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UNITED STATES TO BUY NORTH-ERN MEXICO FOR \$300,000,000

Washington Report Says Carranza Has Agreed to Plan—Understood that World Nations Are Won to Support of Plan, and Will Thus Collect Their Old Debts.

Washington, March 11.—Reports which have been current in Wall street, leading financial circles, several cities and political and diplomatic groups to the effect that the administration contemplates acquisition by purchase of the northern section of Mexico and that Col. E. M. House really went to Europe to "sound" certain governments on this policy, are now declared on authority that cannot be ignored to be substantial and of extreme potentiality.

The plan, it is asserted, is to purchase all of Mexico that is north of a direct line drawn west from the southerly outskirts of the city of Tampico, including the entire Lower California peninsula. Colonel House, who recently returned from a trip abroad as the special representative of President Wilson, did not discuss peace proposals alone, it is declared here, despite denials. On the contrary, he is confidently believed to have made inquiry of leading statesmen of Great Britain, France, Germany, Spain and other nations as to what their attitude would be in case the United States made such an offer to Mexico.

Further, it is confidently believed that the European powers as a unit agreed that such a move would not only be agreeable to them, but even pleasing, for it would insure their being reimbursed for losses sustained in the Mexican turmoil of recent years, which they could not expect to collect without conflicting with the Monroe doctrine.

While leading men here say it will be extremely difficult to approximate a price equitable to such an enormous purchase, the tentative figure mentioned for the basic offer will be about \$300,000,000.

Republican leaders say they are forced to admit that such a move on the part of the Wilson administration would be a "master stroke" on the eve of the presidential election, and that no

Republican could oppose the plan.

The two principal objects that interest all statesmen in the plan is that the move would prevent any "stretching" of the Monroe Doctrine and at the same time make this nation secure in that all chance for a foreign power establishing a naval base on the Pacific coast would be a future impossibility.

Carranza will not object, it is declared here tonight in quarters that can hardly be questioned. It is even stated that the recently recognized Mexican first chief has not only agreed to a preliminary consideration of the scheme, but that this plan was a part of the price exacted from him previous to his recognition by this country and similar recognition by other powers.

Men who are in a position to become unusually well informed say that Col. House met with enthusiastic approval when he submitted the plan at Berlin. The German government said it would welcome the collection of her indemnity by the United States for the reason, first, that she needed the money, and second, that she would be sure to get it from the United States.

English, French and Spanish officials also greeted the proposal in an agreeable manner. The leading bankers of this country have been canvassed on the subject and most of them agreed that a loan for such a purpose would be heavily oversubscribed.

This is a stupendous undertaking and probably the biggest thing attempted in this country since the Civil war.

Terms of Court.

CIVIL TERMS

Fourth Monday in February
Second Monday in May
First Monday in July
First Monday in December

CRIMINAL TERMS

Fourth Monday in March
Second Monday in November.

General News Items In Brief

Lord Robert Cecil, British minister of war trade, said the pressure of England's fleet on the German economic fabric is no worse than the Teuton's submarine blockade of the British Isles.

Germans recovered part of the Corbeaux wood near Verdun after several assaults, using a whole division in the last and suffering losses the French described as out of all proportion to their gains.

Americans had the right, under international law and precedent, to make a punitive expedition into Mexico, records show.

Fire practically destroyed the plant of Taryan Rosin and Turpentine Company at Brunswick, Ga., with an estimated loss of \$500,000.

A motion to reconsider the vote on the bill appropriating \$125,000 for the Mississippi Centennial Exposition was withdrawn in the House.

A merchant of Saltillo, Miss., shot and killed the school principal there because of an alleged insult.

Capt. W. S. Sims told the House Naval Committee colossal mistakes in building the dreadnought battleships would make them like nine pins pitted against foreign vessels of the same type.

Senator Ransdell in a speech said Elihu Root had failed to attack the South American policy of the administration, from which he concluded that it was unassailable.

Representative L. L. Morgan of the Sixth Louisiana District attacked the federal pension system in a debate, as extravagant.

Government engineers prepared a new kind of levee to curb the waters at Buck Ridge crevasse.

Judge E. B. Dubuisson, of Opelousas, was obliged to decline the nomination for attorney general on the Parker ticket, having voted for Democratic candidates in the Parish primary.

Miss Jean Gordon asked the appointment of a receiver for the Business Men's Racing Association.

