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Cincinnati, Ohio, May 17.—Ohio business men joined with 150 delegates from all the South Atlantic ports at a luncheon given by the chamber of commerce to the visitors at the Hotel Gibson here today in passing a resolution calling the attention of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the fact that the South Atlantic ports are not now congested as are New York and other North Atlantic ports. The resolution also offers the service of the Southern ports for expediting a greater share of the nation's important export business.

### TAKE STEADY BREA- KING HAM IN HAULING FREIGHT

Interstate Commerce Commission  
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Washington, D. C., May 17.—The Interstate Commerce Commission took its first step today toward breaking the freight blockade.

Telegraphic appeals were sent to all state railway and public service commissions, urging them to join hands with the government in lifting the burden, while the commission force of inspectors was put to work to help get accurate data respecting conditions at critical points.

Practically all the several hundred inspectors were assigned to aid in surveying traffic conditions at important points where the flow of freight traffic has stopped.

Members of the commission recognized that the present crisis would provide a real test for the new transportation act and likewise that the emergency clauses must measure up to the claims of their staunchest supporters if freight is again to be moving smoothly throughout the country.

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Motion pictures, lax laws and the liquor traffic were declared to be the fundamental causes for the prevalence of divorce in this country in the report of the committee on temperance and social service. An attack on the National Board of Governors was stricken from the report before its adoption upon the suggestion of Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Russellville, Ky.

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### TOWN OF BEULARVILLE REPORTED AS HAVING BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE

Kinston, May 17.—Delayed reports today said the major part of the business district of Beularville, a Duplin County town, was destroyed by fire Saturday. The hotel, postoffice, drug store and other buildings were consumed, with a loss of at least \$100,000, the report said. It is impossible to communicate with the town by wire. One account said the cause of the incendiary origin. Beularville is remotely located and has no fire department.

### THREE NEW STATES IN MEXICO TAKEN BY REBEL FORCES

Reported Capture of Twenty-  
Four Trains From Carranza  
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#### WASHINGTON ENCOURAGED OVER GENERAL OUTLOOK

Withdrawal of Political Rivalry  
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By State Department; Carranza  
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of Mexico

El Paso, Tex., May 17.—Confirmation of the reported capture of 24 trains and other government munitions and the flight of President Carranza by automobile with a great quantity of coins, was received today in a message from General Obregon, Revolutionists here announced.

General Obregon's message, dated May 14, corroborated previously reported details of Carranza's dash to the mountains, saying that before leaving the main body of his troops, Carranza ordered that the trains which carried the national archives should be burned, but that the Revolutionary forces prevented the entire execution of the order.

Generals Joaquin Amaro and Francisco Serrano, chief of staff, today left Trujadero, Guanajuato, with a cavalry division of 8,000 men for Mexico City, according to announcement made in Juarez by Col. R. L. Almada, chief of staff to General Eugenio Martinez, commander of operations in Chihuahua.

The movement of six thousand troops from Casas Grandes to Juarez has already begun and five hundred already have arrived in the latter town, Colonel Almada said.

THREE OTHER STATES  
OCCUPIED BY REVOLUTIONISTS

Mexico City, May 17.—Via Laredo Junction, May 17.—(By the Associated Press).—Occupation of Monterrey, Victoria and Zacatecas by the Liberal Revolutionary forces was reported at headquarters of General Gonzalez last night (Thursday). General Humberto Guerrero, commander of the Liberal Revolutionary forces, today announced that he had captured the cities of Victoria and Zacatecas, according to the reports.

Generals Biazut, Davilla, Sotomayor and Osuna, who have been holding the Monterey region for the Carranza government, are believed to be fleeing toward Matamoros with the intention of entering the United States. Gonzalez yesterday ordered military chiefs not to name new officials for collecting national funds of any government department to prevent payment to untrustworthy persons and avoid later claims by foreigners for indemnification.

WASHINGTON FINDS EVIDENCE  
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Washington, May 17.—Rafael Gonzalez withdrawal from the contest for the Presidency of Mexico reported to the State Department today, was regarded here as the best indication that leaders of the de facto government desired to eliminate the danger arising from political rivalry. Further evidence of co-ordinated action was seen in the announcement that Manuel Palaez, to whom oil producers have paid tribute for several years, had been appointed chief of military operations in the State of Tamaulipas.

Restoration of wire communication with the Mexican capital brought from the American Embassy long reports on the developments. There was no word, however, as to the fate of Carranza who has fled to the hills near Jalapa, with revolutionary troops on his trail.

The official advice were summarized by the State Department as follows: "The Mexico City press yesterday announced that trains captured from Carranza were being brought to Mexico City and that civilians who remained with the trains are being given every protection. The press stated that those who accompanied Carranza in his departure from the Mexican capital are being pursued by the Revolutionary cavalry. A circular signed by General Obregon has been published, ordering a military parade to embrace 50,000 men as participants, at Mexico City, May 24, as a demonstration of allegiance to the provisional president to be selected by the Mexican Congress on that date. The press stated that members of the Mexican diplomatic corps have been given 15 days to declare their allegiance to the new regime. Monterrey, in the State of Nuevo Leon, having been turned over without resistance to the forces of Generals Obregon and Gonzalez and all burned bridges between Nuevo Laredo and Mexico City having been restored, it was announced at Laredo Saturday that through passenger railroad service would be immediately resumed from the United States border to Mexico City."

HOUSE PASSES MEASURE  
BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE

Washington, May 17.—The \$104,000,000 legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was passed unanimously by the House today after it had been defeated by the appropriations committee to meet the objection that led to its veto last week by President Wilson.

The President in his veto message, held that Congress sought by a rider to interfere with executive functions in giving the joint congressional committee on printing supervision of government publications. The bill now goes to the Senate.

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

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Mr. Fox spoke out of order during the consideration of the conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial bill recently voted by President Wilson because of sections which attacked on the executive control. He charged the Republicans with having entered into a conspiracy before the President first called for France for the sole purpose of promoting Republican success in the coming elections.

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