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## PRISON DIRECTORS CONSIDER CHANGE IN PRISON SYSTEM

Dr. E. Stagg Whitin, New York, Appears Before State Prison **Board In Session Here** 

**WOULD PUT PRISON WORK** UPON INDUSTRIAL PLANE

Expert Recommends Adoption of Schedule of Diversified Labor: Aim Is To Make Prison Self-Supporting and Contrib-

Plans for reorganization in prison adand at the same time provide for the Bushton, 76. upkeep of dependents of prisoners were presented to the State Prison Board at derwood, 604; Musgrove, 212; Weakley, its meeting here yesterday by Dr. E. 27, for long term. Stagg Whitin, of the Prison and Prison Labor Board of New York, who came to North Carolina at the invitation of the prison directors. The plan was taken under advisement and immediate steps will be taken to complete a survey of conditions here preliminary to adopting the recommendations of Dr. Whitin.

Matters of discipline among prison ers do not enter into the recommendations in any measure, but only indus-trial considerations. Dr. Whitin would adopt a schedule of labor, diversified to suit the varying abilities of prisoners to work, instead of setting men indiscrimoinately to the few forms of labor available, and bring the stand-ard of production to a point that would pay all the expenses of prison adminburdens upon their community.
On Roads and Farm.

At present the several hundred State prisoners are engaged in road building or farm work. At the central prison, there are 175 men not physically able to perform either road or farm labor, and are a liability to the prison management, according to a preliminary survey by Dr. Whitin. He finds that these men are well able to perform some sort of gainful work, and if work were provided for them, could cease to be a burden, producing nothing for their own upkeep nor of their families.

The contemplated survey will take took of every man and contemplated survey will take stock of every man and weman com-mitted to the prison, find his mental and physical limitations, and upon these findings will recommend to the board prisoners will be set to work at the thing that they are able to do, production increased, the income of the institution agamented, and the families of prisoners provided for out of their earnings. The survey will be made by the National Bureau of Hygiene, which is already engaged in a study of the facili. conditions here. If the plan is adopted, prisoners will be set to work at the already engaged in a study of the facili- national socialism."

for prisonce; in North Carolina, but not exclusively. He recommended the development of the farm along scientific lines, and the employment of modern methods of agriculture, not in the sense of entering into competition with other farmers in this section, but to provide supplies for other State in their reconvenients for under by Sweet at Albany and the poli-

The effect upon the prisoner in giving him an opportunity to work at a task agreeable to him, and in line with his abilities, and the chance to provide for his people, and for training in work that will be of advantage to him upon release, was stressed by Dr. Whitin. The plan has been tried out in many prisons that have come under the organization, of which he is the head, and

has worked admirably. Separate Institutions For Women In the experience of Dr. Whitin, women prisoners have never become an nsact to the industrial system of a prison, and he believes that separate institutions should be provided for them. He finds here, also, a condition that is encouraged in most states—the practice of sending many able-bodied prisoners to county chain-gangs, and leaving the physically unfit to be cared for by the central prison. Forty counties in the State have chain-gangs, and the other sixty are helping them to hear the responsibility of the unfit prisoners, who must be cared for at the

The North Carolina prison has been The North Carolina prison has been self-sustaining for many years, and at one time \$50,000 was taken from the prison treasury and paid into the general fund. Prisoners of the first class are paid 15 cents per day for their labor, of the second class 10 cents per day, and the others nothing. Wage earning prisoners have the option of drawing their wages or sending them to their dependents. Generally they have nothing with wages or sending them to their dependents. Generally they have nothing with which to begin their lives after discharge except a family that has been kept at public expense during their

### DREADNAUGHT LEAVES FOR KEY WEST STATION

Atlantic fleet, sailed at 6:59 o'clock onlight for Key West for possible service in Mexican waters.

Prior to her departure the Oklahoma cok abourd a detachment of 100 mar-

### UNDERWOOD AND HEFLIN LEAD IN EARLY RETURNS

Results of Alabama Democratic Primaries Slow In Coming In

Birmingham, Ala., May 11,-Incom plete and unofficial returns gathered early tonight by the Birmingham Age-Herald showed Senator Oscar W. Underwood and Representative J. Thomas Heffin leading in the races for the Senatorial nominations in the Alabama State Democratic primary.

