

GIVES VIVID PICTURE OF FLIGHT OF CARRANZA

MEXICO CITY, May 28.—A diary written by Aldo Baroni, an Italian journalist, gives a vivid picture of the flight of President Carranza and his expedition of 10,000 persons from Mexico City in the vain effort to reach Vera Cruz in safety. It leads up to the moment when the word was passed in the expedition to "save yourselves who can," the trains were abandoned, Carranza bade Senor Baroni good-bye and began the march into the hills which ended in his death.

The diary discloses the fact that Carranza evidently foresaw his end for Senor Baroni quotes him as saying when he left the train to take refuge in the hills: "You saw me start my first journey in 1913 and you will see my last in 1920." Parts of the diary as published by El Universal read:

"I followed Don Venustiano when he left Saltillo in 1913 with 300 men in his heroic move against Huerta. Today I am leaving the capital with him to be, probably, a witness of his end. I am writing, seated on a bag of rice in the presidential supply car. The disorganization which prevails in the station yards is terrible. Nobody has the power to organize anything. The expedition appears like one to Africa (referring to the enormous amount of baggage). I just saw in a cage the lions of Barragan that used to arouse the wonder of the bourgeoisie in the Paseo de la Reforma."

At Apizaco he recorded: "Word has passed that the last three trains have been lost. It appears that good luck is with Don Venustiano. The word 'treason' is on every lip. The citizens are jammed in the cars like sardines. Our march is like that of a herd of savages. The military trains are filled with soldiers, who have brought their children, domestic animals, dogs, chickens and parrots. Their women cause the greatest disorder. In the trains are more than 10,000 persons and of these more than 5,000 are women and children who wail, cry, cook, rob and impede progress."

"In front of the presidential train is a luxurious Pullman buffet car, a symbol of disorganization and immorality. A number of 'girls' elegantly dressed and a few elegant youths comment and wave from the windows. They appear like picnickers."

"We leave San Marcos at night with the lights out for the enemy menaces the rearward and flanks. The ill-will of the train men has been noticeable since we left Mexico City. Air hose has disappeared from some of the trains and without brakes they threaten to crash into the ones preceding them. Water is becoming scarce. There has been no military discipline since we left the capital. The troops are demoralized. The leaders act independently. (General) Murguía runs everything."

"The first shots break the morning stillness. On horseback, followed by only one aide, Don Venustiano advances at a trot. The first wounded arrive. There are few medical supplies and the 'girls' of the feminine train offer their petticoats as bandages. Nobody had time to think of medical dressings but the lions of Barragan were not forgotten."

"The president returns. He personally led forward the cavalry on the right flank when they began to retire. Murguía has flanked the enemy and defeated him. Under a mesquite bush a deputy is roasting a chunk of meat with great skill. Luis Cabrera is organizing a battalion of civilians. 'All who have no arms step forward!' It resembles a scene from 'The Chocolate Soldier.' A prisoner is questioned. We learn that all Vera Cruz is in the power of the rebels. Candido Aguilar, almost alone, has fled to Zouglia."

"Murguía arrives, amidst cheers. The victorious troops parade. I see an order of the day captured from the enemy. In it Obregon orders that the trains be stopped, but that the president, if he will, be allowed to proceed to Vera Cruz, with full guarantees and an escort."

"The trains proceed slowly. We arrive at Rinconada. Ten kilometers of trains, wrapped in silence. There is no water. A living chain passes it from hand to hand to replenish the supply of a dead locomotive. Don Venustiano watches. Not a trace of the terrible battle which must be raging in his breast shows on his face. This man is made of rock."

"Carranza has statesmanlike qualities, but one great defect. He does not know men. Capable, he is surrounded by incapables. Honest, he allows thieves at his side."

"I am aroused by a terrific squealing. Soldiers and civilians have sacked the Soledad ranch of 548 hogs. Soon the cars resemble butcher shops. I am told we are to continue our journey on foot. The water problem continues unsolved. Orders have been given to burn the records of the general staff."

"An airplane is to fly over the enemy lines. It has gasoline for one hour. Santaña (the aviator) returns. He tells

me we are surrounded. The convoy is lost. Violent firing is resumed. The president's barber, burdened with arms and ammunition, explains how our artillery should be used. It would be enormously ridiculous if it were not so terribly tragic. The soldiers' women stoically continue cooking."

"Millan (General Augustin Millan, governor of the state of Mexico) is brought back, fatally shot through the head. Other wounded arrive. There are no doctors, no medicine."

