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WILL SPEED UP MOVING OF MILITIA

Secretary Baker Orders Commanders to Send Troops to Border as Fast as Equipped; Arredonda Explains to Diplomats

MUNITIONS SHIPPED TO ALLIES ARE SEIZED

Stragglers Tell Story of Fight at Carrizal; Casas Grandes Evacuated by Mexicans; British to Look After U. S. Interests

By United Press. Washington, June 23.—Secretary of War Baker has issued orders to every departmental commander to send his militia to the border as rapidly as they can be equipped.

Ambassador Arredondo, acting under instructions of President Carranza this morning called upon a number of Latin-American diplomats, explaining to them the situation from the Mexican viewpoint. He told them the Constitutional troops at Chihuahua had been instructed not to attack forces unless the latter took the aggressive, while the present diplomatic negotiations are pending.

Requisition Munitions.

By United Press. Shamokin, Pa., June 23.—Sixteen car loads of ammunition, consigned to New York for shipment to the allies, were requisitioned here by American military authorities and re-routed to Fort Worth, Texas.

By United Press. San Antonio, Tex., June 23.—Gen. Pershing wired Gen. Funston that the Mexican garrison had evacuated Casas Grandes but made no mention of the occupation of the city by American troops. Funston is inclined to doubt press reports to the effect that Pershing declared martial law in that city and in Nueva Casas Grandes, saying that he believed Pershing would have reported such action if it had been taken.

The relief squadron which was sent to investigate the battle at Carrizal has not returned but Funston forwarded to Washington a report of the fight that was brought to camp by stragglers who participated in it.

The stragglers reported that while they were scouting the joined troops C and K of the Tenth cavalry at Ojo Santo Domingo. The commander, Captain Charles Boyd, started directly to Carrizal Wednesday morning, arriving within a mile of the city at 7 o'clock.

A guide was sent to ask permission for the American troops to pass through the town. General Gomez, commanding the Mexican forces there, at first refused to grant the request and then acquiesced, riding out with two aides and engaging the American officers in conversation.

Carranza troops began pouring out of the town and Boyd ordered his men to dismount and return their fire. This was all the stragglers knew about the affair as they fled when the horses in the rear stampeded.

Mexicans say the American commander was killed, indicating that Boyd, not Captain Lewis as first reported, lost his life. It is understood that Morey was wounded.

Texas Militia There.

By United Press. Brownsville, Tex., June 23.—Battery B of the Texas artillery reached Rio Grande City this afternoon. It is believed that the American troops will cross the line here in case war is declared. The Mexicans are reported to be concentrating at Camargo.

British to Take Charge.

By United Press. Washington, June 23.—It is understood that the United States government has formally requested Great Britain to take charge of the diplomatic interest of America in Mexico in case of war.

The request to Great Britain to handle the interests of this country was officially admitted but it was pointed out that this step was only preliminary.

Bryan Would Stop It. By United Press. New York, June 23.—The American union is against militarism, William J. Bryan wired David Starr Jordan and Frank P. Walsh, asking them to meet three prominent Mexicans at El Paso to arbitrate the differences between the two countries.

Two Troops Wiped Out.

By United Press. El Paso, Tex., June 23.—The American Mining company received an unconfirmed report to the effect that troops C and K were practically annihilated in the Carrizal fight.

Information Withheld.

By United Press. San Antonio, Tex., June 23.—Gen. Funston indicates that plans for the distribution of the militia along the border will probably not be made public until the various units arrive at their stations.

Perhaps the exact locations will not be divulged even then as Funston does not wish the Mexican military authorities to know the exact strength of the troops and how they are distributed.

Report is Denied.

By United Press. Washington, June 23.—Minister Seldivar of San Salvador denies the Mexico City report that his country will join Mexico in resisting American intervention.

Port is Closed.

Laredo, Tex., June 23.—This port has been closed to exportations to Mexico and Mexicans will retaliate with a like measure.

Report "State of War."

By United Press. Galveston, Tex., June 23.—Thirty refugees who arrive here today on the steamer San Ricardo from Tuxpam corroborated previous reports of Mexican officials in Yucatan, who publicly said a state of war existed between Mexico and the United States. The Carranza commander at Tuxpam said fighting had already begun without a declaration of war.

Ranch is Raided.

By United Press. Columbus, N. M., June 23.—Mexican bandits are reported to have invaded the United States fifty miles west of this place, stealing horses from a ranch near Hachita.

ROBINS OUT FOR WILSON

By United Press. Chicago, Ill., June 23.—Raymond Robins, chairman of the last Progressive convention, has authorized the announcement that now the Progressive party has ceased to exist he will back the Democratic party.

