

MEXICO FACES A SERIOUS PROBLEM

DISTRACTED COUNTRY WILL FEEL WANT OF FOOD BY JULY.

FEEL EFFECT OF FIGHTING

Four Years of Almost Continuous Fighting Has Produced a Condition in Food Situation Bordering Famine.

El Paso.—A report predicting that Mexico faces a serious situation respecting her food supplies has been made by a committee of Americans and foreigners after an investigation of the situation. The report in part says:

"Four years of almost continuous fighting has produced a condition in the food supply situation so serious as to threaten a famine necessitating world-wide aid. Farm hands everywhere have been thrown into so-called armies, farm animals have been utilized for like purposes and leaders of roving bands marching under banners containing fantastic legends about liberty and the rights of men, which they use as a blind to facilitate robbery, pillage and murder, have so reduced the crop acreage that by November, 1915, there will be a shortage of 39, 370,000 bushels of corn alone, not to mention the other absolutely necessary cereals.

"That the effects of this wanton destruction are only just beginning to be felt is due to the great productive riches of Mexico's agricultural regions. But self-seeking and self-appropriated military leaders have for so long harassed the farmer that Mexico is about to reap the whirlwind she has sown. Corn is the staff of life in Mexico. Its harvest for the present year should begin about Nov. 1. Upon investigation we find that but five of Mexico's 37 states—Oaxaca, Morelos, Campeche, Tabasco and Chiapas—probably have enough corn to carry them over this period with strictest economy. This will take care of 1,700,000 people. Yucatan, with 350,000 population, produces no corn, but has money to buy it.

"This leaves the rest of Mexico, with approximately 13,500,000 people, with a visible supply of approximately 675,000 tons, enough to last but three months. About next July, then, the real pinch of hunger will be felt."

THE SULTAN'S LOSS 12,000

Hostilities Between the Russian and the Turkish Forces Have Been Resumed.

Tahriz, Persia, via Petrograd and London.—Hostilities between Russian and Turkish forces in Persia have been resumed. On March 25 the Russians defeated the Turks in a sanguinary battle at Akkur, north of Dilman, in Northwestern Persia. The Turks lost 12,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners, as well as many guns.

Proceeding the re-occupation by the Russians of Salmas plains, in Azerbaijan province, northwest of Urumiah, hundreds of native Christians were rounded up by the Turks in the village of Haffidwan and massacred. Many of these were searched out from the homes of friendly Mohammedans.

The Russians, on entering the village, found 20 bodies, mostly naked and mutilated. The recovery of bodies from wells, pools and ditches and their burial kept 300 men busy three days. The wailing of women intensified the horror of the scene. Surviving widows who were able to identify the bodies of their husbands, insisted upon digging graves and burying the bodies. Some of the victims had been shot. In other cases they were bound to ladders and their heads were hacked off. Eyes were gouged out and limbs were chopped off.

A general massacre of the 10,000 or 15,000 Christians remaining in Urumiah is expected unless it should be averted by orders from Constantinople. Verbal messages from Urumiah confirm earlier reports that 2,000 have died of disease.

EXPLOSION IN POWDER MILL

Alto, Ill.—Five men were killed and a sixth is missing and is believed to have perished in a terrific explosion which destroyed a concrete wheelhouse in the plant of the Equitable Powder company, near here. The entire city of Alto was shaken by the explosion, the cause of which has not yet been determined, and the noise is reported to have been heard in Mattoon, Ill., about 100 miles distant.

Food For Austria

Venice, via London.—Count Stephen Ties, Hungarian premier, speaking of his trip to Vienna, where he had an audience with Emperor Francis Joseph, said the emperor appeared to be surprisingly well and had gone through the winter without the slightest cough or cold. The Hungarian government is requisitioning all grain and flour in the country. Count Ties denied the rumour intended to withhold foodstuffs from Austria, and declared that any surplus would be sent to her.

WINS HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN

Kansas Cowboy Defeats Jack Johnson in the Twenty-sixth Round.

Havana.—Jack Johnson, exile from his own country, lost his claim to fame as the heavyweight champion of the world. The title was wrested from him by Jess Willard, the Kansas cowboy, the biggest man who ever entered the prize ring.

Johnson and a little group of friends called for Martinique, there to await passage back to France, where Johnson proposes to settle down and lead the life of a farmer, raising pigs and chickens. There is no doubt that he is through with the ring.

Willard is going back to the United States to win the fortune which was staked him when Johnson got \$20,000 before the fight started, Willard taking only a small share of the net receipts. Just what his share was is not known.

