

BREAK IN CARRANZA'S LINES INDICATED; REBELS WIN FIRRT PHASE OF FOUR DAY BATTLE

British Consul is Within the Carranza Line and An Effort Will Be Made to Rescue Him From Imperilled Position—French and British Warships Arrived at Vera Cruz—Americans Not in Danger.

(By Associated Press.) Mexican rebel forces apparently have won the first phase of the battle against troops still loyal to President Carranza, which have been fighting in a desperate battle near San Marcos, in the state of Puebla, for the past four days.

Advice from Vera Cruz indicate a break in the Carranza lines and an effort on the part of the president's men to break through the rebel lines and march northward. The struggle still continues and new rebel reinforcements are reported to have reached the scene coming from the south.

An international incident may be foreshadowed by the fact that W. A. Bode the British consul at Vera Cruz is in the camp of Carranza. Advice give no details as to the reason for his presence but it is probable he accompanied the president in his flight from Mexico City.

No Americans in Danger. Washington, May 14.—A statement issued by the state department today said there was nothing in any of the department's advices from any sections of Mexico to indicate that Americans were in danger.

HERBERT HOOVER IS FOR THE OPEN SHOP Is Principle of Individual Freedom, He Asserts.

Washington, May 14.—The principle of individual freedom requires the open shop, Herbert Hoover declared in testifying before the senate labor committee today at a hearing on proposed legislation for the settlement of industrial unrest.

Missouri Democratic Senator Opens Debate on Proposed Peace Resolution in the Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—President Wilson's position on the league of nations issue was attacked by Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, today when he urged the adoption of the Republican peace resolution.

Metal Workers Demand Increase of 40 Per Cent of Daniels.

Washington, May 14.—Demand of the metal trades workers in all Atlantic coast navy yards and government shipyards for a wage increase of approximately 40 per cent was announced here yesterday by representatives of the workers following a conference with Secretary Daniels.

MAIL WITH NO STAMPS.

Postoffice Permits Money Payments on First Class Matter.

MAY MOBILIZE COOTIE FOR WAR

London, April 28.—Mobilization of the mosquito, the house-fly, the louse and various other disease-carrying pests for the dissemination of deadly germs in enemy territory is a possibility of "the next war" pictured by Professor Maxwell Lefroy, a scientist.

"I foresee the mosquito from Brazil starting a yellow fever in new lands, the house-fly, duly infested with cholera, dysentery or enteric and the typhus-laden louse doing their deadly work much more effectively than spies poisoning wells," said Professor Lefroy in a recent address.

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PETITION RELEASE OF EUGENE V. DEBS

Committee From Socialist Convention in Wash'ton WANT OTHERS FREED

Delegation Specially Named Sees Attorney General Palmer, Will See Baker Endeavor to See President.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, May 14.—The release of Eugene V. Debs, the socialist party's nominee for president, and all other political prisoners was asked in a petition presented to Attorney General Palmer today by a committee appointed at the Socialist national convention in New York when Seymour Stedman, the party's nominee for vice-president, was chairman.

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Additional hospitals are soon to be erected. Louisville is to build one at a cost of \$400,000; in Alabama, a \$250,000 hospital is to be constructed and in North Carolina \$100,000 has been raised and the city which obtains the right for the hospital will add \$200,000; Lynchburg, Va., is also planning to build one.

Difficulties in getting the Bible before the world was laid before the convention by Frank H. Mann, secretary of the American Bible society.

Operations of the home mission board of the Southern Baptist convention have been practically doubled during the last year, Dr. B. D. Gray, secretary, reported today to the 75th annual session of the convention.

Underwood and Hefflin Elected.

County Supts. Adjourn.

KILLING AT SOLDIERS HOME

Spanish-American War Veteran Shoots and Kills Veteran of the Civil War.

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THE T. P. A.s HERE FOR CONVENTION

Large Number of Business Men Here in Convention.

FIRST SESSION TODAY

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the North Carolina division of the Travelers Protective Association of America, opened in the Community building this morning at 10 o'clock.

The convention immediately got down to business and with the necessary committees named and the formalities disposed of the next several hours were given to the transaction of business.

Tomorrow there will be two sessions, the first in the forenoon at 9 o'clock and the second in the afternoon at 3.

The association met in Salisbury a few years ago and many of the visitors of today were here then.

