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SOON BRING ARMY OUT OF MEXICO

Expect Commission to Reach Agreement on Border Policing During Week Calling for Withdrawal U. S. Troops

Washington, Nov. 14.—General Pershing's American expedition will be out of Mexico soon, if present American-Mexican peace commission plans materialize. The commission proposes to reach a border agreement probably before the week-end. As tentatively framed, the border agreement will call for immediate or gradual retirement of Pershing's men from their posts below the boundary.

In the meantime, General Carranza will endeavor to show good faith by having General Murguia prosecute more vigorously than heretofore the hunt for Villa and his bandits. Murguia succeeds General Trevino as Chihuahua commander. The proposed agreement likewise will go toward adequate security of the border, with the Mexicans assuming a larger share of its protection than previously. In planning for Pershing's withdrawal, the Americans will be guided by American military men's advice that his stay is strategically useless.

With the prospect of getting together after eleven weeks of conferences, the Mexicans were especially overjoyed today at the outlook.

Various internal reforms have been pledged by the Mexicans, but it is doubtful if many of these will be incorporated in a formal agreement.

FIGHTING TO FREE WHITE SLAVERS

Washington, Nov. 14.—Contending that the Mann white slave act does not apply to cases of "mere immorality," former Senator Joseph W. Bailey of Texas today summed up for the defense in the appeal of Maury I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, of San Francisco, and Lieutenant Hayes, of Alva, Okla., in the supreme court.

Arguments in the cases were expected to be concluded late today. Assistant Attorney General Wallace, for the government, argued the Mann act applies to any interstate immorality. Bailey differed sharply on the question of "immorality."

Commercial immorality or perversion only are meant in the Mann act, Bailey argued. He argued the law never intended to make it possible to send to prison for five years and to fine \$5,000 "a young man who has merely made a mistake, to paint his name forever and to outlaw him, all because he crossed a state line with a willing woman."

There is a tendency, Bailey argued, in modern criminal law toward harshness.

PRICE OF THANKSGIVING TRIMMINGS SOARING

Portland, Nov. 14.—With turkeys, cranberries, chestnuts, sweet potatoes and sauerkraut aeroplaning, dealers today predicted a Thanksgiving dinner of unusually high cost. The prohibitive price of grain for feeding caused a decrease in the number of turkeys raised. The cranberry crop is short, cabbage is lacking for kraut and the Italian government has embargoed all chestnut shipments.

NORTHWEST IS SUFFERING FROM EARLY COLD SNAP

Portland, Nov. 14.—With the mercury down to three below zero in eastern Oregon, relief from the unusually early cold was promised today by the weather forecaster.

In Portland it was 29 degrees above, but in the Willamette it fell to 24. Four hundred thousand boxes of apples stored around Hood River were threatened. Many homes report water pipes frozen and a fuel famine was feared at several points.

Missoula, Mont., Nov. 14.—With the temperature at 40 below zero in some parts of Montana, a threatening coal famine was prevented today when the Great Northern railroad gave coal cars preference over all its lines in this state. Three hundred loaded cars were centered at Billings, where the cold ranged from 30 to 40 below. At Butte it was 20 below, the coldest in the town's history for this time of year.

PROBE CHARGES OF ELECTION FRAUDS

Washington, Nov. 14.—A thorough investigation of campaign expenditures will be made by the United States senate at its coming session. It was announced today by administration leaders. This will be the answer to the reluctance of the republican national committee to accept the re-election of President Wilson, though administration leaders declared charges by both republicans and democrats of improper use of money already had made it necessary that the whole matter be sifted.

Administration men said they are receiving reports from all parts of the country indicating unprecedented sums were thrown into doubtful states by the republican national committee. One report received is that \$15,000 was sent to Long Branch, N. J., a town of 6,000 people, near which the president had his summer home.

The campaign books of both parties will be laid before the senate, it was declared, and a clear understanding obtained of just what was spent, and how.

Congressman Frank Doremus of Michigan, chairman of the democratic congressional committee, who called at the White House today, admitted that plans are under way for carrying out the "slush fund" investigation. He said that according to his figures on the election there are 212 democrats assured of their seats in the house and 211 republicans.

MURDER CHARGES FOR 70 MORE I. W. W.

