

STATE DEPARTMENT WARNS CARRANZA

SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES MAY FOLLOW CONFISCATION OF FOREIGN-OWNED WELLS.

MAKES AN URGENT PROTEST

Sent By British Ambassador to the British Consul at Vera Cruz for General Carranza.

Washington—The United States Government has warned Gen. Venustiano Carranza that "serious consequences may follow" his threatened confiscation of foreign-owned oil plants in Tampico.

Already the Carranza officials have enforced a virtual embargo on the exportation of oil by a big English company.

The British Ambassador at Mr. Bryan's suggestion, sent to the British Consul at Vera Cruz an urgent protest for General Carranza.

Mr. Bryan said that the foreign owned oil companies "feared confiscation of their wells" by Carranza and that today's action had been taken to forestall such action.

The prospect of a battle on the outskirts of Tampico is expected here to develop the situation further.

EVERY BUILDING DESTROYED.

Only 2 or 3 Per Cent. of Avezzano's Population Escaped.

Rome—William Marconi who returned here from Avezzano on board the train with King Victor Emmanuel, said words could not describe the horrors he had witnessed.

"King Victor Emmanuel told me," said Mr. Marconi, "that he had visited the scenes of all earthquake disasters in Italy since he was a child, but that this surpassed all, including Messina.

Describing the damage in Avezzano Mr. Marconi said: "Avezzano has ceased to exist. In Messina some buildings give one the impression that they are still intact, their facades having survived the shock.

"Not so with Avezzano. No wall there remains erect. It seemed as though the town had been ground to powder by some gigantic machine."

Nation Unready For Fight.

Washington—In urging upon the senate the need for a commission to report on national preparedness or a permanent council of naval defense, Senator Lodge declared that the national defense of the country "is not only imperfect and unbalanced but that it has grave and in some instances fatal deficiencies."

An adequate national defense the senator said, could be obtained without additional expenditure. "Cut off our needless army posts, navy yards and stations," he advised the senate.

Senator Lodge asserted that not only the regular army, but the militia was highly defective, adding that the Panama Canal was "miserably and most inadequately protected" against being blown up and blocked for months by agents or spies of a hostile nation.

Senator Lodge declared the army was without sufficient artillery and artillery ammunition and said available testimony showed that the guns in the fortifications were of shorter range than those carried by foreign warships of the latest designs.

Senator Lodge stated that there was apparently a sufficient number of mines for harbor defense, but that there was a shortage of cable and mine planters.

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MISS ADELINE PENDLETON



Miss Pendleton, daughter of Col. E. P. Pendleton, U. S. A., and Mrs. Pendleton, has recently been introduced to Washington society.

WOMEN CAN'T VOTE YET

NO VOTES FOR WOMEN YET AWHILE IS VERDICT OF THE HOUSE.

Suffragists Not Dismayed By Vote Which Was 204 Against 174 For—Antis Well Pleased.

Washington—The house of representatives by a vote of 204 to 174 refused to submit to the states an amendment to the Federal Constitution to enfranchise women.

A two-thirds majority would have been necessary for adoption of the resolution submitting the amendment.

Hundreds of women who had sat in the crowded gallery throughout the eight hours of debate greeted the announcement of the result with varied expressions of approval or disapproval.

Dejection mingled with enthusiasm as the purple and yellow sashes of the suffragists and the red robes of the anti-suffragists fled out into the house corridors wearing with the long strain of oratory.

It was the second defeat suffered by the suffrage cause in Congress within a year. On March 19 last an equal suffrage constitutional amendment received a vote of 35 to 34 in the senate obtaining a bare majority but not the necessary two-thirds.

Suffragists leaders undismayed by the result of the House vote declared that the fight was by no means over. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw and other prominent suffragists who sat with her in the gallery through the debate, predicted a more favorable result when Congress again is called on to vote on the question.

Anti-Suffragists were well satisfied. "The result was what we expected," said Mr. Arthur M. Dodge, president of the National Association Opposed to Women Suffrage. "It means that the suffrage movement, fostered by hysterical women is on the wane."

Voting for the resolution were 86 Democrats, 72 Republicans, 12 Progressives, 3 progressive-Republicans and 1 Independent. Total 174.

Voting against the resolution were 171 Democrats and 33 Republicans. Total 204.

ARMY BILL UP NEXT.

Senate Military Committee Begins Consideration of Measure.

Washington—War department bills to strengthen the army and create a reserve corps were taken up by the senate military committee with Secretary Garrison and aides present to explain various projects.

