

MEXICAN PEACE EXPECTED.

CARRANZA AND CARBAJAL COMING NEARER TOGETHER SAYS BRYAN.

Probable That Zapata Will Join in Peace Movement—Envoys of Constituting Parties Reach Agreement Satisfactory to Both.

Washington, July 27.—Secretary Bryan tonight announced that the situation as between the Carbajal government and constitutionalists in Mexico "was progressing very satisfactorily towards a settlement." The delegates appointed by Provisional President Carbajal left Mexico City today for Saltillo where peace conferences will be held and there is every indication, according to the state department advices, that an amicable arrangement will be made to transfer the government to the constitutionalists.

Advices from Southern Mexico stated that the envoys sent by Carranza to discuss the general situation in Mexico with emissaries of Zapata had a long conference today which was satisfactory.

Officials now expect that Zapata will cooperate with the constitutionalists in maintaining peace.

Representatives of the constitutionalist junta in Washington said they interpreted Carbajal's appointment of the peace commission as meaning that the first chief probably would enter Mexico before the middle of August.

CATHOLIC CHURCH UNDER BAN.

Villareal Places Severe Restrictions Upon Activities of the Roman Priests.

San Antonio, July 26. (Via Laredo, Texas, July 28.)—A decree limiting the scope of the Roman Catholic church in the State of Nuevo Laredo on the ground of "public health, morality and justice" was issued today by Antonio I. Villareal, governor and military commander. He said:

"During the life of the nation, the church has been a pernicious factor in disruption and discord and has entirely forgotten its spiritual mission."

The most drastic feature of the decree is the prohibition of confession. Villareal gives as his reason for this the charge that the confessional and the sacristy in Mexico have become a menace to morality.

The decree issued in Monterey makes the following orders for government of Catholic schools and churches:

1. All foreign Catholic priests and Jesuits of whatever nationality will be expelled from the State of Nuevo Leon.
2. Of the remaining Catholic priests those who can not prove their complete abstention from politics will be expelled.
3. Churches will remain open daily from 6 in the morning until 1 in the afternoon. Only priests having permission to do so will be permitted to officiate.
4. Confession is prohibited.
5. The public is prohibited from entering the sacristy.
6. Church bells shall ring only to celebrate fiestas, in honor of the country, or for triumphs of the arms of the constitutionalists.
7. All Catholic colleges shall be closed which do not obey programmes and text ordered by officials and which do not have at their head some professor who is a graduate of the normal schools of the country, who will be responsible to the government for any infraction of the rules.
8. Any infraction of these laws will be punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$500 and arrest and imprisonment from two to four months, or both fine and imprisonment. In the event of a second offense the school will be closed.

Explaining the grounds for this action, Villareal's decree reads:

"In the interest of public health, morality and justice, the State of Nuevo Leon will limit the scope of the Catholic church, which during its life has entirely forgotten its spiritual mission, its sole right to be recognized by modern society. The church has consecrated itself principally to conquest in politics. To secure its object it always has been allied with the reactionary government and the despots and even with foreign invaders. It has showed itself an implacable enemy to the liberal movement and progress from the first revolution of Ayutla until the present time, and has fulminated its ridiculous excommunications over the most grand and glorious defenders of the country, Hidalgo, Juarez and Leroy de Tejada.

"The pretorial and clerical rulings of Porfirio Diaz and Huerta, against which the Mexican people have been struggling heroically for many years, have had the sympathy and assistance of the Mexican church; the church has had its benefactions for the crimes and corruptions of Huerta and has unsuccessfully worked to incite the public against the constitutionalist cause."

Some of the ceremonials of the

LIVE WIRE DEALS DEATH.

Young Man Employee of Bishopville Electric Co., Killed Wednesday.

Bishopville, July 29.—In attempting to repair one of the large street lamps on the main street of the town about 8 o'clock this morning, Willie N. Freeman, a lineman in the employ of the local light and power plant met instant death when his hand came in contact with a live wire.