Available figures at 9 o'clock were: ong term-Underwood, 1,331; Musgrove, 946; Weakley, 123. Short term-Ieffin, 291; O'Neal, 167; Rushton, 144;

White, 125. These results were obtained from 26 boxes in 12 of the 67 counties of the State. The length of the ballot which contained the names of candidates for the National House of Representatives ute To Support of Prisoners' from ten districts, and a number of state and local offices, together with the system of voting first and second choices delayed the roturns.

Incomplete returns from Etowah and Plans for reorganization in prison administration designed to place penal institutions on a sound financial basis Heffin, 518; White, 355; O'Neal, 179;

# DECISIVE DEFEAT

**Bitterness of Invective Feature** Debate In Convention of Socialists

New York, May 11 .- The "Red flag aternationalists' of the Socialist party of America went down to their first real istration and enough besides to keep defeat in the party's National convenfamilies of prisoners from becoming tion here today. By the decisive vote of 103 to 33 the convention crushed a "radical" declaration of principles submitted by the delegation from Illinois. which provided for the "dictatorship of the proletariat," and limitation of citizenship throughout the United States. Bitterness of invective marked the day-long debate between the "Conservative" forces of Morris Hillquit of New

York and the "Radicala" led by J. Louis A "You are afraid of the dietatorship of closing the debate on the Illinois measure. "Yet you have the dictatorship of Palmer, Wilson and Burleson. You can't fool anybody by phrases, nor can you fool anybody with the desorations of this convention hall, the American fing, the flag of Wall street and the die-

atitutions in their requirements for under by Sweet at Albany and the poli-vegetables, milk, meat, etc. a dictatorship, but that would not ex-

"Bourgeois democracy with all its shams and illusions permits in normal times decision by an honest and fair discussion. To espouse the dictatorship program would turn every such democracy into an absolute autocracy."

Discussion of the Hillquit "declaration of principles" and "platform" program will come up again tomorrow and the Illinois delegation already has served notice it intends to fight for incorporation in it of the dictatorship principles rejected by the government today.

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When the Hillquit program is introduced following action on the declaration of principles, the Illinois delegation will move adoption of a substitute program which today was placed in the hands of delegates for study pending its formal introduction on the floor of the

### TAR HEEL NURSE WEDS MINISTER IN RICHMOND

Richmond, Va., May 11.—Miss Ols Virginia Ervin, trained nurse from Mooresville, N. C., will be married here tomorrow afternoon to the Rev. Herbert S. Morgan, a few hours after he is awarded a certificate of graduation from Union Theological Seminary. The ceremony will be performed by Dr. Eugene C. Caldwell, a member of the faculty. Miss Ervin came to Richmond four very company to the control of the control of the faculty. faculty. Miss Ervin came to Richmond four years ago to enter a nurse's training school. She has been practicing her profession here since being graduated. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Ervin. Mr. Morgan is from Atlanta, Ga. He has accepted a Presbyterian pastorate charge at Keyaville, Va., and expects to enter upon his duties there after his honeymoon.

Bell Operators Entertain Mothers.

The operators of the Southern ell Telephone Company celebrated Mothers' Day Monday by having their mothers come to the office to an "At Home," the feature of the entertainment being showing the mothers over the three is partments, plant, commercial and traffic. Refreshments were sarved.

