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SEIZES FRIENDS OF CARRANZA

Appointees of Constitutional President Arrested And Conveyed South by Villa's Order.

MAKES A GENERAL DENIAL OF BREAK

Rumor Persists, However, that He Will Oppose Carranza For Provisional President of Mexico.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 17.—On the United States depends the outcome of the mediation conference. Justice Lamar today telegraphed Washington the outcome of the conference with Rafael Zubaran and Rudolf Cabrera, representing the Carranza government, at Buffalo yesterday. It was said here that a distinct change of policy has been brought about by the uncompromising attitude of the constitutionalists, dispatches telling of friction between Carranza and Villa, reports of a rupture in Sonora between Generals Maytorena and Obregon and reports of constitutionalist reverses on land and sea.

El Paso, Texas, June 17.—General Villa, through his agents here, issued a general denial that there had been any split between himself and General Carranza. He said the arrest of the Carranza officials at Juarez last night was the result of a misinterpretation of orders on the part of Colonel Ornelas, in charge of the Juarez garrison.

It was learned, however, that between 20 and 30 employees of the Juarez office were sent on a special train early this morning to Chihuahua city, the state capital, where they were transported to Torreon, where Villa remained. These men, employees of the customs house, telegraph office, treasury department and information bureau were arrested late yesterday by Colonel Ornelas on a raid on the various national offices where Carranza appointees were employed. Whereabouts of Perez Abreu, was the matter of most speculation. He had been selected by Rafael Zubaran Capmany, Carranza's agent at Washington, as publicity agent of the revolution whose function it was to issue official bulletins to the press. Perez Abreu disappeared when his office was taken over by the Villa soldiers. He had just issued an announcement that he was transcribing a bulletin regarding the Zacatecas attack in which the constitutionalist forces had been defeated.

The constitutionalist agents today were busy attempting to find explanation from the south of the sudden turn of affairs at Juarez, but the rigid censorship on telegrams from Villa's headquarters at Torreon prevented the arrival of any messages except those denying in a general way that the constitutionalist commander in chief and Villa, his northern chieftain, had reached a point of divorce on account of the appointment of Natera as chief of the new central zone and other incidents which the Villa elements had been reported as resenting.

Parisans of Carranza and Villa at El Paso discussed hotly the future of the constitutionalist movement. The question of the Niagara Falls conference played an important part especially as regards the new provisional president. Some of Villa's supporters even declared that General Felipe Angeles minister of war in Carranza's cabinet had been selected by Villa for provisional cabinet in place of Carranza. Mr. Angeles, former rebel general, had been commanding Villa's batteries before Torreon.

Headlock at Niagara. Niagara Falls, Ont., June 17.—The unsatisfactory talk between the American delegates and two constitutionalist delegates at Buffalo; rumors of trouble at Juarez between Carranza and Villa officers, and rumors of federal successes at Zacatecas produced a complex situation for the mediator heard today. The Americans refused to discuss what they had learned yesterday from the personal representative of Carranza, but spoke of the conference as clarifying and valuable. The constitutionalists had explained with emphasis that a prominent constitutionalist alone would be accepted by them for the presidency. The Huerta envoys insist they never will accept a constitutionalist. It is expected that when Minister Naon of Argentina returns here on Friday, there will be a full conference to determine whether, in view of the disagreement, the mediation proceedings should be continued.

The Huerta delegates think the threatened break between Villa and Carranza should persuade the Americans to agree to the election of a central provisional president. They say such a man could easily crush the present or a recognized government and get arms and finances.

PROGRESSIVE BILLS ARE CONTEMPLATED

Australian Ballot and Legalized Primary Favored by Local Representative.

Gallatin Roberts, one of Buncombe's experienced legislators who will represent the county in the lower house of the North Carolina general assembly next year as representative No. 1, is deeply interested in the Australian ballot and believes that provision should be made by the general assembly for the introduction of the ballot in this state. He is now working on a bill to present to the next general assembly, in which he hopes to incorporate all the good features of the Australian system and eliminate any objectionable ones.

Mr. Roberts will likewise lend his hearty support in pushing the bill for a statewide, legalized primary, which is now being prepared by State Senator Zebulon Weaver. Mr. Roberts favored such a measure two years ago but, like Governor Locke Craig, believes that it was better not to adopt any statewide primary measure than to adopt the one proposed at the last session. For that reason he did not support the bill introduced then. Governor Craig's sentiments relative to the bill were expressed in a speech recently delivered in Raleigh. Mr. Roberts is of the opinion now that Senator Weaver will draft a bill that will provide for such a law as will meet with the general approval of the voters of the state and he is heartily in sympathy with it.

