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## GENERAL SCOTT ON WAY TO MEXICO TO TALK WITH CHIEFS

Chief of Staff of American Army Will Confer with Villa and Other Factional Leaders in Republic.

## DIPLOMATS IN CONFERENCE

Series of Preliminary Conferences on Mexican Situation Held Before General Meeting.

## TO PUT PRESSURE ON CARRANZA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Major General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Robert E. Michle, a member of the general staff, left Washington at 6 p. m. today for El Paso, Tex., to confer with General Francisco Villa and other revolutionary leaders there regarding the Mexican situation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The six Latin-American diplomats working with the American government to bring peace to Mexico had a series of conferences among themselves today before they resumed their conference at the State department. They covered their procedure with the same secrecy as was thrown about yesterday's meeting. The diplomats met at the Argentine embassy, and later proceeded to Secretary Lansing's office.

Today's meeting was expected to develop a line of action which the Latin Americans will submit to their home governments, and if they agree, all the nations of North and South America will be asked for their approval.

General Carranza's refusal to meet the other factions in a peace conference was the first obstacle to be disposed of. It was believed the diplomats considered that question at their preliminary conference.

The plan as it stood at the close of yesterday's conference, was to send General Carranza a last invitation, backed by the moral force and authority of all Pan-America, to join his adversaries in an effort to have Mexicans settle Mexican affairs themselves. Today's meeting was expected to go far toward developing the alternative.

General Scott May Be Sent. Secretary Lansing conferred with Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, and Assistant Secretary Breckenridge. Their meeting revived a report that General Scott might be chosen to persuade General Carranza of the necessity of yielding.

The Latin-American diplomats are understood to favor for president of Mexico some man who will represent the great majority of Mexico's inhabitants who are not fighting under any military leaders. They consider that the fighting forces represent such a small percentage of the population that all military chiefs should yield to the masses, who deplore the war and have been innocent victims of its hardships.

Secretary Lansing said there might be some public announcement tonight, dependent upon developments.

A long telegram from Jesus Acuna, minister of foreign affairs in the Carranza cabinet, was forwarded to Secretary Lansing by Carranza's Washington agents. It said 5,000 additional troops were camped in strategic points about Mexico City.

Mexico City Stores Reopen. "Yesterday," the telegram said, "General Consales advanced the merchants \$500,000 to pay salaries and for other disbursements. All stores are now reopened and there is a very general lowering of prices. The price of bread was cut in half on Wednesday and the government is selling bread at less than cost. The prices of meat remained high, as are some of the other staples, but a tendency toward decrease in price is already noticed, as further supplies constantly arrive."

Another telegram from Carranza's commissioner of the treasury in Mexico City said slightly relief posts had been established, where food was being distributed to the poor.

### The Weather

For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity Partly cloudy; not much change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	Hour	Deg.
8 a. m.	62	
9 a. m.	62	
10 a. m.	62	
11 a. m.	62	
12 m.	62	
1 p. m.	62	
2 p. m.	62	
3 p. m.	62	
4 p. m.	62	
5 p. m.	62	
6 p. m.	62	
7 p. m.	62	
8 p. m.	62	
9 p. m.	62	

Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday	1914	1913	1912
Lowest yesterday	52	50	54
Mean temperature	62	60	62
Precipitation	0.0	0.0	0.0

Temperature for precipitation departures from the normal:

Normal temperature	Deficiency since March 1
75	13
70	8
65	3
60	-2
55	-7
50	-12
45	-17
40	-22
35	-27
30	-32
25	-37
20	-42
15	-47
10	-52
5	-57
0	-62

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M. of Weather.