## SIMS OPPOSED TO LAYING OF NOR. **SEA MINE BARRAGE**

Daniels Charges Admiral Held Back "Bold and Vigorous" **Naval Project** 

REFUSED APPROVAL FOR PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS

After Successful Outcome of Undertaking, Admiral Then Tried To Give British Credit For Initiating Great Achievement; President Urged Preparedness

Washington, May 11 .- President Wilon's "bold and audacious" war policy for the navy was laid before the Senate naval investigating committee today by Secretary Daniels in continuing his answer to the charges made by Rear Admiral Sims against the Navy Department's conduct of the war. Mr. Daniels coupled with the presentation a counter charge that Sims himself had opposed and held back the execution of the great "bold and vigorous" naval project great "bold and vigorous" naval project against enemy submarines, the laying of the North Sea mine barrage. The President laid down his policy in person to officers of the Atlantic fleet, speaking aboard the flagship Pennaylvania, in August, 1917. He told them that he was not satisfied with progress against the submarines being made by the Allies and urged them to abandon prudence and seek audacious solution to the problem at whatever risk. He added that he was "willing to sacrifice half of the navy Great Britain and we together have," to crush enemy submarine nests. "Do not stop to think of what is prudent for a moment," he said. "You will win by the audacity of your methods win by the audacity of your methods

when you cannot win by circumspection

Admiral Sims had refused to approv e Navy Department's plan for the the Navy Department's plan for the North Sea mine barrage for aix months. Mr.Daniels told the committee. He added that after Admiral Mayo had been sent abroad to obtain the British Admiralty's agreement to the plan, Admiral Sims attempted to give the credit for the project to the British.

"Admiral Sims attempted to rob America and the United States Navy, of the credit for initiating this great schizement and to give you the im-

schierement and to give you the in-pression that it was a British project which our navy just assisted in carrying out," said Mr. Daniels. "This despite the fact that it was originated in the Navy Department, was proposed and urged by us for half a year before we could induce the British Admiralty to

approve it."

The plan was conceived, he said, in the bureau of ordnance at the Navy Department and urged on the British Admiralty for six months before it was During this time Admiral Situs constantly discouraged and opposed the idea, he added, and when Admiral Mayo was sent abroad and finally conties in the State for the care of the insanc.

Dr. Whitin finds the prison here well administered, and is pleased with the plans for the prison farm recently acquired. He believes that farming must necessarily by the primary occupation for prisoners in North Carolina, but again revolution must be studied before.

Mayo was sent abroad and finally continued the directly arraigned the scheme and the necessity for adopting the dictatorship."

"Are we scientific socialists? Are we defentific socialists? Are we defentific socialists? Are we defentific socialists? The time to get the American Navy Department's again revolution must be studied before.

Closer Comprehents Existed.

Closer Comradeship Existed The Secretary said close comradeship had existed between the American and British navies during the war, despite Admiral Sims' attempts to create the impression that there was lack of har-

mony and co-operation.

Sims' charges of unpreparedness before the war were not justified, Secretary Danie's asserted, declaring that in great margin in the navy to which July, 1915, he ordered the general board to study and recommend plans for a a way in which to use our superiority consistent and progressive develop and our strength. "consistent and progressive develop-ment." As a result of this study the policy was evolved, he said, that the United States must by 1925 have a navy equal to any other in the world. He approved this policy and the direct result was the five year building pro-gram of 1916, the Naval Secretary said, an "epoch making measure." President Wilson fully approved the policy, the witness asserted.

policy, the witness asserted.

"This is conclusive evidence that the Navy Department long before war was declared was alive to the importance of preparedne s and was taking every step toward that end" he declared.

The vision of the President, Mr. Daniels asserted, established the fact that he was "in advance of some officers, vocal now but silent then."

### FAMOUS NOVELIST DIES AT HIS NEW YORK HOME

New York, May 11.-Men prominent in the business and literary life of New York will gather at 11:30 o'clock to-York will gather at 11:30 o'clock to-morrow morning in the Church of the Ascension to pay last tribute to William Dean Howells, novelist and man of letters, who died in his sleep at his home here early today. He was in his 84th year. Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, an old friend, will officiate. In accordance with the noveliet's Grant, an old friend, will officiate.

In accordance with the novelist's wishes, his body will be cremated and the sales takes to Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Howells was in the habit of spending the winter in Savannah, Ga., and three weeks ago, while there, he caught a severe cold that developed into influenza. He was brought to this city to be near his son, John Meade Howells, architect, and his daughter, Mildred. Both were with him when he died.

