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WILL CONFER ON MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Secretary Lansing Goes To New York For Conference With McAdoo

IS SILENT ON PHASE

Conjectured That Treasury Secretary Is Sounding Out Financiers as to Whether They Will Put Up For Government in Mexico and Lansing Goes To Inform Them

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 7.—Secretary Lansing of the State Department and Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury will confer in New York tomorrow on the Mexican situation.

Secretary Lansing left here tonight expecting to return Monday. He said he would meet Mr. McAdoo tomorrow and that the conference had to do with Mexico but declined to say what phase of the problem would be talked over.

During the Pan-American conference here there was considerable discussion of the question of financing any government which might be set up in Mexico, either through a peace conference or the faction leaders or by direct action of the Pan-American conference. It is known that this subject was put over for future consideration when the conference reconvened in New York next week.

Undoubtedly American financiers will have to be consulted, and it was suggested here tonight that Secretary McAdoo will be charged with the duty of sounding them. It is true he will have to be acquainted with the whole purpose of the Washington government and the South and Central American powers which join in restoring peace in Mexico. Secretary Lansing's mission is to discuss the phase of the problem.

Encouraging Developments

Two developments of first importance today brought the Mexican situation into a position regarded by American officials as more encouraging than for many months.

General Carranza, in a brief filed in his behalf with Secretary Lansing, practically asking recognition, receded from his refusal to join his adversaries in a peace conference and virtually proposed such a meeting. General Villa was at once notified by Carranza of his change of attitude and an early response is expected.

The attitude of the United States, outlined officially for the first time since the Pan-American conference was called, is a significant one. It considers the purposes of the Mexican revolution were accomplished when Huerta was deposed; that all the fighting since had been only over factional differences; that neither Carranza nor Villa controls Mexico to an extent which entitles either to recognition, although it is admitted that both must be taken into consideration, and that the first problem to be solved is to find a man for provisional president who represents the cause of the original revolution against Huerta, but who is not necessarily identified with any of the warring factions.

Carranza Brief Not Submitted

Secretary Lansing said the Carranza brief has not been formally submitted to the conference. It was learned, however, that copies were sent to each member and also to President Wilson.

An exhaustive report on the conference including a transcript of the discussion has been sent to the president. It contains a tentative draft of the address to be forwarded to the Mexican leaders, which also has been sent to Latin-American governments representing the meeting.

General Villa, It is believed, will be quick to seize the opportunity presented by Carranza's change of attitude to bring about a conference of the factions. In this connection, it is expected that Major-General Scott, chief of staff of the army, en route to the Mexican border, may be of some service.

War Department Active

Active consideration of the Mexican problems has been reflected by increased activity in the War Department. Plans long ago made for military occupation of Mexico have been readjusted. Attention lately has been directed to the accumulation of supplies and tentative arrangements for land and water transportation of troops.

General Scott's trip to the border has a relation to the meeting. It is believed that his main purpose is understood to be his conference with Villa.

Villa Issues Call

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 7.—General Villa received with a checkmate Washington dispatches today stating that General Carranza had signed his willingness to meet his adversaries in a peace conference.

It will make no comment," he said, "and I have more light."

General Villa has summoned military officials from all parts of the territory he controls for a meeting tomorrow at Juarez.

The news that Carranza had consented to confer with other factions was received with gratification by local advocates of Villa.

Given His Passports

Mexico City, Aug. 7.—Dr. Juan J. Orozco, Minister to Mexico from Guatemala, was given his passports today and informed that he must leave the country within twenty-four hours.

ARMY TRANSPORT SERVICE

Washington, Aug. 7.—Secretary Garrison has approved a plan to establish an army transport service between New York and the Canal zone. The transport service will consist of the 100,000-ton transporters which will call at Colon, Panama, to enable the government to supply any part of the Canal.

Wants 200 Airships



Captain Mark L. Bristol, chief of the United States Navy's aeronautical bureau, is the man who some time ago presented to the House Naval Affairs Committee the need for increasing the navy's aerial fleet to 200 aircraft.

