

"MEDIATION USELESS," SAYS CHIEF CARRANZA

IN REPLY TO MEDIATORS SAYS AFFAIRS OF MEXICO CAN NOT BE SETTLED OUTSIDE.

PEACE MAKERS HAVE NEW PLAN

They Propose to Have Constitutionalists in Separate Conferences—No Telling What Will Be Outcome. Other News of Mexico.

El Paso, Tex.—General Venustiano Carranza has forwarded his reply to the two notes of June 2 and 5 sent him by the mediation commissioners at Niagara Falls, it was learned Sunday.

According to information at El Paso his reply to the A B C mediators was sent to constitutionalist headquarters at Washington to be forwarded to Niagara Falls.

Carranza's note, it is understood, reiterated his willingness to participate in conferences whose sole object he recognized to be the pacification of Mexico and whose good offices he tentatively recognized. The futility of discussing Mexican internal affairs, however, is pointed out.

While thanking the mediators for their efforts, General Carranza made it plain, according to word reaching El Paso, that among the subjects he considered it impossible to discuss are the proposed armistice, military movements of the constitutionalists, the agrarian question and the designation of a provisional president of Mexico.

Carranza stated that he believed he only complies with his duty as first chief of the constitutionalist forces when he declares a grave error has been committed in attempting to solve such questions of transcendental importance to the Mexican people. It devolves on the constitutionalists themselves, he held, to decide what is best for the interests of their country. The settling of such questions as the result of mediation, arbitration or even intervention would not be acceptable to the constitutionalists, he asserts, and he therefore is convinced that the conference at Niagara Falls will be without the definite result expected by interested parties and foreign nations.

The feeling in Saltillo, where Carranza has established his capital, is that the chief's reply has ended the diplomatic incident connected with the interchange of notes between the mediation commission and Carranza. The lack of conformity on Carranza's part with the request of the mediators does not necessarily preclude a further exchange of notes, but it is not believed an attempt will be made to renew the correspondence. In extending his sincere thanks to the mediators for their efforts, Carranza places himself at their "attentive consideration."

The South American mediators Sunday at Niagara Falls proposed a new course of action which not only will prolong mediation proceedings, but eventually may work out a solution of the Mexican problem.

The nature of the plan designed to prevent the deadlock between the American and Mexican delegates from abruptly ending the conference has been more closely guarded than anything that has transpired at the conference.

It became known, however, that another effort was being made to bring the constitutionalists into close touch with the purposes of mediation without formally admitting them. The suggestion contemplates separate conferences between the American delegates and representatives of the constitutionalists. Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann would continue their dealings with the Huerta delegates through the mediation board. In this way all factions in the Mexican situation would be drawn together and there would be no necessity for declaration of an armistice until some agreement was reached and approved by the constitutionalists. The plan was said to be a result of the visit of Minister Nason of Argentina to Washington, where President Wilson is understood to have emphasized the written statement of Justice Lamar that any agreement not approved by the constitutionalists would be a "paper agreement" and would not accomplish the sole purpose of the United States, which is pacification of Mexico.

Lethbridge, Alberta.—A mighty explosion Friday entombed 250 miners employed in mine No. 10 of the Hill Crest collieries. Of the many miners rescued only four were found alive.

Men in the mine when explosion occurred 600 of whom 350 escaped. The explosion shook the countryside, lifted roofs from many cabins and demolished numerous small buildings. A moment after the explosion a score of panic-stricken surface workers rushed from the mine followed by a dense cloud of smoke and poisonous fumes.

When the first rescue crew arrived a large force of men set about to clear the shaft, working desperately as the moans of the entombed men came feebly from the mine. The moans became fainter and finally ceased. Thousands of tons of rock have fallen into the mine and it is feared the men, even had they escaped death from the poisonous fumes, probably were crushed to death by falling debris.

No information as to what caused the explosion has been given, but it is believed it was due to gases.

INTANGIBLE VALUES OF ROADS

THIRTY-SEVEN RAILROADS HAVE TRUE VALUATIONS.

The Railroad and Bridge Companies of Texas Procure a Reduction of More Than \$500,000.

