

GEN. OBREGON HAS REACHED JUAREZ

THE MEXICAN WAR MINISTER WITH HIS AIDES IS ON BORDER TOWN.

MEETS SCOTT AND FUNSTON

40,000 Carranza Troops in Northern Mexico Most Potent Argument of Mexicans That American Forces Be Withdrawn.

El Paso, Gen. Alvaro Obregon, minister of war of the Mexican de facto government reached Juarez April 28 to confer with Maj. Gen. Scott and Funston on military questions involved in the American punitive expedition into Mexico.

Gen. Obregon, accompanied by Gen. Jacinto Trevino, military governor of Chihuahua; Gen. Samuel S. Santos, Gov. Enriquez of Chihuahua, and Presidente Jose de Luz Herrera of Parral, came to Juarez on a special train.

Mexican officials here believe Obregon will assure America that when the last United States troops cross the boundary the de facto army will form behind them a line of patrols to render future raids impossible.

Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott and Frederick Funston met Mexican Minister of War Alvaro Obregon in the customs house in Juarez on the night of April 28th.

The meeting was the formal preliminary to the opening of the international conference by which the right of the United States troops to continue the pursuit of Villa and his bandits is to be settled.

Official etiquette required that the two distinguished generals make the call, as Gen. Obregon is a member of the cabinet of the de facto government, by virtue of his office as minister of war.

Gen. Obregon, standing in a semi circle formed by members of his staff, all of whom were dressed in service uniforms, received the American officers at the entrance to the reception room where the conference was held.

Gen. Scott, in civilian dress, advanced first and shook hands with Obregon in vigorous American fashion, then proceeded to greet other Mexican officers present. Gen. Funston followed and went through the same formalities.

The third section of Gen. Obregon's train, bearing Gen. Luis Gutierrez, military governor of Chihuahua state, was derailed south of Juarez and several passengers reported injured. It is not known whether Gen. Gutierrez was hurt. Gen. Obregon reached Juarez on the second section of the special train.

The presence in Northern Mexico of 40,000 Carranza troops was the most potent argument brought to the border by Gen. Obregon in his effort to convince Generals Scott and Funston that the American expeditionary forces should be withdrawn.

ACTIVE SEARCH FOR VILLA

Detachments Search Mountains North and West of Parral, Where Bandit Is Reported.

Columbus, N. M.—Two Americans were killed and three wounded in an engagement between cavalrymen under Col. Dodd and 260 Villa bandits at Tomachio, in the center of the Sierra Madre, in Western Chihuahua, April 22, according to an official report reaching here.

Several detachments of American troops have resumed active pursuit of Villa and are whipping the mountains north and west of Parral, where the bandit chief is reported in hiding.

The advanced base, 300 miles south of the border, is now completely equipped, trainload after trainload of motor trucks having arrived here within the last ten days, bringing rations, clothing and equipment.

SINK BRITISH SUBMARINE.

Berlin Claims British Cruiser Also Hit By Torpedo.

Berlin.—The German admiral announced that the British submarine E-22 had been sunk by German naval forces.

The announcement also says a British cruiser of the Arthusa class was hit by a torpedo from a German submarine.

The announcement, given out under date of April 26, follows: "The German naval forces on April 25 sank the British submarine E-22. The Germans rescued and captured two men.

"A German submarine on the same day hit with a torpedo a British cruiser of the Arthusa class."

AMBASSADOR THREATENED.

Anonymous Communication Received By Sir Cecil Spring Rice.

Washington.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring Rice, has received and referred to the state department an anonymous threatening communication, declaring that any treatment of Sir Roger Casement other than due a prisoner of war of the highest rank would be a sentence of death against him "and other English servants in this country."

Organization Delegates Lead.

Columbus, Ohio.—Returns from the larger cities made certain the election of the organization candidates for delegates-at-large to both the Republican and Democratic national conventions at the presidential primaries. Less than one-fourth the voters in the cities went to the polls, while in the rural precincts only 10 per cent of the vote was cast. Former Senator Burton received the Republican vote. President Wilson was designated as the popular choice of the Democrats.

SAY BERLIN IS OPTIMISTIC

Developments Impending Which Demonstrate Desire of Emperor William to Retain Friendship.

Berlin.—The German answer to the American note may not be expected before the end of the week.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg and Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the naval general staff, departed for headquarters to consult with Emperor William in regard to the reply to the American note.

The chancellor's conference with James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, April 26, lasted for half an hour.

