

PORFIRIO DIAZ DIED IN PARIS

FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO DIED FROM A COMPLICATION OF DISEASES.

WAS SICK FOR SOME TIME

Had Been Sick For Three Weeks Wife and Son With Him Daughters Are in Mexico.

Paris.—Gen. Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, died here. General Diaz's wife, Senora Carmen Romero Rubio and their son Porfirio Diaz, Jr., and the latter's wife were by his side when he died.

General Diaz began to fall rapidly about three weeks ago and while his death was not unexpected, owing to his advanced age and recent failing health the crisis came suddenly.

Colonel Diaz, in announcing the death of his father, said that he was unable to state the nature of the malady, but expressed the opinion that a complication of diseases due to advanced age was the cause.

Two tragic circumstances marked the death of the exiled ruler. Owing to the troubled state in Mexico it has been judged impossible to send the body home with all the ceremony which would have befitted one of the figures of Mexican history.

No less tragic, perhaps, is the fact that not one of those whom General Diaz raised up as his assistants in governing Mexico and who prospered and grew rich in the shadow of his greatness were with him when he died.

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Will Protest Over Misuse of U. S. Flag. Washington.—Representations concerning the misuse of American flags by British merchantmen will be included in the general note which the United States intends soon to send to Great Britain covering restraints of American commerce in connection with the so-called blockade.

Greece Would Claim Part of Albania. Rome, via Paris.—A Tribune dispatch from Antivari, Montenegro, says two large Greek bands are advancing toward Berat, occupying villages along the way.

Consider Relief Measures. Washington.—Relief measures for Mexico City are occupying largely the attention of officials of the Washington government.

Will Keep Huerta Out of Mexico. Washington.—General Victoriano Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, whose defiance of President Wilson led to the seizure of Vera Cruz, will not be permitted to enter Mexico from the United States at a time when his presence would be a further menace to the plans of this government to restore peace.

Unusual Interest in Bond Sale. New York.—Unusual interest attached to the sale by the city of New York of \$71,000,000 of 4-1/2 per cent bonds, not only because of the magnitude of the offering, the largest in the city's history, but more particularly because of its bearing upon the general investment situation at this time.

Want Special Session Congress. New York.—The Maritime Association of the port of New York, numbering 800 representatives of domestic and foreign steamship lines entering this port, is preparing an appeal to President Wilson for a special session of congress to repeal the new seaman's law.

Germans Would Force Way to Verdun. Paris.—The German attacks in the Argonne by an entire army corps with the object of breaking through to Verdun, will be repeated according to Lieutenant Colonel Rosset. He asserts successive checks have not discouraged the Germans and that they will continue their efforts.

CAPT. ALBERT W. GRANT



Capt. Albert W. Grant has been appointed commander of the submarine branch of the United States navy with instructions to bring it up to the highest possible standard of construction and efficiency.

OPPOSES HUERTA REGIME

VISITS WASHINGTON AND HAS TALK WITH GENERAL SCOTT ABOUT CONDITIONS.

Angeles Says He Will Report to General Villa When Mission to United States is Completed.

Washington.—Gen. Felipe Angeles, righthand man of Gen. Francisco Villa, came to Washington to deny intimations that he was involved in the activities of Victoriano Huerta and his associates and at the same time to learn the sentiment of officials toward the Mexican problem.

The general issued a statement saying he was opposed to Huerta and all that he represented in Mexico politics and that after a brief stay here would go to Sonora on a private mission for General Villa, returning afterwards to the battle front to remain with his chief.

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Major General Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, was the only official on whom General Angeles called. Enrique C. Llorente, Villa's Washington representative, acted as interpreter.

Necessary for People of Britain to Finance Great War. London.—Penny-wise economy heretofore has not been a strong feature of the gatherings at Guild Hall, so closely connected with aldermanic banquets of proverbial opulence.

British Bark Was Torpedoed. London.—The British bark Thistlebank which sailed from Bahia Blanca, Argentina, April 26, with a cargo of wheat for Queenstown, was torpedoed by a German submarine at a point off Fastnet, Ireland.