Station and State	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
Cheyanne, Wyo.	62	W	bc
Davenport, Ia.	62	W	bc
Des Moines, Ia.	62	W	bc
Dodge City, Kan.	62	W	bc
Lincoln, Neb.	62	W	bc
North Platte, Neb.	62	W	bc
Omaha, Neb.	62	W	bc
Pueblo, Colo.	62	W	bc
Salt Lake City, Utah	62	W	bc
Sheridan, Wyo.	62	W	bc
Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	62	W	bc
St. Louis, Mo.	62	W	bc
Valentine, Neb.	62	W	bc

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## EASTLAND REPORT DIRECT TO WILSON

Result of Investigation of Labor Leaders to Be Laid Before President by Gompers.

INDICTMENTS NEARLY READY. CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who, with a committee of local labor leaders, has been investigating the Eastland disaster, announced today that he will lay his findings up to date before President Wilson.

Mr. Gompers will leave tonight for Philadelphia, and from there will go to Washington. Secretary of Commerce Redfield, whose investigation was terminated yesterday for the time being, expects to start for the national capital today.

At the federal building it was reported that experts were drawing up indictments said to name six persons in connection with the disaster.

## Bandit Is Convicted; Three Members of Rescue Party Jailed

CHANDLER, Orl., Aug. 6.—The jury in the case against Claude Sawyer, charged with being a member of the Henry Starr gang which robbed two banks at Stroud, Okl., this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty. Judge Charles B. Wilson immediately sentenced Sawyer to five years in the state penitentiary.

SAPULPA, Okl., Aug. 6.—Charged with being members of the Starr gang of bank robbers and suspected of being implicated in the robbery of banks at Kiefer and Keystone, Walter Speas, S. K. Russell and "Puss" Erwin, all heavily armed, were arrested today while camped near Chandler, Okl., where alleged members of the Starr band are being tried.

The members of the band that raided the Starr bank are known to have escaped and were believed to be hiding in this county. Recently Sheriff Lew Wilder received an anonymous letter which stated that on Wednesday or Thursday an attempt would be made to liberate Henry Starr and the men accused of being his accomplices, now in jail at Chandler.

With several deputies the sheriff left Thursday in a motor car, and this morning while searching likely camping places near Chandler on foot, surprised the trio, who surrendered without resistance. They were placed in jail here in default of \$5,000 bail.

## Nation Unprepared for Peace or War, Says Mr. Perkins

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Sounding a rallying cry for progressives to stand by their party, George W. Perkins told twenty-five up-state leaders at an executive meeting here today that the progressive organization is the only one that stands for preparedness for peace as well as preparedness for war. And at this time, he declared, both are equally important to the country.

"Because of the utter lack of preparedness to meet the great modern economic conditions in industry we are as unprepared for peace as we are for war," he declared. "Every thoughtful man knows that if the war were to stop tomorrow widespread industrial depression immediately would gather in this country."

As to national candidates Mr. Perkins said that he had no idea what the future would bring forth. He declined to say whether he believed Colonel Roosevelt again would be a candidate for president, or if he would support William W. Johnson of California for the presidency.

## Dies from Thirst As Car Breaks Down in Western Desert

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 6.—Failure to think of putting water in an automobile radiator brought death to one man and frightful tortures to two others who arrived here from the desert and told of their sufferings.

The trio, James S. Roche and John H. Welsh, attorneys, and James G. Clark, a real estate dealer, left here Sunday in an automobile for El Centro in the Imperial valley.

Monday morning the car stopped in the sand. The passengers found the radiator empty and had no water. Roche and Welsh started after a mirage, which they believed was the Salton sea. Clarke waited a day and then, believing them dead, made his way to Mineral Springs, where he was resuscitated and organized a rescue party. They found Roche unconscious and Welsh dead. Roche said they drank lubricating oil.

## Motor Car Skids Into Long Lake and Five People Are Drowned

PORT SYDNEY, Muskoka, Ont., Aug. 6.—Five persons were drowned near here late yesterday, when an automobile in which they were riding skidded on the floating bridge across Long lake, and breaking through the railing, plunged into the water.