Now his recommendation has been adopted by the Navy General Board and Secretary Daniels and it will be presented to the next Congress with an excellent chance of going through. The United States Navy now has a fleet of only fourteen aircraft, while the European nations have hundreds. An appropriation of \$2,500,000 is necessary to bring the aeronautical branch of the navy up to its proper standard, is the statement of Captain Bristol, and this is the amount to be asked for when Congress convenes.

LAWYERS ARGUE IMPORTANT CASE

Affairs Grandin Lumber Co. and Watauga Railroad Before Judge Boyd

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Asheville, Aug. 7.—Judge James E. Boyd, of Greensboro, presiding at the present term of the United States District Court here yesterday, heard the arguments of attorneys interested in the motion for an order directing that the receiver of the Grandin Lumber Company and the Watauga and Yadkin River Railway Company sell the property of those concerns. The motion is being strongly opposed by the attorneys for the receiver, W. J. Grandin, the latter claiming that financial conditions are such at the present time that the property could not be sold for its full value, the placing of the holdings on the market at the present time necessitating a great sacrifice. The Central Trust Company, of Illinois, and others, contend that the receiver is unable to pay the indebtedness due by the two companies unless the property is sold, and they maintain that now is a good time to turn the holdings into cash. Judge Boyd has taken the matter under advisement. He probably will render a decision at the present term of the United States District court.

The Grandin Lumber Company owns many thousands of acres of timber land and millions of feet of lumber near the head of the railroad. Many of the bonds of the railroad, together with accrued interest, fell due in the winter of 1914 and were unpaid. A receivership soon followed and the railroad has been operated by a receiver since that date.

The Chicago and Yorkville Railway Company, of Chicago, who also advanced nearly \$300,000 to the Grandin Lumber Company in the spring of last year to pay accrued interest on its bonds and to pay off the judgment creditors.

The Grandin Lumber Company gave its note to Pools and Company for the amount of this loan, and put up as collateral for the loan, a mortgage on it by the railroad.

Various interested creditors were represented at the trial before Judge Boyd by the firms of Parn & Hurd, and Winston, Taylor, Strawn, and Shatt, of Chicago, and by Harry Boyd, Biggs, of Raleigh. The railroad and the lumber company are represented by W. P. Hyman, of Greensboro, and B. Council, of Hickory. Mr. James H. Harned, of Greensboro, and Mr. H. H. Hurd, of Chicago, are representing their respective firms at the trial of this important matter, and all of the North Carolina lawyers appearing in the case were in Asheville Friday.

COURT UPHOLDS OUTLET OF NASHVILLE'S MAYOR

(By the Associated Press.)

Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 7.—The Tennessee Supreme court today passed upon petitions for certiorari and granted in three cases involving the Nashville city hall scandal, upheld the suspension of Mayor Harry E. Howe and Commissioner Robert Elliot under court proceedings, pending the final hearing of the outer proceedings in the separate outer proceedings.

The suspension of Mayor Howe and Commissioner Elliot was upheld by the court. The court also ordered the suspension of the two officials to remain in effect until the final hearing of the outer proceedings in the separate outer proceedings.

ELECTION EXECUTION FOR MRS. WARREN

Christy, Convicted Jointly With Woman, Also Receives Death Sentence

EXECUTION DATE SEP. 24

Stonestreet, Found Guilty of Being an Accessory After The Fact, Was Sentenced To Three Years in State's Prison; Notice of Appeal Given

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Winston-Salem, Aug. 7.—At 11:30 o'clock tonight Judge E. B. Cline, of the Superior Court, having received the verdict of the jury, murder in the first degree, condemned Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Preston Christy to death in the electric chair Friday, September 24, for the murder of G. J. Warren, husband of Mrs. Warren. Clifton Stonestreet, being found guilty of being an accessory after the fact, was sentenced to three years in State's Prison.

An appeal was taken, filed for the defendant as pauper.

Mrs. Warren stood erect until the words fixing the date were uttered, then, with a quick, nervous jerk, sank into her chair, drooping for a minute and then resuming apparent calmness.