Robins declares the Progressive party is dead as a national organization; that it has been deserted by its leaders, who sprang from the ranks of Republicanism; that those who were Republicans, including Roosevelt, Johnson, Garfield and Pinchot, have gone back to the Republicans.

NEGRO ANXIOUS FOR SHERIFF TO GET HIM

"Please, Mistah Shurruff, come an' sit meh. I is right down heah at muh home on Two street an' I wants to seeendah pow'ful had. I'd shoah come up to yoah jail house widout trouble some yuh any, Mistah Shurruff, but I is pow'ful 'traid of dem no 'count niggahs what uses 'twixt heah an' the jail house. Yes suh! Yes, suh! Shoah I is one of dem niggahs what shoah that artilly practice wuk yistiddy. Hilyahad's muh name, Mistah Shurruff, Honah Hilyahad, callud. Youse comin' right down? Thankee, Mistah Shurruff, thankee kindly suh. I'll be heah a waitin' when you gits heah."

And he was as good as his word. When Sheriff Bailey arrived at the address given by the negro Hilyard was found, afraid of the other negroes in the neighborhood and anxious to turn himself over to the county officers.

Hilyard and another negro, Doc Watson, engaged in a shooting scrape on "Two" street yesterday. During the argument each negro fired three shots at the other without effect. Then each threw down his gun and departed in a hurry from the neighborhood.

COUNCIL IS ASKED TO PAY \$17000

Representative of Bond Company Threatens Suit Against City in Event of Failure to Comply With Demand

PURCHASER OF SHARP LAND SERVES NOTICE

Requests Removal of Pipes Near Pumping Station; Condemnation Suggested; Stringfield Succeeds Boles on Police Force

With Mayor Coffman presiding and all members except Cavett present, the city council was in session about an hour yesterday afternoon, adjourning till the first Monday in July at which time a meeting will be held for the purpose of making up the city budget for the coming year.

Immediately preceding the adjournment Treasurer Clark appeared before the council and stated that a representative of the Spitzer-Rorick bond people had seen him during the afternoon and made threats, in the name of his company, against the city, threatening, among other things, to file immediate suit against the city as a whole and against each individual member of the city council, unless the city, through its proper officers, should turn over to his company the \$17,000 accrued penalty on the paving tax bonds, said amount being now held in trust, in the shape of a warrant drawn for its payment, until such time as the courts shall finally adjudicate the matter. Mr. Clark stated that he had told the representative of the bond people that the matter would probably go before the United States supreme court, whereupon the representative had stated that unless the sum collected and held in trust should be turned over within 60 days, his people would call together all bond holders and institute suit against the city for the interest at the rate of 6 per cent until maturity, or from 1910, and for an additional 10 per cent from 1910 to the present time.

Councilman Hayes stated that it would possibly be the consensus of the opinion of the council to let them sue; that the city was holding the funds in trust; that when the suit should be finally settled the proper disposition of these interest collections would be made.

Councilman Caneman stated that he agreed with Councilman Hayes; that a rather stringent usury law was in effect in Oklahoma, and that this law provided a penalty for all who violated it.

Street Commissioner Dan Beets appeared before the council and stated the great need of his department for additional teams. He said that the upped streets should now be worked, but he did not have the teams. Several councilmen expressed themselves as favoring the purchase of a team of mules and stated that this should be done at once as the market price on horses and mules was advancing by leaps and bounds since the war with Mexico had become imminent. On motion of Councilman Caneman, seconded by Councilman Linn, the matter was turned to the proper committee with power to act.

Commissioner Beets then informed the council that the street sweeper which has been in use several years seemed to have played its last tune. He said that he had the greater part of its musical equipment now in a blacksmith shop; that he knew of a second hand sweeper now in Chickasha which could be bought at a reasonable price. On motion of Councilman Linn, seconded by Councilman DuBoise, Commissioner Beets was instructed to act in the matter of the purchase of the sweeper.

Mayor Coffman stated that he had been advised that the Sharp property, over a part of which the city's intake and the waste pipes from the settling plant, passes, had been sold and that he had been verbally served with notice to remove all such pipes and other city property from the land within a short time. The mayor stated that

