

REBEL FORCES VICTORIOUS OVER CARRANZA TROOPS

International Incident May Be Foreshadowed In Presence of W. A. Body, British Consul For Vera Cruz, In Camp of Carranza - Mexican Naval Lieutenant May Go to His Rescue.

(By The Associated Press)

Mexican rebel forces have apparently won the first phase of the battle against troops still loyal to President Carranza...

The struggle is still continuing, and new reinforcements are reported to have reached the scene, coming up from the south.

An international incident may be foreshadowed by the fact that W. A. Body, British consul for Vera Cruz, is in the camp for President Carranza.

British and American authorities in Vera Cruz have arranged for a Mexican naval lieutenant to go by special train to the battlefield and make an attempt to rescue the imperiled Englishman.

French and British warships have made their appearance in the harbor of Vera Cruz and four American fighting vessels are at anchor there.

Negotiations for the surrender of Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Tex., are under way and it is expected the Carranza forces there will surrender without fighting today.

21 WOULD-BE MOTHERS CLAIM BABY BOY

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 14.—A two weeks' old baby boy, deserted on a doorstep in Brooklyn, waited in a foundling hospital today for the courts to decide which of 21 would-be mothers should adopt him.

Mrs. Eva Phillips on whose doorstep the child was left, hurried to a Brooklyn police station with him late yesterday, closely pursued by 20 of her neighbors, all of whom clamored for possession of the child.

"He's mine," she insisted. "I found him."

Police Lieutenant Harrigan informed Mrs. Phillips that in the case of children the rule of "finder is keeper" did not necessarily apply and took temporary custody of the waif, pending a court decision.

INDIANA REPUBLICANS ELECT NEGRO DELEGATES

Along With Prominent Women of State Negro Leader Is Named as Alternate Delegate at Large to Convention.

(By The Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 14.—Indiana will send ten delegates to the republican national convention in Chicago next month instructed for Major General Leonard Wood, four instructed for Senator Hiram W. Johnson, of California, and 16 uninstructed. This was one of the net results of the big republican state convention that adjourned sine die last night after nominating a state ticket, adopting a platform and electing four delegates at large to the national convention.

The convention named United States Senators James Watson and Harry S. New, Governor Goodrich and former Senator Albert Beveridge as delegates at large, and selected State Chairman Wasmuth, Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle, of South Bend, Mrs. Joseph B. Kealing, of Indianapolis, and W. A. Gaines, of Evansville, a negro leader, as alternate delegates at large. Their selection was unopposed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 14.—U. S. Senators James E. Watson and Harry S. New, Governor James P. Goodrich and former Senator Albert J. Beveridge were elected Indiana's "big four" delegates at large to the republican national convention.

GASTONIA COMMANDERY IS GRANTED A CHARTER

Has Been Operating For a Year Under Dispensation and Now Has Membership of 105 - Gastonians Have Delightful Time at Grand Lodge Meeting at Wilmington.

(By The Associated Press)

Gastonia Commandery Knights Templars was granted a charter by the grand lodge which was in session at Wilmington Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The charter, however, has not been received yet and consequently it is not known what the number of the Gastonia Commandery will be. A year ago at Greensboro Mr. W. Y. Warren, and Mr. J. S. Winget, representing the Gastonia Knights Templars, appeared before the grand lodge in session there and asked for a charter.

At that time the grand lodge granted Gastonia the privilege of organizing a commandery and operating for a year under dispensation. During the 12 months 105 members were taken in and the local commandery is now in a most flourishing condition.

Messrs. J. H. Henderlite, W. Y. Warren and J. S. Winget represented the Gastonia commandery at Wilmington while Messrs. W. J. Roach, C. H. Pugh, and A. M. Spencer represented Gastonia chapter No. 66 Royal Arch Masons. Dr. Pugh, Rev. Dr. Henderlite, Mr. Warren and Mr. Winget returned home Thursday. Mr. Roach and Mr. Spencer returned Friday. All the Gastonians at Wilmington report a most delightful time.

PASSENGERS DENOUNCE BRITISH PASSPORT OFFICE

(By Associated Press.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Charges that the French steamer Souriah could not have been robbed by Black sea pirates on May 6 without connivance of persons employed on the vessel were made by 300 indignant passengers on the craft who landed here today in a driving rain.

Penniless and enraged, the passengers joined in denouncing the British passport control office at Batum, the failure of British authorities there to disarm the robbers before they boarded the Souriah and the negligence of the steamship company in not maintaining armed guards. Above all, the alleged abject submission of the crew to the pirates was hotly criticized.

