

FOOD RIOTS FLARED AT VERA CRUZ

Admiral Caperton Asks That Warships Bring in Supplies.

NAVY WILL NOT DO SO AT PRESENT

Food Situation at Vera Cruz Is Described as Getting Desperate—No Increase As Yet in American Forces.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—The food situation at Vera Cruz has become so desperate that Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the fleet, has proposed to the Navy Department that warships be used to transport relief supplies and thus increase his forces.

At the present, however, Navy officials have decided not to increase the American forces there and will continue sending supplies on transporters.

THE BRITISH FALL BACK BEFORE RUSH OF TURKS

Reported By Berlin Losing Grounds at The Dardanelles

SHIPS TAKE REFUGE

Correspondent Reports British Troops Running Short of Water—London Stock Market Indicates Expected Allies' Success at Straits.

Berlin, June 18 (Via Wireless to Secretary).—The correspondent of the Associated Press at Constantinople has transmitted the following dispatch, which does not show the day of sending.

An inspection of the Turkish position at Arburna, on the west coast of the Gallipoli Peninsula, shows that the British have lost most of the ground formerly held in that district.

The correspondent has been reliable in reporting that the British fleet has taken refuge from German submarines in the Dardanelles, on the north coast of the Gallipoli Peninsula, and about ten miles from the Gallipoli coast. The British ships could be seen from the heights on shore at Ancher in the bay.

On several occasions the Turks have been successful in exploding mines under British vessels in a place of refuge.

The British troops now hold only a small crescent northward of Gaba on the west coast of the peninsula, and their extreme, 2,800 yards long and 1,100 yards wide at its broadest part. This position includes three small barren crests and a beach below. The British troops have little water and without shelter from the sun.

Shows Something. London, June 18.—No definite news from the Dardanelles front has reached London, but a sudden drop in Russian securities indicates either that the British have received an intimation of important success in that region or some other reason take an optimistic view regarding prospect that the Allies will soon be open to the Allies.

Botswana continues to express her neutrality while negotiating with both sides.

VILLA LEADER MAKES SHARP REPLY TO THE PRESIDENT

New Head in Mexico City Stirs Official Washington With Statement

MAKES CRITICISM

Following Villa's Friendly Note New Reply Causes Much Surprise—Blames Carranza For Mexico's Plight.

Washington, June 18.—Francisco Lagos Chazaro, the latest President of the Villa-Zapata coalition government in Mexico City, today replied to President Wilson's Mexican statement by challenging the consistency of the President's declaration with his much discussed Indianapolis speech.

President Wilson's statement served notice on the factional leaders if they could not accommodate their differences the United States would be constrained, as Mexico's next friend, to help Mexico "save herself and serve her people."

Chazaro says the convention government cannot reconcile that with President Wilson's declaration in Indianapolis that he had no disposition to interfere in Mexican affairs.

"But," says the Chazaro reply received today at the State Department, "we continue to conjecture that the general idea of President Wilson's proclamation is to help us in a friendly way."

"If the President's declaration is to be considered as a threat," Chazaro adds, "the convention government will maintain the dignity of the Mexican people."

It blames the Carranza forces for Mexico's plight. It abounds in epigrams and makes extended reference to "economic and social reform," the establishment of a stable government and guarantees to life and property. It makes no reference to the proclamation received by the United States. Its text will be made public later.

Chazaro's hostile reception of the President's statement, coming close on General Villa's reply, which decidedly reflected a receptive mood, stirred up considerable attention in official circles. Chazaro is supposed to be a Villa man.

MANY KILLED BY WIND STORM

Elements Raged With Deadly Effect Over Missouri.

COUNT BERNSTORFF MAKES STRONG DENIAL

Washington, June 18.—Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, today personally informed Secretary Lansing that neither he nor any member of the embassy staff had any knowledge of Dr. Alfred Meyer, said to have been secretly in this country buying war supplies.

The Ambassador also assured Secretary Lansing that Dr. Meyer-Gerhardt never had engaged in any work other than his mission for the German Red Cross.

THOS. E. COOPER



Mr. Cooper, who heads the North Carolina Bankers' Association, is the youngest man ever to hold this high office. He is regarded as one of the State's ablest bankers. He is president of The American Bank and vice president of the Atlantic Trust and Banking Co., both of this city. It is very appropriate that the annual convention over which he presides is being held in his home town.

GOVT. SHOULD AGAIN OFFER TO BRING PEACE

Bryan Issues Last Section of His Serial Today.

ITS MEDIATION

That Is The Only Course to Prevent War Says Bryan, in His Latest Statement.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—Former Secretary Bryan, in the third and concluding section of his statement on "The Causeless War," issued today, suggests mediation as "the way out."

As a preventive of war Mr. Bryan proposes universal extension of his investigation peace treaty plan.