It is the expressed intention of Buncombe county's representatives in the next general assembly—Senator Weaver and Representatives Roberts and Nettles—to secure progressive measures, both statewide and local, that will be of lasting benefit. They are open now to discussion on important subjects with the voters of the county and invite these discussions in order to gain a fuller knowledge of just what is wanted. It is their desire to be of service to their constituents and therefore deem what the individual ideas are in order to render the best possible service.

TWO ARRESTS MADE IN POSTOFFICE ROBBERY

Men Arrested at Norfolk Had \$3,000 in Stamps in Their Possession.

Raleigh, June 17.—That Fulton Lawrence and John Henderson, arrested late yesterday in Norfolk on the charge of robbing the West Raleigh post office, had \$3,000 in stamps on their persons, was the information given out today by Chief of Police Walters of Raleigh. Only \$1,000 in stamps and money was secured from the West Raleigh office. Jewelry identified as being the property of a local firm here was also said to have been found on the men.

Tobacco Men in Session.

Louisville, Ky., June 17.—Delegates from various northern and southern states are in Louisville to attend the fourteenth annual convention of the Tobacco Association of the United States, which opened yesterday. The tobacco men spend Wednesday in Louisville and then go to Lexington Thursday and Friday.

"Strike" Against High Beef.

Key West, Fla., June 17.—Holding that meat prices are too high, the labor organizations of Key West called upon their members to refuse to buy beef. So great is the slacking off in demand for beef that the cattle-boat playing between Punta Hessa and Key West, has been discontinued.

Three Drowned in Well

Driftwood, Pa., June 17.—Three persons were drowned in an abandoned well near here late yesterday. Two lost their lives when they responded to the cries of the first, and were pulled over the brink into the water.

DENIES BLAME OF SHIPWRECK

Storstad's First Officer Denies Bad Navigation Under a Close Cross Questioning at Quebec.

DID NOT HEAR THE WHISTLE OF EMPRESS

Blames Current For Swinging Collier Into Path Taken By Liner Empress of Ireland.

Quebec, June 17.—Alvin Tuftenes, first officer of the Storstad, took the witness stand again today when the Empress of Ireland wreck inquiry was resumed, and Butler Aspinall began his cross-examination in behalf of the Canadian Pacific railway of officers of the Empress.

The witness said he did not know whether the master of the Storstad got a bonus for a fast trip between Sidney and Montreal. Captain Anderson, of the Storstad, who was sitting in the rear of the court, was asked about it, and replied in the negative. Tuftenes denied that the Storstad navigated in the fog for one hour and a half prior to seeing the lights of the Empress. When the lights came into view, he said, the Empress was about six miles away and one half point on the Storstad's port bow. She was pursuing a course across the colliers' bows.

"Now," said Mr. Aspinall, "the ship was travelling at fifteen knots an hour. At the end of fifteen minutes there was the Empress when she changed her course?"

"About one point on our port bow."

"What?" exclaimed Aspinall. "In fifteen minutes the vessel had only narrowed the distance only half a point. Hadn't you got across to your starboard bow?"

"No."

Tuftenes said he ordered the helm 'a-port,' and little later 'hard a-port.' Lord Mersey, who presides at the hearing, asked:

"Isn't it a fact that in consequence of your helm being put to port your head did go to starboard and that is how the accident occurred?"

ASSERT CHURCH YIELDED RIGHTS

Vanderbilt Board Resolution Held Infringement Relinquished Control Of University.

HAS NO AUTHORITY TO CONFIRM ELECTIONS

Board Declares Power Vested Under Court Ruling Automatically Ceased at Oklahoma City.

Nashville, Tenn., June 17.—That the general conference of the Southern Methodist church, held recently at Oklahoma City, has voluntarily terminated its connections with Vanderbilt university, and voluntarily relinquished all rights to confirm the election of members of the board of trust to fill vacancies in its body without question of reference to the conference or its agencies, was the sense of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the board here.

The resolution recites the litigation between the college of bishops and the board of trust, recently decided by the Tennessee Supreme court, setting forth that the court held that the board of trust, elected its own members but that such elections should be confirmed by the general conference, acting through the general board of education, but that such right of confirmation would cease in the event that the general conference should at any time surrender or renounce a that right or the relations secured to the existing, or if it should at any time cease to co-operate with the university or if it should at any time refuse to confirm members elected by the board. The resolution declares that the general conference has refused to co-operate with the university or with this board and has thereby terminated any and all right of confirmation it had under said decree or otherwise.

The resolution further states: "That the direction given by the general conference to the general board of education to exercise the right of confirmation until the transfer and conveyance ordered shall have been perfected and executed does not prevent the action of the general conference from operating to determine and put an end to the relations between the general conference and the university, existing prior to such action; and

"All relations between the university and the general conference were voluntarily terminated by the action of the general conference and, because of such action, have ceased and ended as the said decree of court declared should result from such voluntary action or from failure of co-operation on the part of the general conference."

