTON'S SUGGESTION THAT SCOPE OF COMMISSION'S DELIBERATIONS BE BROADENED AGREED TO.

QUICK ACTION EXPECTED

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The final word from Carranza necessary to organize the joint commission of inquiry into the Mexican situation was received here today and it is believed that within two days the American commissioners will be ready to begin their deliberations with those of Mexico.

The official announcement from Mexico City today read: Mexico now is prepared to proceed immediately to labor as a united people. The Mexican government has appointed its commissioners and they are ready to begin the conferences. The Mexican government is in accordance with the suggestion of the government of the United States, that the scope of the commission be broadened so as to include the whole Mexican question, and it is willing to discuss with the commissioners of the United States the means to be employed to reach a satisfactory settlement of the Mexican question.

Neither the state department nor the Mexican embassy here knew tonight who the Mexican commissioners would be. Secretary Lansing said he had been informed that Carranza had made his selections and that they were men of the highest character and ability. The Mexican government has been advised of the personnel of the American commission, he said, and has expressed its pleasure at the selection of men who, it is believed, will be able to reach a satisfactory settlement of the Mexican question.

Secretary Lansing said he had been informed that the Mexican commissioners would be ready to begin the conferences within two days after the American commissioners had been selected and had signified their readiness to begin the conferences. The American commissioners will be selected by President Wilson after he returns to Washington from his vacation in Maine, which will be about the middle of next week.

Although the first duty of the commission will be to attempt to reach a settlement of the Mexican situation, it is believed that the Mexican question will be taken up and that the commission will try to find a way to prevent the recurrence of such a situation as that which now exists between the two countries.

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BERTRAM FAIR OPENS.

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TO UNRAVEL CHINA'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

WELL TRAINED EXPERT HAS BEEN APPOINTED MINISTER OF FINANCE

PEKING, Aug. 3.—Chien Chi-Chao, who succeeded to Tuan Jung Hsi last appointed minister of finance to probe the most perplexed financial expert in China, is now addressed at the Japanese in Peking and at Tsin. He has spent much a year in Washington studying the methods of the American treasury department, preparing to establish a Chinese bureau of printing and engraving.

Mr. Chien is 41 years old. In 1911 he became vice president of the Bank of China, and later president of the [illegible]

When Tuan Shi Jui formed his government just before the end of the war he wanted Chien Chi-Chao was designated as the minister of finance. The latest government appointment was in 1913 when he was sent to London to [illegible] commissioner to Europe and the rank of a minister. Chien Chi-Chao has always been a republican. A few decades ago, and is [illegible] to the reformers who [illegible] in their denunciation of the monarchical movement. The Chinese [illegible] representing all political parties [illegible] him as a most singularly qualified for the ministry of finance.

WOODMEN BIG EATERS.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Aug. 3.—Three tons of bread, five tons of potatoes, [illegible] pounds of meat—these were some of the items on the menu for the Woodmen of the World outing held here last week.

Colonel C. L. Scaither, assistant adjutant general of the order, has left for the Oklahoma encampment after clearing up the business here. Twenty-five cooks and assistants were required to prepare and serve the food to the soldiers. The largest item of the camp was that of transportation, which, despite the exceptionally low rate given the Woodmen of the World, totalled more than $1,000.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local calendar for today: Partly cloudy; Light to gentle southerly winds.

At the Theaters.

