

NEW REVOLUTION MAY BREAK OUT ANY MOMENT TO FURNISH SEVEREST TEST CARRANZA ADMINISTRATION HAS FACED

Blanquet and Felix Diaz Unite to Attempt Overthrow of Government at Mexico City—Word of Hostilities Expected at Washington—Ambassador Confident First Chief Will Be Able to Overcome Any Situation Arising—Diplomats Regard Union as Strong One and Apt to Give President Trouble—Two Strong Figures in Southern Republic Aim at Latin-American Dictator's Undoing.

New York, April 4.—First word of an outbreak of hostilities by the Diaz-Blanquet faction in Mexico against the Carranza government may be received at any hour, according to Roberto Gayon, secretary to General A. Blanquet. He expects to get into communication with Blanquet to learn further details of the anti-Carranza campaign.

Severe Test For Government.

Washington, April 4.—That the Carranza government in Mexico may be facing the severest test of its tumultuous term is the belief in diplomatic quarters here in the wake of news of a proposed revolutionary movement headed by General Blanquet and Felix Diaz.

The Mexican ambassador here is confident Carranza will be able to cope with any development of the Blanquet-Diaz union.

Businessmen Aid the Returned Soldiers

Washington, April 4.—Generous cooperation with the Government in its efforts to provide employment for returned soldiers and to stimulate business by putting under way at once necessary home-building and public-works construction, is reported by Frank Pollay, a speaker for the Information and Education Service of the Department of Labor, who has been making an extended trip through Central States.

Businessmen in general show a willingness to get construction work under way at once, and are anxious to take care of their returned soldiers.

New Germany Has Almost Hopeless Legacy Trouble

By Frank J. Taylor (United Press Staff Correspondent) Berlin, Mar. 20 (By Mail).—Germany's infant republic was born with no silver spoon, unless liberation from militarism and kaiserism can be interpreted in that way. The new republic begins with the most hopeless legacy of troubles that any nation ever faced.

No interwoven and tangled are the problems which the new republic's cabinet is undertaking and struggling against, while new ones rise constantly, that the words of a German, who said, "There's not a man in all Germany who sees at one time more than half of the maze of dangers that might explode and overthrow the state," are true.

Big Job. It is hard enough to change the form of government when times are running smoothly, and when all parties agree to it. It is hard enough to begin a republic where no government existed at all before. The Germans find their task made far more difficult by the reason that their country was completely reorganized, and the new regime has to answer immediately for all the deluge of failures and mistakes of the old.

Germany today can be visualized perhaps as a popper full of pop-corn most of which has popped, but some of which has not and is still going off. Each explosion shakes the whole mass. This unstable state is held together only by the walls of arms that still surround it, for many are they who would like to escape from the burden.

Not Confidence. Germany's new government is tackling the problems with optimism and hope—confidence is hardly pos-

CLARK WANTS LANE BILL TO RECLAIM LAND PUT THROUGH

Would Have Hundred Millions Appropriated for Farms for Soldiers — Wants South American Trade Boosted

(By the United Press) Washington, April 4.—Finding work for the returning soldiers and demobilized war workers should be the first task of the next Congress, retiring Speaker of the House Champ Clark says. He announces that he will advocate passage of Secretary of the Interior Lane's bill appropriating \$100,000,000 to reclaim swamp, arid and cutover lands and immediate passage of legislation to increase the United States' trade with South and Central America.

YANKS REACH PORT.

Boston, April 4.—The first contingent of New England's famous 26th Division arrived here today on the transport Mount Vernon.

LENINE'S PROPOSAL ULTIMATUM, IS WAY GOOD ROADS CLUB; PARIS REGARDS IT TO HOLD MEETINGS

Fixes Time Limit—Allies Will Come to Terms or He "Will Not Abstain" From Negotiations With Germans

(By the United Press) (Copyright by the United Press) Paris, April 4.—Premier Lenine's informal peace proposal to the Allies is virtually an ultimatum, it is learned from an authoritative source. The Russian bolshevik leader is known to have suggested a time limit for acceptance of his offer beyond which he would not undertake to abstain from consideration of Chancellor Scheidemann's proposal as conveyed to Foreign Minister Trotsky. The time limit is understood to be a matter of only a few weeks.