WEATHER IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE IN SOUTH

Except in Virginia Rain Has Improved Conditions Says U. S. Report.

Washington, June 17.—Favorable crop growing weather throughout the south except in Virginia, where the severe drought continues, was reported yesterday for the week which ended Monday by the weather bureau's national bulletin.

It says: "Local showers in the central and eastern portions of the cotton belt greatly improved the outlook and early planted cotton is generally reported as in good condition, but the later planted is still backward and generally in need of rain. The western portion of the belt saw highly favorable weather especially in Texas and Oklahoma and the crop is well cultivated and recovering rapidly from the effects of the previous adverse weather. In Arkansas and Louisiana, heat and continued absence of sufficient material growth and boll weevil is reported as numerous in some localities.

"In the truck growing section of the south some improvement occurred where sufficient rain fell, but as a rule several crops are sufficient for rain, especially in Florida, where the drought continues largely unbroken. "In Virginia, severe drought still continues, seriously affecting all crops.

"Tobacco setting progressed satisfactorily in portions of Kentucky, but elsewhere is considerably delayed on account of drought."

CAMPAIGN IS OPENED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Fifty-Three Candidates Entered—Four Are Out For U. S. Senate.

Columbia, S. C., June 17.—The campaign of the Democratic candidates for state and senatorial offices opened in this state today and will continue until the middle of August. The time limit for qualifying experienced yesterday, with 53 candidates for the various offices in the lists and ready for the swing around the state which began this morning.

Chief interest is focused on the senatorial and gubernatorial races. In the former there are three candidates for the seat of the incumbent who is a candidate for re-election, Governor Cole L. Blease, L. D. Jennings of Sumter, and W. P. Pollock of Cheraw are other contestants. In the gubernatorial race there are eleven candidates as follows: John B. Clinkscales, professor in Wofford college, Spartanburg; C. A. Smith, lieutenant-governor; Mendel L. Smith, speaker of the house; John G. Richards, railroad commissioner; Lowndes J. Browning of Union, R. I. Manning of Sumter, Charles Carroll Simms of Barnwell, W. C. Irby, Jr., of Laurens, R. A. Cooper, solicitor of the eighth circuit; John T. Duncan of Columbia and J. B. A. Mulally of Pendleton.

In the congressional fight, Congressman A. F. Levar, in opposition. The candidates in the other six districts follow: First district—R. S. Whaley (incumbent), and E. J. Dennis. Second district—James F. Byrnes (incumbent) and R. M. Mixson. Third district—Wyatt Aiken (incumbent) F. H. Dominick, F. Sevens and John A. Horton. Fourth district—Joseph T. Johnson (incumbent), T. C. Duncan and S. F. Nicholls. Fifth district—D. E. Finley (incumbent), and W. F. Stevenson. Sixth district—J. W. Haggdale (incumbent), A. L. Hamer, J. E. Ellice.

Candidates for the other state offices are as follows: For lieutenant-governor, A. A. Bethes and Frank Kelley; for comptroller-general, A. W. Jones and J. A. Summersett; for adjutant-general, W. W. Moore and M. C. Willis; for attorney-general, A. Boyce and Thomas H. Peoples; for railroad commissioner—James C. Canalee, John W. Ralrey, C. D. Fortney, Frank W. Shealey, John H. Wharton and W. I. Witherspoon.

R. W. McCown, incumbent, for secretary of state; S. T. Carter, for state treasurer; J. E. Swearingin, incumbent, for state superintendent of education; E. J. Watson, for commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries, and L. M. Gasque, for solicitor twelfth circuit are unopposed.

Offered \$80,000 for Divorce.

Chicago, June 17.—Two offers, one for \$50,000 and the second for \$80,000, were made to Mrs. Felicie Mahdah Modjeski by her husband, Ralph Modjeski, a civil engineer with offices in Chicago, to induce her to obtain a divorce, she asserts in a suit for separate maintenance which has been filed by her in the Superior court.

The bill sets forth that they were married December 25, 1885, in New York. It is charged that January 20, 1914, in the Circuit court of Portland, Ore., the defendant filed suit for divorce on grounds of desertion. This is denied.

Modjeski is a son of the noted Polish-American actress, Mrs. Helena Modjeska.

Hospital Ship Maine Ashore.

Glasgow, Scotland, June 17.—The hospital ship Maine, represented to the British nation by American women during the South African war, went ashore today in the Firth of Lorne on the west coast of Scotland during a fog and it is feared she will be a total loss.

Furniture Dealers Convened.

Richmond, Va., June 17.—The Southern Retail Furniture Dealers' association convened here this morning 250 delegates being present from Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia. Advertising, banking, legislation and various trade topics are on the program. The convention will continue through tomorrow.

