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## THE MILITIA CALLED OUT

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Two additional regiments of regular infantry have also been ordered to proceed immediately to the border. Further steps will be taken if necessary. It is officially announced.

#### BORDER WILL BE GUARDED.

Secretary Baker says further arrangements will be made as necessary.

Washington, May 9.—Further arrangements will be made as necessary for the complete safety of the border of the United States against raids of the character of that at Glenn Springs. Secretary of War Baker says that Gen. Pershing reports that a cooperative effort is not indicated by the actions of Carranzistas which emphasized the danger of raids. The militia forces of the three states called out total about four thousand, most of them from Texas. The regulars ordered to the border to take these thousand. The thirtieth infantry is now at Pahrump, New York and the third infantry is now at Madison, Vermont and Orange, N. Y., and two battalions at New York. The first cavalry is now at The Cavalry is now at Pahrump, New York.

#### CARRANZA ISSUES ORDERS TO PREVENT MORE AMERICANS ENTERING MEXICO.

Mexican leader announces policy of resistance to American forces that are pursuing bandits in Mexico. No explanation given of reason for action.

Mexico City, May 9.—It was officially announced this morning that steps have been taken to prevent more American troops entering Mexico. No explanation is given of the order.

#### WILL NOT STOP PURSUIT.

Glenn Springs Bandits Will be Chased in Mexico—Americans Urged to Leave Mexico at Once.

El Paso, May 9.—Gen. Scott has reported the result of the Oregon conference to Secretary Baker.

It is reported that he asked that the National Guard be sent to the border. He will not stop the pursuit of the Glenn Springs bandits.

The State department representatives have been given orders to urge all Americans to leave Mexico immediately.

#### CONGRESS EXPECTS INTERVENTION.

Sentiment in Favor of Adopting Force in Mexico Growing.

Washington, May 9.—Congress leaders expect intervention in Mexico and that sentiment is growing. He is well satisfied that the militia has been called out says Senator Arreondo.

#### MISSING AMERICANS FOUND.

Eight Reported to Have Been Captured by Bandits are Safe.

Marathon, May 9.—Eight Americans who were reported to have been captured by the bandits are safe. Carl Halton, one of the number has arrived here.

#### REOPEN THE INVESTIGATION.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—The senate judiciary committee has voted to reopen the investigation of Louis D. Brandeis' fitness to be a supreme court justice. They will especially investigate his connection with proposed merger of the Riker-Hegeman drug stores with the United Cigar stores. The committee will resume hearings on Friday. Louis Liggett and George Anderson of Boston have been subpoenaed as witnesses.

## NO PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS

CONFERENCE OF SCOTT AND OREGON SEEMS TO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE.

Mexicans Hope to Have Part of American Force Withdrawn From Mexico, if They Cannot Get Definite Date for Removal of Entire Body—Oregon Waiting on Carranza.

El Paso, Texas, May 9.—Negotiations over American troop positions in Mexico made no progress today. Gen. Obregon awaited word from Gen. Carranza as to the course he is to pursue and when instructions did not come, a conference proposed for this morning was postponed until tomorrow.

Falling in efforts to make a definite date of withdrawal set, it was reported tonight that the Mexican government may next try to have part of the American troops taken out at once, leaving the remainder to cooperate with the forces of the de facto government in the pursuit of Villa groups.

The report, which could not be confirmed, had it that the Mexicans believe the size of Gen. Pershing's army is out of all proportion to its mission—the extermination of a few hundred bandits—and that a much smaller force would answer the purpose. A partial withdrawal, it is argued, would have good political influence in Mexico.

If this plan were rejected, it was indicated tonight, the Mexicans were likely to decide that further attempts to alter the position of the United States would be useless and it was believed they then would make the proposals of the American government.

In an authoritative manner tonight the belief was expressed that tomorrow's meeting would be the last of the conference and that Gen. Obregon would endorse the tentative agreement with perhaps a few minor changes.

Asked whether tomorrow's meeting would be final, Gen. Obregon said: "I do not know; there might be other meetings."

