

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES PREVENT MAY DAY OUTBREAKS

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS HAVE THROWN STEEL RING AROUND MEXICO CITY

Instead of the Steel Ring Carranza Promised to Have Around Sonora, the Seceding State, the Revolutionists Have Captured Many Mexican Cities - Summary of Situation in Mexico by General Villareal.

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, May 1.—Mexico is honeycombed with revolution and instead of the "steel ring" of soldiers President Carranza of Mexico announced would be put around Sonora, the first state to secede from his administration, the rebels have been a "steel ring of revolutionary soldiers about Mexico City, and in every state except one," General A. L. Villareal said here today in making public what he termed the accomplishments of the revolution in less than one month. General Villareal came here from El Paso to discuss the revolutionary situation with General P. Elias Calles, commander of the revolutionary forces in the northwest. For three hours yesterday he held a telegraphic conference from military headquarters here with Governor Adolfo de la Huerta at Hermosillo, concerning the growth of the movement. General Villareal formerly was constitutional governor of Nuevo Leon and military governor of the state of Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas and Coahuila. He was president of the Agrus Calientes convention which selected Carranza to be president of Mexico. General Villareal and General Calles summarized the revolution as follows: Sonora—first state to revolt under its constitutional governor, Adolfo de la Huerta. Whole state in arms with General Calles, commander of the army of the northwest at Agua Prieta. Governor de la Huerta, commander in chief protempore, of the liberal constitutional army until governors of states speaking an meet and name commander of revolutionary forces pending election of provisional president of Mexico. State entirely free of Carranzistas. Sinaloa—provincial Governor, Florescano de La Vega, named by de La

TO CONSIDER UNION WITH N. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Quadrangular Conference M. E. Church Opens In Des Moines - Fourteen Nations Represented - Will Consider Joint Session With Methodist Episcopal Church, South. DES MOINES, May 1.—The quadrangular conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church opens here today to continue through May. Bishop Joseph Berry, of Philadelphia, presided at the opening session. Fourteen nationalities were represented and there were 41 women among the 850 delegates eligible to the conference. One-half of the delegates are ministers and the other laymen. One of the questions to come before the gathering will be the unification with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Other questions to come before the gathering include the carrying forward of the enlarged program of world-wide work, discussion of proposed changes in the discipline relative to amendments and a proposal to unite all the missionary and charitable activities of the church. Preliminary to the general conference the national board of control of the Epworth League held its annual session. Reports showed a membership of 700,000 was represented. Decision was reached to name a secretary for Mexico and to request that Bishop A. W. Leonard, of San Francisco, be retained president.

BANKERS CONTINUE TO STRESS CONSERVATIVE FINANCING

NEW YORK, May 1.—Drastic liquidation of securities and commodities during the week again was primarily traceable to world-wide scarcity of capital, as attested by further credit contraction at home and abroad. The petition of the government for a reopening of the United States blood case, the Mexican situation and the proposed heavy tax on war profits were foremost among other developments which expressed the markets' frequent moods of pessimism. Foreign state banks took their cue from the British and French institutions in advancing discounts and in the domestic field the strain extended to private banks in various sections of the country. Western manufacturers of automobiles and accessories entered a vigorous protest against the refusal of banks to advance funds for the promotion of their business, the latter contending that such operation did not constitute "essential credits" as proscribed by the federal reserve board. Trade conditions continued fundamentally sound by the railroad strike, with its attendant freight tie-up of fuel and raw materials again materially reduced production in many leading lines of industry. Bankers continued to elaborate on the increasing need of conservative financing and numerous projects and enterprises, including several railroad underwritings in quest of capital encountered unexpected opposition or delay. Local and New England banks reported smaller offerings of merchants' paper.

SECRETARY MEREDITH COMING FOR FARM CONVENTION

RALEIGH, May 1.—The North Carolina Farmers' and Farm Women's convention will be held in Raleigh August 25, 26 and 27, according to an announcement just issued by Clarence Pate, president and W. F. Pate, secretary, who say that the program as already arranged promises to make this year's convention the greatest ever held in the state. The list of speakers soon to be announced is headed by Hon. Edwin T. Meredith, secretary of agriculture, and includes other men of national prominence.

BIG FREIGHT SHIPMENT ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER

ST. LOUIS, May 1.—Six barges carrying approximately 5,000 tons of merchandise cleared from St. Louis for Memphis and New Orleans today, being river men said, the largest river shipment of freight since the revival of large traffic on the Mississippi in 1918. It was said 250 freight cars would have been required had it been sent by rail. Five of the barges started for New Orleans with freight for trans-shipment to Europe and South America.