WHEAT HARVEST IS BEGUN IN NEBRASKA

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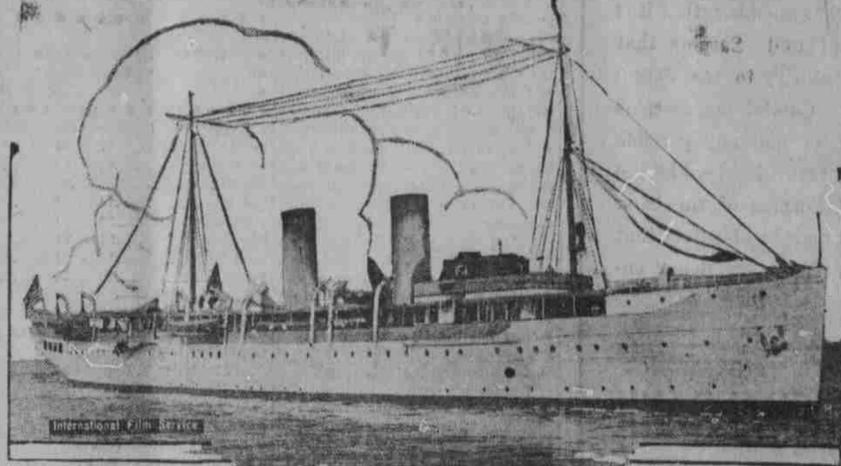
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PALATIAL YACHT COMPLETES TOUR AROUND AMERICA



Eighty-three days out of San Francisco the yacht Cyprus, with her owner, D. C. Jackling, a California gold and copper magnate, his wife and twelve guests, dropped anchor near the Statue of Liberty, New York. During the trip down the Pacific, through the straits of Magellan and up the Atlantic the beautiful floating palace stopped at all the important ports in North and South America.

COMPLAINT FILED.

Complaint was filed this morning against Roseco Owen, charging him with unlawful possession of "just a little whiskey." The complaint alleges the kind and amount of booze the defendant had in his possession when the officers gathered him into the fold following the short time he had been at liberty from a seance on the road gang for having been found guilty previously of the possession of "just a little" as above set forth. The defendant will be arraigned before Judge Davenport either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

NO QUORUM AT MEETING

The meeting called by the president of the Retailers' association, E. I. Bitache, last evening, resulted in a quorum failing to respond and the matter for which the meeting was called could not be acted upon.

The meeting was called for the purpose of suggesting to Governor Williams the name of a delegate to represent Chickasha at the Ozark Trails convention which will be in session in Springfield, Mo., July 27-28, and to arrange for the defrayment of the expenses of the delegate thus selected.

Secretary Erstrand, of the retailers, stated this morning that Oklahoma City, El Reno, Tulsa, Muskogee and Anadarko have already named their delegates while Mangum and Hobart are expected to name their delegates immediately. Chickasha, as matters now stand, will not have a representative at the convention.

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ESCAPES THRU CAR WINDOW

One of Meeks Brothers, Charged With Theft of Hides, Makes Getaway Enroute to Lone Grove for Identification

"On again; off again; gone again." may now be written in the history of the doings of the Meeks brothers in Grady county from the date of their first landing here, in April, up to the hour when A. R. Meeks leaped from the window of a southbound Santa Fe train yesterday afternoon, as the train, after leaving Dougherty, was wandering about the Arbuckle canyon preparatory to making its dive into Ardmore.

According to statements made at the sheriff's office the county attorney suggested taking the prisoners to Lone Grove for the purpose of having the agent of the railway company at that place identify them, if possible as the parties who shipped the hides. Yesterday morning the prisoners left Chickasha for Ardmore and Lone Grove, in charge of Deputy Hugh Hogue, of the sheriff's office, and Special Officer Bailey, of the cattlemen's association, and County Attorney John H. Venable.

It was a little after 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Sheriff Bailey received a long distance call from Ardmore telling him that the man A. R. Meeks, who the officers think is the D. C. Mullenhouse to whom all checks in settlement for hides shipped has been made by the commission house, had escaped from the officers by jumping from the car window as the train was speeding south out of Dougherty. Later information stated that the railway agent at Lone Grove had failed to identify the other man, G. F. Meeks, as having been the man who made the shipment of hides from Lone Grove to Fort Smith.

Sheriff Bailey stated that G. F. Meeks would probably be brought back to the Grady county jail this afternoon or tonight. He said that he was positive the men captured, who passed as the Meeks brothers, were the men wanted and that all kinds of circumstantial evidence had been discovered, together with enough direct evidence to convict.

Sheriff Bailey said that he felt sure the escaped prisoner would be re-captured in a short time although he regretted the evident carelessness of those who had the men in charge, which had been responsible for the getaway of the man most wanted.

A. R. Meeks and his alleged brother, G. F. Meeks, were lodged in the Grady county jail by Sheriff Bailey Wednesday morning, charged with the theft of \$500 worth of hides from W. H. Catteral on the night of May 30. The arrest of the Meeks brothers at Lawton by Sheriff Bailey and Special Officer Bailey, of the Oklahoma-Texas Cattlemen's association, followed a systematic trailing and tracing of the movements of the prisoners.