The fight probably has no parallel in the history of ring battles. For 20 rounds Johnson punched and pounded Willard at will but his blows grew perceptibly less powerful as the fight progressed, until at last he seemed unable or unwilling to go on.

Johnson stopped leading and for three or four rounds the battle between the two huge men was little more than a series of plastic poses of white and black radiators.

So it was until the twenty-fifth round, when Willard got one of his widely swinging, windmill, right-hand smashes to Johnson's heart. This was the beginning of the end.

In the twenty-sixth round a stinging left to the body and a cyclonic right to the jaw caused Johnson to crumple on the floor of the ring, where he lay partly outside the ropes until the referee counted 10 and held up Willard's hand in token of his newly won laurels.

SEND SHIP TO THE BOTTOM

Steamer Bound For Bordeaux Sinks in Three Minutes After Hit By Torpedo.

London.—The French steamer Emma, bound to Bordeaux was torpedoed in the British channel, off Beachy Head, by a German submarine. Nine members of her crew were drowned, only two being saved. The periscope of the submarine had hardly been sighted from the Emma when a torpedo struck her in the engine. No warning of any kind was given. The ship foundered in three minutes.

A British destroyer picked up two men who had been in the water for a couple of hours, and at the same time recovered two bodies. The Emma had a crew of 21.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from New Haven, a port on the English channel in Sussex, says a large Dutch cargo boat, the Lodewijk Van Nassau, has been brought into New Haven by two British torpedo boats under the suspicion that she has been supplying German submarines with fuel oil.

The torpedo boat gave chase to the Lodewijk Van Nassau and captured her near Brighton.

It is said the members of her crew appeared to be Germans. The name of the vessel is painted on each side in huge letters. She has a cargo of oil, which now is being examined.

When hailed by the British torpedo boats the Dutch steamer refused to stop, but she eventually was brought to a halt.

7,000 PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

Petrograd Report Says the Successes in the Carpathians Continue. Ten Guns Taken.

Petrograd, via London.—The following communication was issued: "Our offensive in the Carpathians is developing successfully. On April 1 our progress was particularly marked in the sector of Volla-Michael. Despite the obstinate resistance by the Austrians, their use of explosive bullets to a large extent and their fierce counter-attacks, our troops pressed them hard capturing prisoners and machine guns, ammunition and wagons which they had abandoned.

"In the Carpathians we took more than 7,000 men, including 100 officers, prisoners and captured 10 machine guns.

"In the other sectors and along the front in general there has been no particular change."

SINK TWO RUSSIAN SHIPS.

Turkish War Office Statement Says Batteries Sink Mine Sweeper.

Berlin (by Wireless to London).—A dispatch from Constantinople says the following statement has been issued by the Turkish war office: "Our fleet sank two Russian ships, the Provident, of 2,000 tons, and the Vastochnaia, of 1,500 tons, at Odessa. "Our batteries off Kum Kaleh Kaleh sank an enemy mine sweeper which attempted to approach the entrance to the Dardanelles."

SEEK CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SEEDS.

Chicago.—Appeal is made to America by Queen Elizabeth of Belgium for assistance in caring for wounded soldiers of the Belgian army, according to a letter made public by Mrs. Marie Depage, wife of Dr. Antoine Depage, head of the Belgian Red Cross, and surgeon to King Albert. "Belgium is most grateful for the generous response which America already has made to the need of her civilians," read a part of Queen Elizabeth's message.

SHIP GOES DOWN IN ATLANTIC GALE

FOUR PASSENGERS AND THE CREW OF PRINS MAURITS ARE LOST.

APPEAL IN VAIN FOR AID

Steamer Prins Maurits of the Royal Dutch West Indies Company Believed to Have Foundered on Sunday Afternoon.

New York.—Death and disaster rode on the terrific hurricane which swept the Atlantic points. Almost a dozen vessels of various kinds foundered at sea, or were swept to their doom on the shoals, taking a toll of 74 human lives, of whom four were passengers and the remainder seamen. Other lives, dozens of them, were saved by the breeches buoy, and the S. O. S. call of the wireless brought succor to more.

The gale which wrought such havoc at sea accomplished its work on land, too. Telegraph and telephone wires are down all along the coast. When all the facts are learned the hurricane's total will undoubtedly far exceed its present known numbers.