Announcement that the ship would have an armed guard on her voyage from here to Marseilles only intensified the anger of the people who lost everything. It seems the fact the robbers did not molest the ships safe aroused suspicion on the part of the passengers.

The captain of the Souriah refused to discuss the matter with the correspondent of the Associated Press, saying he had made a report to French naval authorities here. No light was thrown on his report at the French embassy but it was stated that in future all French ships on the Black sea would carry guards.

All British and Italian ships there are carrying armed guards, but French ships have been unguarded for several months.

News of the robbery was suppressed here by the inter-allied censorship, but the enraged victims of the raid are today giving it wide publicity, while demanding indemnification for their losses.

James Wood, of Glasgow, Scotland, a Y. M. C. A. worker, who witnessed the hold-up, said the thieves showed "great courtesy," asking the passengers if they were searching whether they wanted tea or lemonade and ordering stewards to bring refreshments. Before leaving the ship one robber threw a steward a 1,000 franc note he had just taken from a passenger. All rube notes issued by the government of the Don were returned to passengers by the pirates, who said they wanted only "real money." Mr. Wood declared the robbers had a committee of experts ready to pass upon jewels suspected of being imitations. He said the leader of the gang was not masked and wore a tartan officer's uniform.

YUMA, Ariz., May 14.—A former lieutenant of the Carranza forces, after shooting to death Captain Carter G. Calles, nephew of General P. Elias Calles, at San Luis, a small garrison town in Sonora, early yesterday took possession of the town in the name of the Carranza regime, according to a telephone message received here and later corroborated.

LIEUT. SHEALY TO DO STUNTS IN THE AIR

Pilot of Gastonia Aircraft Corporation to Stage Spectacular Flights Saturday Afternoon Over City - New Plane Arrives.

The Gastonia Aircraft Corporation, recently organized for purposes of commercial flying with Lieut. L. E. Shealy as pilot is extending its activities. A second plane has been bought, a Curtiss, known in the parlance of the aviators as a J. N. 4 D. It arrived Sunday from the Curtiss Motor and Airplane Corporation, Waukegan, Ill. It has been on the road since March 29.

Mr. George A. Gray, a Gastonia amateur and one of the stockholders in the Gastonia Aircraft Corporation, is fast becoming an expert airman, according to observers. Lieut. Shealy, instructor, says that he is learning rapidly, and may soon take the air himself.

Lieut. Shealy, the pilot of the corporation, is licensed member of the Aero Club of America and of the Federation Aeronaute Internationale. During the war he was in the naval aviation branch stationed at Pensacola, Fla.

Mr. Shealy will give a series of exhibition flights over the city Saturday afternoon beginning at 3 o'clock. Ordinary handbubbers thought that he has been doing for the past week every afternoon was quite sensational but he avers that he was just getting the new plane warmed up for some of her real stunts.

Pedestrians hereabouts have chronic cases of stiff-neck acquired from constant rubbering at the antics of the plane. Mr. Shealy named over a list of stunts that will be included in his category Saturday afternoon for the delectation of the earth-worms. He will do the loop-the-loop, the tail-spin, the barrel roll, Immelmann turns, and the falling leaf. In this latter stunt the plane with the power cut off, comes hurtling to earth exactly like a falling leaf or a crippled bird, only to be righted in time to save spectators from the "sound of the sickening thud" as it crashes to earth.

Rev. R. F. Bradley, moderator of the A. R. P. Synod in session here last week, was a passenger with Lieut. Shealy on one of his flights. He described it as the most thrilling sensation of his life and expressed a wish that he might go from here to his home in Troy, S. C., by plane. Miss Myrtle Hayes, of the Gray-Barkley Company and Mrs. R. P. Washam are two lady passengers who have taken flights.

Gastonia is headquarters for the Aircraft Corporation. With this city as the central point, it is planned to cover this whole section within the next two or three months. Trips will be made to all the surrounding towns. "By Airplane to Asheville" for the week-end will be the privilege of many Gastonians if the plans of the corporation are carried out.

HOME MISSION OPERATIONS HAVE PRACTICALLY DOUBLED.

WASHINGTON, May 14.—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.

In the general evangelistic work of the board, carried on by 50 white general evangelists and singers, one special missionary to the deaf mutes, and three negro evangelists more than 16,000 persons were added to the churches during the last year. Evangelistic and educational work among the people of foreign tongues in the South has reached large proportions, this work being conducted in seven different languages.

MODERN BLUEBEARD AND FOUR VICTIMS



New photo of modern Bluebeard and four victims. A new photo of Los Angeles' modern Bluebeard, Chas. Harvey, alias Watson, and his four wives, who were killed by him, according to an alleged confession. Let to right: Alice Ludvigson, Betty Prior Lewis, Nita Deloney and Bertha Goodnick.

