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MORE TROUBLE IN TAMPICO DISTRICT

CARRANZA AGAIN ASKED TO OBTAIN RESPECT FOR FOREIGN FLAGS.

FOOD CONDITIONS BETTER

Oil Operators Buying Corn For Distribution in Order to Relieve the Situation.

Washington.—The United States has renewed its representations to General Carranza to obtain respect for foreign flags recently violated at Manzanillo, asking that he instruct his officers there to afford protection to foreigners and their interests.

In the first note to Carranza a consular report was transmitted stating that the British and American flags had been violated by lawless Carranza troops. That was denied by Carranza and additional data has now been laid before him with a reference to the requests made in the first communication. No reply has been received.

A separate communication was sent to Carranza calling his attention to the indiscriminate firing by his troops on the oil tanks near Tampico, 150,000 barrels of oil already having been lost as a result of perforations made by bullets penetrating the oil tanks.

Conditions in the Tampico district gave officials much concern. The dispatches said "that the oil operators are organizing for the purpose of buying corn in the United States for local distribution which will be disposed of at cost in order to relieve the situation."

From Manzanillo and the city of Colima came reports of further lawlessness.

The State Department received a dispatch from Zacatecas confirming the report that General Isabel Robles, Secretary of War to General Eulio Gutierrez had "surrendered on April 1 all of his command, much guns, ammunition and equipment to General Villa's forces near Camacho."

BIG STORM ON ATLANTIC COAST.

Streets Flooded, Wires Down, Trains Not Moving Along Atlantic Coast.

A snow storm of unprecedented proportions swept practically the whole Atlantic seaboard. Snow, driven by a northeast gale, which at times blew 70 miles an hour, held up ocean travel, crippled telegraphic and telephone communication, delayed steam and electric trains and nearly dashed the hopes of Easter paraders in New York and New England.

In Greater New York nine inches of snow fell, a record for April and heaviest of the year. It was accompanied by a 60-mile-an-hour blow and early crippled all surface traffic in the city and environs. Hundreds of accidents occurred. Upwards of 15,000 men attacked the snow and paid special attention to Fifth Avenue in an effort to clear it for paraders. In New York and other large cities the snowfall proved a boon to the unemployed.

Norfolk, where no trains arrived during the day and other places along the Virginia coast, were hit hardest by the storm. They also suffered from lack of wire communication.

Although trains as far south as South Carolina arrived hours late at night, Philadelphia and other seaboard cities railroad officials professed to see a gradual restoration of normal schedules.

Italy and the War.

Paris.—Giuseppe Devione, editor of The Turin Stampa and member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies told the Associated Press that he had a deep conviction that Italy would begin war against Germany and Austria before the end of April.

French Steamer Sunk.

Fezouat, France.—The three masted fishing vessel, Paquerette of Fezouat was sunk by a German submarine off Etretat, nine miles southwest of Fezouat. The crew was rescued.

American Army Officers Recalled

Washington.—The five American Army officers on duty as military observers with German armies have been ordered here and their places will not be filled. The reason assigned by Secretary Garrison for the recall order was that their mission had been fulfilled. That statement, it was announced, would be the war department's last word on the matter. It is known, however, that other reasons, largely of a personal character, were considered by army officers, in determining to withdraw observers.

Big Steamship Company Fails.

New York.—The International Mercantile Marine Company, the giant steamship combination organized in 1902 by J. P. Morgan & Co., which placed under one control some of the principal English, American and Belgian steamship lines between the United States and Europe went into the hands of a receiver. The company has for six months been unable to pay interest on its \$52,744,000 fund and a half per cent. collateral trust bonds said to be on account of war.

RICH RECLUSE DIED LONELY

No One Really Knew Her Although She Had Lived in Same Place Many Years.

Kokomo, Ind.—Henrietta Dowell, aged sixty-two, a recluse, died at her home in the eastern part of this city recently. Although a resident here 25 years no one really knew her. Her husband, George W. Dowell, died suddenly a year ago. He, too, was eccentric. They had a large, handsomely furnished home, but never entertained company. No one except servants entered the home for many years. After the death of her husband Mrs. Dowell had no companions except two dogs. One of these died early last winter. She bought an expensive coffin and buried it in the yard at her door. She became ill several weeks ago and was forced to engage a nurse and housekeeper.