The dead are: HENRY B. ALLEY, 65, head librarian, Ontario educational department, Toronto; FRANK ALLEY, his son; MISS E. M. LAWSON, 30, Toronto; ANGELO LAWSON, 12, Toronto; BEVERLY SWABERY, 8, Toronto.

Harry Swabery and Douglas Lawson, boys, and John Clark, the chauffeur, escaped.

Mr. Alley had been in the government education service for thirty years and was formerly private secretary to the minister of education.

## "AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM"—Young Cash, aged 5 years, mascot of the Fourth Regiment of the City of London, leading the march through the city.



## ERIE REPORTER SHOOTS LOOTER

Newsgatherer Wounds Man Found Robbing House Abandoned in the Flood District.

SIX MISSING PERSONS LOCATED. ERIE, Pa., Aug. 6.—Troopers of the state constabulary patrolled the flood sections today, enforcing strictly the regulations of the Pennsylvania health authorities and the Erie city council, while increased forces of workers in their search for bodies went forth into the great masses of wreckage piled along Mill creek by Tuesday night's flood.

Rumors of looting during the night kept the police busy, and early today it became known that Guy Fowler, a reporter on the Erie Dispatch, had shot a man who was alleged to have been seen taking articles from a house that had been abandoned by its occupants. The man was later taken to a hospital, where it was said he had been shot in the shoulder, but that his condition was not dangerous. An order to the constabulary and the police was to suppress looting with a stern hand and that all suspected persons were to be taken to police headquarters without delay.

Additional workmen vigorously attacked the demolished buildings and it was expected that considerable headway would be made before nightfall.

Intense excitement was caused after a heavy rainfall by a man who ran through the streets shouting, "look out, another flood is coming." Frightened men and women caught up their children and ran into the streets until that section of the city was filled with people hurrying toward higher ground. A squad of policemen was hurried to the scene and restored quiet.

Efforts to relieve the distress continue with success. The army housed many of the homeless during the night, while private houses cared for many others. Mayor Stern's relief fund continued to grow, having passed \$100,000 early in the day.

Ten funerals were scheduled for today and a number for tomorrow. Six of the fifteen persons reported missing have been found.

## Bank Robbers Given Twenty Years Each

IOWA CITY, Ia., Aug. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—W. R. Smith and W. C. Loomis, automobile bandits, who robbed North Liberty bank after binding and gagging the cashier, pleaded guilty this morning, waiving indictment. Each was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary. Smith goes to Fort Madison and Loomis to Anamosa.

## Creche Kiddies—at Their Picnic

A Full Page Picture Story IN THE SUNDAY BEE

## POLAND TO TAKE PLACE AS NATION

Kaiser to Preside Over Council to Consider Making It Semi-Free State.

ALL THE CHIEFS TO ATTEND. ROTTERDAM (Via London), Aug. 6.—Emperor Wilhelm, the Czar and his wife will return to Berlin Sunday, to preside over an important cabinet conference at which the heads of all German states and the Austrian archdukes will be present.

Proposals will be considered for issuing a proclamation declaring Poland a semi-autonomous state and placing it, together with Galicia, under the joint rule of Germans, Austrians and Poles. These plans will be submitted to the Reichstag, August 17, the Czar asserts.

## Russ Blow Up Forts and Destroy Bridges Before Ivangorod

VIENNA, Aug. 6.—(Via London.)—The occupation of Ivangorod yesterday by Austro-Germans is announced in an official telegram from the front.

The evacuation of Ivangorod apparently was admitted last night by Petrograd in an official statement which said: "In the Ivangorod district the Russians have crossed to the right bank of the Vistula, blowing up the bridges behind them."

A statement issued later in the night explained that the Ivangorod forts were not properly constructed for modern warfare. This statement was made "in reply to the Austrian claim that a great victory was achieved in the Ivangorod capture." It further states that all the provisions in the city were "methodically" removed, after which the Russian rear guards blew up the concrete bases supporting the brick casements of the forts, destroyed the bridges and crossed the river.