Austin, Tex.—The state tax board Monday found the intangible values of the several railroad and bridge companies operating in Texas, same aggregating \$162,851,511, as against \$167,992,026 last year, making a decrease of approximately 3 per cent. Of the total intangible values, \$162,757,678 was for railroads, covering 15,184 miles, the remaining \$93,833 being bridge company values.

In reaching the intangible values the board also considered the physical values, the total being \$310,320,940, of which \$310,220,690 was for railroads and the remainder for bridge companies. The combined intangible and physical values, which is designated the "true value," makes a total of \$473,172,451, of which \$472,978,368 was for railroads.

The road having the largest intangible value is the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio, with \$25,297,360; the Texas and Pacific is second with \$20,117,955; third is the Katy, having \$19,629,750, and the Santa Fe fourth with \$19,469,592. The intangible values of other lines which were given a value are as follows:

- Abilene and Southern, \$113,668; Beaumont and Great Northern, \$52,840; Rock Island, \$3,958,875; Denison and Pacific Suburban, \$50,000; El Paso Northeastern, \$576,600; El Paso Southern, \$14,723; El Paso and Southwestern, \$187,600; Fort Worth and Denver, \$9,991,080; Fort Worth and Rio Grande, \$331,155; Galveston, Houston and Henderson, \$620,023; Hearne and Brazos Valley, \$20,840; Houston East and West Texas, \$2,291,400; Houston and Texas Central, \$12,400,650; International and Great Northern, \$14,478,600; Marshall and East Texas, \$50,000; Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf, \$20,400; Paris and Great Northern, \$647,200; Paris and Mount Pleasant, \$76,980; Pecos and Northern Texas, \$2,416,775; Quanah, Acme and Pacific, \$236,580; Rio Grande and Eagle Pass, \$200,000; Rio Grande and El Paso, \$202,200; San Antonio and Aransas Pass, \$7,238,000; Shreveport, Houston and Gulf, \$18,000; Southern Kansas, \$2,248,560; Stephenville North and South Texas, \$210,360; St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico, \$236,845; St. Louis Southwestern, \$4,866,470; Sugarland Railroad, \$200,000; Texarkana and Fort Smith, \$3,244,000; Texas Central, \$900,000; Texas Midland, \$554,000; Texas and New Orleans, \$7,002,280; Texas Short Line, \$35,100; Trinity and Brazos Valley, \$302,820; Trinity Valley Southern, \$10,000; Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern, \$246,000; Wichita Falls railway, \$718,400; Wichita Falls and Northwestern, \$495,900; Wichita Valley Railway and leased lines, \$768,000.

Brownsville Ferry Company, \$10,000; Laredo Bridge Company, \$40,000, and Porfirio Diaz and Eagle Pass Bridge Company, \$43,833.

There were thirty-seven railway companies which were found to have a true valuation, having been the same as their physical valuation, but which escaped an intangible valuation.

Labor Unions Exempted.

Washington.—The house Monday again went on record for exempting labor unions from prosecution under the anti-trust laws. A provision in the sundry civil appropriation bill appropriating \$300,000 for enforcement of the anti-trust laws was adopted after a sharp political debate over the provision exempting labor and agricultural organizations.

Standard Loses Pipe Line Case.

Washington.—Standard Oil lost its vigorously waged fight against government regulation of its pipe lines Monday when the supreme court upheld the validity of the amendment to the Hepburn rate law, which declared oil pipe lines across state lines common carriers subject to the authority of the interstate commerce commission. The court exempted from the operation of the act the Uncle Sam Oil Company, an independent, Chief Justice White and Justice McKenna dissented from this action. Justice McKenna also vigorously attacked the constitutionality of the act.

Villa to Operate Alone.

Eagle Pass, Tex.—General Villa is determined to complete the absolute defeat of Huerta and fight his way at the head of his army into the city of Mexico irrespective of what action General Carranza may take, according to reports brought to the border Monday by travelers arriving from Torreón and Monterrey.