Seattle, Nov. 14.—Seventy additional Industrial Workers of the World, besides the 41 already in the Snohomish county jail, will probably be charged with murder in connection with the gun fight at Everett November 5. Prosecutor Webb of Snohomish county declared today. He ordered the release of 128 men who boarded the steamer Verona during the battle yesterday afternoon. They had been jailed here along with those accused of crime when the Verona returned to Seattle after the fight.

"I have been trying to eliminate the ringleaders from the lesser lights," Webb said today, "because I have felt right along that it would be impossible to convict every passenger on the boat of murder."

Seventy more of the prisoners in Seattle were charged with unlawful assemblage by Deputy Prosecutor Hetsell late yesterday.

MINTO WILL LOSE JOB AT STATE PEN

Warden Asked to Resign by the State Board of Control Because of Punishment of Prisoners by Hosing

Salem, Nov. 14.—As a direct result of "hosing" prisoners in the Oregon penitentiary, the state board of control voted unanimously today to demand the resignation of Warden John Minto. His successor will be named at the next meeting. The board members are Governor Withycombe, State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Olcott.

On Sunday, November 5, Jeff Baldwin and James Curtis were "hosed," according to Minto's admission before the board. It was alleged their screams were audible half a mile from the prison.

Governor Withycombe, who interviewed the convicts, declared the full force of a fire hose was turned on them for at least two minutes, that they suffered great pain and were beaten black and blue by the water. Both were handcuffed to their cell doors. The shackles, said Withycombe, cut into their wrists as they swayed on the chains during the ordeal.

GERMANY BELIEVES THE CRISIS HAS PASSED IN THE SOMME CAMPAIGN

By Carl W. Ackerman.

Prince Rupprecht's Headquarters on the Western Front, via Berlin and Wireless to Sayville, Nov. 14.—Germany believes the Somme crisis has passed. The belief is based on the unshakable and unanimous opinion of the men who have borne the hammering allied blows that the entente allies can never break through these lines of steel and cement, above and below ground.

Furthermore, it is pointed out that success in pushing the German lines out of France and Belgium would make the occupied sections of these countries a shambles—a no man's land, made such by French, British and Belgian guns.

This confident belief that the allied offensive is wearing itself out is held in the face of statements made by British prisoners that the month of November will be one of surprises. The result of the great allied offensive was decided in July, German officers here declared, when the combined French and British artillery and the English tanks failed to break the German lines in their daring, initial dash.

Here is the opinion of a captain at General von Garnier's headquarters, an intelligence officer who interviews all prisoners, reads all documents found on battlefields, whose business also is the study of strategy and who spent a number of years in England and France:

"The allied offensive was decided last July, despite the fact that it has been kept up four months longer. They can not progress farther, because battles today are decided by artillery, not infantry. Massed attacks can not gain what they did at the beginning.

"We have almost as much artillery now as the French, and when we shortly shall have as much am-

R. R. STRIKE IS AGAIN A MENACE

Failure of Conferences of Railroad Heads and Brotherhood Representatives Makes Situation Tense

Washington, Nov. 14.—The railroad question loomed up again today as threatening to overshadow, as it did in the closing days of congress, all other questions before the administration. Conferences in New York between the railroad heads and the brotherhoods' representatives over the operation of the Adamson eight-hour law having failed to bring an agreement, the administration is keeping a close eye on developments.

It is the belief here that no complete disagreement can result between the employers and the men, with a consequent renewed call for a strike, without interference by President Wilson.

The question of strike prevention is expected to be foremost among those discussed by the joint house and senate committee, headed by Senator Newlands, when it begins meeting here next Monday. This committee, appointed before the recent crisis, will hear arguments for and against various arbitration plans.

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SAFETY OF TEN AMERICANS NOT YET ASSURED

El Paso, Nov. 14.—In answer to many telegrams from relatives and friends of the 10 Americans thought to have been at Parral during the reported attack on the town by Villista bandits, United States authorities and mining companies employing these men admitted they had no word from any of the men in nearly four weeks. Two weeks have passed since the reported Villa raid. After questioning the Chinese merchant who told the authorities he had left Parral a week ago and that the Americans were safe at that time, the United States government agents and mining men found that he had left before the reported bandit attack and that his replies had been misinterpreted. General Trevino, Carranzista commander in northern Chihuahua, wired De Facto Consul Bravo that reports of the annihilation of a detachment of Carranzistas at Fresno were untrue, it was announced.

