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APPEAL TO PEOPLE AND LEADERS FOR PEACE IN MEXICO

Pan-American Note, Made Public, Contains No Hint of Intervention

SUGGEST MEETING ON NEUTRAL TERRITORY

Document, Brief But to Point, Is Addressed to Civilian Population as Well as Faction Heads in Revolution-Stricken Sister Republic; Services of United States and Continental Powers Offered to Accomplish Desired End

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 14.—The Pan-American appeal to Mexico, now being delivered to the chiefs of factions and governors of States, was made public here tonight by the State Department.

Without even an intimation of armed intervention, it calls upon the leaders to meet somewhere in Mexico, on neutralized ground, in a conference "to adopt the first step necessary to the constitutional reconstruction of the country" and to issue a call for immediate elections. The services of the United States or any of the other Pan-American conferees are offered as intermediaries to arrange the meeting.

The appeal, although addressed to the political and military leaders, taken on the form of an announcement to the Mexican people themselves. As made public by the State Department, the document is prefaced by this announcement:

"The Mexican people are informed that the following communication has been sent to many prominent persons in Mexico, who possess authority or military power within their republic."

Then follows the appeal, dated at Washington, August 11:

"The undersigned, the Secretary of State of the United States, the Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brazil, Chile, and Argentina, and the Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala, accredited to the Government of the United States of America, acting severally and independently, unanimously send to you, the following communication:

"Inspired by the most sincere spirit of American fraternity, and convinced that they rightly interpret the earnest wish of the entire continent, have met informally at the residence of the Secretary of State of the United States to consider the Mexican situation and to ascertain whether their friendly and disinterested help could successfully be employed to re-establish peace and constitutional order in our sister republic.

"In the heat of the civil struggle which for so long has steeped in blood the Mexican soil, southern all may well have lost sight of the dissolving effects of the strife upon the very fabric of the national existence, not only upon the life and liberty of the inhabitants, but on the prestige and security of the country. We can not doubt, however, no one can doubt, that in the presence of a sympathetic appeal from their brothers of America, recalling to them those disastrous effects, asking them to save their motherland, from an abyss, no one can doubt, that the patriotism of the men who lead or aid in any way the bloody strife will not remain unmoved—no one can doubt that each and every one of them, meeting in his own conscience his share in the responsibilities of past misfortune and looking forward to his share in the glory of the pacification and reconstruction of the country, will respond nobly and resolutely, to this friendly appeal and give their best efforts of opening the way to some saving action.

"We, the undersigned, believe that if the men directing the armed movements in Mexico—whether political or military chiefs—should agree to meet in person, or by delegates, on neutral ground, and with no other inspiration save the thought of their afflicted land, there to exchange ideas and to determine the fate of the country—no such action would undoubtedly result the strong and unyielding agreement requisite to the creation of a provisional government, which should adopt the first steps necessary to the constitutional reconstruction of the country—and to issue the first and most essential of them all, the immediate call to general elections.

"On Neutral Ground.

"An adequate place within the Mexican frontiers, which for the purpose might be neutralized, should serve as the seat of the conference; and in order to bring about a conference of this nature, the undersigned, or any of them, will willingly upon invitation, act as intermediaries to arrange the time, place, and other details of such conference, if this action can in any way aid the Mexican people.

"The undersigned expect a reply to this communication within reasonable time, and consider that such a time would be ten days after the communication is delivered, subject to protraction for cause.

BANKERS TO BACK COTTON PRODUCER

Representatives From Eight States Pledge Support to Get Fair Prices

RESERVES, ALSO TO HELP

Four Southern Districts Will Aid Fight for Uniform Rates for Crop; Harding to Meet Committee August 26; New Body Not Formed and Plan Is Abandoned

(By the Associated Press.)

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 14.—Representative bankers from eight cotton growing States here today pledged themselves to stand solidly behind the producers in an effort to secure a fair and uniform price for cotton, and in this they were pledged the support of the four Southern Federal Reserve banks.

The meeting of bankers today resulted in the perpetuation of the Cotton States Bankers' Conference, the next meeting of which will be called for some time in November or December.

The means by which it is proposed to secure to the producers a fair price for their staple is the gradual marketing of cotton. The bankers have agreed to advance money to the farmer on cotton securities and the Federal Reserve bank representatives agreed to re-discount this paper. Thus they hope to offer no more cotton than the market will instantly absorb.