By far the most deadly work of the storm was the sinking of the steamer Prins Maurits of the Royal Dutch West Indies Company, which is believed to have foundered some time Sunday off Cape Hatteras. For several hours the pitiful signal of distress came from the helpless ship. The last heard from her was a wall "Sinking fast." She carried a crew of between forty and fifty, and four passengers. Not a trace of any of them has been found, although the sea has been combed in the vicinity where the ship went down.

The Prins Maurits left New York April 1 for Cape Haytien and other West Indian ports. Capt. H. J. Vandergoot was in command and he carried as passengers Mrs. Marion C. Wallace of Wilmington, Del.; Mr. and Mrs. C. Miot of Hayti and Mrs. Lacroche of Wilmington, Del.

The first word that the Prins Maurits was in distress came in a wireless supposed to have been sent by a British cruiser. She reported her longitude and latitude and asked for assistance, including the Algonquin of the Clyde Steamship Company, which is on her way to New York from West Indies ports, and the City of Macon, of the Savannah line.

The Algonquin notified the Prins Maurits that she was coming to her assistance, and implored the captain of the sinking vessel to keep her afloat for a few hours longer. The wireless of the Maurits responded with her last breath "Sinking fast."

When the Algonquin arrived at the position given by the stricken vessel there was not a trace of her to be found. For several hours the Algonquin cruised about in the neighborhood, as also did the City of Macon, but without avail. The Algonquin then proceeded on her way after sending the following message: "No later news received from her, but all hands are supposed to have perished."

Officials of Funch, Edys & Co. the agents of the line, stated they had received no additional information. They have practically abandoned hope of the ship ever being heard from again.

The Prins Maurits was a ship of 1,500 tons register and carried a general cargo.

M'MANUS INCIDENT CLOSED

Secretary Bryan Finds No Desecration of Flag—Apology is Not Required.

Washington.—The incident of the desecration of the United States flag during the attack on the house of John D. McManus at Mexico City was declared by the state department to be closed.

The Brazilian minister at Mexico City described the incident in his second telegram as a desecration of the flag, and Secretary of State Bryan asked him to specify the nature of the desecration. The minister replied, giving the facts as published.

The minister, however, has advised the department he had found that no one "representing anybody in authority" in Mexico City had taken part in the insult and that the question was therefore not international.

Secretary Bryan has adopted that view and is in daily expectation of news that the murderers of McManus have been caught and punished.

The British ambassador and other foreign representatives are again making inquiries at the department for definite news of the exact situation in the Mexican capital.

ELEVEN LIVES LOST.

Four Hundred Other Miners Escaped Injury in Illinois Mine.

Greenville, Ill.—Eleven men lost their lives in an explosion of black lamp in the Shoal Creek mine near here. Four hundred others escaped uninjured. Ten bodies of the dead were recovered.

An hour before the explosion the mine inspector, after the customary daily examination, had pronounced the mine safe.

PARLIAMENTARIANS DIFFER

Speaker Hill Declares Mandates Are Conflicting and That Governor Would Have to Decide.

Nashville, Tenn.—If Gov. Rye signs the Bowers anti-capital punishment bill, men now under death sentence will not be spared the electric chair, according to leading legislators and lawyers.

To save the lives of Henry Roberts of Somerville and Frank Dietzel of Union City, sentenced to die in the electric chair, the executive of the state would have to step in.

Opinions of lawmakers are not unanimous on this subject, however. "The Bowers bill in substance forbids the warden of the penitentiary from taking the life of any prisoner in the electric chair or otherwise. At the same time the courts of the state have sentenced these men to be electrocuted, and this was done before the Bowers bill passed. I should think that some action on the part of the governor would be necessary, as these are conflicting mandates," said Speaker Hill, in discussing the question as to what would become of men now under death sentence if capital punishment is abolished.

Speaker Cooper's views are different. "The Bowers bill will have nothing whatever to do with the sentence of men ordered to the electric chair before that bill becomes a law, if it does become such," he said.

"The decree of the court in these instances has already been made. The minutes are signed and are now records. No law can be passed which makes that sentence null and void. The Bowers bill is not retroactive."

Speaker Cooper is a lawyer. This is also the opinion of a majority of the lawyers of the senate.

"I was told," said Duke C. Bowers, "that my bill would not interfere with the sentences of men passed before the bill becomes effective. I wish it did."

URGES REFORM IN TAX METHODS.

Nashville, Tenn.—Gov. Tom C. Rye sent a very earnest message to the members of the general assembly in which he urged that the pending measures for the reform of assessment and taxation be passed. He declared that he gave the question of taxation first place in his campaign for governor and would feel that his administration had made a signal failure unless these pledges were redeemed.