"The final moment has come. The president has ordered the trains abandoned and the march to San Andres begun on foot. I have bid Carranza good-bye. His smile was sad, but his voice firm as he said: 'You saw me start my first journey in 1913 and you will see my last in 1920.'"

"1 p. m. Carranza returns from the front at a gallop. The firing increasing. The first train is burning. The troops are scattering. Now a great silence."

"4:22 p. m. A cloud of enemies arrives. I see my old friend, General Jacinto Trevino. He is placing sentinels around the treasure train. At his feet, in a cage, the lion cubs of Barragan are gnawing a bloody bone."

GOMPERS PLEADS FOR SUPPORT OF LEAGUE

MONTREAL, June 15.—"It is pitiable that the United States has not ratified the league of nations," Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared here yesterday in an address before the federation's convention. If the league covenant were submitted to the American people "with out any other entangling questions" it would be overwhelmingly accepted, he said.

"It is pitiable that the United States has not ratified the league of nations," said Mr. Gompers, "but has forgotten the effort of the nations of the world to prevent another horrible conflict such as that which started six years ago."

The labor draft of the league covenant, he added, would "help in the reunion of the working people of the world and would help workers in the most backward countries."

Mr. Gompers made a strong appeal to the convention to support the league and "lead a helping hand to the toilers of the smaller countries and aid them to take their places among the civilized nations of the world."

INFANT MORTALITY DEATH RATE SHOWS DECREASE

WASHINGTON, June 15. Infant mortality rates for 1919 decreased materially as compared with the four previous years, according to statistics compiled by the census bureau, and made public today. Of the 12 largest cities in the birth registration area, seven showed decreases of from 8.5 to 23.4 per cent, while the highest increase was 3.6 per cent.

In New York city the death rate of infants under one year of age decreased 11 per cent as compared with 1918 and was 18 per cent below the 1915 figures. In Philadelphia, the decrease was 33 per cent from the previous year, in Cleveland 3 per cent, Baltimore 51 per cent, Detroit 4 per cent, Pittsburgh 25 per cent, Buffalo, 11 per cent, Milwaukee, 3 per cent, Washington 37 per cent, Cincinnati 16 per cent and Minneapolis 8 per cent.

For the entire country, Laekawanna, N. Y., showed the largest improvement, the decrease in infant mortality being 71 per thousand births.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM HAS NOTHING FOR FARMERS

WASHINGTON, June 15. Benjamin C. Marsh, secretary of the Farmers' National Council, who clashed with members of the resolutions committee of the republican national convention last week when he attacked the transportation act as 'an American' issued a statement here today declaring that "the section of the republican platform on agriculture does not contain a single declaration that recognizes several existing evils in farming conditions but does not pledge action to justify them."

"The platform naturally endorses the transportation act and the legislation to turn the people's ships over to the British and American shipping interests," Marsh added. "These two measures jointly will spell financial loss and perhaps disaster for hundreds of thousands of farmers."

STORM DOES DAMAGE

SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, June 13. Many lives were lost and great property damage done near San Juan, northwestern Honduras, last night, by a terrific storm, according to dispatches from Tegucigalpa. Bridges were swept away and a great disaster is feared by the authorities. Five inches of rain fell during the storm.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDRS SITUATION AT AVLONA SAFE

ROME, June 15. Government officials consider the situation at Avlona safe, a brigade of Italian soldiers originally destined for Turkey have been landed there. It is confirmed that in addition to 12 dead and 50 wounded, prisoners numbering 800 soldiers and 60 of officers have been lost by the Italians in recent fighting at Avlona. They were, for the most part, isolated contingents which were surrounded and compelled to surrender because of lack of food and ammunition.

Since the beginning of the year, the Italian government, anxious to reduce expenses, has been examining the situation in Albania, and has found that, although the occupation troops had been reduced to 40,000, the cost of maintenance was about half as much as an entire army. The commander of the occupation forces, moreover, reported complete safety was impossible without an army of 120,000. In consideration of Italy's financial position, Premier Nitti's cabinet decided upon a gradual withdrawal, restricting occupation to Avlona, Santi Quaranta, San Giovanni and Durazzo. The order for withdrawal was given early in February and the movement was conducted gradually and cautiously.

SOVIETS NUMBER 50,000

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 13.—Soviet forces at Baku number 50,000 and are commanded by General Alexieff, according to reports received here. A Sebastopol dispatch said the bolsheviks have killed General Roudneff, at Baku.

Soviet workers are carrying on an intense propaganda campaign for the purpose of starting a revolt in Georgia, it is asserted in dispatches received here.