Decrease of Fifteen Per Cent. Washington.—A prospective cotton crop of 12,500,000 equivalent 500-pound bales this season is unofficially estimated from the Department of Agriculture June 25 condition and acreage report issued.

Will Conserve Grain Crop. Berlin, via London.—The German government has decided to adopt the same measures for the conservation of this year's crop of grain as were employed last year.

Relieve Granted Charles Becker. Albany, N. Y.—Governor Whitman granted Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant under sentence of death a reprieve until July 26.

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FAMINE AND ANARCHY IN CONTROL—FURTHER NEWS FROM BRAZILIAN MINISTER.

MESSAGES BEING HELD UP

Carranza Has Held Up Cable Messages To This Country—Zapata Still Holds Capital.

Washington.—With unparalleled conditions of famine and anarchy in Mexico City threatening the safety of foreigners, officials of the United States are giving serious consideration to relief measures.

Long dispatches by couriers to Vera Cruz from the Brazilian minister at Mexico City were before Secretary Lansing here and President Wilson at Cornish, N. H., who may authorize an effort to obtain the consent of General Carranza to send supplies into the old capital through neutral agencies.

Only the opening of the railroad from Mexico City to Vera Cruz, said one of the Brazilian minister's messages, "can bring relief to the situation."

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Captain Hood, who for some time was detailed at Washington as a member of the general board of the navy, has been made commander of the battleship Texas to succeed Captain Grant. He is one of the most popular officers in the navy.

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AMERICAN GOVERNMENT OBJECTS TO PRIZE COURT SETTLEMENT OF CASE.

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DOMINION STEAMER ARMENIAN FROM NEWPORT NEWS IS TORPEDOED.

BY GERMAN SUBMARINE U-38

Ship Carrying Mules to England—Twenty-nine Men Were Lost, Including Several Americans.

Washington.—The Dominion freight liner Armenian, flying the British flag and carrying mules from Newport News, Va., to England, was torpedoed and sunk June 28th by the German submarine U38 off Cornwall, Eng., and nearly a score of American muleteers aboard are reported lost, according to messages to the State Department from John S. Armstrong, Jr., Consul at Bristol.

Twenty-nine men in all were lost and 10 injured. The news created a sensation in official quarters, as it was the first case of loss of American lives since the sinking of the Lusitania. The action of the Washington government, however, depends almost entirely on whether the Armenian was chartered by the British government and was, in fact, a transport of war aboard which Americans would sail at their own risk, or whether she was an unarmed merchantman.

In the absence of conclusive information on these points officials declined to say what effect the sinking of the Armenian would have on pending negotiations between the United States and Germany.

From the messages received it appears that in addition to the torpedo at least one shot was fired from a disappearing rifle. The Consul's report said the wireless house was "taken by second shot."

MISS GENEVIEVE CLARK WEDS. Daughter of Speaker Clark and James M. Thompson, Newspaper Man Married.

Bowling Green, Mo.—Hundreds of guests many of them prominent in the nation's political and social life, were in Bowling Green today for the wedding of Miss Genevieve Clark, 20 year old daughter of Speaker Champ Clark. Miss Clark was married to James M. Thompson, publisher of the New Orleans Item.

To the people of Missouri Speaker Clark had issued a blanket invitation and so great was the throng of Missourians that took him at his word that Bowling Green scarcely could hold them.

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PUBLICITY BUREAU FORMED

Meeting at Raleigh is Organized to Advertise State According to Plan of J. C. Forrester of Greensboro

Raleigh.—The North Carolina State Bureau of Publicity for the Development of Agriculture and Industry was formerly organized here as the outcome of the movement for a state chamber of commerce agitated for some time as the J. C. Forrester plan. Henry A. Page was chosen president and the other officers are: E. A. Tate, High Point; Frank R. Hewitt, Asheville; Clarence Poe, Raleigh; A. W. McLean, Lumberton; C. L. Joyner, Greensboro; secretary, J. C. Forrester, Greensboro; treasurer, A. A. Thompson, Raleigh.