### ANNOUNCE CENSUS FOR **NORTH CAROLINA TOWNS**

Washington, D. C., May 11.-Reids-ville, N. C., 5,333, increase 505 or 10.5 per cent.

Lamberton, N. C., 2,601, increase 461, pr 20.7 per cent.

President's Hitherto Unpublished War Instructions Made Public

DANIELS REFERS TO IT IN GIVING TESTIMONY

Standing On Quarterdeck of Flagship Pennsylvania On August 11, 1917, President Bade Navy "Throw Tradition To The Winds" and "Do The Thing That Is Audacious"

Washington, D. C., May 11 .- President Wilson's hitherto unpublished war instructions to the officers of the Atlantic fleet, given in person on the quarterdeck of the flagship Penusylvanin on August 11, 1917, and bidding them "throw tradition to the wind." strike the word prudent from their rocabularies and "do the thing that is sudacious to the utmost point of risk and daring" were made public here today by Secretary Daniels.

The President spoke as commander in chief of the navy and at a time when the German submarine menace was uncurbed. In laying the text of his remarks before the Senate naval investigating committee, Secretary Daniels said they showed the "bold

Daniels said they showed the "bold and vigorous" policy the President bad outlined for the navy.

"Do not stop to think what is prudent for a moment" the President said. "You will win by the audacity of method when you cannot win by circumspection and prudence.

"I think that there are willing ears to hear this in the American navy and the American army because that is the kind of folks we are.

the kind of felks we are.

Time For Assacious Things.

There will have to come a new tradition into a service which does not do new audacious and successful

things."

The President also expressed his dissatisfaction with progress then being made toward the submarine cam-

We are hunting hornets all over the farm and letting the next alone. he said. "I am willing for my purit, and I know that you are willing because I know the stuff you are made of—I am willing to sacrifice half the navy Great Britain and we together have to crush that next because if we crush it the war is won."

crush it, the war is won."

The British admiralty had met Amer ican sugestions with what amounted to statements that "it never had been

done" the President said, adding:
"And I felt like saying Well, noth ing was ever done so systematically as nothing is being done now." Ir opening his address to the offiers Mr. Wilson said:

Admiral Mayo and Gentlemen: "I have not come here with malice repense to make a speech, but I have to say some things that perhaps may be intimately said and, even though the company is large, said in confi-

An Unprecedented War. "This is an unprecedented war and, therefore, it is a war in one sense for amateurs. Nobody ever before con-ducted a war like this and therefore nobody can pretend to be a profes-sional in a war like this. Here are two great navies—not to speak of the others associated with us-our own and the British, outnumbering by a very are opposed and yet casting about for

and our strength.

New, somebody has got to think this ar out. Somebody has got to think out the way not only to fight the submarines but to do something different from whot we are doing.

"I have come here to say that I do not care where it comes from, I do not care whether it comes from the young-est officer or the oldest, but I want the officers of this navy to have the distinction of saying how this war is go-

ing to be won.

Threw Tradition to Wind.

"I am willing to make any sacrifice for that. I mean any sacrifice of time or anything clue. I am ready to put myself at the disposal of any officer in the navy who thinks he knows how to run this war. I will not undertake to tell you whether he does or not, because I know that I do not, but I will undertake to put him in communication with those who can find cut whether his idea will work or

We have got to throw tradition to

"As I have said, gentlemen, I take "As I have said, gentlemen, I take it for granted that nothing that I say here will be repeated and therefore I am going to say this: Every time we have suggested anything to the British admiralty the reply has come back that virtually amounted to this, that it had never been done that way, and I felt like mying. "Well, nothing was ever done so systematically as nothing is being done now." Therefore, I should like to see something unusual happen, something that was never done before; and in m much as the things that are being done to you were never done before, don't you think it is worth while to try something that was never done before against those who are doing them to you?

them to you?

No Time For Prudence.

"Please leave out of your vocabulary alfogether the word prudent."