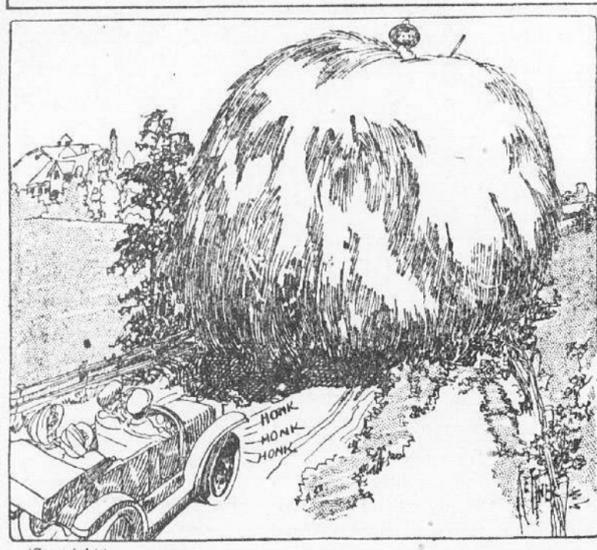
British Railroad Builder Dead.

London.—Morgan Bransby Williams, who probably had more to do than any other man with the construction of the earlier railroads in the British Isles, died in London Monday.

Mrs. Pennybacker Collapses.

South Bend, Ind.—Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker of Austin, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, died at the home of Mrs. E. C. Eberhardt, Mishawaka.

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SOME HISTORY ON VILLA-CARRANZA TROUBLE

Travelers Reaching Laredo Tell of Action of Fifteen Generals—They Would Fight for Villa.

Laredo, Tex.—Fifteen generals of the constitutionalist army, commanding a combined force estimated at 30,000 men, renounced General Carranza as "first chief" of the constitutionalist movement in a note sent to his headquarters at the time General Villa resigned a few days ago. General Villa did not sign the communication. This and other details suppressed by a rigid censorship at Saltillo became known at the border Saturday with the arrival of travelers from Saltillo and Monterrey.

The communication, it was authoritatively said, informed the man who has been the leader of the constitutionalist movement since its inception, that the generals would continue to fight against Huerta, but would hold themselves subject to General Villa's orders and would not recognize Carranza.

The plan of Guadalupe, on which the constitutionalist campaigns have been based, provides that the first chief of the constitutionalist army should remain at the head of the movement as provisional president after Huerta had been eliminated until an election had been held and the result voiced. Hitherto Carranza has been undisputed first chief. What effect on the future of the movement the fact that the largest and most powerful single unit of that army has denied him that title and authority will have, can not yet be learned, according to the travelers. They said the Carranza forces apparently planned to go ahead as though the incident had never happened. Pedro Gonzales, it is said, will attack San Luis Potosi at once while Villa is taking Zacatecas, and then move southward according to the original plan, with Villa advancing from the center and Obregon from the west.

School District Bonds Approved.

Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department Thursday approved the following bond issues: Refugio common school district No. 5, \$10,000, forty-forties, 5 per cent; Delta County common school district No. 22, \$2,500, twenty-tens, 5 per cent; Naacogdoches County common school district No. 36, \$850, twenty-fives, 5 per cent; Smith County common school district No. 57, \$800, twenty-fives, 5 per cent; Smith County common school district No. 39, \$1,100; twenty-fives, 5 per cent.

Scattered Ashes to Texas Winds.

San Antonio, Tex.—In compliance with the strange bequest of Mrs. Pauline Melas, who died recently in San Francisco, her ashes were Wednesday scattered to the winds from the back yard of the house where she was born in San Antonio. She was 77 years old and leaves an estate in Texas and California valued at \$500,000.

\$156,000 Cotton Crossed Border.

San Antonio, Tex.—A record shipment of cotton from Mexico was made Friday when sixty carloads of fifty bales each crossed the Rio Grande at El Paso, most of which is intended for European factories. The cotton averaged 560 pounds per bale, making the value of the shipment a little over \$156,000.

Water Filings Must Be Made.

Austin, Tex.—The State board of water engineers Tuesday announced that before July 1 next those persons who have in the past used any water from public sources for the purpose of irrigation or development of power for economic uses, or for any purpose named in the law, must make certain filings with the board.

Delegates Choose Waxahachie.