Revolution Fails. Paris, April 4.—The Sofia correspondent of Le Matin reports that extremist socialists at Varna have attempted a bolshevik movement. The town was immediately occupied by British troops, who declared martial law. Varna is an important Bulgarian port on the Black Sea, 250 miles east of Sofia.

THOMAS CASE COMES TO NAUGHT; SIX ACQUITTED

Magistrate Foscoe Hears Seven Springs Matter—Farm Tenant Who Disappeared and Came Back Prosecuting Witness.

The six defendants in the Edward Thomas case were acquitted after a hearing before Magistrate K. F. Foscoe here Thursday. Thomas, 60, Seven Springs farm tenant who disappeared following an alleged assault upon him some weeks ago, was present to testify, having returned from West Carolina, where he was located after a lapse of several weeks.

Thomas said he heard an automobile stop in front of his place and some one shout an epithet at him. He went out with a gun and was disarmed by the defendants and beaten over the head, he testified. The defendants said Thomas was in the road before their car and threatened them with the gun, and that while they talked with him one of the party got in his rear and disarmed him. Their testimony was borne out by one witness for the State. Thomas was the only witness to testify that he was actually struck. He had forgotten some incidents connected with the affair, he said.

Thomas is supported by officials here to be of unsound mind. The defendants in the case were Billie Barwick, Sr., Billie Barwick, Jr., Ben. Frank, McArthur, Walter Barwick, LeRoy Price and Herbert Barwick.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press) RECORD MONTH.

Washington, April 4.—March broke all monthly records for the amount of Federal aid given road projects under the Federal road act since its passage, the Department of Agriculture announces.

EARLY ACTION DEBS' CASE.

Washington, April 4.—Presidential action on application for a respite for Eugene V. Debs, convicted and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for violation of the espionage law, will be prompt, it was indicated today.

Grand Canyon Must Go to Work, He Says

Phoenix, Ariz., April 3.—The Grand Canyon of the Colorado, long a nationally famous pleasure ground, like Niagara must go to work. That is the edict of James McGirand, chief engineer of the Grand Canyon Water Development Company who has completed engineering details of a \$12,000,000 project to make the turbulent waters supply all of Arizona's power demands.

Cause of Better Highways Becomes More and More Popular

CONFERENCES CONTINUE

Falling Creek Rally Saturday Night—Big LaGrange Delegation Brings Good News to Chamber of Commerce.

Advocates of good roads in Woodington Township went the county one better in organizing a township "good roads club" at Woodington School recently.

When they met with a Chamber of Commerce committee and talked over the proposed bond issue of \$2,000,000 they at once decided they would take hold of the matter in earnest, and proceeded to organize the club. E. H. Waller was elected president and W. D. Ecton secretary. A program for vigorous prosecution of the campaign under the direction of the club was arranged, and the members will hold meetings in the township next week at the following places and dates:

Woodington School, Tuesday, April 8, 7:30 p. m.

Oak Grove School, same date and hour.

McGowan's School, Thursday, April 10, 7:30 p. m.

Lynwood School, same date and hour.

Waller's School, Friday, April 11, 7:30 p. m.

Old time applies in each case.

Some citizens of the county well-informed as to the proposed issue and able to explain any point in question will be present at each of these meetings. Everybody interested is cordially invited to be present, and ladies especially.

Meeting at Falling Creek.

A rally will be held at Jesse Stanley's store, in Falling Creek Township, Saturday night at 8 o'clock, old time, for discussion of the bond issue. All the voters of the community are invited to attend and join in the discussion. There will be those present who are familiar with the facts and who will answer any question that may be asked.

LaGrange Delegation Here.

A party of 30 or 40 LaGrange citizens called upon the Chamber of Commerce's Good Roads Committee here Thursday afternoon and an enthusiastic conference was held. The Moseley Hall men brought reports of the proposition's popularity in the township and carried away assurances that throughout the county doubtful ones are turning to the cause of permanent highways. LaGrange will benefit greatly if the issue carries.