Ivangorod is located at the confluence of the Vistula and the Viesza rivers. It is situated on the railroad running to Lukow and Brest-Litovsk and on a line connecting with Warsaw.

## Tribute to Memory of Mrs. Wilson

ROME, Ga., Aug. 6.—Scores of children and many adults paid tributes to the memory of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson today the first anniversary of her death, by placing flowers on her grave. The hour from 12 to 1 o'clock this morning was set aside for the children. Many of them went to the cemetery with only a single blossom, which they placed among the mass of floral tributes sent by organizations and individuals in many parts of the country.

## Midland Queen is Sunk by Submarine

QUEENSTOWN, Aug. 6.—The British steamship Midland Queen, which sailed from Sydney, C. P., July 21 for Glasgow, was sunk on Tuesday last.

The crew of twenty-two and the chief officer's wife and child were rescued after being seventy-two hours in open boats.

## AMERICAN NAVAL FORCES TAKE THE HAITIEN PALACE

Seize Office of the Port, National Building and the Gunboat Pacifique, Which Just Arrived.

ONE OF NATIVES IS KILLED. Yankee Sailors Open Fire and an Islander Loses His Life in Fray.

MORE MARINES WILL BE SENT. BULLETIN. PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Aug. 6.—American naval forces today took possession of the office of the port, the national palace and the Haitian gunboat Pacifique, which arrived in Port au Prince this morning.

During the movement to take the office of the port the Americans opened fire on the Haitians and one Haitian was killed.

CAPE HAITIEN, Haiti, Aug. 6.—The American battleship Connecticut arrived here from Port au Prince and has landed men.

The American authorities have taken over control of Cape Haitien. American marines are disarming the people of the city and the forces of the revolution have received orders not to enter the city limits.

A number of Haitians who are candidates for the presidency, including Dr. Rosalvo Bobo, the leader of the revolution, which resulted in the recent capture of Port au Prince, and the death of President Guillaume, have left here for Port au Prince to be present at the forthcoming election by the national assembly of a new president.

Acting upon orders issued by the American authorities, 500 revolutionary soldiers today sailed away from this port on board the dispatch boat Nord Alexis. They are going to Port au Prince.

The forces still faithful to the late President Guillaume have taken refuge at Evre Cha.

The local committee of safety, not having been recognized by the American naval authorities, has been obliged to disband.

More Marines Will Be Sent Out. WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Nine hundred marines will be sent to Haiti on the cruiser Tennessee. An announcement at the Navy department today says the force is being increased, not because of any change in the situation, but to lighten the work of those already there from the rigors of the tropical climate.

Orders Received at Yards. PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—Orders were received at the Philadelphia navy yard to outfit 500 additional marines to Port au Prince, Haiti, and the men will leave here Monday on the Tennessee. The marines, who will be under the command of Major Smedley D. Butler, will reinforce the 500 sea soldiers sent to Haiti a week ago on the battleship Connecticut.

## Razing Village is Part of Scheme to Prevent Ohio Floods

DAYTON, O., Aug. 6.—In line with the plans for prevention of future floods, such as a wrought disaster to this city and the Miami valley in March, 1913, the entire village of Osborn, Greene county, with its 400 families and more than 1,000 population, will be wiped from the face of the earth.

The flood conservancy commission has perfected plans for acquiring all the property of the village at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000. The commissioners of the conservancy district estimated that the cost of building a great reservoir to make Osborn safe from flood danger would be far greater than razing the property located there. Property owners have agreed to the terms.

## Italian Aeroplane Drops Bombs Upon Fortress of Pola

ROME, Aug. 6.—(Via Paris.)—An official statement issued by the Italian government today says:

"Last night one of our dirigible balloons flew over the Austrian fortress of Pola and threw bombs on several points that had been previously bombarded."