Mrs. Dowell leaves real estate valued at \$30,000 and much personal property. She possessed a number of diamonds and other valuable jewelry. There is a box in the safety deposit vault of a Kokomo bank that is believed to contain gold coin and jewelry. The heirs are nephews and nieces, ten in number. One of them, Mrs. Bertha Sandra, lives in Indianapolis. Another, Mrs. Eva Craft, lives at Monon. The other eight are brothers and sisters and named Craft, living in Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

COLLIE AIDS IN MILKING

Cuts Out Milk Cows From Herd and Holds Off Calves While Milking Goes On.

Gaffney, S. C.—J. F. Jamison, who lives near Gaffney, has a collie dog which is a most remarkable animal. His master sends him to the pasture with instructions to bring up only the cows which are giving milk, and Nip will confine himself strictly to those instructions. Then Mr. Jamison will tell him to bring all the cows, and he will come driving them all to the barn.

In addition to this, when milking is in progress Nip will seize the calf around the neck with his paws and hold it off while the cow is being milked. The above information was obtained not directly from Mr. Jamison, but from Sheriff Thomas, who is a truthful man, and anyone who doubts the statement will be liable to arrest as soon as he may put foot in Cherokee county.

LONG WOING ENDS IN COURT

Woman Complains Man Will Not Marry Her Because She Hasn't At Least \$20,000.

Portland, Ore.—For 16 years Richard Evans, fifty-three, courted Mrs. Nancy Hills, wrote her endearing letters and promised to marry her, according to her complaint in a breach of promise suit. Then only a few months ago he broke her heart, she alleges, by telling her he wouldn't marry because she didn't have at least \$20,000. Mrs. Hills sued for \$50,000 heart balm.

Evans is said to be worth \$100,000. In his defense Evans states that Mrs. Hills signed a release from their engagement three years ago in consideration of a check for \$1,500 and a note for \$50. The letters to Mrs. Hills from Evans were generally addressed "Dear Kid," and ended with "kisses."

COUNTY LINE HALTS WEDDING

Bride's Home Located Twenty Feet in Next County Makes Issuing of License There Necessary.

Muncie, Ind.—Because Cora Edith Sizelove lived 20 feet from the Delaware county line in Madison county, it was necessary for her to postpone her wedding. Charles Ray Howell of Cammack, Delaware county. The couple applied at the office of the county clerk in Muncie for a license to marry, when it was found that the bride's home was not in Delaware county by a distance of 20 feet, and that it would be necessary for the couple to go to Anderson to obtain a license, the Indiana law making it compulsory that a marriage license be issued in the county in which the bride is a resident.

TAKES FATHER'S GIVEN NAME

He Has No Son and Wants Her With Name of a Man, at Any Rate.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Having arrived at the legal age of eighteen, Miss Edith Isabel Teel filed a petition in the circuit court that she may change her name to William Ross Teel, Jr. She is the only child of William Ross Teel, a man of wealth, son of a founder of Terre Haute and the last of his name.

The daughter has talked about changing her name for several years, and has said that if her father cannot have a son for an heir at least he can have a child with a man's name. The petition must be advertised once a week for four weeks before the court can pass on it.

Beans Wrecked Kitchen.

Auburn, N. Y.—The kitchen of William E. Bill's home was wrecked when a can of beans exploded in the oven, hurling pieces of the stove through the walls. Mrs. Bills had forgotten the beans.

NEED OF DYESTUFF BECOMES URGENT

IMMEDIATE AND CONCERTED ACTION BY MANUFACTURERS IS URGED.

SUPPLY FOR TWO MONTHS

Mr. Metz Says Manufacturers Should Declare an Industrial War on Great Britain.

