

GARRANZA RULE NOW TOTTERRING; PEOPLE STARVE

Washington, Jan. 31—Advices from Mexico show that conditions in that country are becoming still more appalling. The people are starving, the troops sullen and given to looting, brigandage prevails, the national treasury is empty, credit gone, and the government itself is leaning on a slender reed.

That reed, it is shown, is not Carranza, the president, but one of his appointed secretaries of government. It is only the loyalty of this man, who is able and popular, which holds his chief in nominal power.

The collapse may come at any moment, the reports show.

That the United States is vitally concerned in the situation is admitted. German propaganda has so poisoned the Mexican mind that the people hate this country with a bitterness even greater than at the time of the Vera Cruz landing.

German plotters have made the people believe the United States is their natural enemy, but that they need not fear this country because Germany will prevail in the war.

It is this German propaganda which has made it impossible for American capital, no matter how well disposed, to aid Mexico. While the Mexican government has been willing to give satisfactory guarantees, the attitude of the people themselves, has made any advances impracticable.

Carranza does not even command the loyalty of the army the reports continue to show. That power belongs to Gonzalez. The 50,000 men in the federal forces are held to the government only by this man, and this in spite of the fact that the troops' pay is two months in arrears. They had even been induced to give half of their daily wage to the government, but now that little remaining half is not in the treasury.

The result is general looting and lawlessness by the troops. This, and the activities of the Carranza enemies in the fields, puts the country in a turmoil.

All paper money has disappeared and there is very little bullion. Many of the banks have been closed.

The misery of the people was brought to a climax by the failure of the corn crop on the great central plateau.

Only work and food can save Mexico, according to the authoritative information now available here.

FRENCH PATROLS NORTH OF AISNE TAKE PRISONERS

Paris, Jan. 30.—"French patrols carrying out operations north of the Aisne brought back prisoners," the war office announces. "In the Vosges the artillery fighting was continued vigorously during the night at Hartmann's Wellerkopf."

"There is nothing to report from the rest of the front."

Oysterless Day Soon Merchants Predicting

The oyster, famous at the annual church suppers in Hartford's suburbs, may soon be barred from those innocent gatherings because of the shortage of both oysters and clams, so that an oysterless and clamless day is now being discussed. The oyster merchants say that the continued cold weather is to blame for the shortage and the recent advance in price, which is now 100 per cent. higher than in 1917.

Opened oysters are selling up to \$1 a quart, while bulk oysters are \$2 a quart. Clams in the shell are \$1 a peck. Opened clams are 50 cents a quart, an increase of 15 cents over former prices.

Both the long clams and the oysters are expected soon to be regarded as potatoes in Hartford's suburbs, and to be prized as highly as sugar is at present. Most of the oysters come from Chesapeake Bay but the freezing over of this body of water has brought on a near-famine.

The clams come principally from Cape Cod and north shore of Long Island and here again the weather man has played his part. The supply cannot be secured for the oysterless and clamless day is being anticipated for the near future.

ACCOUNTANCY CLASS FORMING AT Y.M.C.A.

Alexander H. Manes is the new instructor in accountancy at the Y. M. C. A. He is with the Public Service Commission at 120 Broadway, New York City. Mr. Manes is a graduate of the Pace & Pace School of Accountancy and has had considerable experience in teaching, being one of their faculty in New York at the present time.

The Pace & Pace standardized course in accountancy is given in nearly all of the large cities of this country and it is so arranged that a student can transfer from one city to another without losing any time or suffering any financial disadvantage.

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On account of the smallness of the classes the work has never been a financial success but both from the patriotic and civic standpoints the educational committee of the Y. M. C. A. does not wish to discontinue the course. It is their object to give the young men of Bridgeport what they cannot secure outside of New York City and in some respects it is superior to the courses given in the large cities as the students receive more individual attention.

Young men who have done work in a commercial or high school should take advantage of this opportunity to improve themselves both mentally and financially. Our government needs accountants in all of its departments and big business cannot get enough to meet its demands.

First Minister Sent to America by Roumania



Dr. Constantin Angelesco, the first diplomatic representative of Roumania has ever sent to the United States. His rank is that of minister.

AVIATORS' DUTY IS NOW HIGHLY SPECIALIZED

"The popular notion is that an aviator's work is either scouting, fighting, or dropping bombs and that the same aviator is usually simultaneously engaged in these three duties," says Henry Woodhouse, the American aeronautics authority who describes the training of fliers in Everybody's for January.

"As a matter of fact, the business of war-flying has become exceedingly complex and specialized, and the aviator's duties increase in number and importance daily. The flying service is made up of men trained and machines designed for all the special purposes which three years of war have developed.