The Associated Press learns that developments are impending which demonstrate unmistakably the desire of Emperor William to follow a course which will lead Germany and the United States out of the present crisis. The situation is viewed more optimistically here.

Ambassador Gerard is still maintaining silence, following his latest conference with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, but the Associated Press has been able to obtain information from other sources indicating that the outlook has improved.

Public opinion in Germany respecting the American note remains divided in two main directions.

NO BREAK LIKELY.

Gerard's visit to Kaiser May Settle Submarine Crisis.

Washington.—The visit of Ambassador Gerard to German army headquarters, at the personal invitation of Emperor William was regarded in Washington as the forerunner of a favorable reply to the American submarine demands.

An administration official familiar with the exchanges between Washington and Berlin, said without qualification there will be no break between the United States and Germany because of the latest acute phase of the submarine controversy.

Secretary of State Lansing confirmed the report that Mr. Gerard had gone to the front to meet the emperor. He said Mr. Gerard gave no details.

The interpretation generally placed on the German mission was that Emperor William wished to obtain the ambassador's views as to what the United States expects Germany to do before the reply to the American note is forwarded.

THREE ORGANIZATIONS MEET

Much Discussion By Delegates To the Convention of Nurses at New Orleans.

New Orleans.—Courses of training for public health nurses, standardization and equipment of hospital wards and rules to be followed in care of specific diseases were themes that received much discussion by delegates to the convention of the three national organizations of nurses here. The early sessions were devoted principally to business meetings of the organizations represented—the American Nurses' Association, National League of Nursing, Education and National Organization for Public Health Nursing.

Training in marketing, in economic management of a household, in social service and modern methods for preventing disease was advocated by Miss Helen Cleland of Decatur, Ill., and Mrs. Katharine Tucker of Philadelphia.

The mass meeting dealt with problems in public health nursing and included papers and addresses by Dr. C. E. Terry, Jacksonville, Fla.; Helena R. Stewart, state supervising nurse of Ohio; Olga S. Halsey of New York; and Dr. Robert O. Paterson of the Ohio state board of health.

A minimum wage of from \$75 to \$100 a month for public health nurses was advocated by Dr. Paterson. He maintained conservation of the health of the people was not a charitable but a business proposition and public health nursing, he said, should be developed independently of any charitable or philanthropic movement and should become an integral part of the official health organization of the state, county and city.

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LARGE CROWD WITNESSED INTERESTING SERVICES AT COOKEVILLE.

BID FOR 1917 CONVENTION

Memphis Members Southern Cattle-men's Meet Will Try to Have Next Convention Held in the Bluff City.

Cookeville.—The cornerstone of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute was laid here last week with interesting and impressive services in the presence of a large audience. Mayor O. K. Holliday acted as master of ceremonies. Addresses were delivered by a number of prominent educators, the pastors of the Cookeville churches and leading citizens of this city. Many interesting documents were deposited in the cornerstone edifice.

While the greatest enthusiasm characterized the large gathering, which gave hearty expression to its deep interest in this new member in the family of Tennessee's educational institutions, yet no doubt the happiest man on the campus was Col. Jere Whitson of this city, who has labored almost incessantly for years to secure for this city this institution. His address bestrope his eep interest and ardent hope for the success of the school.

About six hundred students from the city public schools and the central county high schools were here with the respective faculties of these schools.

TO BID FOR CONVENTION.

Memphis Will Try For Southern Cattle-men's Meet for 1917.

Memphis.—When Southern cattlemen meet at Shreveport, La., Aug. 16, 17 and 18, Memphis members plan to launch their fight for bringing the 1918 convention to the Bluff City.

Announcement of the 1918 gathering of the South's live stock growers and dealers was mailed from the organization's local offices. The call went to more than 800 members now enlisted.

Atlanta is rated as the strong contender for the 1917 meeting. At last year's Birmingham convention the Georgia capital lost to Shreveport by three votes, members say. The first annual meeting of the association was held at Memphis in 1913.

Hereford, Shortorns and Aberdeen-Angus stock sales are conducted at all meetings under direction of the registry associations.

FOUND DEAD IN ARIZONA

Dewitt Hubbs, Formerly of Union City, Found Dead With Revolver By His Side.

Union City.—News reached here of the death of Dewitt Hubbs, of this city, who was in Arizona and had been located at Tucson, Ariz., for several months, going there from California.