Port Arthur, Tex.—Waxahachie was chosen as the next meeting place by the delegates attending the Christian Endeavor convention Thursday. There were three claimants in the field—Fort Worth, Waxahachie and Cleburne. State officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Patrick Henry, Dallas; vice president, Colby D. Hall, Fort Worth; secretary, J. H. Brock, Sherman; assistant secretary, Roy Berg, Dallas; treasurer, Harry G. Clark, Dallas.

WANT TO DO BUSINESS IN TEXAS

Long List of New Companies Desiring to Do Business in Texas Appear on State Department Records.

Austin, Tex.—Chartered this week: Maloney Hat Company, Dallas; capital stock, \$40,000. Incorporators: W. F. Maloney, C. H. McAfee and E. E. Maloney.

Cooper Building and Loan Association, Cooper, Delta County; capital stock, \$100,000. Incorporators: J. M. Hagwood, O. L. Talley, B. F. Clark and others.

The Saxon Oil Company, Beaumont; capital stock, \$12,000. Incorporators: H. B. Pedigo, Ross Convest and R. E. Collins.

Stine-Cameron Oil Company, Henrietta; capital stock, \$60,000. Incorporators: F. Stine, S. L. McDonald and R. L. Cameron.

Schuster-Sirmans Company, El Paso; capital stock, \$10,000; purpose, merchandising. Incorporators: A. E. Schuster, C. L. Sirmans and J. M. Proctor.

Lake Graham Oil Company, Sour Lake; capital stock, \$12,500. Incorporators: J. B. Robinson, A. E. Boyd and J. T. Guin.

Jacobs Jewelry and Loan Company, San Antonio; capital stock, \$2,000. Incorporators: James J. Parmella, F. E. Lindahl, B. A. Cordell and D. J. Parkhill.

Farmers Gin Company, Blue Ridge, Collin County; capital stock, \$10,000. Incorporators: J. D. Wilson, J. S. Stewart and John Howard.

Logan Heights Improvement Company, El Paso; capital stock, \$1,000. Incorporators: Neal Brown, Frank Allison and Albert Blinberry.

Corpus Christi Ice Company, Corpus Christi; capital stock, \$5,000. Incorporators: S. A. Preston, W. H. Steen and David R. Locher.

The Trinity Cemetery Association, Trinity; no capital stock. Incorporators: H. H. Thompson, J. T. Renfro, John E. Peyton and others.

Chillicothe Hardware Company, Chillicothe; capital stock, \$10,000. Incorporators: J. B. Goodlett, W. L. Bradley and Tom E. Rose.

Modern Concrete Company, San Antonio; capital stock, \$1,500. Incorporators: E. G. Hicks, A. E. Lowe and R. L. Webb.

Autumn Leaf Literary Club, San Antonio; no capital stock. Incorporators: W. H. Ball, Frank Storey and Cornelius Armstrong.

Amendments were filed as follows: Texas Granitoid Company, San Antonio, increasing capital stock from \$10,000 to \$30,000; the Kieberg Town and Improvement Company, Kingsville, increasing capital stock to \$50,000; Practical Drawing Publishing Company, Dallas, changing name to Practical Drawing Company.

A permit to sell stock under the blue sky law was granted L. P. Gamble for the Forest Avenue Heights Development Company, Dallas.

Press Association Adjourns Meeting.

Wichita Falls, Tex.—With the selection of Corpus Christi as the meeting place in 1915, the thirty-fifth annual convention of the Texas Press Association came to a close Saturday after one of the most interesting, successful and enjoyable sessions in its history.

Officers were elected as follows: President, D. E. Harris, Rusk County News, Henderson; vice president, Walter B. Whitman, Holland's Magazine, Dallas; secretary, Sam B. Harbin, Echo, Richardson; treasurer, C. F. Lehman, Houston; attorney, C. E. Gilmore, Willis Point; essayist, Miss Laura V. Hamner, Claude; orator, Lee J. Rountree, Georgetown; poet, J. H. Lowry, Honey Grove.

Brazos County Wants Good Roads.

Bryan, Tex.—The good roads committee of the Commercial Club has added one man from each country precinct to the committee. The committee reported to the club Saturday that the country members were enthusiastic on the subject of better roads.