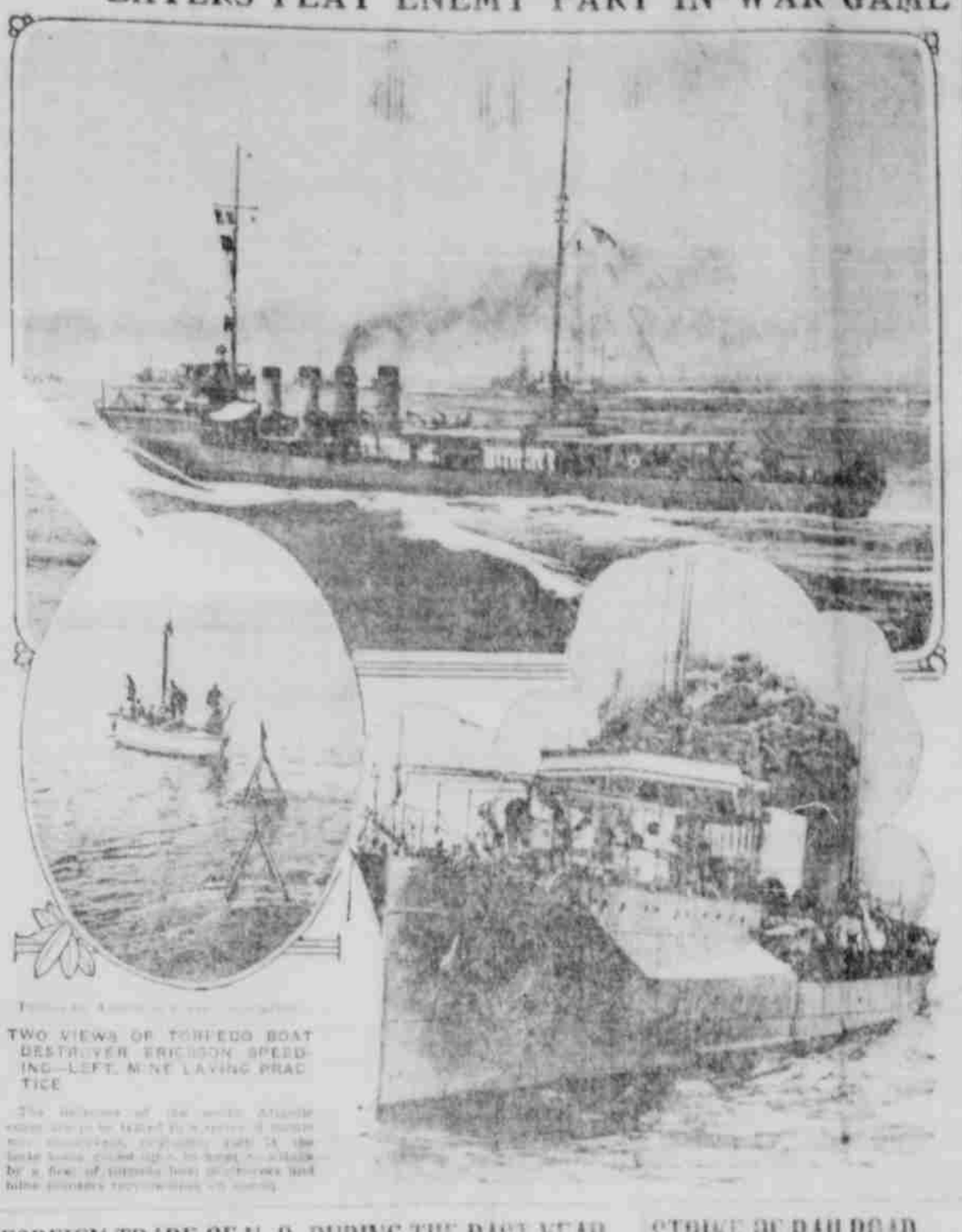
Majestic—Kathlyn Williams and Tyrone Powers in "Sweet Alyssum" 3 five-cent Sally drama of the oil fields. Rex—Universal program of five reels.

Today's Calendar.

Weekly meeting city council this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Roy Miller dinner, Nueces hotel, tonight at 8 o'clock.

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS AND MINE LAYERS PLAY ENEMY PART IN WAR GAME



TWO VIEWS OF TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYER ERICSSON SPEEDING—LEFT, MINE LAYING PRACTICE

The defenses of the north Atlantic coast are to be tested in a series of mock battles, beginning early in the latter part of August, when a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers and mine planters will engage in a sham battle off the coast of Long Island.

FOREIGN TRADE OF U. S. DURING THE PAST YEAR REACHES STAGGERING TOTAL OF $6,500,000,000

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—The year of June completed the record foreign trade of the United States, amounts to the enormous total of $6,500,000,000, which compares with an aggregate of $4,333,000,000 in the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1914, the last before the outbreak of the European war, and with $5,735,000,000 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 1915, the first year of the war.

The figures were announced today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, department of commerce, in its monthly report of commerce, to be followed by detailed reports which have not been published by this office.

The year's exports amounted to $4,333,000,000, an increase of $598,000,000 or 16 per cent over the year before, and $1,833,000,000 or 73 per cent over the year ended June 1914.

The year's imports amounted to $2,167,000,000, an increase of $131,000,000 or 6 per cent over the year before, and $1,000,000,000 or 85 per cent over the year ended June 1914.

The year's exports exceeded the imports by $2,166,000,000, the largest balance in favor of the United States ever recorded, and the largest balance ever recorded for any country for any year except 1915, when it was $2,214,000,000. The balance in favor of the United States for the year ended June 1914 was $833,000,000.

The month's exports totalled $451,000,000, a decrease of $3,000,000 from the record export trade of June last year, but the month's imports totalled $216,000,000, an increase of $100,000,000 over June last year.

The month's export balance totalled $235,000,000, the second largest in the history of the country, the largest being $240,000,000 in May, 1915.

The month's imports were the second largest in the history of the country, the largest being $216,000,000 in March, 1916.

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STRIKE OF RAILROAD EMPLOYES APPEARS TO BE INEVITABLE

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND OF THE MEN ALREADY HAVE VOTED FOR THE STRIKE.

WILSON MAY INTERVENE

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Secretary [illegible] today [illegible] the strike of the railroad employes [illegible] the United States, in the case of the [illegible] of the railroad employes [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] of the [illegible] of