RIFLE SQUAD GETS ROBBER WHO HAD LOOTED MAIL CAR OF LARGE SUM

Chicago Police Shot In Running Fight With Train Robber - "Easy to Rob Mail Trains When You Have Inside Information," Said He.

CHICAGO, May 14.—A rifle squad of Chicago police early today cornered and shot a train robber who had robbed an Illinois Central Railroad mail car of currency estimated to total \$100,000.

The train arrived at the 63rd street station about 1 o'clock, three hours late, and the train robber left the mail car there. A few blocks away two policemen accosted him and he shot one through the head.

According to reports received by the police the robber boarded a passenger car on the train at Gilman, about fifty miles south of Chicago, and worked his way forward to the mail car, where he compelled one of the five mail clerks to tie the hands of feet of the others.

The shooting of the policeman attracted a squad of patrolmen who cornered the robber in an apartment building not far away. A rifle squad was summoned and after two hours of sniping by both sides, the robber was killed.

During the exchange of shots which followed the attempt of the two policemen to search the robber, he dropped the satchel containing the money taken from the mail pouches. At the Hyde Park police station it was found to contain packages of currency of \$5,000 each, whose total approximated nearly \$100,000, according to police.

Chief Clerk Elmer F. Harris in the mail coach loosened his bonds and pulled the cord, stopping the train soon after the robber had departed but while the alarm was being spread to South Side police stations, Policeman William A. Roberts, the wounded officer, and another policeman, had found the bandit and recovered the stolen currency.

A mail pouch from Decatur had been taken on at Gilman, where the bandit is believed to have boarded the train, according to mail clerks, but whether it contained the big shipment of money is not known. The un wounded policeman, who was knocked over when his companion fell mortally wounded, chased the bandit into an apartment house nearby, wounding him once and recovering the money, and from there into another building where the robber is said to have been living. During the siege the robber was shot through the head and several times through the body. According to the police he is Horace Walton, thought to be from St. Joseph, Mo.

According to J. P. Walker, one of the mail clerks, the robber walked directly to the mail sack containing the currency saying:

"This stuff is easy when you have inside information."

In a few minutes he had packed the currency into a satchel and for the next hour sat guarding the mail clerks.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 14.—Six hundred shermen, yardmen and trainmen of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad who have been on strike at the important terminal at Dickerson Run, Pa., returned to work yesterday, it was announced at the general offices of the company. It is the most important break in the strikers' ranks since the strike was called a month ago.

Airplane motors and propellers, attached to each end of a railroad car in Germany for experimental purposes, are said to have run the car at high rate of speed with small expense.

SIMS' STATEMENT THAT WAR WAS PROLONGED BY DEPARTMENT DELAYS IS FALSE - ASSERTS DANIELS

Admiral's Statement is Refuted by His Own Testimony - Secretary Says That Charge of Undue Prolongation of the War Was Serious - Made With Reckless Disregard of Facts.

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, May 14.—Read Admiral Sims' "fallacious and baseless" assertion that navy department delays prolonged the war four months unnecessarily was "practically the only charge of unfavorable results from the many alleged sins of omission and commission," the officer had ascribed to the department, Secretary Daniels today told the senate naval investigating committee. It was fully refuted, he added, by the admiral's own testimony.

"The charge of the prolongation of the war was a definite and serious one," said the secretary. "It was made with reckless disregard of the facts and the reasoning and statistics adduced in its support are those one might expect to find in the fantastic tales of a Baron Munchausen."

Admiral Sims based his estimate of an unnecessary loss of 500,000 lives on an average loss for the allies of 3,000 men a day, said Mr. Daniels.

"The loss of 3,000 men a day for four months falls far short of half a million, but of course half a million sounds more impressive than the figure which would have been arrived at by correct arithmetic," the secretary declared.

The admiral based the charge on the assumption that had there been a million American soldiers in France by March 1918, the war would have ended four months sooner, Mr. Daniels said, and completed the reasoning by assuming that the tonnage losses of 1917 prevented carrying that number of troops overseas by that date and that failure of the American navy to co-operate heartily in the first months of the war resulted in the heavy tonnage losses.