"Mediation," the statement says, "is the means provided by International agreement through which the belligerent nations can be brought into conference; time for investigation of all disputes is the means by which future war can be averted and the cultivation of International friendship is the means by which the desire for war can be rooted out."

In elaborating his plans for restoration of peace Mr. Bryan urges: "That neutral nations in advocating peace crystallize sentiment in favor of peace into a conservative force and offer mediation jointly or severally; that the warring nations join in action to provide investigation, 'by a permanent international commission of every dispute that may arise no matter what its character of nature' and that a worldwide educational movement to cultivate a spirit of brotherly love among nations be undertaken as a final task of advocating peace."

"Great nations cannot be exterminated," says Mr. Bryan. "Predictions at the beginning of the war have not been fulfilled."

"When can peace be restored? Any time now if the participants are really weary of this war and ready for it to end. If any nation is not ready let the ruler state, in clear, distinct terms, the consideration upon which he is willing to agree to peace. Then if an agreement is not reached blame for consequence of the war will be upon those who make unusual demands."

In proposing mediation the former Secretary points out that The Hague convention expressly declares an offer (Continued on Page Three).

THE GERMANS KEEP GOING AHEAD IN GALICIA

Moving According to Schedule Against The Russians

FRENCH OFFENSIVE

Continues in the West, Though Berlin Claims Destruction of an Allied Force.

London, June 18.—The Austro-German forces in Galicia still are advancing on the schedule made by General Mackensen.

Vienna claims that part of the heavily-fortified Grodeck region, where the Russians have concentrated, has fallen into Teutonic hands. Petrograd does not admit that but says the Russian forces have gathered there for defense of Lemberg. In a long review of recent operations the Russian war office today admits frequent retirements before overwhelming numbers, but declares the Russian attacks left the Austrians and Germans so exhausted that their opponents often were unable to resume the offensive.

The French still continue the offensive along a wide front, with Vosges again figuring in the official communication, after a period of comparative quiet.

Allies Were Destroyed. Berlin, June 18.—Official announcement was made here today that an Allies' force, which attacked the German positions north of LaBasse, in Northwest France, was destroyed, only a few succeeding in retreating.

REPLY IN FRYE CASE ABOUT READY

Washington, June 18.—The American reply to Germany's last note on sinking of the sailing ship, William P. Frye, by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, has been practically completed. It will not admit the German contention that any American ship with contraband may be destroyed provided it is paid for.

Bankers' Ball. Lumina tonight. Exhibition dancing. Pictures.—Adv.

GREAT CONVENTION OF BANKERS AT SEASHORE

WILL SMASH WINE ON THE GREAT NEW WARSHIP

Protest Against Such in Christening of Arizona Fails.

GOVERNOR DECIDES

Tells Navy Department Both Water and Champagne Will Be Used—Temperance Folks Kicked.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—The dreadnaught, Arizona, will be christened with both wine and water tomorrow when she glides from the ways at the New York Navy Yard.

Governor Hunt and the launching party from Arizona, who called today on President Wilson and Secretary Daniels, cleared up all doubt about it.

Temperance Forces Protest. Chicago, Ill., June 18.—Anna Gordon, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, today telegraphed Secretary Daniels, at Washington, saying the temperance union "with 500,000 members believes you will exert all possible influence against the use of alcoholics in christening of the Arizona."

The new battleship to be launched tomorrow at the New York Navy Yard. Arizona is a prohibition state and various other protests having been made against the use of champagne in the christening, the Navy Department announced yesterday that the question would be left for Governor Hunt, of Arizona, to decide.

SLAIN WHILE IN THEIR BED

Aged Couple Shot to Death Through Screened Window

Pensacola, Fla., June 18.—A telephone message from the Santa Rosa Sound region, repeated over the government's forestry service line today, says that Peter Weyman and wife, an aged couple and said to be wealthy, were shot to death in bed at their home there last night.

The assailant fired through a screened window. No arrests have been made.

GONZALES EXPECTS TAKE MEXICO CITY

Galveston, Texas, June 18.—General Pablo Gonzales yesterday expected to occupy the City of Mexico in a few hours, following the capture of Texcoco, fifteen miles from the capital, according to a Vera Cruz dispatch today to the Constitutionalist consulate here.

The message added that the Obregon forces had moved forward from Lagos and were beginning the investment of Aguas Calientes. Texcoco, it was said, was taken after a short engagement with Zapata forces.

NEW RECIPES PROVED FAILURES

Venice, June 18.—Several million street car tickets, which the Vienna city authorities had printed with various recipes for war cookery dishes to replace meats and expensive foods, are to be destroyed. People who tried these recipes came back with angry protests to the effect that practically all the new dishes required the use of eggs, butter and milk, making them just as expensive as the meats which they were designed to replace.

Drink Mint-Cola: Healthful and Invigorating.—Advertisement.