Bond Issues Approved.

Austin, Tex.—Judge Claude Pollard of Kingsville Wednesday secured the approval of the attorney general's department to a \$15,000 bond issue of the Kingsville independent school district.

Large Wheat Field Is Burned.

Chillicothe, Tex.—Three hundred and twenty-five acres of wheat, partly cut, belonging to A. H. Barnes, was set on fire by accident and entirely destroyed Saturday.

Tomatoes at Dollar a Crate.

Jacksonville, Tex.—Twenty-three cars of tomatoes sold Saturday at auction at an average of \$1.90 per crate.

Begin Pumping Water on Rice.

Collegeport, Tex.—The pumping plants of the Collegeport Irrigation Company and the Simpson Canal Company started pumping this week. The rice is in fine condition and the yield is expected to be great.

To Vote on Road Tax at Mason.

Mason, Tex.—A road tax election for Mason County has been ordered to be held Tuesday, July 7. The proposed tax is for an additional 15c on the \$100 valuation.

Empress Steering Gear Bad.

Quebec.—Assertions by James Francis Galway, a quartermaster, that the Empress of Ireland did not steer well, that her wheel "jammed" only a few hours before the collision with the Storstad which sent her to the bottom of the St. Lawrence and a denial of these claims by officers of the lost Canadian Pacific liner, were the cardinal points in the mass of testimony heard Thursday by the Dominion commission investigating the wreck.

Libby's Pork and Beans. Delicious - Nutritious. Plump and nut-like in flavor, thoroughly cooked with choice pork. Prepared the Libby way, nothing can be more appetizing and satisfying, nor of greater food value. Put up with or without tomato sauce. An excellent dish served either hot or cold.

Libby, McNeill & Libby, Chicago. Throw Away your complexion troubles with your powder puff—no need of either when you use pure, harmless Zona Face Pomade. "The ALL DAY BEAUTY POWDER". At all dealers or by mail 50c. Zona Co., Wichita, Kansas.

Child Acts Surgeon's Role. Sarah Shaffer, thirteen years old, of Los Angeles, Cal., developed into a little heroine when her five-year-old sister fell on the sidewalk while at play and shattered her elbow. Dr. Edward G. Wiley, chief police surgeon, explained patiently over the telephone how the splint should be put on, and Sarah made such a good job of it as to win the admiration of all who saw the tiny patient when she arrived at the receiving hospital with her little amateur nurse. The children's father is at the county hospital and their mother went to visit him. Maybelle fell and broke her arm. Sarah called up the receiving hospital, but owing to the distance was advised to call one of the district doctors. She could raise none, and again called the receiving hospital. Doctor Wiley told Sarah what to do to relieve the baby's pain, while the ambulance raced out to the Shaffer home, and Sarah obeyed instructions to the letter.

Minding the Doctor. "It isn't strange that Bob Hilliard should have won the heart and hand of a girl with three millions, for Bob, despite his years, is the handsomest and most elegant creature going." The speaker, a dramatic critic of Chicago, smiled and continued: "The last time Bob acted here I met him one morning promenading. And he was superb—top hat, stick, black morning coat, spats fitting without a wrinkle, and one of those cigarette tubes that had just come out, a tube of gold and amber, a foot long, or possibly 18 inches. "As we chatted, and as he smoked his Egyptian cigarette through this extraordinary tube, I said to him: "Why on earth, Bob, do you use such a long cigarette tube as that?" "My doctor has ordered me," he replied, "to keep away from tobacco."

The Actor of Today. "Pardon me, but how could you become an actor with such an impediment of speech?" "Oh, no one notices it. The-the film also trembles constantly." If you want to find a man out all you have to do is to call on him with a bill.

Grandmother Didn't Know. A good cook? Certainly, but she couldn't have cooked the Indian Corn, rolled and toasted it to a crisp brown, wafer thin flakes, as we do in preparing Post Toasties. They are delicious with cream or milk, or sprinkled over fresh fruit or berries. From the first cooking of the corn until the sealed, airtight packages of delicately toasted flakes are delivered to you, Post Toasties are never touched by human hand. Grandmother would have liked Post Toasties. —sold by Grocers.