FAMINE FOLLOWS HAITIAN REVOLT

Red Cross Appeals for Aid to Help Sufferers on Black Island

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 14.—Famine has followed in the wake of the Haitian revolution and the American Red Cross headed today an appeal for aid for suffering natives of the island republic.

A report from Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the American forces in Haiti, declared there was considerable suffering for food among the natives.

The formation of an association of Southern bankers had been one of the plans of the leaders in calling today's meeting, but after the delegates arrived it was decided to abandon this plan.

A committee is composed of one representative from every State, most of them are the presidents of their respective State bankers' associations.

The undersigned, the Secretary of State of the United States, the Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Brazil, Chile, and Argentina, and the Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala, accredited to the Government of the United States of America, acting severally and independently, unanimously send to you, the following communication:

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EXPORTS ALMOST NORMAL

Census Bureau Report Shows Increase in Manufacture in South

WAR'S EFFECT IS SLIGHT

July Report Shows 498,476 Bales of Lint Against 448,333 Bales in Same Month Last Year; Linters Also Show Increase of 24,378 Bales

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Aug. 14.—Increased manufacture of cotton in the South, the heavy use of lint and almost normal cotton exports, which it was thought would be greatly reduced this year by the war, were the features of the yearly cotton consumption and distribution report issued today by the census bureau.

Cotton consumed during July was 498,476 bales of lint and 48,864 of linters, against 448,333 and 22,484 in July last year.

Cotton exports during July were 481,494 bales of lint and 12,297 of linters, against 508,792 and 22,484 in July last year. Total consumption was 1,124,512 bales of lint and 59,491 of linters, against 1,016,103 and 33,968 last year.

Exports were good. Exports during July were 348,523 bales of lint and 14,954 of linters, against 326,511 and 8,644 last year, and for the twelve months, 3,649,673 bales of lint and 219,111 of linters, against 3,154,891 and 159,851 the previous year.

Imports were 35,887 bales, against 21,790 in July last year and for the twelve months, 353,417 bales against 246,248 the previous year. Foreign cotton consumed in July was 21,641 bales, on hand July 31 in consuming establishments, 195,173 bales and in public stores, 15,847 bales.

Efforts are being made by the census bureau to determine how much cotton is being used in the manufacture of explosives. Director Rogers, in a formal statement today explained that the census bureau is unable to collect for estimates. The bureau finds it difficult to get exact information, as much of the cotton used in explosives is first purified by establishments not connected with explosive plants.

TO LECTURE HERE ON RURAL SANITATION (W. C. YELVERTON.)

Washington, Aug. 14.—Surgeon L. L. Lumsden, of the Public Health Service, will visit North Carolina the first two weeks in September to lecture on rural sanitation. He has not announced any itinerary but his probability will be to arrive in North Carolina at Raleigh on September 1.

KINSTON MAN'S MOTHER STRANDED IN WAR ZONE

Kinston, Aug. 14.—Mrs. Mary Nachamson, mother of Ell Nachamson, a prominent local man, is still stranded from her family in Asia Minor. Mrs. Nachamson was caught by the war on a visit near Jaffa. She is an octogenarian. Her relatives in this country are well-to-do, but when she heard from many months ago, the aged woman was practically without funds. It is impossible for her to travel through her son, not having heard from him for some time.

CHILD KILLED

Fell From Wagon and Wheel Crushed Skull

Lexington, Aug. 14.—Little Clay Waltman, son of C. A. Waltman, was instantly killed here today, when he fell from a wooden wagon driven by his older brother, and was caught beneath the wheels.

U. S. SENDS CANNON TO BROWNSVILLE

Battery of 4.7 Inch Guns and Howitzers Ordered to Border Town

RAIDER BANDS WARNED

Gen. Funston Asks for Stronger Force on Rio Grande; Texans Continue to Hunt Mexican Marauders; Huerta Men are Blamed for Recent Trouble

(By the Associated Press.)

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 14.—Scores of American soldiers were participants in a riot in the streets of Nogales tonight as the result, it is said, of a rumor, that Mexicans had threatened to take away their guns. Ten Mexicans were attacked before the officers got control of the men. One American was reported to have been slain in Nogales, Mexico, just across the border from here, by infuriated Mexicans.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The War Department at the request of Major General Funston today ordered one regiment of infantry from Texas City to Brownsville, and also one aeroplane, one battery of 4.7 guns and one battery of 4.7 howitzers to Brownsville from Fort Hill, Okla.

Assistant Secretary Breckenridge said that the new orders were issued because of General Funston's desire that the garrison at Brownsville be strengthened.