ANTI-OVERALL CLUBS ARE NOW BEING ORGANIZED

FOLIANSBEE, W. Va., May 1.—The workers of Foliamsbee announced today that they had organized an "anti-overall club" and had adopted resolutions condemning what was termed the "overall craze." Members of the organization pledged themselves to encourage the overall club movement, and if possible, to prevent any person "who does not work" from wearing denim.

WOOD LEADS BY 1,207

NEWARK, N. J., April 30.—Comptroller and special agents in the New Jersey preferential presidential primary gave Major General Leonard Wood a lead of 1,207 votes over Senator Hiram W. Johnson. The vote stood: Wood 22,028; Johnson 21,101.

STRONG POLICE AND SOLDIER GUARD ON DUTY IN BIG EASTERN CITIES

Entire Police Force of 11,000 Men In New York On Duty - All Public Buildings Closely Guarded as Well as Terminals and Bridges - Police Attend Meetings of Radicals - Holidays Declared in Many Industrial Centers.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The dawn of May Day found many cities in the east under strong police and military guard in anticipation of possible acts of violence by radicals. In New York city, where William J. Flynn, chief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, directed operations, the entire police force of 11,000 men were on duty; soldiers at Governor's Island were armed with 100 rounds of ammunition and held in readiness for instant duty; arrangements were made to mobilize the New York state guard in case of necessity and a hundred posts of the American Legion agreed to report at police stations should an emergency arise. All public buildings here were closely guarded and guards were stationed at railway terminals, bridges and the homes of prominent men. Detectives were perched on the roofs of skyscrapers. Department of justice agents swarmed through certain sections of the city where radical agitators are known to have their headquarters. One hundred meetings of radicals were to be held here during the day under police protection and scrutiny. At Hartford, Conn., infantrymen of the first Connecticut guard regiment patrolled the state capital, the bridge over the Connecticut river, the state armory and various municipal buildings. The guardsmen were summoned hurriedly for duty early today following reports made to Colonel Charles W. Ruggles that the public and state buildings were to be blown up. Seven men were under arrest at Scranton, Pa., two of whom were said by department of justice agents to be organizers and leaders of the communist party in America. The government officers claimed they tipped a May Day plot in the bud by the arrests last night. In Pittsburgh, Woonsocket, R. I., and other cities, May Day proclamations and posters, purporting to come from the communist party, were seized. The proclamations urged workers to "strike for the release of political and industrial prisoners." In several towns, patriotic observances were held to offset possible activities of extremists. The day was made a holiday in Paterson, N. J., by proclamation of Mayor Van Noort and mills and places of business were closed. Newcastles, Pa., planned an "American Day" parade, at which only the Stars and Stripes were to be permitted in the procession.

SPECIAL CARE TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Forewarning by the department of justice, made responsible for the maintenance of order in every city and industrial center, was prepared today to act as the first sign of any disorder instigated by radical elements. While reports continued to arrive that communist agitators were still doing all in their power to arouse workers to a "May Day show of power," only today no instance of violence had come from any source. Assistant Attorney General Garvan expressed the opinion that the precautionary tactics had materially improved the order of the radical leaders.

NINE BILLS IN CONFERENCE BETWEEN SENATE AND HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Nine bills, including five of the annual appropriation measures, now are in conference between the senate and house, setting what some officials say is a record. A tenth measure, that for water power development, has just been agreed upon and is awaiting final action by the senate and house. The money measure in conference are the naval, river and harbor, fortification, agricultural and diplomatic and consular. The other bills are those relating to army reorganization, army and navy pay, railroad deficiency and civil service reorganization. The house today began consideration of the money bill, the first of the thirteen annual appropriation measures. The hope of passing it today, the house had 22-20 votes earlier this month. And any party in investigation and the house 22-20 to have a conference with the senate today.

WOULD CREATE FEDERAL WATER POWER COMMISSION

Commission Composed of Secretaries of War, Agriculture and Interior Would Have Authority Over all Matters Pertaining to Development of Water Power in Which Federal Government Has Jurisdiction.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—Described by Chairman Jones of the senate committee on legislation affecting every citizen of the United States, the water power bill as agreed upon in conference would create a federal water power commission, composed of the secretaries of war, agriculture and interior. This commission would have authority over all matters pertaining to the development of water power in which the federal government has jurisdiction or in which it is interested as an owner of lands or other property necessary to such projects. The commission may issue preliminary permits allowing applicants three years in which to make examinations of water power projects, prepare plans and make financial arrangements. The commission also may issue licenses for a period of fifty years for expiration of the preliminary permits or it may reserve such projects as should be undertaken by the federal government. Preference must be given by the commission to states and municipalities if they are equally adapted to utilize water resources. The bill also would encourage the building of local water storage reservoirs to equalize power production, prevent floods, and obtain water for irrigation purposes after being used for generation of power. Provision is made for construction of locks in canal dams in navigable streams so as to obtain navigation into the upper reaches of rivers. At the expiration of the 50-year