"For reasons which it has been impossible to establish the dirigible fell into the sea and its crew, consisting of three officers and three men were made prisoners."

## Melville Stewart, Light Opera Baritone, is Dead

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Melville Stewart, for many years one of the chief baritone singers of comic opera in the country, died yesterday at his home in Sagitt, Long Island. He was recently a member of the cast of a Broadway musical comedy. For several years he was leading man with Fannie Rice and Della Fox and sang in "Florodora" and "San Toy" and many other comic and light operas.

## General B. F. Tracy, Former Secretary of the Navy, is Dead

NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—General Benjamin F. Tracy, who was President Harrison's secretary of the navy, died of paralysis here today in his 85th year after a period of unconsciousness lasting nine days.

General Tracy's death occurred shortly after 3:30 p. m. and followed a fight for life that amazed his physicians.

The illness which resulted in his death was induced, it was believed, by worry incident to his having been detained a long while on a railroad journey from Ithaca, N. Y., to this city, because of a heavy rainstorm and several washouts.

## Murderer of Priest Dies on Gallows

WETHERSFIELD, Conn., Aug. 6.—With the words "not guilty" on his lips, Bernard Montvill was hanged in the state prison at Wethersfield this morning shortly after midnight for the murder of Rev. Joseph Zehring, a Lithuanian priest, and his housekeeper, Miss Iva Glimanatch. Montvill asserted at his trial that he was only an accomplice, and that Peter Krakes, who was executed at Wethersfield, Del., some time ago for shooting a policeman to death there, was the actual murderer.

Tomorrow the Best Colored Comics with The Sunday Bee

## RUSSIANS HOLDING POINT ON VISTULA

Novogorogievsk, Nineteen Miles Northwest of Warsaw, is Prepared for Siege.

RETREAT CAREFULLY PLANNED. PETROGRAD, Aug. 6.—(Via London.)—Novogorogievsk, nineteen miles northwest of Warsaw, still remains in Russian hands today, notwithstanding the evacuation of the Polish capital, according to information received by the Russian war office.

The fortress has been prepared for a siege and is already invested. It constitutes the only fortified position on the Vistula river in possession of the Russians.

The immediate causes of the evacuation of Warsaw, according to the war office, were "the advances of the enemy in great force on the roads toward Ostrow, from Ostrolepa and Rosan on the one hand and the presence of large forces of the enemy, who had broken across the Vistula river between Ivangorod and Warsaw at Matislovia."

War Office Reviews Situation. A war office official reviewing the situation said:

"The day before the evacuation we had abandoned the old brick fortress of Ivangorod on the left side of the Vistula. We still hold the right bank fortification, but inasmuch as this fort has lost its importance with the abandonment of the left bank of the position, strictly speaking the only fortified point in our hands at present is Novogorogievsk."

"According to information at hand the enemy has been making every effort to envelop the position and the fortress has been left to its own resources, to which end it had long been prepared."

"Our armies in the forward theater of war are gradually moving back to the positions assigned to them, thus giving these armies the important advantage of a shortened front and also of bringing them nearer to the fortified line of Kovno, Grondo and Brest-Litovsk."

Retreat Carefully Planned. "The retreat was carried out, not under immediate pressure of the enemy, but in consequence of a decision taken, notwithstanding some instances in which our armies were having partial successes, often being able to force the enemy back wards. With the occupation of new positions on the left bank of the Bug and in the direction of Wladimir-Wolynsk and Kovel, it is believed a serious barrier to the enemy's progress against Brest-Litovsk has been erected."

The loss of Warsaw had long been discounted in Petrograd and it caused no excitement. The newspapers commented on the fall of the Polish capital without emotion, referring with regret to its loss as a necessity, but which is regarded by them as being only temporary.