"It is not necessary to wander far into the realm of statistics or technical questions to show the absolute fallacy of Admiral Sims' claim," Mr. Daniels said. "He informed the committee that the net tonnage available for the allies May 1, 1917, was 37,000,000. It is a matter of common knowledge that on May 1, 1918, the tonnage was less than on May 1, 1917. Testimony given by Admiral Sims would indicate that the net loss during the year was about 2,000,000. This is probably a sufficiently close estimate for practical purposes. Now then, owing to the tonnage losses of 1917 and the early part of 1918, the net tonnage available to the allies had been reduced from 27,000,000 on May 1, 1917, to 25,000,000 on May 1, 1918. Yet it is admitted by Admiral Sims that in the spring of 1918 American troops were transported to France at the rate of nearly 300,000 a month, or more than ten times the rate to which he said transportation had been restricted in 1917 because of tonnage. This simple fact refutes absolutely Admiral Sims' attempt that the tonnage losses of 1917 made it impossible to transport any considerable American army and made it necessary to limit the number of American troops that could be sent abroad during the first year to an average of approximately 25,000 men per month."

There never was a time, the witness said when tonnage was not available to carry troops and supplies to France as fast as they could be landed and transported to the front, although it "was only by extreme exertions that this was done during the rush of troops in April." Allocation of ships to the United States by the allies was always the dominant factor, Mr. Daniels declared.

"As a matter of fact the American army materially shortened the war," said Secretary Daniels. "It got to the front as soon as it was humanly possible, not by chance, but as a result of careful plans involving complete co-operation between the army and navy, carefully carried out."

Mr. Daniels quoted Field Marshal Haig as saying that the British armies were unable to intervene until nearly two years had elapsed in sufficient strength adequately to assist the allies. The war was over 19 months after the United States entered, he said, adding that "no one can deny that within fifteen months after our entry the American army was in sufficient strength adequately to assist the allies."

In this connection he asked the committee to consider that American troops and supplies had to be transported across 3,000 miles of sea, while Great Britain was "within sound of the guns."

Mr. Daniels quoted from the testimony of Admirals Rodman and Wilson, Rear Admiral Niblack, McKean, Strauss, Fletcher, and Badger and Captain Pratt to show that all of these officers refused to support Admiral Sims' charges of prolongation of the war.

UNDERWOOD LEADS BY MORE THAN 3,000 VOTES

(By The Associated Press)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 14.—Official returns from 54 counties out of 67 early today gave the following result in the Alabama primary race for the nomination to the long term senatorship:

Underwood—47,192 first choice, 1,519 second.

Musgrave—39,387 first; 3,468 second.

Weakley—4,210 first; 10,120 second.

Twenty-two counties gave the following official returns in the contest for the short term to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Bankhead:

Heflin—14,091 first; 3,331 second.

White—1,129 first; 3,491 second.

O'Neal—9,276 first; 805 second.

Rushton—5,622 first; 2,719 second.

On the face of these returns Senator Underwood was 3,595 votes ahead of the combined totals of his two opponents. Unofficial returns compiled by the Birmingham-Age-Herald indicated the senator would at least hold his own in the remaining thirteen counties, but Judge Henry B. Foster, campaign manager of Musgrave, the union labor candidate, declared the latter would materially cut down the Underwood lead and might break even with the leader of the race in the final count. If this should occur, a second primary between Underwood and Musgrave might be necessary.

CITIES CAN COLLECT ONLY \$1.00 TAX FROM JITNEYS

RALEIGH, N. C., May 13.—One dollar tax, the amount fixed by state law, is all that municipal authorities in North Carolina have the right to collect from operators of "for hire" automobiles under the law, according to a decision of the state supreme court handed down here late yesterday. The decision probably will mean the loss of thousands of dollars in taxes to cities of the state as the license for "for hire" automobiles in some places is as high as \$50 per car.

METHODISTS WILL HAVE PLAN OF UNIFICATION READY NEXT WEEK

(By The Associated Press.)

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 14.—The special committee appointed by the Methodist General Conference in session here to consider and report upon the plan of unification of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, expects to have its findings and recommendations ready to submit to the general conference some time next week, it was said today.

All phases of the proposed plan, which provides for the division of the territory in which the churches are located in foreign regions, have been explained to the entire committee which is now discussing the various points involved. It is understood that the sentiment expressed to date is not strongly in favor of the proposed plan.

VETERAN OF ONE WAR KILLS THE VETERAN OF ANOTHER

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., May 14.—John O'Mara, veteran of the Spanish-American war, was shot and killed by Luther S. Sands, veteran of the Civil war, just outside the north gate to the soldiers' home grounds here yesterday afternoon. The shooting followed a quarrel between the two men which arose when Sands, who is officer of the guard at the home, is said to have ejected O'Mara forcibly from the grounds. A coroner's inquest, held shortly after the killing, returned a verdict of "justifiable homicide."

WASHINGTON, May 14.—The provision in the republican peace resolution requesting the President to open negotiations with Germany for a separate treaty was stricken out today as a motion of Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the republican leader.