Philadelphia.—Immediate and concerted action by American manufacturers to obtain a modification of Great Britain's rules governing overseas commerce was urged as a remedy for industrial ills by Herman A. Metz member of congress from New York and a widely-known manufacturer in an address at a conference of dye men here. Mr. Metz said manufacturers should declare an industrial war on England.

Unless the British government changes its policy Mr. Metz declared hundreds of factories throughout the United States will have to suspend operations and about 300,000 men will be thrown out of employment.

Mr. Metz said that American manufacturers are dependent on Germany for certain raw materials but to get them they must find a way to ship to Germany cotton and other things. "The Germans," he added, "have gotten tired of sending us dyestuffs and other materials without getting anything in return."

D. F. Waters of this city read a letter from President Wilson in which the president said the state department appreciates the situation and is doing all it can to relieve it.

The meeting was under the auspices of the board of directors and advisory board of the National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers.

Congressman Metz and D. F. Waters, president of the Master Dyers' Association were appointed a committee to place before the state department "the acute crisis in the dyestuff industry at present confronting this country and urge in the strongest terms that such steps be taken as shall relieve the situation." The committee also was empowered to act in conjunction with committees and similar organizations throughout the country.

RUSSIANS PUSHING GERMANS.

Have Assumed Offensive Along Enclave Front in Poland.

London.—The Russians are on the offensive along the whole front, from the Baltic Sea to the Rumanian border and in the Caucasus and according to a Stockholm dispatch they have concentrated an enormous number of soldiers on the Finnish coast to prevent the Germans landing there.

All the Russian advances according to Petrograd, are proceeding with success. The Russian official report claims that the Germans in North Poland are being pushed back to the East Prussian border and that in the Carpathians between the Lupkow and Uzsok Passes the Russians have captured still another strongly fortified ridge overlooking insurmountable difficulties such as the scaling of steep ice-covered hills and penetrating cleverly arranged barbed-wire and timber obstructions.

The Russians are also attacking the Germans in the region of Kozulowka near the Uzsok Pass. There are a large number of prisoners reported to have been captured.

Newcasts Sink Three Trawlers

Newcastle, England.—Three Tyne trawlers, the Gloxiana, Jasen and Nellie, were sunk by the German submarine U-10. After all the members of the crews were safely in small boats the Germans blew up the trawlers. They then towed the fishermen towards the Tyne until they met fishing craft which brought the men ashore.

Obregon Near Mexico City

Washington.—First definite information of the location of General Obregon and his army since he evacuated Mexico City to the Zapata forces came in an official dispatch from Carranza to his agency here announcing that Obregon had occupied Queretaro, 80 miles north of the capital and was menacing Vallarta's advance. The gunboat Manchias was ordered from New York to join the American cruiser squadron at Vera Cruz. The battleships Delaware and Georgia soon will come north for target practice.

Sugar Field Workers Strike.

New York.—Between 30,000 and 40,000 native workers in the sugar fields of Porto Rico recently went on strike for a wage increase from fifty to seventy-five cents a day, according to J. C. Bills, chief of the bureau of labor of the Porto Rican government, who arrived here on the Philadelphia. The demands were in process of adjustment, for the most part, and the majority of the strikers were back at work when he left the island. During the strike, Mr. Bills said, large fields of sugar cane were burned.

LAND OF THE LONG LEAF PINE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Condensed for Busy People of the State.

It is estimated that the cold weather has cut down the strawberry crop in this state at least 500 car loads.

The handsome new \$75,000 home of the Masonic bodies of Asheville was opened for the first time when the members of Mount Hermon Lodge gathered in that section of the building reserved for their use.

The town of East Spencer is to have electric lights. A contract has been signed with the North Carolina Public Service Company covering fifteen years and the plant is to be installed at once.

The Salisbury chamber of commerce, succeeding the Industrial Club and the Merchants' Association was launched upon its mission with a mass meeting at the community building and a banquet at the Yachin hotel.

Following the biggest snow so late in many years there was a hard freeze in Pitt county. Fears are entertained that winter vegetables and tobacco plants have suffered greatly and that tobacco plants may be late and scarce, thereby making the crop late and poor.