Gov. Rye is exceedingly anxious for the state to avoid running behind in its revenues. It has been his idea from the outset that the expenditures should never exceed the receipts.

SLAIN FOR THEIR CATTLE

Report the Killing of Two Americans and Execution of Two Syrians.

El Paso, Tex.—Reports of the killing of two Americans by Carranza soldiers reached here. The execution of two Syrians by Villa officials also was reported.

Baron Smith of Houston, Tex., and Roscoe Billings were killed by Carranza soldiers a few miles north of Mexico City two months ago, according to R. H. Aitkin, who arrived here after a two months' flight to the border. The soldiers murdered the Americans to obtain their cattle, Aitkin said.

Salomon Nigri and Rafael Fereze, Syrians, were executed at Torreon in accordance with Gen. Villa's decree inflicting death penalty on those convicted of implication in the circulation of counterfeit Mexican money. The men were merchants.

Details of the execution reached Luis Nigri, brother of Salomon, here. Nigri's information said the merchants had shown their money to Villa officials, who had declared it genuine. Shortly afterward a squad of soldiers arrested and executed the merchants.

LIQUOR LIMIT LAW EFFECTIVE.

Raleigh, N. C.—The law recently passed by the North Carolina state legislature, limiting the quantity of liquor that may be delivered to any one person to one quart every two weeks and five gallons of beer in the same period, went into effect April 1. As a result the express companies began returning to shippers all packages not delivered prior to midnight March 31st.

PROVIDE FOR SIX CAMPS.

Washington.—The war department has ordered departmental commanders of the army to provide joint field artillery camps the coming summer for regulars and the militia. The camps, at which there will be schools of instruction for officers and non-commissioned officers of the field artillery of the organized militia, will be held from June 1 to 15, at the following places: Tobyhanna, Pa.; Fort Riley, Kas.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Annapolis, Md.; Sparta, Wis., and Sisson, Cal.

TESTING A DIVING BELL.

Naval Officers Turn to New Devices for Raising F-4.

San Francisco, Cal.—Naval officers have turned their attention to new devices for reaching the submarine F-4 which took her crew to the bottom of Honolulu harbor, March 25.

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BREAKING THE NEWS GENTLY

Liverpool Man Exceedingly Careful That He Should Not Shock the Nerves of His Friend.

In Liverpool there is a man, writes a contributor to Pearson's Weekly, who is famous for his calmness on every occasion. One day he strolled leisurely into the office of a friend.

"I've just had a chat with your wife," he began.

"Why, I didn't know she was in town."

"Oh, she wasn't in town," replied the other. "I called at your house."

"I didn't know she was receiving today," said the husband, with some surprise. "I thought she had a headache."

"She didn't mention it to me," said the calm man. "There was quite a crowd at the house."

"A crowd!" echoed the husband.

"Yes," went on the calm man. "They came with the fire engine."

"The fire engine!" gasped the husband.

"Oh, it's all right," went on the calm man. "It's all out now. It wasn't much of a fire, but I thought you'd like to know of it."

The Unexpected.

"Did you hear about Scootleigh?"

"No."

"He woke up in the night and went to the wall cupboard for the bottle of Jamaica ginger. He was in such a hurry he didn't stop to feel for the electric light button, but chanced it."

"Dear, dear!"

"He grabbed a bottle that he thought was the right one and took a swallow of the stuff."

"My, my!"

"It burned him painfully."

"Oh, that's too bad! What was it?"

"The Jamaica ginger."

A woman's idea of a mean husband is one who refuses to talk back.

The best way to get along with some people is to get along without them.

SOME HARD KNOCKS

Woman Gets Rid of "Coffee Habit."

The injurious action of coffee on the nerves of many persons is well known by physicians to be caused by caffeine. This is the drug found by chemists in coffee and tea.

A woman suffered a long time with severe heart trouble and finally her doctor told her she must give up coffee, as that was the principal cause of the trouble. She writes:

"My heart was so weak it could not do its work properly. My husband would sometimes have to carry me from the table, and it would seem that I would never breathe again.

"The doctor told me that coffee was causing the weakness of my heart. He said I must stop it, but it seemed I could not give it up until I was down in bed with nervous prostration.

"For eleven weeks I lay there and suffered. Finally husband brought home some Postum and I quit coffee and started new and right. Slowly I got well. Now I do not have any headaches, nor those spells with weak heart. We know it is Postum that helped me. The Dr. said the other day: 'I never thought you would be what you are.' I used to weigh 93 pounds and now I weigh 155.

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