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Trade Balance Doubles in Week. Washington—A favorable trade balance of \$35,092,453 on foreign merchandise transactions at 13 principal customs ports in the United States was announced by the Commerce Department for the week ended January 9.

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GERMANS GRANTED PARTIAL SUCCESS

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT ADMITS REVERSES ALONG THE AISNE.

RUSSIANS EXPLAIN MOVE

Were Not Forced But Retired to Concentrate Troops—Furious Fighting in Poland.

London—A reverse of the Allies along the Aisne in the neighborhood of Soissons is admitted in the latest French official statement although the possible effect of the German advance is officially minimized.

Emperor William himself was present at these operations which resulted in capture of several thousand French prisoners and were continued throughout January 12 and 13.

Petrograd claims progress on the right bank of lower Vistula, where the German cavalry was repulsed.

On the other front fighting is made up largely of skirmishes and artillery duels.

The general staff of the Russian Caucasus army devotes a statement to operations in Azerbaijan, where it is explained, it became expedient to regroup the Russian forces, necessitating evacuation of certain places previously occupied.

British aviators early in the week dropped bombs on the German position in Antwerp, according to a Netherlands newspaper dispatch. The damage has not been ascertained.

Eighteen Russian generals have been discharged from important positions, according to The Hamburg Fremdenblatt.

COLE L. BLEASE RESIGNS.

Retires as Governor of South Carolina, Giving No Reason.

Columbia, S. C.—Cole L. Blease has retired as South Carolina's governor five days before his second term of two years would have ended.

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Urges Colombian Treaty. Washington—Urging in the open senate early ratification of the pending treaty with Colombia under which the United States would pay \$25,000,000 for the Panama Canal strip, Senator Ransdell declared that the United States could not afford to reject the treaty from the standpoint of either justice or business.

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Turkish Advance. Amsterdam, Holland.—There has been received here an official communication given out at Constantinople by the Turkish authorities as follows: "Assisted by Persian troops our army is steadily advancing in Azerbaijan province, Persia, in order to deliver the country from the Russian yoke."

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SENATOR J. W. STONE



It is rumored in Washington that Senator Stone of Missouri is soon to succeed William J. Bryan as secretary of state.

BLEASE DISBANDS MILITIA

DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNOR, WAR DEPARTMENT AND MILITIA IS REASON.

Will Try to Hold Organization Together Until New Governor Comes Into Office.

Columbia, S. C.—Governor Blease has disbanded the South Carolina organized militia. Thirty-one companies, comprising approximately 2,000 officers and men, are affected.

Militia officers began a movement to prevent complete disorganization. Telegrams were sent to South Carolina members of Congress at Washington requesting that they use their influence to have the war department delay asking the return of \$200,000 worth of supplies loaned the troops.

While Mr. Manning has not yet indicated what action he will take, it was considered certain by militia officers that he would rescind the action of Governor Blease.

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MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN ROME

Building Where American Ambassador Lives is Cracked, Several Villages Destroyed.

Rome—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome, lasted several seconds and caused a serious panic, people everywhere rushed from their houses in terror.

The town of Avezzano was virtually destroyed by the earthquake. The dead are estimated at 12,000. One thousand persons escaped from the ruins but most of them were injured.

The dome of the Church of St. Charles Cattinari was cracked. A large piece of the cornice of the Jesuit Church of St. Ignatius fell with a crash, adding to the fright of persons in the neighborhood.

Ceiling in many of the houses fell, a number of persons being injured in that manner.

A colossal statue at the basilica of St. John in Lateran, which occupied a position visible from many parts of Rome, tumbled down and was shattered on the steps of the edifice.

Several street cars lines were forced to suspend operations.

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TWO DREADNAUGHTS PROVIDED.

Also Number of Smaller Vessels in Committee Report.

Washington.—Provision for construction of two great dreadnaughts, six torpedo-boat destroyers, 16 coast defense submarine, a hospital ship, a transport and a fuel ship at an aggregate cost of \$53,163,828 is made in the naval appropriation bill agreed on by the House Naval Committee.

Chairman Padgett protested that the committee was "running wild" with appropriations.

The program proposes the building of two battleships at not more than \$7,800,000 each, exclusive of armor and armament.

Six torpedo-boat destroyers at not more than \$25,000 each, exclusive of armament.

One sea-going submarine at not more than \$1,400,000 exclusive of armament.

Sixteen submarines at not more than \$550,000 each.

One hospital ship at not more than \$2,250,000.

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OFFICIAL POULTRY SHOW

Wake County Exhibition Held Under Auspices of American Poultry Association.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Branch of the American Poultry Association, membership of which is composed of practically all active poultrymen in this state, held its annual meeting in Raleigh in connection with the annual Wake Poultry Show and Harry M. Lamon addressed the largest gathering of poultrymen ever assembled in the state.