Judge Chretien refused to grant a new trial to Herman Pallet, convicted of murdering his father.

It was learned that the city of New Orleans has obtained a site for a new quarantine station within its limits and offered it to the government, while bills appropriating \$300,000 for improvement were introduced in Congress.

Turkey and Bulgaria threatened to withdraw from the Central Allied Powers' forces and to sue for separate peace, according to a report from Rome.

Neutral nations were warned to maintain an attitude of honest conservatism by Gunnard Knudsen, prime minister of Norway.

Prince Joachim of Prussia, the Kaiser's fifth son was married to Princess Marie of Anhalt, the German empress and parents and relatives of the bride being present.

Saxon regiments by a sudden thrust in Champagne gained a strip near Rheims three-quarters of a mile deep and 1400 yards of front, while the German infantry continued to encroach upon Verdun.

Governor Rye called a special session of the Tennessee Legislature to consider impeachment proceedings against Judge Jesse Edgington and County Attorney Z. Newton Estes.

Government engineers announced that repair work on levees was well advanced at all points.

Scores of alleged Mexican spies were arrested as the American forces at Columbus prepared to cross the border.

Gen. Carranza has asked Washington for permission to send troops into American territory, if necessary, in the pursuit of the Villa bandits.

Col. Pleasant made two speeches, at New Iberia and Jeanerette.

The sending of troops into Mexico will simply aggravate the bad feeling created by the United States' interference in that country's affairs, said Manuel Calero, a member of Madero's cabinet.

According to a report emanating from Washington, the United States government is negotiating for the purchase of Northern Mexico above the city of Tampico.

Divided opinion was expressed in Washington concerning the wisdom of the President's course in sending troops into Mexico to capture Villa and his outlawed, opponents of the administration predicting that the army would fail in the object sought, while Senator Williams praised the step taken.

Regular passenger and freight schedules were suspended by the G. & S. I. Railroad pending the obtaining of new employes, alleged threats by strikers having driven trainmen from their posts.

A resolution was adopted by the Mississippi House urging Congress to pass pending legislation providing for military and vocational schools in all states.

The German infantry at Verdun, attacking after a heavy bombardment, advanced three miles nearer the fortress, and occupied Hill 265 and part of the Corbeaux wood, besides taking the town of Fresnes in Woivre, their losses being reported very heavy by the French, who held them back at all other points.

Arthur Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech said the British navy had gained a million tonnage since the war began, while the aviation service of the navy had been increased ten fold.

By a vote of 276 to 142, the House tabled the McLemore resolution warning Americans off armed merchant ships of belligerents.

Winston Churchill, former first lord of Britain's admiralty, in a bold speech before Parliament declared the Balfour naval policy one of pure passivity.

Senators Newlands of Nevada, and Ransdell of Louisiana reconciled their differences over the control of Mississippi floods, Senator Newlands consenting to permit the construction of permanent levees having precedence over his scheme to impound head waters in remote states of the Middle West.

Announcement was made that the Missouri Pacific Railroad would run cars into New Orleans direct over the Texas and Pacific rails from Alexandria, La., connecting the Crescent City with the Northwest.

Gen. Funston ordered the court martial of the lieutenant who led a party of soldiers across the Rio Grand last fall.

Germany delivered another note to the secretary of state in Washington, offering to observe international law as it existed before the war in regard to submarine raids, if Great Britain would drop its blockade, which it held likewise to be in violation of the same laws.

The House vote on the armed ship issue was declared a stinging rebuke to the Berlin assertion that the American Congress is not with the President.

Sixteen Americans were massacred in a raid on Columbus, New Mexico, led by Francisco Villa, with the reported object of causing intervention, while United States cavalry pursued the bandits across the Mexican border, killing forty-six, according to official reports of the army, including Pablo Lopez, second in command.

Monroe, La., suffered at \$21000 fire, believed to be the work of incendiaries.

Senator Ransdell announced that he would come home to take the would for Colonel Pleasant.

A bill appropriating \$125,000 for the Mississippi Centennial Exposition at Gulfport was passed by the House.

Monroe, La., was in a state of excitement due to continued outbreaks of fires, started by incendiaries.

Government engineers finished the flood fight at Natchez and are gathering their forces at the Buck Ridge crevasse.

Ce many declared war on Portugal, bringing the thirteenth combatant into the European conflict.

Washington asked the British government for the secret instructions issued to captains of merchant steamships to guide them when attacked by submarines.

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