CHEAPER MEN'S CLOTHING SEEN

Assertion Made That England is Ready to Sell Goods to American Merchants Far Less Than Price Now Paid.

New York, May 14.—England is ready to sell American merchants men's clothing, all wool, that can be retailed at a 20 per cent profit at little more than half those now asked here.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE IS LAGGING

Number of New Committees Were Appointed in Hopes of Reviving Interest in the Work and Putting it Over.

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Cotton Consumed in April.

EXTRAVAGANCE! BAH!



Mile. Sorel

PARIS—French women rebuked Mile. Sorel, the French ambassador, when he appeared in a play recently, wearing a \$10,000 gown.

DANIELS SUBMITS PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

War Time Declarations of President Wilson Made Public—Daniels Stands in Danger of Reprimand.

Washington, May 14.—White House officials said today that the war time address of President Wilson to the American fleet and his message to Admiral Sims had been said before the Senate naval investigating committee without the full consent and approval of the President.

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PROPOSED MARRIAGE REJECTED

Miss Mary White, of Chicago, Took Advantage of Leap Year, Rejected, Shoots Self.

Chicago, May 14.—Miss Mary White last night shot herself after her leap year proposal was rejected by Joseph Keller, a friend of several years standing.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Young Georgia Woman Said to Have Several Living Husbands and Is Now in Jail.

BICKETT FOR TAX REFORM IN AND OUT OF OFFICE

Points Out "Deep and Black Damnation" of System.

IS BRUTALLY INJUST

Ship by Truck Week in N. C. Proclaimed by Gov.

O. Max Gardner to Speak in Raleigh On May 17th—Tax Commissioners Report Will Be Ready Soon—Special Session About 10th of July.

(By Max D. Abernethy.)

Raleigh, May 14.—Governor Bickett has issued a statement pointing out the injustice and the "deep and black damnation" of the present tax system, and serves notice that in office and out of office he intends to "fight this tyranny and injustice until it is wiped off the statute books of North Carolina forever and forever."

"I have just received a letter from one of the best citizens in North Carolina who lives in one of our most progressive counties. In the letter he says:

"I have a niece whose husband left her, as he thought, in comfortable circumstances. He left her a home and several thousand dollars in cash which she has loaned out at 6 per cent. She pays four and a quarter per cent regular town, county and state taxes. Please tell me how she is to live and greatly obliged."

"The state of North Carolina says to this widow whose husband by hard work and self denial saved up several thousand dollars for her protection after he had passed away:

"The state forbids you to make more than six dollars on the hundred on what your husband left you and his orphan children. You may not make that much. You may make a band loan, but if you keep all your money out all the time and collect all the interest promptly, then out of every six dollars that you collect you must turn over four dollars and twenty-five cents to the state, town and county, and you may keep \$1.75 for the support of yourself and children."

"The cruel tyrannical, brutal injustice, the deep and black damnation of such a tax system so outrageous every instinct of decency, every pulse beat of humanity, every rule of reason and common sense that even a governor finds it hard to discuss the subject in terms permitted by the rules and regulations of the church.

"Such a law gives the lie to every pretense that we maintain a Christian civilization and brands with infamy our vaunted Southern chivalry, for we are crucifying the widows and orphans of the land with a law that no set of men would submit to for thirty seconds. If the general assembly should dare to enact a law taking from every man in the state \$2.45 out of every \$6.00 in the law permits him to make hell world break loose in North Carolina. I want it distinctly understood that in office and out of office, in sunny or in stormy weather I propose to fight this tyranny and injustice until it is wiped off the statute books of North Carolina forever and forever.

"Under the Revaluation act in the very county from which this letter comes the tax rate will be reduced from four and a quarter to one per cent if not less. Then out of every six dollars that this widow collects she will pay one dollar to the state, town and county and have five dollars left for the support of herself and children. And surely this is enough. An income tax of sixteen and two-thirds per cent without allowing any exemptions is certainly enough to require any class of citizens to pay.

In this connection it was learned today from members of the State Tax Commission that their report will be completed by the first of July, and therefore the special session of the Legislature will, in all probability, be called by the governor about the tenth or the fifteenth of that month.

Announcement is made here today that O. Max Gardner, of Shelby, lieutenant governor and candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will speak in Raleigh on Monday night, May 17. He is the second of the candidates to appear here, Cameron Morrison having addressed the voters of Raleigh two weeks ago.

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