Fire which is supposed to have originated in the boiler room of the Parson Lumber Company at Watha, Pender county, destroyed the mill plant, a large amount of lumber stored on the yards, workmen's homes and other buildings, entailing a loss of fully \$10,000.

Speaking in behalf of prohibition as a National law, former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson of Tennessee, and Dr. Howard Russell, founder of the Anti-Saloon League addressed an audience of 2,000 people here. Dr. Charles M. Alexander and Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman participated in the meeting.

The movement for a city library for Thomasville took definite shape when officers were elected as follows: President, C. F. Lambeth; vice president, J. W. Peacock; secretary, D. C. McRae; treasurer, Zed Griffith. The organization is to be known as the Thomasville Library Association. A building will soon be secured and the selection of books begun.

A curiosity in the shape of a hand cannon has been placed in the Hall of History, Raleigh. It is of bronze and the barrel is about eighteen inches long. It has a rosewood handle. Above the barrel are two arched dragons side by side. It weighs about five pounds and is a relic of early times. It was loaned by Mr. James N. Keelin, of Raleigh. It reposes in case No. 1.

MARKET REPORTS.

Cotton, Cotton Seed and Meal Prices in the Markets of North Carolina For the Past Week.

As reported to the Division of Markets, North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station and Department of Agriculture, Raleigh.

Commodity	Price	Commodity	Price
North Eastern North Carolina	32-37 1/2	North Carolina	30-35
Farmville	32-37 1/2	Wilmington	30-35
Kellogg	32-37 1/2	New Bern	30-35
Jacksonville	32-37 1/2	Washington	30-35
Wilmington	30-35	Winston	30-35
New Bern	30-35	South Eastern North Carolina	32-37 1/2
Washington	30-35	Fremont	32-37 1/2
Winston	30-35	Maxton	30-35
South Eastern North Carolina	32-37 1/2	North Central North Carolina	32-37 1/2
Fremont	32-37 1/2	Arling	32-37 1/2
Maxton	30-35	Battleboro	32-37 1/2
North Central North Carolina	32-37 1/2	Franklin	32-37 1/2
Arling	32-37 1/2	Greenville	32-37 1/2
Battleboro	32-37 1/2	Kenly	32-37 1/2
Franklin	32-37 1/2	Pine Level	32-37 1/2
Greenville	32-37 1/2	Raleigh	32-37 1/2
Kenly	32-37 1/2	Scot. Neck	32-37 1/2
Pine Level	32-37 1/2	Tarboro	32-37 1/2
Raleigh	32-37 1/2	Whitakers	32-37 1/2
Scot. Neck	32-37 1/2	Wilson	32-37 1/2
Tarboro	32-37 1/2	South Central North Carolina	32-37 1/2
Whitakers	32-37 1/2	Charlotte	32-37 1/2
Wilson	32-37 1/2	Cleveland	32-37 1/2
South Central North Carolina	32-37 1/2	Elizabet	32-37 1/2
Charlotte	32-37 1/2	Gastonia	32-37 1/2
Cleveland	32-37 1/2	Hickory	32-37 1/2
Elizabet	32-37 1/2	Monroe	32-37 1/2
Gastonia	32-37 1/2	Newton	32-37 1/2
Hickory	32-37 1/2	Statesville	32-37 1/2
Monroe	32-37 1/2	Norfolk Va.	32-37 1/2
Newton	32-37 1/2		
Statesville	32-37 1/2		
Norfolk Va.	32-37 1/2		