The by-laws provide that the officers shall constitute an executive committee and that the directors shall consist of not more than three from each congressional district, these to be elected by the members of the state organization in the district. The minimum membership fee for individual members is \$10 and the directors can fix other and larger fees for corporations and organizations.

The purposes of the organization are declared to be the study of the needs and resources of the state by sections; to secure publicity for resources; to attract thrifty people to the state; to acquaint the people of the state with the advantages of the different sections; to aid in assuring reasonable prices to prospective settlers for homes; to cooperate with local, county, civic organizations, railroads and other organizations in attracting people to the state.

The present temporary officers are to serve until the directors organize and elect permanent officers on or before October 1. The meeting for the organization convened in the State Senate chamber at 11 o'clock with president E. K. Graham of the University of North Carolina as the temporary chairman.

J. C. Forrester stated at considerable length the purpose of the meeting and conditions that have led to the call issued for it. Mr. Graham declared that he believed the time opportune for successfully launching such an organization. He pleaded for a unified state consciousness and an intense state interest and pride coupled with business enterprise.

There were probably 150 citizens from many sections of the state here for the meeting included representatives of the leading railroad systems of the state, notably G. A. Cardwell, Atlantic Coast Line; Z. P. Smith, the Southern Railway; B. E. Rice, Norfolk Southern; J. A. Pridle, Seaboard Air Line. Each endorsed heartily the movement and pledged co-operation paying high tribute to North Carolina resources and possibilities.

Wilmington.—The berry growers of the famous Chadbourne section are planning to form organizations similar to the Wilmington Co-operative Truck Growers' Association of New Hanover county. A meeting for the purpose of forming an organization at Chadbourne will be held July 9 and the Tabor growers will meet July 10.

North Carolina Market. Prices of Cotton, Corn, Oats, Peas, Butter, Eggs, Etc., on North Carolina Markets During Past Week.

Asheville.—Cow peas, \$1.85 bu; Western butter, 31c lb; N. C. butter, 31c lb; eggs, 17c doz; Charlotte—Cotton, 34c; corn, 92c bu; oats, 62c bu; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.50 bbl; N. C. butter, 32c lb; eggs, 17c doz.

Durham.—Cotton, 34c; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.50 bbl; Western butter, 31c lb; N. C. butter, 31c lb; eggs, 17c doz; Fayetteville.—Cotton, 34c; corn, 92c bu; oats, 62c bu; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.50 bbl; Western butter, 31c lb; N. C. butter, 31c lb; eggs, 17c doz.

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Louisburg.—Corn, 92c; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.50 bbl; Western butter, 31c lb; N. C. butter, 31c lb; eggs, 17c doz.

Maxton.—Cotton, 34c; corn, 92c bu; oats, 62c bu; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.50 bbl; Western butter, 31c lb; N. C. butter, 31c lb; eggs, 17c doz.

Wadesboro.—Cotton, 34c; corn, 92c bu; oats, 62c bu; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.50 bbl; Western butter, 31c lb; N. C. butter, 31c lb; eggs, 17c doz.

Winston-Salem.—Corn, 92c; peas, \$1.75 bu; Irish potatoes, \$1.50 bbl; Western butter, 31c lb; N. C. butter, 31c lb; eggs, 17c doz.

TAR HEEL BREVITIES. J. R. Fells, for the past two or three years connected with The Mount Olive Tribune, a weekly paper published at Mount Olive, has severed his relations with The Tribune and gone to Bluff City, Tenn., where he assumes the editorship of the Sullivan County Developer, a weekly newspaper of eight years standing, published at that place.

COTTON MEN END ANNUAL MEETING

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION SOUTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION ADJOURNS.

MEET NEXT GREENVILLE S. C.

W. M. Sherrod, Williamston, S. C., is Elected President; Other Officers. Favor Education.—Prizes Given.

Asheville.—The eighth annual convention of the Southern Textile Association adjourned after electing officers and selecting Greenville, S. C., as the next meeting place. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. M. Sherrod, Williamston, S. C.; vice-president, Frank E. Heyner, Alexander City, Ala.; secretary, A. B. Carter, Greenville, S. C.; treasurer, Marshall Dilling, Saluria, Ala.; official stenographer, Miss M. G. Cranford, Charlotte.