Mr. Freeman, who was a resident of Knightdale, N. C., has only been working for the Bishopville company a few weeks. While his tragic death was witnessed by a number of people, it occurred so suddenly and unexpectedly that no one was able to render any assistance. It seems that Freeman had pulled down the light to make the repairs and attempted to hold some part of the inside fixtures with his bare hand, when he received the shock which hurled him nearly fifteen feet. Death was instantaneous. It was said after the accident by those familiar with electrical work that if the ground had not been wet the current could not have collected sufficient force to cause Mr. Freeman's death.

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church were criticised, Villareal alleging that in Mexico they have tended toward weakening of moral character. The colleges came under his disapproval also and he declared it the course of wisdom to close the clerical schools for the present on the ground that "it is a supreme national necessity to stamp out at the root abuses of the Catholic church and remove the grave danger which the institution represents, more political than religious, for the tranquility and future progress of the country. It is the intention of this government to recognize liberty of conscience, not to persecute some while others enjoy guarantees, and for this reason the privilege has been accorded five Catholic churches of reopening their doors in Monterey."

Catholic churches recently have been closed in Saltillo, San Luis Potosi and Nuevo Laredo.

PREPARING FOR MOVE.

Villa Said to Be Looking to Capital. El Paso, Texas, July 27.—Indications today were that Gen. Villa was preparing to move his entire army toward Mexico City, leaving only a local garrison in the territory he dominates. It previously had been understood he would participate in the mobilization above the national capital with only 5,000 men.

Reports received at Chihuahua City, where Villa is quartered, said the eastern and western divisions were mobilizing large numbers of men to the South. This was said to account for Villa's delay in moving south and the extensive recruiting of men throughout his division.

It was predicted that the general movement south would begin by the middle of the week.

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NEWS OF MAYESVILLE

Voters Enrolled—Rains Bring Relief—Good Crop Prospects—Personals.

Mayesville, July 28.—There has been a general enrolling of the voters in this district for when the book is closed tonight, every qualified voter within the territory assigned to the Mayesville club will have been enrolled. The territory was considerably reduced by the county executive committee this year and there will not be over 100 eligible voters here. Interest in things political is warming up and discussion of the various candidates and their merits can be heard on all sides.

The refreshing rains of today have been a great blessing to the farmers for the crops were beginning to show the effects of the long dry spell quite considerably. Cotton has deteriorated to a marked degree within past week but it is hoped that the timely rains will remedy matters. There are especially fine crops in this section and with no setbacks, the planters will harvest large yields of cotton and corn. Those who planted tobacco and were fortunate enough to raise a crop are well satisfied with the prices paid at the opening of the markets last week.

Miss Mamie L. Bush of Ellenton has been elected to fill the vacancy in the corps of teachers in the Mayesville school caused by the resignation of Miss Copeland Smith.

The Mayesville baseball team will play Tidal here on Thursday and Oswego on Friday. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, there will be a series of games with the strong team from Bethune. The locals have a standing of 1,000 per cent so far and hope to be able to take a majority of the coming games.

The merchants are beginning to receive their fall stocks and are getting in readiness for what promises to

be one of the best fall trades in several years. With good harvests and good prices, prosperity will continue to shine in this section as it has done for many years.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Grier left this morning to spend their vacation at Rock Hill and other points in the Piedmont section.

Prof. J. M. Burgess of Clemson College visited relatives here last night and this morning. He is attending the various farmers institutes in this county.

Mrs. M. M. Monroe and children of Latta are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Goddard.

Mrs. Minnie Chandler and Miss Fannie Chandler have returned home from a visit to Chick Springs.

Robert A. Chandler and family left Monday for a stay at Chick Springs.

Mrs. R. C. Mayes and daughter, Catherine, and Mrs. Hattie Wells have gone to Saluda, N. C., for a stay.

Miss Mary Dudley King of Florence is visiting Miss Louise King, who is recovering from her recent illness.

Mrs. Barton of Fayetteville, N. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. L. Currie.

Miss Louise Reid of Columbia is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. G. Thomas.

BOMB KILLS MANY.

Anarchist Slaughters Crowd in Street of Spanish Town.

Special to The Daily Item.

Madrid, July 29.—A hundred were killed and injured by a bomb thrown in the main street of Tudela, province of Navarra today. Many were literally blown to atoms.

Cyclone in Alabama.

Funsdale, Ala., July 30.—A cyclone last night killed one negro and injured several. Ten houses were blown down. There is also considerable crop damage.

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