"The howitzers have been sent," said Mr. Breckenridge, "as they are the best weapons to use against marauders who may be hiding in the hills because of their high angle fire. General Funston feels that there should be a stronger force at Brownsville, where there has been much trouble recently, and did not report any new development."

RAIDER BANDS WARNED

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 14.—Major General Funston today ordered Mexican outlaws along the Texas border today, both by Captain J. M. Fox, of the Texas Rangers, and by General H. B. McFarlane, Carranza commander at Matamoros.

Captain Fox telephoned tonight from Brownsville, a few miles north of here, the following short message:

"We got another Mexican, but he's dead."

From another source it was learned that a Mexican who was found on a ranch near Raymondville was connected with a band which raided sections north of here early this week.

Gen. Funston today ordered the Mexican consuls here that he was trying to aid in stopping the depredation of Mexican outlaws. The consul said McFarlane would order his command not to permit any armed person to escape into the United States.

NOGALES CITIZENS ARMED.

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 14.—With twenty armed men, Sheriff W. A. McKnight left here today for Harrison's ranch, nine miles east, where Mexican raiders were reported to have crossed the international boundary and stolen 400 head of cattle into Mexico. Nogales citizens began arming themselves, saying they feared raids close by.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, TO HAVE NEW STEAMSHIP LINE

French General Quits Dardanelles Command



General Gouraud, sitting. General Bullfoud.

This photograph of General Gouraud, French commander in the Dardanelles, was taken at Sidou Bahr a few days before he was wounded. It shows him sitting on one of the heavy guns with which the Turkish forts on the Gallipoli Peninsula have been bombarded. A few days later he was relieved of command. The reason for this has not been published, but it was supposed the French government was not satisfied with the progress he had made.

NORTH CAROLINA MAN CLIMBS UP MONT BLANC

A. L. C. Hill, of Elizabethtown, Leads Party On First Expedition This Year, Says New York Herald.

Kinston, Aug. 14.—The Paris edition of the New York Herald tells of the first expedition of the year up Mont Blanc, led by a Kinstonian, A. L. C. Hill. Hill is a noted long-distance walker. National Guard staff captain, and when home, a cotton buyer and prominent in business circles.

The Herald says the ascent "was made under the best possible conditions." With Captain Hill was Kenneth Dawson Othley, an Englishman, and Professor Plot, of Geneva, together with three Chamoni guides. Hill crossed a crevasse in the ice fifteen feet wide on a ledge only three inches wide.

The "human toboggan" was necessary at one point, where the party slid down a slope of 400 feet. People at the hotel at Chamoni watched the daring Americans, whose home before he came to Kinston some years ago, was at Elizabethtown. The party was accompanied by a French newspaper man and his companions made the ascent. Floral tributes were purchased by the guests for the three adventurers.

Hill went to France to observe the fighting at close range, and only recently went into Switzerland.

EVANGELIST "BOB" JONES SPEAKS AT JUNALUSKA

Anheville, Aug. 14.—Rev. "Bob" Jones of Montgomery, Ala., evangelist for the Southern Methodist Church, will speak here tonight at the Bible Conference at Lake Junaluska. He will speak again tomorrow, and Rev. A. M. Bennett, of the Candler School of Theology at Atlanta, will speak here tonight. Dr. Bennett's address will end the conference. Dr. H. M. Dubois, of Atlanta, director of Vanderbilt University, and Dr. E. G. Gordon of New York, made short addresses today before leaving for their homes.

SAY POPE DEPLORES EAST PRUSSIA'S FATE

Amsterdam, Via London, Aug. 14.—What purports to be a letter of sympathy to the people of East Prussia from Pope Benedict, through the Bishop of Transburg, is printed by the Baverische Kurier, says a telegram from Munich. The letter is given as follows:

"The Holy Father deplors with sincere sympathy the sad position of the population of the Baltic provinces, who, in fact, for their loyal Christian views deserved a better fate. At the same time, the Holy Father welcomes most heartily the wonderful readiness of all Germany to make sacrifices in order to assist the stricken province. As a sign of his fatherly and loving care, he sends this gift of ten thousand marks (\$2,000) for the relief of sufferers."