RELINQUISH THREE CITIES TO BRITISH

Berlin, via Sayville, Nov. 14.—Evacuation of Beaumont, Hamel and St. Pierre Divion was announced by the war office today.

The official statement also said: "Our tenacious defense caused us considerable losses," but declared the British also suffered considerable sacrifices.

"In the western war theater, army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht, there was violent fighting on both sides of the Ancre yesterday," said the official announcement. "Strong English attacks, prepared for by concentrated fire of their heaviest caliber guns, were launched against our positions, the advance being at an angle toward the southwest."

"The enemy, under considerable sacrifices, succeeded in pushing us back from Beaumont, Hamel and St. Pierre Divion, and from adjoining lines to other prepared positions.

"Our tenacious defense caused us considerable losses. At other places from east of Hebuterne, south to Grandcourt, wherever the English had entered our positions, they were ejected by brisk counter-attacks of our infantry.

French attacks in the Salliy-Sailliel sector failed.

"On the eastern bank of the Meuse artillery in the early evening was active. French reconnoitering advances against our lines about Harduement were repulsed."

HENRY GEORGE, JR., DEAD

Washington, Nov. 14.—Former Congressman Henry George, Jr., died here today.

communications are cut, they are sent back to artillery stations with bulletins telling where infantry is approaching, when cavalry is seen and where tanks are lumbering toward the lines. Within a few minutes artillery hell is loosed.

It is a wonder there are enough men left to fight after one night of battle in which artillery fire is ceaseless and gas attacks seemingly enveloping.

Watching a battle one night from a height eight miles away, the gas used by attacking British forces was so strong we could still get the fumes: "While watching, I met a young man who lived most of his life in Newark, N. J., who had been released from active fighting to act as interpreter for prisoners.

"This isn't war," he said, "it is murder."

WILL INVITE SOLONS OF 3 COUNTIES

Legislators of Jackson, Josephine and Douglas to Be Asked to Meet Dec. 4th in Interests of So. Oregon

At the suggestion of members of the legislature which will convene the first of January at Salem, the Commercial club of Grants Pass will extend an invitation to the solons from Jackson, Josephine and Douglas counties to meet in this city on Monday, December 4, and discuss matters and measures that are of interest to southern Oregon as a whole. The action was decided upon at the regular club meeting Monday evening. The invitation will go forward at once, and it is believed from expressions already had from a number of the legislators that there will be a full attendance. The plan proposed was to have the senators and representatives from the three counties meet here during the day and discuss the situation among themselves, then in the evening to hold a public reception or meeting at which a general discussion could be indulged in.

Another matter that the club discussed was the holding of a good roads meeting, at which Mrs. Laura Thomas Gunnell, who made a most effective campaign for better highways in Del Norte county, be invited to speak. To arrange for the meetings a committee composed of T. P. Cramer, Dr. Witham and Frank South was named.

Reports of the committees that had charge of the Sugar day celebration showed a most satisfactory financial condition of the celebration fund. Mr. Cramer reported that the business men had responded almost without fail to the call and \$714.50 had been subscribed. All had been paid in, and after every bill incurred had been paid there was still a substantial balance in the bank. Not only had the fares of those who came from the north been refunded, but all who had arrived Friday evening found that their hotel bills had been paid as well. The report on the dinner served Saturday showed that 469 had been fed, the number being divided as follows: Commercial club, by Christian ladies, 119; Baptist church, 117; Methodist church, 115; Presbyterian church, 115.

A committee to investigate possible improvements in the club rooms was authorized, and Messrs. Parsons, Williams and Van Dyke were named upon the committee.

Eight applications for membership were read and the applicants elected to membership in the club. The new members are Messrs. E. T. Ludden, Geo. W. Lewis, F. L. Vannice, John Hampshire, Chas. T. Sweeney, S. A. Douglas, M. T. Wire, and J. H. Harmon.

COURTMARTIAL FOR CAPTAIN OF MEMPHIS

Washington, Nov. 14.—The court-martial of Captain Edward Beach, commander of the cruiser Memphis, sunk in a storm off Santo Domingo harbor several weeks ago, has been recommended by a naval board of inquiry. Secretary Daniels announced today.

HIG RATE INCREASES TO PACIFIC COAST CANCELLED

Washington, Nov. 14.—The interstate commerce commission today ordered cancelled big rate increases to Pacific points which were inaugurated last spring when the Panama canal was closed and water competition on trans-continental goods was removed.