In the event Mrs. Warren is electrocuted she will be the first woman to go to the chair in this State and, it is said, the second woman ever to pay the death penalty in North Carolina.

History of the Case

Warren was missed from his home here after August 18 of last year and his body was found in Muddy Creek, Forsyth county, on April 1. Christy during the interim had gone back to Texas, where he had lived for years with Mrs. Warren and whence the woman, then posing as the wife of Christy, alias Kearns, eloped with Warren.

Mrs. Warren, arrested after the discovery of the body, according to the police, made a confession implicating Christy, who was extradited. Christy is then said to have made a confession in which he told of a plot by him and Mrs. Warren to kill her husband.

SWEDEN'S ARMY IN NORTH IS MOBILIZED

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Activities Cause Concern To Allies—Minister at London Says Sweden Will Remain Neutral.

London, Aug. 7.—The London Morning Post declares the attitude of Sweden toward Russia and the latter's allies for some time past has revealed elements of a disquieting character. "Embodied by recent German and Swedish papers," the paper says, "the latent hostility of Sweden which has never forgiven the loss of Finland, has become strongly developed. Considerable preparations for warlike contingencies have been made in North Sweden and the Swedish army is fully mobilized. If Sweden persists in her unfriendly attitude toward Russia she may rapidly drift into a war which would be a great obstacle to her future progress."

"Sweden's decision to remain neutral is as firm as ever," said the Swedish Minister in London, Count Wrangell, in reply to the rumors. He said there was no foundation for them.

DISCUSS EUGENICS

(By the Associated Press.)

Differing Opinions Voiced at Oakland Conference.

Oakland, Cal., Aug. 7.—Eugenics was debated at the closing session here today of the National Conference on Race Betterment.

"Romeo loved his Juliet, eugenics or no eugenics and it's the same with Pat and Biddy today. I hope we'll never see the day when two persons who love each other cannot marry," said Dr. C. F. Ballard, of Haverlock, Neb.

He was answered by Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University, who thought that persons physically or mentally defective should not be allowed to marry even if in love. He added: "Society thoroughly imbued with eugenic ideals would register more real love marriages than it would without them."

The conference accepted Professor Fisher's view.

George Wharton James, of Pasadena, Cal., said the white man could learn much from the Indians regarding the best method of eugenics.

The Indians were "Fletcherizing" hundreds of years before Fletcher announced the beneficial results of thorough mastication," he said.

QUITS HOME BECAUSE OF THREAT TO DYNAMITE

(By the Associated Press.)

BERTIE FARMERS' ALLIANCE MEETS

Annual Address Delivered by Judge Winston and Fine Picnic Dinner Served

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Mount Gould, Aug. 7.—The fourth annual picnic of the Bertie County Alliance was held here Friday on the banks of the Chowan river. Three thousand people from Bertie and the neighboring counties were present.

W. L. Beyer, Esq., called the meeting to order in a warm address of welcome. Rev. W. H. Hollowell, of Rocky Hook, led in prayer. J. M. Perry, of Colesville, introduced Hon. Francis D. Winston, the orator of the occasion.

Mr. Perry referred to Judge Winston as "one who goes where he is called; talks sense when he gets there; and claims no credit for his good deeds of charity and kindness which are many."

Judge Winston delivered a very unique address, filled with philosophy and humor, catchy illustrations and laughter-producing stories.

At these annual picnics but two speakers are invited, the orator of the day and H. M. Cates, State Alliance lecturer. This year Mr. Cates was detained by business and could not attend. The people missed the usual clash of wit between Judge Winston and Mr. Cates.

Dinner was served and every one present partook.

In the afternoon Joseph H. Etheridge, Esq., of this county, delivered an excellent address on "Moonlight Schools." Mr. Etheridge is an excellent speaker; keeps well posted and his speech was greatly enjoyed.

The people here intend to build a large pavilion out over the water. It will be large enough to seat four thousand people, and will be suitable for holding these all sorts of meetings and conventions.