Do not stop to think about what is prudent for a moment. Do the thing that is audacious to the utmost point

# FROM STATE WITH OPTIMISTIC VIEW

Delivers First and Last Speech of Campaign At Smithfield Monday

HEALTH NEVER BETTER AND HE'S FEELING FINE

No Foundation For Report That Junior Senator Not In Good Shape For Duties; Lighthouse Service Finds New Use For Seaplanes; Many Attend Baptist Convention

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., May 11 .- Return Washington this morning from Smithfield, where on yesterday he de-livered the memorial day address, Senator Lee Slater Overman finds himself more pleased with the political situation in the State than at any time since Aubrey L. Brooks, of Greens-boro, announced that he was in the field to succeed the junior Senator.

As viewed by the Senator, the situation is just as fine as it could be with anyone on the ticket against him for the nomination. He found a great many folks, especially among the Con-federate Veterans, who did not know that he had opposition and among the younger ones aware of the fact that Mr. Brooks is running he found the sentiment as much his way as he could

possibly hope for.
One of the discoveries Senator Overman made at Smithfield, where he spoke the first and last time of the ampaign, is that there is in circulation a report to the effect that his health is in bad chape. In a talk with newspaper correspondents today, he declared that he was in fine physical condition and never more fit for the arduous duties about the capitol. He attends commit tee meetings with a punctuality to be expected of a younger member and is always on the floor when the Senate

is in session.

He does not find any opposition him in North Carolina because doesn't go before the people with andorsessess of Beneior Simmons. foels that many of his warmest friends are also friends of the senior Sena-tor and does not blame Benator Simmons for not making a public state ment as he has done in other cases. New Use For Seaplanes.

light house service has just re a new departure in the inspec tion of buoys and lighted beacons. An airplane has been used for the first time in the history of the service by a North Carolinian for this purpose. Mr. W. J. Tate, keeper of the lights on North landing river and Currituck Sound along the reute of the inland waterway, reports that he recently made a trip along the river and Sound by hydroplane, flying sufficiently low to observe whether or not the lights were burning and in good condition. The bureau of light houses is very much pleased with this successful demonstration of the use of the hydroplan in making inspection of buoys and lighted beacons particularly where they extend for long distances. Mr. Tate is well known in Currituck county and has received the congratulations of the commissioner of lighthouses.

Many Carolinians In Washington. Scores of North Carolinians have already arrived in Washington for the 75th annual convention of Southern Baptists which will be formally opened at Liberty Hut tomorrow at 11 o'clock with an address from Vice President

First among the Tar Heels to arrive was J. D. Moore, of Raleigh, who is at the Raleigh hotel headquarters regis-tering the delegates. W. N. Jones and wife are here and so is Dr. W. L. Potent, of Wake Forest.
One of the most picturesque char-

one of the most picturesque char-acters of the convention and one of the first on the scene is Council Wooten, of Mount Olive, who carries his 80 years as apply as any of the younger visitors. Rev. Dr. John J. Hurt and wife, of Wilmington, are

here. A special train will arrive from Raleigh tomorrow morning. Brigadler General C. S. Drake, of the War Department, this afternoon ismed a formal order for the travel of the motor convoy of 70 trucks over the Bankhead highway beginning on June 14. The trip will be by Rich-mond and Raleigh, the schedule call-ing for arrival in Raleigh on the evening of the 17th. Colonel Bennehan Cameron, of Ral-

eigh, who has been here arranging de-tails of the trip, will have to forego the pleasure of an address to the So-ciety of the Cincinnati on June 18th, in order to make the trip, he announced tonight.

M. P. Beaman and H. Y. Scott.

secretaries of the Raleigh and Wilson Chambers of Commerce are here on the Sorth Carolina freight rate case.

### **GENERAL CONFERENCE TO ELECT NEGRO BISHOPS**

Des Moines, In., May 11.—The election of two negro bishops to be in charge of the negro churches of the Methodist of the negro churches of the Methodist Episcopal denomination was decided upon by the general conference here today. Recommendations that there be two bishops of that race were made by the committee on Episcopacy in its first report. The negro bishops will be elected on separate ballots from the white bishops.

The committee on Episcopacy also recommended the general conference that missionary bishops be abolished and their fields placed in charge of regular hishops.