"With the armies there is the member who usually flies in a machine of special type, self-sufficient or protected by fighting machines. His work is to bomb the enemy's bases, destroy the railroads, trains and enemy material.

"The flier who enjoys the most prestige and in a sense the greater danger is the fighter, the duelist of the sky, who meets the hostile airplanes, fights them off, preventing them from making aerial reconnaissance, taking photographs of one's positions, directing the fire of their artillery. Small fighting airplanes are used for this purpose.

"The whole vital work of watching the enemy, reconnoitering, determining its strength, composition disposition, and probable intentions; photographing the enemy's positions; directing military fire co-ordinating the activities of the different arms during the attack, are done by airplanes of special type, and by kite balloons. In this role the aviator becomes the master mind that watches over every movement of the enemy as well as his own forces, and transmits to his own forces information regarding the advance, retreat and other movement of the enemy, directing the sending of re-enforcements to the weak or threatened points, directing the fire of the machine-gun batteries as well as of the artillery."

FIFTY MILLION TO HELP HOUSE SHIP BUILDERS

Washington, Jan. 31.—Appropriation of \$50,000,000 to help in housing the great army of ship building workers now recruited, was endorsed yesterday at a conference attended by Secretaries Baker, Daniels and Wilson, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and other diplomats, was the dinner guest of Mr. von Below, the German Minister to Belgium.

"We were standing by a table in the corner of the room and from among the objects d'art, the various trinkets, the signed photographs in silver frames, with which it was loaded, he drew forward a silver bowl that he used as a cendrier. As I dropped the ash of my cigar into it, I noticed that it was pierced on one side near the rim by a perfectly round hole, the jagged edges of which were thrust inward; plainly a bullet-hole; doubtless it had a history. I asked him:

"Yes, a bullet-hole," he said. "In China, it stood on my desk, and one day during the riots a bullet came through the window and went right through it."

"Several of the guests pressed up to me; such a bowl with its jagged bullet-hole and a history was an excellent subject for conversation; the German Minister had to recount the circumstances several times.

"I have never had a post," he said "where there has not been trouble; in Turkey it was the Revolution; in China it was the Boxers. I am a bird of ill-omen."

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BERLIN PLANNED BIG BLACK ARMY TO WIN AFRICA

London, Jan. 31.—Lieut.-Gen. J. C. Smuts, lecturing before the Royal Geographical Society on East Africa Monday night, contrasted the British and German colonial viewpoints. Germany was not looking for homes for settlers and had no population, particularly farmers, for emigration.

Germany's colonial aims, the general said, were dominated by a far-reaching conception of world politics. Her real aims were military and in getting strategic positions to exercise world power.

Germany's ambition, he added, was for a great East and Central African empire, embracing the colonies now owned by the British, Belgian, French and Portuguese, lying south of Lake Chad and north of the Zambezi river.

This territory, Gen. Smuts said, was first to supply raw materials for the German empire, but was mainly for raising a great African army to carry out her scheme of world conquest.

"Suppose that German East Africa remains a part of the British empire after the war," said Gen. Smuts. "Cries of 'It will and must!' interrupted him, after which he continued:

"Germany's colonizing methods really mean a policy of diametrically opposed to that of the British empire, which has found its symbol in the Union of South Africa. I do not want to speak about the disposal of German East Africa after the war, but the law of self-preservation must apply to that country, where Prussian militarism must never be allowed to take hold."

The East African campaign may be found to be a most important factor in developing the future and permanent peace of the world."

Germany, Gen. Smuts said, proposed to have harbors on the Atlantic and Indian coasts of Africa for naval and submarine bases, from which both ocean routes could be dominated and Anglo-American sea power brought to naught.

Native armies would be useful in the next great war, to which Germany already was giving attention, asserted the general, who added:

"The untrained levies of the Union of South Africa will go down before these German trained hordes of Africans, who will also be able to deal with northern Africa and Egypt without any help from white troops from Germany."

"They will also mean a great army planted on the flank of Asia and whose force could be felt throughout the middle East as far as Persia, perhaps farther."

"Great Britain's objects in Africa are inherently pacific and defensive. Looking to the future from the broadest viewpoint and looking further upon Africa as a halfway house on the road to India and Australia, the British empire asks only internal peace and the security of its external communications."

"It cannot allow a return to conditions which mean the militarization of the natives and their employment for a scheme of world power. It cannot allow naval and submarine bases to be organized on both coasts of Africa to the endangerment of the sea communication of the empire and the peace of the world. It must insist upon through land communication from one end of Africa to the other."

"As long as there is no real change of heart in Germany, no irrevocable break with militarism, the law of self-preservation must be considered paramount.

"No fresh extension of Prussian militarism to other continents and seas should be tolerated, and the conquered German colonies can only be regarded as guarantees for the future peace of the world."

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