In the absence of any definite information now stands as follows:

Gen. Scott and Gen. Funston are unalterably opposed to any agreement which sets a date for American withdrawal from Mexico. However, the American conferees are listening to all proposals the Mexican minister of war may make while waiting for him to realize that the intentions of the American government in Mexico are immovable.

In the meantime Gen. Obregon's proposal for a joint troop patrol of the border is not given serious consideration, although it was reported to Washington.

The American conferees, it is said, doubt if the de facto government can muster sufficient forces to form a patrol of the sort outlined and at the same time carry on its campaign against the Zapata and Villa forces.

While the situation is still regarded as serious here, one circumstance points to an easing of the tension. Although Gen. Funston is urgently needed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, to direct the mobilization and disposition of the additional troops ordered to the border, Gen. Scott advised that he remain here for the conference. It was pointed out that the American chief of staff hardly would keep his fellow conferee away from his headquarters if the situation imperatively demanded any important military preparations. In the meantime, however, Gen. Pershing is said to have received orders materially to lessen his line of communication and to draw in all scattered detachments. Colonia Dublan is reported to be the objective of the northward retreating columns.

#### NAVY MEASURE SOON.

Committee Completes Work on Bill Except for the Building Programme.

Washington, May 10.—The naval appropriation bill was completed today by the house committee except for the building increase programme on which a vote will be taken May 18. The draft prepared by the subcommittee was approved without many changes. Its details already have been made public. An unsuccessful fight was made in the committee against conferring the rank of admiral on the chief of operations of the navy while occupying the office and against the provision for 15 aides in that office.

#### German Attack Repulsed.

Paris, May 11.—The Germans were repulsed today on the east bank of the Meuse near Vaux. A violent bombardment is in progress at Avocourt wood. There is a lull elsewhere.

## DENIES INSURANCE LICENSE.

M'MASTER REFUSES COMMISSION TO NON-RESIDENT BROKER.

Acts Under Opinion of Attorney General—Case May Be Brought to Test Broker's Law of Last Legislature—Letter From McLaurin on Subject.

Columbia, May 11.—Opinion by John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, is that mandamus proceedings will be brought against Fitz Hugh McMaster, State insurance commissioner, to prohibit compliance with an interpretation recently given by Attorney General Peoples, that non-resident insurance brokers may not be licensed under the existing insurance regulations in this State. The question has been brought into prominence by the application of Philip La Tourette of New York, representative of Samuel, Cornwall & Stevens. Mr. McMaster realizes that Mr. La Tourette might be the means of relieving considerably the stringent situation relative to the insurance muddle, but emphasizes that the issuance of licenses to non-resident brokers is in violation of the act. Relative to the application of Mr. La Tourette and the company he represents, Mr. McLaurin said:

"I have the promise of Samuel, Cornwall & Stevens that if this license is granted they will take care of such business as can not be handled through regular channels on account of the withdrawal of the companies. We are not trying to put local agents out of business, only to take care of what they are unable to do. I don't want to injure any man doing a legitimate business, but I do not propose to allow our people to suffer by reason of a monopoly if I can help it. It is nothing to me personally or officially. I am running the State warehouse and I haven't time to answer all the people writing me for directions about insurance. I was 56 years old yesterday and spent 14 hours at my desk. I can't stand such a physical strain indefinitely."

The letter of Insurance Commissioner McMaster to Warehouse Commissioner McLaurin is as follows:

"Replying to your recent letter on behalf of application of Mr. Philip La Tourette, who applied for a broker's license, sending therewith his check for \$25 and his bond in the sum of \$5,000, I have to say that under the instructions of the attorney general that I should follow the directions of the statute as to whom I should license, and advising me that I should decline license on the sole ground that Mr. La Tourette is a non-resident of the State, if no other ground exists, and that in case of contest, he, the attorney general, would represent this office and present arguments to the court to sustain the law prescribed by the legislature. I have to decline to issue a license to Mr. La Tourette on the ground that he is a non-resident of the State.