He had been absent from his hotel for several weeks, and his body was found by some young men who were out hunting in the mountains a few miles from Tucson. A pistol was found by his side, and the supposition is that he committed suicide several days before the finding of his body.

The deceased was reared in Obion county and taught school here for several years. While teaching at Tiptonville, Tenn., he married Miss Virgie Harris, daughter of J. C. Harris, and after being in business there for several years, the family moved to Nashville, Tenn., and Mr. Hubbs began traveling.

He was a salesman at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and three children at Nashville, two girls and one boy.

M. E. BISHOPS IN SESSION.

Will Arrange For Visitation To the Various Annual Conferences.

Nashville.—The college of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in annual session here to arrange for the visitation of the bishops to the various annual conferences next year. This assignment of bishops was placed in the hands of a committee composed of Bishops Murray, Kilgo and Lambuth. It was decided to designate Sunday, May 21, as American Bible Society Day for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In other churches Sunday, May 7, is the day for the general observance of the centennial of the American Bible Society. The change in date for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is because of the fact that a year ago the church extension board of the church designated May 7 as church extension Sunday.

Saloon To Go. Bristol.—The saloons of Bristol have "chipped" their last mile into the coffers of the city forming the Virginia half of the city. Certified checks were deposited with the clerk of the court and council aggregating \$18,500. This is the sum paid for the privilege of doing business from May 1 to Nov. 1, the latter date being the time when the liquor traffic is to be abolished in Virginia.

Burial at Clinchdale.

Clinchdale, Tenn.—The remains of Joseph S. Shields, who died in New York April 25, were brought here for burial. Senator John K. Shields, who was with his brother at his death, accompanied the body from Washington.

Joseph S. Shields was 50 years of age and had been engaged in the wholesale clothing and hat business in New York for the past 15 years. He was the youngest of the Shields brothers and his death followed an operation.

Shorter Route Proposed.

Jackson.—A survey has been made of a new line for the Jackson and Humboldt highway. The new route shortens the distance, as compared with the original route by four miles, a matter of great importance to those who have occasion to travel between the two cities. The new route also contains less grade. Under the estimated effort on a road building day it is estimated the new road will be ready for use in the early fall.

YOUNG ATTORNEY KILLED

Harry Stokes, Counsel in Nashville Ouster Litigation, Is Shot—Deceased Native of Mississippi.

Nashville.—Harry S. Stokes, attorney for the citizens and taxpayers of Nashville in ouster proceedings, was shot and instantly killed April 26 by Charles C. Trabue.

The shooting occurred in Stokes' office, in a bank building, shortly before noon.

Mr. Stokes' body fell about half way between his private office and that of K. G. Stephenson, his partner in the law practice. The body was taken in charge by undertakers.

Mr. Stokes had been connected with the ouster litigation since the probe began last summer. Mr. Trabue was recently employed as special counsel to represent the city.

Trabue, one of the city's most prominent lawyers and a leading corporation lawyer, counsel for the defense in ouster proceedings, surrendered to the police.

According to the members of the office force of Harry Stokes, Trabue walked through the reception room in Stokes' office and into his private office without speaking to anyone. Before the door closed behind him he began shooting. Stokes did not have a chance to defend himself.

An immense throng gathered around the entrance of the bank building when the shots were heard, and it was with difficulty that police kept the surging crowd back. The building was closed to everyone except officers, undertakers and newspaper men.

Released from jail on \$25,000 bond signed by a half dozen prominent business men and attorneys, Charles C. Trabue reiterated his statement, in which he claims self-defense in the tragedy. Trabue claims he shot Stokes only after he was throttled and in fear of his life, as follows: "I went to see Mr. Stokes and entered his private office to ask that he sign a statement withdrawing and apologizing for insulting things he said to me, and without purpose or intent to provoke a difficulty.

"I went there armed because of warnings I had received from friends and because of numerous threats Mr. Stokes had made.

"After the exchange of a few words between us, Mr. Stokes made a violent and murderous assault upon me, jumped at me and grabbed me, trying to choke me, and, as I believed, trying to shoot me at the same time. I shot then as quickly as I could to protect my own life.

"Until Mr. Stokes' assault I made no threat and no effort to draw a weapon."

MANY WITNESSES ON HAND.

Interested Commerce Commission Begins Investigation.

Nashville.—Forty to fifty witnesses were on hand for the opening of the interstate commerce investigation of the charges brought against the L. & N. railroad by United States Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee.

B. H. Meyer of the commission presided, while Joseph W. Folk, counsel, and Philip J. Doherty and Harry Hull, attorneys for the commission, conducted the examination of witnesses.