## SUFFRAGE QUESTION IN

Anti-Ratificationists Take Lead By Asking For State Amendment

Baton Rouge, La., May 11 .- Both sides of the suffrage question went to the Louisiana Legislature today.

Anti-ratificationists took the lend, of

fering simultaneously in the House and Senate bills providing for an amendment to the State constitution which would give the vote to women by state enactment. Shortly afterwards Representative Shattuck of Calcasieu Parish unexpectedly introduced a rati-

fication resolution.

Both Houses adjourned without any action being taken. Inasmuch as committees cannot be appointed until next Monday the action of today was regarded as simply formal opening of the

Senator Williamson, who has charge of the ratification fight in the Senate, has announced he does not intend to introduce his bill until Monday. The first speech made in the Halls of the State House by a woman speak-

er in the campaign for ratification was heard just before adjournment, Miss Florence Huberwald, of New Orleans, head of the Louisiana Equal Rights League, declared state's rights was only an evasion of the question, the new turn of events south of the bor-'States' rights is as dead as the War der was understood to have been given of the Roses," she declared. "It is slogan and a quagmire."

Seventy-fifth Annual Convention Will Be Welcomed By The Vice-President

Washington, May 11 .- The seventyfifth annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention will be formally welcomed to the Capital tomorrow by Vice-President Marshall.

It is the first time the convention has net in Washington since 1895 and as indicating the rapid growth that has come to the denomination during the 25-year period just closed, the secre-taries of the convention have announced that on the occasion of the former convention there were 890 attendants envention there were 890 attendants enrolled as against between 7,000 and 10,000 this year; 0,907 churches reporting
as against 25,303, a total of 1,431,641
amenders on the rolls of the local
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amenders as compared with E,961,348;
while the gifts for 1895 for home asissions were \$88,000 as compared to \$1,559,000 this year. Gifts to foreign missions in 1895 totalled \$125,000, while for
1920 the contributions to this purpose 1920 the contributions to this purpose

Officers of the convention secretaries of the various boards and other prom nent leaders from all over the South are already here. Eight special trains were due tonight and early tomorrow.
Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Fort Worth,
Texas, is completing his third year as
president of the convention, and while ne man has ever held that position longer than three years it seems likely that Dr. Gambrell's name will be again W. W. Landrum, of H sellville, Ky., is also being mentioned. Birmingham and Chattanoogs are in the field for the next session of the convention.

Organization matters are expected to consume the morning session of the orening day of the convention with the the executive committee. The program for the convention is to be worked out cording to precedent the reports of the various boards and commissions constitute the first business to be considered. The progress of the work of the Edueation Board, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the foreign mission board are to be discussed and the reports of the campaign commission, which directed the Baptist \$75,000,000 drive, is to be read to the convention. Plans for the advancement of the Baptist denomination in the South are expected to occupy a large part of the con-

vention's deliberations.

Pre-convention meetings were held today by the members of the Sunday school B. Y. P. U. field forces of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the laymen's missionary movement. Ex-Governor Hooper, of Tennessee, addressed the latter conference on laymen's part in the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

## PALMER WINS IN FIRST

Atlanta, Ga., May 11 .- Resolutions declaring that Attorney General Palmer won a plurality of delegates to the Democratic State Convention in the rethat under the rules of the primary he is entitled to the Georgia delegates to the National Convention were adopted here today by the sub-committee of the State Democratic Executive committee which authorized the primary. The resolutions were signed by all

members of the sub-committee it was announced except J. J. Flynt, chairman, who stated the sub-ommittee should declare the result of the primary but should not go further than show on the face of the returns which candidate re-State convention, which meets here May 18 to elect the delegates to San Fran-

Congressman Flood, Chairman Washington, May 11.—Representative Henry D. Flood, of Virginia, was electe Heary D. Flood, of Virginia, was elected chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee tonight, vice Representative Scott Ferris, of Oklahoma, resigned. Seven vice-chairmen were also cleeted as follows: Representatives Ferris, Phelan, Massachusetts; Gandy, South Dakota; Bouse, Kentucky; Raker, California; Welty, Ohio, and Caldwell, New York.

## LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE FATE OF CARRANZA REMAINS IN DOUBT: REPORTS OF FIGHTS

Official Confirmation of Overthrow of Government Before Wilson

### REVOLUTIONISTS EXPECT TO PROTECT AMERICANS

Battleship Oklahoma Ordered To Key West For Possible Duty In Mexican Waters: Question of Recognizing New Government May Arise Soon In Washington

Washington, May 11 .- Official reports elling of the overthrow of President Carranza of Mexico were before Presideut Wilson and his cabinet today but only passing attention.

Dispatches from Navy officers and State Department representatives have all indicated thus far that assurances of protection to Americans and other foreigners had been given by victorio leaders of the revolutionary forces, and there was nothing of an emergency nature in the situation, officials indicated, that called for action by the Washington government.

The question of recognition of the new government apparently in process of formation in Mexico may arise It was reported today that plans for asking recognition were being pressed by Revolutionary leaders. No such request has yet been presented, however, and officials here believed there must be considerable developments in Mexico be-fore it would be forwarded with reasonexpectation of acceptance.

Carranga's Fate In Doubt. The fate of Carranza still remained in doubt. Official advices threw no light on his present whereabouts. He was variously reported, unofficially, as a prisoner and as a fugitive after escap from the hands of his captors.

A report tonight to Revolutionary agents here, received in a roundabout way, told of the fight between a force sent out by Gen. Candido Aguilar, son-in-law of Carranza and Juan Merigo ported to have raised the flag of revolt and after engaging Agullar near Cor-doba, to have made his way southward to join Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez, a rebel leader.

Oklahoma Sent South. The report added that Merigo and Sanchez were in pursuit of a force under Gen. Frederico Montes one of the Federal commanders said to have remaine loyal to Carranza. The superdread-naught Oklahoma was en route from New York to Key West tonight but re ports from Captain Long, commanding destroyers now distributed along the east coast of Mexico, told of no disorder. The movement of the battleships presented to the convention by his was understood to be only an additional

recautionary measure. Revolutionary agents construed the selection of Juan Sanchez Azeona as minister of Foreign Affairs in the Parliamentary organization of the revolutionary government, a post left vacant when the organization was effected April 23, as further indication that Gen. appointment of committees, election of Obregon and Gen. Pablo Gonzales for officers and the reading of the report of the executive committee. The program dency, had reached an understanding.

zales. The attitude of Manuel Palaez, throughout Carranza's administration south of Tampico, was being watched here with particular interest. The majority of reports, official and unofficial, have indicated his support of the movement that forced Carransa from power, but it was suggested that until this was confirmed he could not be eliminated from the list of potential opposers of

the new government. Wire communication with the Mexican capital has been restored but the censorship apparently has been rigidly ap-

### MINOR ENGAGEMENTS ON THE NORTHEASTERN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., May 11.-With the fate of President Carranza still in doubt, reports of a few minor engagements between Federal and Rebel forces along the northeastern border of Mexico ROUND IN CRACKER STATE reached Revolutionary headquarters to-

Carranza forces at Sabinas, Coahuila, were routed by troops under Gen. An-tonio Pruneda and after the battle a trainlend of wounded federals was sent to Piedras Negras, opposite Engle Pass,

was reported. Fighting was said to be in progress at Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas, with the Revolutionists attacking

Eight hundred laborers and their families were reported as having gath ered at Monclova, Conhuila, where they were said to be seeking protection from the menace of Carranza forces operating

in that region. Claiming the greater part of Mexico as their territory, revolutionary agents here today began their share of the long task of reconstruction which faces long task of reconstruction which faces a country torn by war for an entire decade. As the first step, Roberto Pesqueia, revolutionary financial agent in the United States announced that he was making efforts to obtain individual contracts for Mexican laborers entering the United States, instead of the collective engagements that have hitherts prevailed. Senor Pesqueira charged that exorbitant fees were being charged by labor agents on both sides of the international line.

"We shall also try to eliminate pass-

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