"In all other respects I find that Mr. La Tourette comes within the terms of the law in that he is a well informed insurance broker, licensed as I understand in the State of New York for many years. He has filed the required bond and in all other particulars fulfills the conditions of the law. I realize, too, that it is possible that Mr. La Tourette might do considerable towards relieving the present insurance situation in South Carolina as suggested by yourself, but I have no option in the matter and as indicated above, on the ground that he is a non-resident of the State, as is prescribed in the last sentence of section 2 of the act providing for the licensing of insurance brokers, I declined to issue and am returning herewith Mr. La Tourette's check for \$25 and his bond in the sum of \$5,000."

#### ENGINEER DISREGARDED SIGNALS.

Inter-State Commerce Commission Fixes Blame for Wreck.

Washington, May 11.—The Inter-State commerce commission blames Engineer Herbert Hess of the second section of east bound train 86 for the New York Central wreck at Amherst, Ohio, on March 24, killing 27 and injuring 47. He disregarded the signals.

#### Bishopville Wins Game.

Bishopville, May 9.—Bishopville High School defeated Sumter High School here this afternoon, 9 to 0, in the deciding game of the series. The pitching of Carnes and the heavy hitting of Montgomery for the locals, were the features. The locals executed four double plays. Batteries: Bishopville, Carnes and Scarborough; Sumter, Purdy and Edwards.

## TWO COMPANIES DROPPED.

COLUMBIA AND ELLOREE LOSE MILITARY UNITS.

Organizations Failed to Meet Requirements of War Department and Federal Aid Was Withdrawn—Action Indorsed by Council.

Columbia, May 11.—Gov. Manning yesterday signed an executive order mustering out of service Companies E and K, Second Infantry, located at Columbia and Elloree. The action of the governor was upon the recommendation of the military council which met in Columbia several days ago.

Said Gov. Manning: "It is a matter of extreme regret that it becomes necessary for me to issue the executive order mustering out these two companies. I am deeply interested in the National Guard of South Carolina, and am anxious that it be maintained the highest state of efficiency at times.

"It seems that the two companies referred to have not been able to meet the requirements of the war department, and the federal government has withdrawn its support.

"In addition to this, the military council of South Carolina, after going over the recommendations of the war department, in their report to me, recommended that these companies be mustered out of service. It then became my duty to approve this recommendation.

"I deem it of importance that the National Guard of South Carolina be maintained at all times at the very highest state of efficiency, and this action is in the interest only of efficiency in the National Guard."

The following executive order was issued:

"The military council of South Carolina having recommended that Companies E and K, Second South Carolina Infantry, be mustered out of the service of the State on account of their failure to comply with the requirements for efficiency prescribed by the war department, and said council having based their recommendation upon the report of the inspector-instructor to the war department and the letter from the chief, division of militia affairs to the adjutant general of South Carolina, dated April 18, 1916, in which letter it is stated: "Companies E and K having been on probation since the last annual inspection, are not considered as having shown sufficient improvement to warrant their retention in service, and recognition thereof has been withdrawn by the war department dating from April 18, 1916."

"It appears to me that the recommendation of the military council is warranted by the facts, and that the best interests of the National Guard of this State make it necessary that the companies above mentioned should be disbanded. The adjutant general of South Carolina will at once issue the necessary orders for the mustering out of these companies."

#### COAST ARTILLERY FOR SERVICE.

Eleven Companies Ordered From Army Posts on Gulf and Atlantic Coasts.

Washington, May 9.—Eleven companies of coast artillery stationed at Gulf and Atlantic coast posts were ordered to San Antonio, Texas, tonight, to serve as infantry with the border patrol.

Secretary Baker announced the decision to draw upon the coast artillery, virtually the only available regular troops left north of the border, after a conference at the war department late tonight. He said no post would be left without a sufficient garrison.

The secretary also formally announced the orders for the movement to San Antonio of the five batteries of the Fifth field artillery at Fort Sill, Okla. He said three batteries of the Third field artillery at Tobyhanna, Pa. had been ordered held in readiness for border service if necessary. The coast artillery companies ordered out are:

127th, Galveston; 164th, New Orleans; 20th and 77th, Pensacola, Fla.; 74th, Savannah, Ga.; 31st, Fort Caswell, N. C.; 41st and 69th, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; 112th, Delaware River, Forts Dupont, Delaware and Mott; 103d, Fort Howard, Md. and 145th, Charleston, S. C.