In vanguard of the German forces approaching Warsaw are said to have been (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

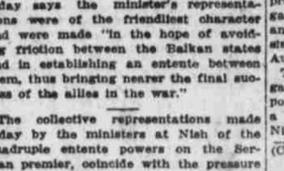
## Entente is Trying to Line Up Bulgaria, Greece, Roumania

NISH, Serbia, Aug. 6.—(Via London, 3 p. m.)—Another step in the effort being made to bring about a Balkan agreement so that Bulgaria, Roumania and Greece may be mustered on the side of the entente powers was taken here today by the ministers of Russia, Great Britain, France and Italy, who made collective representations to Nikola Pachtich, the Serbian premier.

NISH, (Via London, 3 P. M.)—An official communication issued in this connection today says the ministers' representations were of the friendliest character and were made "in the hope of avoiding friction between the Balkan states and in establishing an entente between them, thus bringing nearer the final success of the allies in the war."

The collective representations made today by the ministers at Nish of the quadruple entente powers on the Serbian premier, coincide with the pressure brought to bear on the Greek premier, M. Gounaris, on Wednesday of this week, when the British, French, Russian and Italian ministers at Athens made united representations to the Greek government regarding the political situation in the Balkans, inasmuch as it affected that country.

## THE WANT-AD WAY



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## KAISER PREPARES TO ENTER POLISH CAPITAL IN STATE

Event Expected to Be Followed by Proclamation of a Semi-Autonomous Government for Poland.

RUSSIANS CONTINUE RETREAT. Grand Duke Making Strenuous Efforts to Save His Army from Enveloping Movement.

FALL OF RIGA IS IMMINENT. LONDON, Aug. 6.—With the great Russian fortresses of Warsaw and Ivangorod captured and the fall of Riga, the capital of the Baltic provinces, imminent, the Austro-German onslaught has reached its height in the east and the next step will be the German emperor's triumphant entry into the Polish capital. That event is likely soon to be followed by the pronouncement of a united and semi-autonomous Poland, embracing not only the territory wrested from the Russians, but the Austrian crownland of Galicia.

Meantime the Russian armies are fighting their way backward toward Russia proper, inflicting blows on the invaders wherever possible, trying to fend them off the railways running north and south in order that the ends of the German nippers may not meet and in closing bring disaster to Russian arms. The position of the army of Grand Duke Nicholas now is a matter of solicitude, as the occupation of Warsaw is believed to be a prelude to a greater purpose, that of enveloping the retreating forces.

Bridges Over Vistula Destroyed. The Petrograd reports show the grand duke has retired to the right bank of the Vistula, both at Warsaw and Ivangorod, destroying the bridges at both points and containing the German advance across the river.

Back of the retreating Russians is the vast morass of central Poland, with few railways and primitive roads, making virtually impossible a quick movement of guns and supplies; while lack of Warsaw the only fortress available as a rallying point for the Russians is Brest-Litovsk. Thus the Russians are menaced by General Von Hindenburg's column bending southward and by Field Marshal von Mackensen's southern army bending northward.

The fall of Ivangorod proper, forecast in the Russian retirement from the west of the city, is officially reported today in bulletins both from Berlin and Vienna.

Selection of Governor. The occupation of Warsaw now is centering attention on a series of important events that are being arranged. First will be the selection of a German governor. Reports indicate the appointee will be a German prince, possibly a son of the German emperor, or an Austrian archduke, who will be vested with authority akin to that which Napoleon gave to his brothers and to his marshals as kings of occupied territory.

Autonomy for Poland. Berlin reports a council to be held Sunday, will formulate a proclamation declaring Poland to be a semi-autonomous state, under joint Polish and Austro-Hungarian rule. This conforms with a recent decision of a Polish congress held at Piotrkow, Russia, Poland, which proposed a Polish and Austro-Hungarian rule, with a separate Polish army and the fullest Polish autonomy consistent with the strategic interests of Austro-Hungary.

The German offer of autonomy is regarded as a bid for the support of the population of Poland as against a similar declaration of Emperor Nicholas, pronouncing eventual Polish (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)