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The race itself was full of thrills, aside from its tragic features. For most of the 300 miles it was a nip and tuck affair between De Palma, Mulford and O'Donnell, the former keeping the lead the greater part of the time. In the last fifteen miles, however, he developed a run of bad luck with his tire which threatened to stop him at the finish.

So close were the two leaders that the judges for several minutes were divided as to who won.

Belonged to Younger Generation.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Joe Cooper was one of the younger generation of automobile drivers, having taken his first mount about four years ago. He bears no resemblance to Earl Cooper. He drove a car in the Sweepstakes at Indianapolis this season and almost won the Hoosier trophy, there was some question raised about his being permitted to start because of inexperience.

Cooper appealed to the contest board of the American Automobile Association and was granted permission to start. How well these fears were founded was shown by the fact that he was forced out of the race, his car crashing into the wall.

Cooper also drove a car in the Chicago Speedway dedicatory race June 26 last, finishing tenth, at an average speed of 94.41-140 miles an hour.

WILSON PLANS TO RETURN TO CAPITAL

(By the Associated Press.)

TRAGEDY MARKS AUTOMOBILE RACE

Joe Cooper, Racer, and Morris Keeler, Mechanician, Killed; Two Others Hurt

DE PALMA WINS RACE

Ralph Mulford, Second, and Eddie O'Donnell Is Third in Initial 300-Mile Auto Derby On New Speedway at Des Moines; Race Full of Thrills

(By the Associated Press.)

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 7.—Two killed and two injured, one probably fatally, marked the initial 300-mile automobile derby on the new speedway here this afternoon.

Ralph De Palma was winner, Ralph Mulford second and Eddie O'Donnell third. The time was 3:28.52.

Joe Cooper was killed on the thirty-eighth lap of the race when his car literally sailed over the outer edge of the bowl as he was nearing the grand stand and fell outside with Cooper and his mechanic, Louis Piel, pinned underneath the wreckage.

The second accident came in the twenty-fifth lap, when Billy Chandler's car crashed against the inside rail almost opposite the point where Cooper had met his death. Morris S. Keeler, Chandler's mechanic, died at the hospital shortly before 9 o'clock tonight.

Chandler has less than an even chance for recovery according to the physicians. Piel was reported also to be in a critical condition.

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WILSON PLANS TO RETURN TO CAPITAL

Desires To Get in Personal Touch With International Matters

(By the Associated Press.)

Cornish, N. H., Aug. 7.—President Wilson, it became known tonight is planning to return to Washington to meet the cabinet and to discuss developments in the Mexican situation. Diplomatic exchanges with Great Britain and Germany and other pressing official business. Under ordinary conditions the President has found it possible to direct the activities of the different executive departments from the "summer white house" here but within the last few days so many problems demanding quick action have developed that he feels he should go to Washington.

The President received letters from several members of his cabinet today and was informed of the filing of a brief by General Carranza with the State Department proposing a conference with his adversaries and virtually asking for recognition by the United States.

WOULD RECALL MAYOR WOODARD OF ATLANTA

(By the Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 7.—Resolutions were adopted at a mass meeting here tonight asking the recall of Mayor Woodard and six other members of the board of police commissioners who recently voted to remove James L. Beavers as chief.

May Pacify Mexicans



General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, may be sent into Mexico to try to pacify the warring factions there. His name was brought before the conference of Secretary Lansing and the ministers and ambassadors from South and Central America, and the subject was considered.

General Scott has some fame as a diplomat, and the administration believes he might accomplish much by persuasion that would fall if troops were sent into Mexico.

GOOD HEADWAY IN EXTENSION WORK

Reports To Yearly Meetings Show Friends Are Steadily Gaining in State

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Guilford College, Aug. 7.—The report of the committee on evangelism and church extension work as made to the Friends yearly meeting this morning gave an encouraging outlook compared with the meagre beginning a third of a century ago. Five hundred professional workers and 283 additions to the church were noted. Rev. Louis W. McFarland, former pastor of the High Point Friends church will take the field as superintendent of evangelistic work. It was announced that the Friends of the High Point for 1915-16 will be held at Guilford College, Aug. 7.—The report of the committee on evangelism and church extension work as made to the Friends yearly meeting this morning gave an encouraging outlook compared with the meagre beginning a third of a century ago.