Mayor J. E. Jones headed the delegation from LaGrange. The conferences at rural points between Chamber of Commerce workers and planters and country merchants continued Thursday and Friday with "great good luck" in all instances, according to the campaigners.

Every Member Canvass Southwest Christian Church Next Sunday

An every member canvass will be conducted at the Southwest Christian Church Sunday, April 6. Plans have been made by Pastor S. W. Samrell and the members to have dinner on the ground following the morning services and to take up the canvass work.

This plan is in accord with the general plan of the Christian churches throughout the country to raise a united budget for all the activities of the church is engaged in. Instead of following the old plan of setting aside a day for Foreign Missions, another for Home Missions and so on, the one appeal will be made for these causes, the local expenses, the benevolences and all purposes of the church.

A similar program will be carried out at the Armenia Church on the third Sunday in April.

(Buy War-Savings Stamps)

GOVERNOR REFUSES TIME FOR FREEDOM OF PHILIPPINES IS AT HAND, HE SAYS

Has Shamefully Abused Opportunities, Says Bickett—Sold Whisky While at Liberty Under Stay Execution.

Governor Bickett has declined to pardon Thad. Tyndall, notorious bootlegger serving two years on the Lenoir County roads.

In refusing Tyndall's petition for a pardon the executive states that he has deep sympathy for the man's family but that it is "high time" for him to learn that he "cannot violate the law with impunity."

The Governor's statement follows: "This defendant was convicted for violating the laws of the State. He now makes application for a pardon, which is signed by a large number of representative citizens for whose character and judgment I have great respect.

"But under the cold facts of the case I am compelled to decline this petition. It appears that the defendant was convicted in three or four cases at the same term of court and the presiding judge suspended judgment, whereupon the defendant continued, with little interruption, to make and sell liquor. When brought before the court he was sentenced to two years on the roads, and was granted a stay of execution to gather his crops and make provision for his family. Pending this stay of execution he resumed the business of selling whisky, according to his own admission. He has back of him a notorious reputation as a bootlegger. He has shamefully abused the opportunities given him to reform, and although I deeply sympathize with his wife and children it is high time for this defendant to learn that he cannot violate the law with impunity."

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY TUESDAY, APRIL 22

All Boxes at Courthouse—Entrance Fees of \$2 and \$5—Candidates Must Qualify Before 9 P. M. on 19th.

The City Democratic Executive Committee Thursday night set April 22 as the date for the primary to nominate candidates for municipal offices. Candidates for the mayoralty and 10 aldermanic places are to be chosen. These, barring the remote possibility of Republican opposition or opposition by independent candidates, will be formally elected in May.

In the primary all voting will be done at the Courthouse. There will be a separate box for each ward. The amended charter provides for five wards instead of three as in the past.

The Board of Aldermen next Monday night will make provisions for the election next month, naming a polling place in each ward, it is presumed, etc.

Candidates will be required to qualify before 9 p. m. Saturday, April 19. The entrance fee will be \$5 for mayoralty aspirants and \$2 for would-be aldermen, to be deposited with F. S. B. Harper, chairman of the executive committee.

The committee named K. F. Foscoe registrar and Herman F. Law and Lonnie Buck pollholders for the primary.

Any Democrat legally registered now or who may register before the primary may vote in the primary.

AMERICA'S IMMORTALS

RAY C. DICKOP, First Lieutenant, 127th Infantry.

Lieut. Dickop (deceased) was decorated for extraordinary heroism in action in the attack on Fismes, France, in August of 1918. On reaching Chezeilles farm, he was shot in the head, body and legs. Although fatally wounded, when orders came for another assault he gave the command "charge" to his company and led the assault until he fell dead. Miss Lena Schiller, his aunt, lives in West Bend, N. C.

BUY VICTORY BONDS.

Baker Tells Natives Existing Relations Only Formalities

BIG DELEGATION CALLS

Forty Representative Natives Ask for Islands' Independence — Loyal to Great Friend of the Little Countries

(By the United Press) Washington, April 4.—The time for the Philippines' independence has substantially come, Secretary of War Baker told the Filipino mission here seeking self-government. The day is close at hand when this will be formally accomplished, Mr. Baker told the mission, describing existing relations as being merely formalities.