Prior to this trouble the Meeks brothers had been arrested by Sheriff Bailey in connection with a wholesale theft of baled hay. At that time the

TWO ARE FOUND DEAD.

By United Press. Taylor, Texas, June 23.—C. H. Luedtke and his wife were found dead in their bed last night. The woman was nearly decapitated, apparently with a shotgun, and the man's throat was cut. It is supposed to have been a case of murder and suicide.

county attorney ordered their discharge on the grounds of insufficient evidence upon which to get a conviction. Following their discharge from custody the defendants remained around Chickasha for a short time, disappearing, the sheriff's officers state, coincident with the disappearance of the hides of Mr. Catteral. Immediately the officers and Mr. Catteral from whom the hides had been stolen, got in communication with the commission house; decoy letters were mailed the Meeks at Lawton, the address given by the shippers of the hides, and the arrests followed.

HEDRICK IS CONVICTED

County court practically recessed for the term this morning when Judge R. E. Davenport discharged the jury and stated that all remaining matters coming before that body for the present term would be heard in chambers.

The jury was uncharged after the case of the State vs. Bondurant had been called. In this matter the attorneys for the defense demurred to the complaint, the demurrer was sustained, the state's attorney given permission to file an amended complaint, the amended complaint filed and the defendant asked and was given 24 hours in which to answer.

In the matter of the State vs. Francis Hedrick, charged with unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment at 30 days in jail and a fine of \$50 and costs. The following jurors tried the case: B. F. Hitchcock, B. H. Gadd, H. Addy, J. L. Daniel, J. S. Barbee and S. L. Meechlin. The state was represented by A. K. Swan and the defendant was represented by R. C. Searcy.

BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

By United Press. Washington, June 23.—With only two dissenting votes, the Hay resolution, empowering the president to use the militia in Mexico, and providing pay for dependents of militiamen, was passed by the house this afternoon. Congressmen Huddleson of Alabama, and London of New York, voted against the resolution.

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REGULATE FOOD FOR POOR ONLY

Travelers Declare Rich in Germany Get What they Want to Eat Regardless of Government Rules; Civilians Complain

RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS HAVE PLENTY

Ration Tickets for All Proposed as Method of Evening Up; Soup Wagons Pass Through Streets, Well Patrolled

Shepard's food stories from Germany were secured at Rotterdam, where he went to get from travelers the real facts about how the food situation in Germany was affecting civilians.—Editor.

By William G. Shepherd, (United Press Staff correspondent.)

Rotterdam, May 28.—(By mail.)—The German government is regulating the food supply for the poor but so far it has not taken in hand the control of food for the rich.

The many travelers from Germany who gave their ideas of the German food situation to me here all complained that the wonderful, scientific food conservation scheme of the Germans broke down when it came to dealing with the food of the rich.

This is why there are food riots in Germany. Injustice exists and civilians of German towns realize it. "Poor people must stand in line for hours before a meat shop, providing they have five or six marks for a pound of meat," said one German I met in Rotterdam.

"Maybe the meat supply in the shop will hold out until their turn comes in the line and maybe it won't. But rich people can hire a servant whose sole duty is to stand in the meat line every day, from 1 o'clock in the morning until the day's supply of meat for the rich man's household is secured."

"And even if the rich man's servant fails to buy meat, he and his family can always go to a hotel or restaurant and get meat on every day in the week except Tuesday and Friday."

"The authorities may frown on a household going to a restaurant every day, but there is no law against it and if the householder doesn't want to be criticized for doing this he has only to go to a different restaurant every day and his unpatriotic practice will not be noticed."

The idea seems to be growing among the middle and lower classes in Germany that the only fair way to deal with the food conservation plan is to put all civilians on a ration basis, each person being granted only a certain quantity of food every day and each individual being sure of receiving the full quantity.

"In a war like ours," said this German, who had socialist leanings, "there ought to be no rich or poor. Everybody ought to be on the same basis and many Germans think it is monstrous that the poor should suffer more than the rich."

"We all feel that if the war goes on every person, rich and poor, ought to be supplied with a daily ration ticket. With this ticket a poor man will be certain of receiving all the food he needs for his family and the rich man will not be able to secure any more than the poor whether he eats at a hotel or at home."

It is to placate the poor and the middle classes of German towns that the government soup wagons pass through the streets.

The restaurants and rich hotels of German cities where a man with money enough had only to go in and express his desires in order to have them fulfilled, became sources of irritation to German civilians.

The government therefore tried to bring restaurant conditions to the people by establishing the food wagons.

In many households cooking is almost a thing of the past. Housekeepers wait for the passing of the food wagon and run out with receptacles

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