FEDERALS WIN NAVAL BATTLE

ERADICATION OF TICK AIDS CATTLE INDUSTRY

The Department of Agriculture Officials Issue Report on Southern Conditions.

Washington, June 17.—Eradication of the cattle tick has caused an impetus to the cattle and dairy industries, according to officials of the department of agriculture, today. This conclusion was reached as a result of a study of replies received from over 1,000 stockmen and farmers in 11 states bordering on the quarantine line, to a department circular letter asking information in regard to the results of tick eradication which has been in progress in the south and southwest since 1900. The states affected included Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

The average increase in value of cattle reported since the tick eradication began was \$9.76 per head. The average per cent of gain in the weight was 19.14. Replies concerning the increase in quality of cattle since tick eradication show the average for the eleven states as 25.91 per cent.

WHOLESALE GROCERS MEET AT CHARLESTON

Charleston, S. C., June 11.—The annual meeting of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association opened at the hale of alms today with several hundred delegates and visitors from all quarters of the south in attendance. Fair, cool weather wade the seashore most pleasant.

President J. H. McLauren of Jacksonville, Fla., called the opening session to order. Rabbi I. E. Marcuson and Mayor Grace, of Charleston, Lloyd M. Hooper of Selma, Ala., and Wilson G. Harvey of Charleston, took part in the program. The afternoon session opens with reports and addresses. Walter H. Pipe, of New York, president of the American Specialty Manufacturing company will deliver the principal address.

Business meetings will be held tomorrow and Friday. A dance, a yacht excursion for the ladies tomorrow morning; a smoker at night, a harbor excursion Friday, a concert and dance and on Saturday a deep-sea fishing trip are the entertainment features.

Rate Decisions Made.

Washington, June 17.—Proposed increases in Southern railway freight rates on lumber from Huntsville, Ala. to Knoxville, Tenn., today were cancelled by the interstate commerce commission held, however, that similar increases from points between Marion Junction and Mobile, Ala., and points between Selma, Ala., and Meridian, Miss., to Knoxville were justified.

Missing Balloonists Safe.

Portland, Ore., June 17.—Roy Donaldson and Wilbur Henderson who left here Thursday in the balloon Springfield, and for whose safety grave fears were felt, arrived today at Blue Lake, in the Bull Run river district.

Gunboat Tampico Defeated And Probably Sunk by The Guerrero Near Mazatlan.

U. S. SHIPS RESCUE PART OF THE CREW

Huerta's Vessel Now Expected To Aid in Attempt to Lift Rebel Sieges of Ports

Washington, June 17.—The Huerta gunboat Guerrero defeated and probably sunk the constitutionalist gunboat Tampico, near Mazatlan, according to a report today from Rear Admiral Howard, the captain and chief engineer of the Tampico committed suicide.

The naval battle was witnessed by the United States ships New Orleans, Perry and Preble. No details were reported. A long dispatch was received at the White House from the American delegates at Niagara Falls which, the officials said, did not change the situation. Beyond expressing the view that there was hope for the ultimate success of mediation, officials did not comment on the situation. Both war and state departments and the White House denied having authentic information of the break between Villa and Carranza.

Men in the confidence of the revolutionary agency declared there had been no split between the two leaders and that if Villa had seized the telegraph offices he acted entirely upon his authority as chief of the northern military zone. Inasmuch as martial law is still in force, military officers rank above civilians.

The report, nevertheless, aroused considerable apprehension. A clash between the military and civilian leaders of the constitutionalist movement, it was pointed out, probably would result in conditions that would stir up demands for American intervention.


The engagement between the Guerrero and the Tampico took place last night off Topolobampo and word came to the navy department early today. Some of the crew of the Tampico were rescued by the New Orleans which had accompanied the Guerrero southward yesterday. Others were rescued by the Guerrero. The surgeon of the New Orleans gave aid to the wounded and assisted in the care of the injured on both sides, co-operating with the staff of the federal gunboat.

The report that the Tampico had been sunk had not been verified, but it was certain she was badly disabled. This is the second time the constitutionalist warship has suffered at the hands of the federal navy. The Tampico was sunk on June 11, and only yesterday was repaired so that she could move under steam. The Guerrero is nearly twice the size of the Tampico and her ordnance is at least fifty per cent more powerful. Both vessels were designed as combination gunboats and transports to meet the peculiar needs of Mexican service. The Guerrero was able to carry about 200 men and the Tampico about 150.

It is believed by the officials here that the victorious Guerrero, now that she has destroyed the principal naval strength of the constitutionalists on the west coast will now be able to greatly interfere against the constitutionalist siege against Mazatlan and Guaymas.

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