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GERMANS STILL PRESS FORWARD

General Von Buelow With 340,000 Men Carrying Out Sweeping Flank Movement

RUSSIANS QUIT KOVNO

The Besieged Fortress of Novogeorgievsk at Juncture of Vistula and Narew Rivers Is Still Holding Out Though Germans Claim To Have Captured One Fort

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 7.—The German official report tonight claims that the resistance of the Russians has been broken between Lompa and the mouth of the Bug river. Thus whether the Russians have been defeated or have fallen back voluntarily to a new position, one of the bitterest battles that has been fought since the commencement of war has ended.

For just three weeks the Germans under the supreme command of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg have been trying to force this front, which usually is referred to as that of the Narew, and to cut off the Russian armies in their retreat from Warsaw.

That not until three days after the evacuation of Warsaw has this line given way leads British critics to the conclusion that the Russian withdrawal is voluntary.

There is little change in the other sections of the Polish Salient. In Courland and Kovno, General Von Buelow with 340,000 men is carrying out sweeping flank movements much as the German line with the separate army operating south of Vilna, has made a further advance toward Dvinsk. The Russians retreating across the Jura river, while his right is approaching Kovno, which, according to report, the Russians already are evacuating.

Hereafter General Von Buelow's progress is likely to be slower. He is now attacking the Dvinsk line, which is a great swampy belt between Kovno and Vilna, his second objective. He has the Nieman river to the south and the Sventsa and many other streams to his left, all of which lend themselves to defense.

The besieged fortress of Novogeorgievsk, at the juncture of the Vistula and Narew rivers, the most westerly place retained by the Russians, still holds out, although the Germans claim to have captured one fort.

There has been some lively fighting in the western theatre, but nothing of outstanding importance has been reported.

According to an unofficial report the Italians have rendered themselves masters of the summit of Monte San Michele, dominating Gorizia, the fall of which is expected. This would open the road to Trieste.

Attack on Portofino.

Petrograd, Aug. 7.—(Via London, Aug. 7.)—Attacks upon the fortresses of Kovno and the Dvinsk line are great swamps, while between Kovno and Vilna, his second objective. He has the Nieman river to the south and the Sventsa and many other streams to his left, all of which lend themselves to defense.

Osowiec, also strongly fortified, is about fifty miles northeast of Warsaw on the Narew river and about same distance southwest of Kovno.

3 MEXICAN OUTLAWS KILLED BY POSSE

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 7.—Fighting three against twenty, three Mexican outlaws were killed by a posse last night at a farm house about thirty miles north of here. One posse man was slightly wounded. The fight lasted not more than ten minutes.

One posse man had been gang of a dozen bandits which raided Sebastian yesterday and killed two Americans, had separated most of them going to their homes on the American side of the border. The officials were after one Mexican who had been recognized among yesterday's raiders and did not know any confederates were with him.

The posse, led by State Adjutant General Henry Hutchings, Sheriff W. T. Vann, of Cameron county, and Ranger Captain Henry Bancroft, totalled 20 mounted men.

Since last night officers have arrested 20 Mexicans, all residents of the American side of the border, on suspicion of being members of the gang of the bandits which have been killing, robbing and burning in the section for three weeks.

NEW JERSEY WOMEN GET "TORCH OF VICTORY"

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Aug. 7.—The torch of victory which the Women's Political Union of New York has carried throughout the state was formally transferred today to the New Jersey organization. The transfer of the torch was made at midstream from tugboats in the Hudson river.

Mrs. H. O. Havenmeyer headed the New York delegation, which was met at the river for half an hour waiting for the tug, they were the members of the New Jersey women before it was learned the inspectors had at first refused to allow the New Jersey women to board their tug because it was not licensed to carry passengers.

Mrs. C. Van Winkle, head of the New Jersey organization, accepted the torch from Mrs. Havenmeyer. It will be sent on an automobile tour in the bridge campaign in that State.