The Turkish nationalist government at Angora is circulating paper money printed in Italy. It is superior in appearance to Turkish government currency.

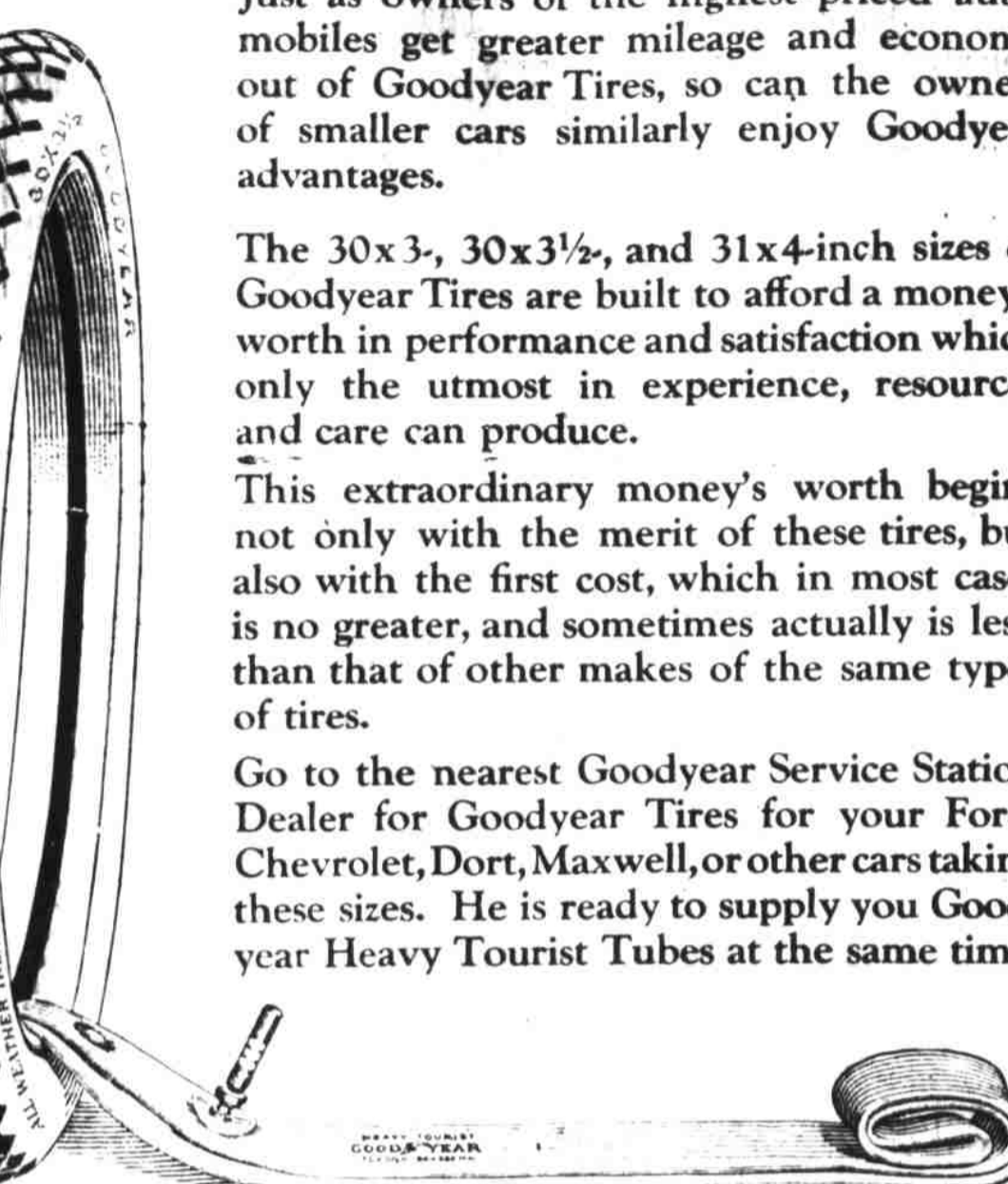
PERFECT RETREAT

WARSAW, June 14.—General Smigley's retreat before the Russian bolsheviks in Ukraine has been executed in perfect order, according to army headquarters here. The advance of the bolsheviks upon Chernobyl forced the retreat.

In Polesia the enemy has lost severely while trying to break the Polish front near Glibow. One thousand bolsheviks under cover of artillery fire reached the right bank of the Dnieper, but were cut off and annihilated. Two hundred were made prisoner and many were drowned. There is intense activity in the region of Lake Sicho and the northward.

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