MASS TROOPS AS BALKAN AFFAIRS APPROACH CRISIS

Central Powers Prepared to Rush to Assistance of Turkey

SULTAN'S FORCES NOW NEED SHELLS BADLY

Artillery Attack on Serbia Menaces Rumania; Quadruple Entente Expected to Force Way to Constantinople; Greece Still Firm, But May Change Policy; New Confidence in Allies as Russians Claim Successes

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Aug. 14.—Affairs in the Balkans are approaching a crisis. While diplomatic negotiations are proceeding in an effort to induce states still neutral to cast their lot with one side or the other, the central powers have massed troops on the Balkan frontiers. Their plan, it is supposed, is to force a way through to relieve Turkey, who is believed to be badly in need of shells.

This concentration, which has been followed by an artillery attack on Serbian positions, is equally a menace to Rumania, which again has refused to permit shells to pass through her territory to Turkey. The Rumanian army already is partly mobilized, and four new divisions of reserves now have been called out. Bulgaria has as yet made no move while awaiting the reply of the quadruple entente to her demand that Serbia and Greece concede Macedonia to her in return for her military support. This answer possibly will be forthcoming after the meeting of the former and Serbian parliaments next week.

Greece Stands Firm. The Serbians show an inclination to make some concessions to obtain the support of the former allies. Greece is more firm in her refusal, but it is believed here, there may be a change in her policy when former Premier Venizelos returns to power, although the Greek press is decidedly in opposition to him and, according to a telegram from Berlin tonight, King Constantine will offer him the premiership. The Greek press is decidedly in opposition to him and, according to a telegram from Berlin tonight, King Constantine will offer him the premiership. The Greek press is decidedly in opposition to him and, according to a telegram from Berlin tonight, King Constantine will offer him the premiership.

With an apparent improvement of the Russian situation on the eastern front, there are renewed expressions of confidence in the allied countries. The Russian claim that they are continuing to drive the Germans back from Riga and west of Dvinsk and still are keeping them away from the fortress of Kovno, which the Austrians occupy, has been renewed.

COMMITTS SUICIDE BY TAKING PARIS GREEN

Mrs. Fenner Heath Declared That She Was Tired of Married Life and Preferred Death.

Rocky Mount, Aug. 14.—Declaring that she was tired of married life and that she preferred death, Mrs. Fenner Heath, of the Mari Swamp section, near Vanceboro, on Thursday morning took her own life by swallowing a large dose of Paris green.

Following her act the deceased expressed a regret and declaring that she wanted to live, she was summoned. Valiant work was done in hopes of saving her life, but all to no avail, and she died within a short time.

Mrs. Heath had been married twice, though only for two years to her second husband, and is survived by a husband and two small children. The news of her rash act and untimely death came as a great surprise to her many friends in Vanceboro and throughout that section by whom she was held in the highest esteem.

WOODMEN TO HAVE LOG ROLLING AT MOREHEAD.

New Bern, Aug. 14.—The New Bern Camp of the Woodmen of the World will be well represented at the big log rolling which will be held at Camp Glen next Friday by the Morehead City camp of that order. Included in the program will be speeches made by prominent Woodmen, including Congressman George E. Hood and others, after which the visitors will be carried over to the beach and given a dip in the surf. There will also be drills by the various camps.

EXPLAINS SERBIA'S ATTITUDE.

London, Aug. 14.—The declaration that Serbia's attitude toward the claims of Bulgaria was clear, and that Serbia never had admitted that the Slavs in Macedonia were Bulgarian, was made today by Rostkitch, Serbian minister to London, in reply to claims recently put forward from authoritative Bulgarian sources.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES MEET.

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 14.—Delegates began arriving today for the fourteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies. The convention will begin Sunday morning with Pontifical high mass and continue until Wednesday evening. About 500 delegates will be in attendance.

BIG STORM OFF FLORIDA.

Key West, Fla., Aug. 14.—The approach of the tropical storm, which has been sweeping through the West Indies, was in evidence on the Florida coast tonight, but no serious damage to shipping has been reported. Practically all vessels are remaining in port.

1,225,000 MEN AVAILABLE FOR WAR, SAYS GEN. WOOD

Pittsburg, N. Y., Aug. 14.—The United States has plenty of material for a voluntary army of one and a quarter million men, and all that is now needed are plans for utilizing it, Major General Leonard Wood declared here today in a statement as to the preparedness of the nation for war. The chief thing needed, he said, was officers, and advanced training students in their junior and senior years, along the same lines as now are being used at the military camp of instruction here.

For an army of one and a quarter million men, General Wood said, the nation would need 40,000 officers. From these, 1500 should be chosen each year for special grades of the service. These men, he said, would be chosen from the higher grade of officers for volunteers.

General Wood also took a strong stand against waiting until time of war to organize a volunteer camp.