Secretary Baker said these orders did not result from any new reports from the border, but were contemplated in the decision early today to reinforce Gen. Funston's patrol.

#### Turks Raid Port Said.

Constantinople, May 11.—Several Turkish aeroplanes successfully bombarded the Port Said dry dock and oil tanks on April 25, it is officially announced.

## DECREASE IN WINTER WHEAT.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MAKES REPORT.

Severe Weather Has Caused Abandonment of Considerable Portion of Crop—Acreage is Smaller.

Washington, May 8.—Almost half a billion bushels is the winter harvest forecast for this year by the department of agriculture in its May crop report. That is 155,000,000 bushels less than harvested last year, when a record crop was gathered in the United States, but the crop this year is growing on a much smaller acreage and the severe winter caused a abandonment of the acreage harvested last fall. In all, 4,236,000 acres were abandoned, leaving for harvest 33,030,000 acres, which is 133,000 acres less than harvested last year.

"Present conditions of growth are poorest in the central group of the States where winter killing was most severe, the conditions ranging from 23 per cent. below the 10 year average condition at this season in Illinois down to 10 per cent. below in Iowa," the department reported. "In Montana and Washington the condition is 11 below the 10 year average.

"The Atlantic coast crop is generally fair to good. The increase over the condition figure of 23.3 per cent. last month is due partly to the elimination of the abandoned acreage from consideration in determining the present term.

"The Hessian fly, reported as active in many sections last fall, is not seemingly so much in evidence. Mention is made of the presence of the green bug in north central Oklahoma, but the parasites of this insect are present also and it is hoped will limit the damage it might otherwise do.

The winter wheat crop this year promises to yield 499,280,000 bushels, the department of agriculture announced today, basing its forecast on the condition of the crop May 1. This output will probably be above or below those figures according to the change in conditions from now and time of harvest. This year compares with 655,000,000 bushels harvested last year, the highest winter wheat crop ever gathered in this country and with a forecast of 540,000,000 bushels made last December before the crop entered the winter from which it emerged in rather poor condition, showing a decline of 9.4 points compared with the ten year average decline of 8.5 points. On the crop's condition April 1 a forecast of 495,000,000 bushels was made by the bureau of crop estimates, assuming average abandonment of acreage and average influences on the crop to harvest time.

The area of winter wheat to be harvested is estimated at about 33,020,000 acres as a result of the May 1 canvass. The area planted last fall was 37,256,000 acres, a decrease of 4,756,000 acres from the record area of the 1915 crop and compared with a yearly average of 32,088,000 acres in the preceding five years.

The condition of winter wheat on May 1 was 82.4 per cent. of a normal, compared with 78.3 on April 1 last, 92.9 on May 1 last year and 87.5, the ten year May 1 average. That condition is indicative of a yield of 15.1 bushels an acre, compared with 13.2 bushels harvested last year, and 19 bushels in 1914.

Details of the May report show: Rye—Condition 83.7 per cent. of a normal, compared with 81.0 on April 1 last, 93.3 on May 1 last year, and 90.6 the 10 year May 1 average.

Meadow (hay) Lands—Condition 88.4 per cent. of a normal, compared with 89.8 on May 1 last year and 88.3 the 10 year May 1 average.

Hay—Stocks of hay on farms May 1 are estimated at 11,049,000 tons, or 13 per cent. of last year's crop, against 8,468,000 tons, or 12.1 per cent., on May 1 last year, and 8,109,000 tons, or 12.1 per cent., the five year May 1 average.

Pastures—Condition 85.2 per cent. of a normal, against 87.2 on May 1 last year, and 85.9, the 10 year May 1 average.

Spring Plowing—Was 70.4 per cent. completed up to May 1, compared with 78.3 on May 1 last year, and 68.6, the 10 year May 1 average.

Spring Planting—Was 56.7 per cent. completed up to May 1, compared with 65.3 on May 1 last year, and 55.9, the 10 year May 1 average.

Chicago, May 10.—The strikers are increasing in number. It is believed today's total will be twenty-five thousand cutters and trimmers in garment shop workers, fifteen thousand are now striking. No settlement is expected soon.