PRICES PAID FOR GRAIN, BUTTER AND EGGS DURING PAST WEEK

Commodity	Price	Commodity	Price
Charlotte—Corn	95c	eggs	20c
Wilmington—Corn	95c	eggs	20c
New Bern—Corn	95c	eggs	20c
Washington—Corn	95c	eggs	20c
Winston—Corn	95c	eggs	20c
South Eastern North Carolina	95c	eggs	20c
Fremont	95c	eggs	20c
Maxton	95c	eggs	20c
North Central North Carolina	95c	eggs	20c
Arling	95c	eggs	20c
Battleboro	95c	eggs	20c
Franklin	95c	eggs	20c
Greenville	95c	eggs	20c
Kenly	95c	eggs	20c
Pine Level	95c	eggs	20c
Raleigh	95c	eggs	20c
Scot. Neck	95c	eggs	20c
Tarboro	95c	eggs	20c
Whitakers	95c	eggs	20c
Wilson	95c	eggs	20c
South Central North Carolina	95c	eggs	20c
Charlotte	95c	eggs	20c
Cleveland	95c	eggs	20c
Elizabet	95c	eggs	20c
Gastonia	95c	eggs	20c
Hickory	95c	eggs	20c
Monroe	95c	eggs	20c
Newton	95c	eggs	20c
Statesville	95c	eggs	20c
Norfolk Va.	95c	eggs	20c

PLANS FOR SAFETY IN MEXICO CITY

WASHINGTON PROPOSES THAT CAPITAL BE MADE NEUTRAL TERRITORY.

VILLA ACCEPTS PROPOSAL

Zapata Also Willing and Result of Effort Depends on Carranza Council to Maintain Order.

Washington.—With the hope of securing permanent protection for the 25,000 foreigners in Mexico City, the United States Government has proposed to the Villa-Zapata forces and to General Carranza that the Mexican Capital be declared neutral and outside the field of operations hereafter in Mexico's civil war.

The Villa-Zapata forces have agreed to the proposal and are willing to evacuate the city as soon as a similar agreement is obtained with the Carranza authorities. On General Carranza depends also whether or not the effort of the United States to neutralize the railway between Mexico City and Vera Cruz shall succeed as the Villa-Zapata officials have agreed to this.

The plan with respect to Mexico City contemplates an arrangement whereby order would be maintained by a local council of prominent residents. The Capital would not be subject to further attacks nor would there be more changes in Government until a central government had been established. Should the Capital be declared neutral, much of the apprehension for the safety of foreigners would be removed and the famine menace eliminated.

No important engagements between the Villa and Carranza forces were reported to the Washington authorities dispatched saying that comparative quiet prevailed along the border and that the Mexico City situation was unchanged.

CATTLE DISEASE IS CONQUERED.

Department Announces Virtual Eradication—124,141 Animals Killed.

Washington.—Virtual eradication of the livestock foot and mouth disease in the United States was announced by the Department of Agriculture. It was said that except for a herd of animals near Syracuse, N. Y., telegraphic reports from throughout the country showed the disease wiped out.

Figures compiled by the Department show that 124,141 diseased animals have been slaughtered from the time of the outbreak in October to March 25, last. It was pointed out, however, that the total loss could not be estimated alone by the number of animals killed. Interference with the operations of stock yards, the quarantining of infested regions and other precautionary measures, it was said, had caused indeterminate losses.

Ambassador Asked for Report.

Washington.—Ambassador Sharp at Paris was called on by the state department for a report as to circumstances surrounding the arrest of Raymond Swoboda, an American, charged with having set fire to the La Touraine, a French liner, on her recent trip from New York to Havre. New York friends of Swoboda had brought press reports of his arrest to the department's attention and vouched for his American citizenship.

Barge Tampico Still Adrift.

Wilmington.—The barge Tampico, with 13 men aboard which broke loose from the tug Pan American off Frying Pan Shoals in a gale recently has not yet been located according to reports received from the owners here. The coast guard cutter Seminoles and the tug Pan-American is still searching for the missing craft.

Ask Full Value of Cargo.

Washington.—Indemnity for the full value of the American ship William P. Frye, destroyed at sea by the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, has been formally requested from Germany by the United States government.

Divers on Way to Honolulu.

Washington.—Rear Admiral Moore, in charge of operations to raise the long submerged submarine F-4 at Honolulu cabled to the navy department that he was proceeding with the work pending the arrival of divers apparatus. The apparatus was forwarded to San Francisco to be shipped to Honolulu on the cruiser Maryland. Rear Admiral Moore's dispatch