While no official announcement of the course of the investigation was made, it was expected the charges concerning the illegal use of passes would be taken up first.

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Gov. Thomas C. Rye was to have been present to deliver the welcome address, but was unable to come. Miss Mary Skeffington, state librarian, welcomed the assemblage on behalf of the state.

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PLAN ADOPTED TO RAISE \$9,000,000

BOARD OF EDUCATION SOUTHERN METHODIST CHURCH ACCEPT SUBSCRIPTION PLAN.

REPORT MADE ON FACTORIES

W. L. Mitchell, Chief Inspector, Makes Quarterly Report To the Governor—273 Regular Inspections Were Made.

Nashville.—Seeking to place all colleges and schools of the denomination on a solid basis financially, the board of education of the Southern Methodist church before adjourning here accepted a plan to raise \$9,000,000 by popular subscription among the church membership for education.

A million each will go to the Southern University of Dallas and Emory University. Other institutions of the church include 13 A-grade colleges, nine B-grade colleges, eight junior colleges, 23 unclassified colleges and 15 academies.

Factory Inspection Report.

Chief Inspector W. L. Mitchell of the department of shop and factory has made his quarterly report to Gov. Rye, covering the months of January and February of this year and December of 1915.

This shows that a total of 273 regular inspections were made; there were 340 special inspections, 230 suggestion blanks issued, 284 suggestions complied and six cases disposed of in the courts.

It was found that 20 minors were working without proper affidavit on file. Seven minors under 14 years of age were dismissed from work. The total list of accidents for the quarter numbered 100 non-fatal, one fatal and one accident to property.

Little Definite Light.

Further investigation of the mysterious killing which plunged the capital into a wild state of excitement threw little definite light on Mr. Stokes' death.

Discovery of blood on Mr. Trabue's clothing, however, together with the fact that Mr. Trabue's hat was found on the floor of Mr. Stokes' private office, where the killing occurred, gave rise to a theory that a struggle had preceded the firing of the shots.

Another theory is that there was a struggle between the men after Mr. Trabue had fired the first shots.

There were no witnesses to the shooting, and though several other attorneys, associates of Mr. Stokes, and several stenographers were in adjoining offices, no one heard sounds of a struggle. They state that they had no idea that there was any trouble until they heard the shots.

G. T. Fitzhugh, assisting attorney for the managers in the Edgington impeachment trial, was one of the honorary pallbearers at the funeral of Harry S. Stokes.

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A communication was received by the court of impeachment from Caruthers Ewing, attorney for Attorney General Z. Newton Estes, saying that his client would waive process and appear for trial whenever notified. The court agreed to the proposition, and will so notify the defendant.

Sentences of one year and a day in the Atlanta federal penitentiary were imposed on Joe Turner and Tom Peppers, negroes, who pleaded guilty in federal court to a charge of robbing a mail bag at Tullahoma.

Simulated Erudition. "Do you always understand the subtleties on which you deliver speeches?" "No," replied Senator Spurgeon. "Sometimes I have to talk about them in a way that makes people think they're too hard for anybody except myself to understand, even when I am trying to explain them."

That Child! Tommy—Oh, mother, look at that man! He's only got one arm. Mother—Hush! He'll hear you. Tommy—Why, doesn't he know it?

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

May 1, 1915.

Germany gained ground along Ypres canal, but lost near Bagatelle and in Le Pretre forest.

Germany invaded Russian Baltic provinces.

Russians defeated in Kovno and at Orava and Opor valleys.

Two German torpedo boats and one British destroyer sunk in North sea battle.

Dardanelles and Bosphorus forts bombarded.

American tanker Gulfport torpedoed.

May 2, 1915.

British and French vainly attacked Germans northeast of Ypres.

Great battle developed in Plain of Rawa, Central Poland.

Austrians took offensive in region of Cieszkowice.

Allies made further advance on Gallipoli peninsula; Australians lost heavily.

German aeroplanes bombarded Epinal and other places.

Last of the landsturm called out.

May 3, 1915.

Germans made violent attacks near Ypres and in Champagne.

Teutons under Von Mackensen won great victory in West Galicia.

Continuous bombardment of Dardanelles maintained by allied fleet.

British steamer Minterne and four Norse steamers sunk by German submarines.

May 4, 1915.

Germans took three villages near Ypres.

French gained in region of Steenstraete.

Fierce battle near Stry between Russians and Teutons.