While the management does not claim the show to be the largest in the state it does claim it to be the best in quality.

As details began to arrive it was apparent the disturbance in the province of Rome and the Abruzzi had been greater than the first believed and that it also had been felt severely around Naples.

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COMING EVENTS.

Annual Live Stock Meeting, Statesville—January 19-21, 1915.

TAR HEEL BREVITIES.

Cotton receipts to January 17 for Mecklenburg county were 22,163 bales or 7,020 bales less than last year.

A party of Greensboro people will call on President Wilson, January 28th; to invite him to attend the Fourth of July celebration at Guilford battleground.

A debate between Wake Forest College and Richmond College has been arranged for April 2.

Citizens of Monroe have been attending mass meetings and warmly supporting the cause of prohibition.

Cotton farmers in Halifax county are going to cut their cotton crop in half.

Rockingham county has 13,929 school children between the ages of 6 and 20; and 56.9 per cent of them attend school.

Asheville citizens are making an aggressive effort in behalf of a training school for the western part of the state.

Mecklenburg county is just completing a \$75,000 jail built of brick and concrete and fireproof.

John A. Campbell has purchased 400 acres of virgin timber land near Asheville and will develop a big apple orchard.

Twelve of the Buncombe County schools have formed a county-wide debating union with a view to selecting candidates to participate in the contest conducted at Chapel Hill each year under the auspices of the University of North Carolina.

Concord will begin in a few days to extend her white way for several blocks.

Frank Wood of Dunn raised 134 bales of cotton on 134 acres of land at a cost of five cents per pound.

The supreme court has adjourned until the opening of the spring term the first Monday in February.

The prospects are good for an increased strawberry and vegetable crop in Eastern North Carolina.

Catawba county board of health will recommend to the commissioners in February, the employment of a whole-time health officer.

The Buncombe county board of health recently elected Dr. D. E. Sevier as health officer for Buncombe county, the present official being chosen to succeed himself unanimously.

The Baptists at Kinston will soon complete a modern \$50,000 church building.

"Ten thousand members" is the slogan which the corn club men are adopting as the New Year's slogan for the work in North Carolina.

State Senator John S. Eild of Stanley county, has made glad the congregation of the Raleigh Lutheran Church since his arrival there for the Legislature, by giving to the church \$100 with which to buy a reading desk.

The Duplin Enterprise, a weekly paper that has been published at Warsaw for the past year has been moved to Bowden and will be published there.

Thos. McNeely, who was crushed beneath a wrecking derrick near Morganton recently, died at an Asheville hospital.

J. E. Provo, formerly superintendent of the changing system of Craven county, has been elected by the Pasquotank county commissioners superintendent of the Pasquotank county changing and manager of the public roads, at a salary of \$1,200 per year.

SCHOOL FUND FOR STATE IS DIVIDED

COUNTIES GET SHARE ACCORDING TO SCHOOL POPULATION AT PER CAPITA OF \$1000.

MECKLENBURG LEADS LIST

Full Amount of \$250,000 Reduced by \$7,500 for Rural Libraries and \$1,500 for Teacher Training.

Raleigh—The State Board of Education met and approved the apportionment of public school funds for the year, to the various county departments of education.

The manner of finding the just apportionment was the division of the entire fund less special appropriations just mentioned by the entire State school population, 777,267, giving a per capita appropriation of \$1000.

Mecklenburg received the largest share of the State appropriation this year. With a total school population of 22,408, Mecklenburg's share of the funds is \$7,257.88.

County Apportionment.

Table with columns: County, School Population, Amount Apportioned. Lists counties from Alamance to Yancey.

Total 777,267 \$250,000.00

Greenville Wants City Manager.

Greenville.—In response to a call authorized by the city board a number of citizens met to consider the plan of and for a city manager for Greenville.

After discussion and expression by several present, Aibion Dunn, E. G. Finagan and B. W. Moseley were appointed to look further into the matter and report as early as possible that action may be taken.

Y. M. C. A. Convention.

Winston-Salem.—The annual Interstate Y. M. C. A. Convention of North and South Carolina will meet in Winston-Salem on January 29, 30 and 31.

More than 125 delegates are expected to attend the convention which will be featured by a banquet at the Hotel Zinsendorf and by addresses by several prominent speakers among whom will be Gov. Locke Craig of North Carolina, Gov. Richard I. Manning of South Carolina, President Harrison of the Southern Railway and Mr. Fred B. Smith, international secretary.

For the Unemployed.

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