Board of Directors: Robert Bows, chairman, Greenville, S. C.; C. L. Chandler, Rhodhiss; Gordon Cobb, Inman, S. C.; Arthur Dixon, Gastonia; L. H. Brown, Knoxville, Tenn.; and W. S. Morton, Dallas, Texas.

Among the resolutions by the association was one which placed the association on record as favoring compulsory education in all southern states. Another resolution urged the general assemblies of the Southern states to make appropriations for the presentation of free scholarships to worthy boys of the cotton mill centers.

In the awarding of prizes for the best suit of men's clothing made of cotton goods, W. A. Kendrick, of Mayfield, Ga., took first honors. The second prize was taken by T. J. Digsby, of Newberry, S. C. L. L. Arnold, editor of "Cotton," published at Atlanta, Ga., won a special prize offered for the best display of a shirt and hosiery made in a southern cotton mill.

Mrs. A. B. Carter, of Greenville, S. C., took first prize for the best dress made of cotton. Miss Mae Lulle Smith, of Winston-Salem, taking second for the best cotton coat suit. Mrs. Ethel Thomas, of Charlotte, and Mrs. J. J. Iler, of Greenville, were awarded prizes for gingham dresses and cotton millinery.

Iredell-Forsyth Road Completed. Conover.—The steel bridge across Dutchman Creek has just been completed and with the forging of this final link, a main thoroughfare of travel was opened to the public between Winston-Salem and Statesville, via Farmington and Mocksville.

This road was constructed in part with a fund of \$40,000 which was appropriated by Congress as an initial step by the government to improve its post roads. The results of this experiment will fully justify the appropriation, in that they will improve the conditions with which the rural carrier must necessarily contend, and which is certainly due him as much as any other government employee; and they will give impetus to road building and improvement in the contiguous territory or wherever the results are sufficiently known.

The government appropriated \$20,000 to aid in building, improving and maintaining the road across Davie county. Of this fund \$15,000 was actually paid over to the county which augmented this amount with a sum twice as great, making a total of \$35,000. With this fund a sand-clay road twenty-six miles long, thirty feet wide, and having only a four percent grade, was built at the conservative cost of \$34,500.

Asheville Enlarging Water Shed. Asheville.—Mayor J. E. Rankin was authorized by the City Board of Commissioners to purchase the Bee Tree watershed of 1,500 acres which will increase the capacity of the local watershed by 2,500,000 gallons of water a day. The option on the property expires the first week of July and the mayor will issue bonds with which to raise the money for the purchase of the land.

The Hickory Nut Gap Road. Raleigh.—Doctor Pratt's report shows that the Hickory Nut Gap six-mile section of the Central Highway, is now completed with the exception of about one mile of the least difficult work and that the Charlotte-Asheville highway is now open to automobiles and that tourists are enthusiastic over the scenery in the sections this road traverses. He also reports five miles more of the Madison County section of the Central Highway to be constructed and fine progress is being made.

Low Land Wheat is a Success. Dunn.—Farmers surrounding Dunn are now experiencing the first good result of the wheat, so far as it affects them. The great small grain crops have matured, and yields surpass even the most sanguine expectations. Though inexperienced in small grain culture, each Carolina farmer have proven to their own satisfaction that wheat, rye and oats can be made the most profitable products of their fields. The yield of wheat in Harnett and Sampson counties have averaged about twenty-five bushels to the acre.

Will Rebuild Venerable Plant. Asheville.—J. E. Cocha, the president of the Carolina Veneer Company, whose plant near Blittsboro was destroyed by fire a few months ago, has gone to New York and Chicago where he will purchase the machinery for a new and enlarged plant which will rise on the site of the old structure. The new building will be constructed at a cost of about \$100,000 and will be modern in every way. Approved machinery will be used in the equipment of the plant for the continuation of the work.