This, he added, is the view of the President. He read a letter from the President to the mission which expressed pride in the support the Filipino people had given the United States.

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COTTON. Futures quotations Friday were: Open. Close. May 25.70 25.70. July 23.54 23.38. October 21.38 21.30. Local receipts to 3 o'clock were comparatively heavy, prices ranging from 26-27 1-2 downward.

Queer Bits of News From Across Seas; Odd Briefs

(By the United Press) London.—A white armet, warning drivers of vehicles that the wearers are unable to hop about quickly amidst traffic, is now worn by ex-soldiers crippled in the war.

Lille, France.—The first factory to be reconstructed in the Lille region is the Lille Cotton Works, just starting business here.

London.—A campaign against the theatre ticket speculator has been started here. Chas. E. Cochran, who owns a chain of theatres, announces that the best tickets for his shows are only procurable at the box office.

Geneva.—That Enver Pasha has become possessed of \$30,000,000 during the war, and that Djemal Pasha has \$15,000,000 in Swiss banks, as well as \$2,500,000 in Stamboul, is the charge made in a Constantinople dispatch. Talat Pasha and Rechid Bey are also said to have accumulated millions while in office.

London.—Maj. Richard Lloyd-George, son of the Premier, just demobilized, has been appointed director of A. B. Brown, McFarlane & Co., naval architects and marine engineers, of Glasgow, London, and New York.

Berlin.—That Trotsky ensures his own safety by paying his guards \$12,500 a month for officers, and \$30 per hour during fighting for soldiers, is alleged by refugees from Russia.

Vienna.—As a means of refilling the depleted Austrian treasury, Parliament is considering the establishment here of a casino, on Mont Carlo lines.

Bordeaux, France.—American troops, stationed here, were called out to suppress a mutiny in a local girls' reformatory. A fire hose proved efficient artillery, and the drenched mutineers surrendered.

PRESIDENT HAS TO ACCOUNT OF COLD

Condition is Not Serious, Physician Cables White House

BELGIUM'S CLAIMS UP

Early Consideration of Nation's Wishes — Colonel House Substitutes for Wilson at Session of Big Four

(By the United Press) Paris, April 4.—President Wilson suffering from a severe cold, necessitating his temporary absence from all conferences. It is announced, however, that prompt treatment is expected to effect his quick recovery.

The big four met at the Paris "white house" today, Colonel House representing the President. King Albert of Belgium, who conferred yesterday with the President, Premier Clemenceau and President Poincare, was invited to the meeting. It is expected that Belgium's claims for priority in the matter of reparation will be given official consideration immediately and that Belgian territorial questions will be considered simultaneously with the problems connected with Germany's western and eastern boundaries.

Not Very Sick. Washington, April 4.—President Wilson was taken ill with a severe cold last night and is confined to his bed, Admiral Grayson, his private physician, cabled the White House this morning. Grayson added that there was no need for worry over the President's condition.

NEW OUTBREAK IN THE ESSEN REGION

Zruich, April 4.—A revolution has broken out in the Essen district, according to advices received here. Further disorders are reported at Hamm (Westphalia), Dortmund and Dusseldorf.

Founding Given to Police, They Give it to a Neighbor Lady

A wee girl, apparently not over a week old, was turned over to the police Friday by Calvin Willis of North Kinston, at whose home it was found during the day. She was wrapped in garments of no expensive goods, and the presumption is that necessity drove the baby's mother to part with her. The founding turned up in broad daylight.

Now, what could they do with a baby girl at the police station, where there is no matron or anything of the kind? What to do with Little Ethel, or whatever her name should be didn't remain a puzzle long, however. Mrs. Thomas Conway, wife of the jailer, stepped in and took the youngster away from that rough outfit. She is doing nicely, thank you.

Mrs. Conway intend to keep her? Not if she can help it, for the very good reason that she has as many of her own as she wants to manage. But little Genevieve isn't going out in the cold or wet yet.

The baby was found by Mr. Willis when he went to his home at noon. There was no one at the house at the time, Mrs. Willis being away, and the kiddie had the whole establishment to herself.

BUY WAR-SAVINGS STAMPS.