Address of Hon. W. P. G. Harding Heard With Deep Interest by Large Attendance of State's Financial Leaders

TOLD HOW NATIONAL PANIC WAS AVERTED

Senator John L. McLaurin, of South Carolina, Was Present, Making Short Address--President Cooper, in Annual Address, Proposes Land Bank for State--Meeting Last Night--Trip to New York--Dance For Visitors--Appointment of Committees

Featured by the address of Hon. W. P. G. Harding, of the Federal Reserve Board, Washington; the annual report of President Thomas E. Cooper, of this city, the report of Secretary W. A. Hunt, of Henderson, and a short talk by Former United States Senator John L. McLaurin, of South Carolina, the North Carolina Bankers' Association today at noon concluded the second day of its 19th annual convention, at the Seashore Hotel, Wrightsville Beach, after a fine start last night when the first session was held.

This afternoon the bankers are enjoying themselves in various ways among the varied means of pleasure at the seashore. This evening at Lumina the visitors will be honored with a special souvenir dance. Tomorrow, after the morning session, 75 or more of the bankers will leave on a special Clyde steamship, the Comanche, for a trip in a body to New York.

President Cooper presided. Following the reading of the minutes and the roll call, which took place, beginning at 10:40 o'clock, the president presented his report after which Secretary Hunt presented his. The two reports were received and accepted without dissent. Both reports, which were received with applause, are given in full elsewhere.

Mr. J. C. Braswell, of Rocky Mount, who attended the annual meeting of the American Bankers' Association, gave a brief but very interesting resume of the matters taking place there of interest to the North Carolina financial men.

The reports of the standing committees were eliminated from the morning program and Mr. Cooper presented Mr. Joseph D. Reynolds of Rocky Mount, who introduced Mr. Harding, paying a high tribute to the Federal Reserve System, and to Mr. Harding, a member of the board.

Mr. Harding was greeted by each of those present in the hall rising.

He opened by saying that no bank operates under a law to itself, that the whole world is linked together by close ties, as the beginning of the war last summer amply demonstrated.

He then recited some of the economic effects of the war in Europe. Recent statistics show, he said, that the casualty list reaches now to nearly nine million men. The money loss is piling up at the daily rate of from 50 to 60 million dollars.

The British Chancellor of the Exchequer has asked for an additional loan of a billion and a quarter dollars. All told the European war debts have increased 12 billion dollars since last summer. This condition must continue, he said, until the war ends.

The war, as it began last summer, came as a surprise to even the belligerents, but to the United States it came like a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder overnight, said the speaker, adding that the closing days of last July saw the greatest crisis in the world's history.

In this country was seriously affected in its unpreparedness for any such condition. In Europe were over 100,000 American tourists were enjoying their holiday season. Letters of credit, amounting to untold sums were abroad. The exportation of crops was just beginning. The country owed large current balances to banks of foreign nations.

Shipping was shut off instantly.

Commerce was disrupted. The stock exchange, after weathering the storm longer than any other exchange in the world, shut down in the face of stocks pouring in from other nations. The conditions were developing to the panic stage.

It was on Saturday, July 31st that the New York bankers decided that the time had come when the only remedy left was that of issuing clearing house certificates, as in 1903 and in 1907.

The Secretary of the Treasury at Washington, however, said Mr. Harding, had been watching the conditions even more keenly than the New York bankers and had provided a remedy. From Denver, Colo., he said, vast sums of gold had been brought in to the National treasury. In the Federal Reserve act, he said, the Secretary had provided that the old Aldrich-Vreeland bank notes had been prepared and were protected by the Denver gold. Of this 50 millions had been shipped by special train to the sub-treasury in New York.

It was on Sunday, August 1st, said Mr. Harding that he accompanied Mr. McAdoo and John Skelton Williams to New York to see the bankers. There were present at the Vanderbilt hotel more than 100 of the country's leading business men. When they had declared their intention to issue clearing house certificates, Mr. McAdoo told them of the provision he had made, and informed them of the 50 millions of dollars awaiting their use at once, the situation changed in an instant, and the whole country knows the result. America today, he said, is the only financial Rock of Gibraltar in the world.

The Federal Reserve System is now in operation, and could, if such a thing could ever come to pass, care for a situation three times the magnitude of the crisis of last summer.

The Federal Reserve System of banks, said he, is not a central bank, that method being somewhat repugnant to the American people. Instead it is a system of 12 independent banks, representing as many districts, but unified and coordinated in such a way as to

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***** CHANCE FOR BASEBALL. ***** Word was received here at 3 o'clock this afternoon that Portsmouth, in the Virginia Baseball League, is about to throw up its franchise, and Rocky Mount and other cities in the league want Wilmington to take it up. Mr. Moye, president of the Rocky Mount association, has offered to come here Sunday to talk the matter over with the fans if they are interested. This is a chance for Wilmington to break into a "regular" league cheaply. There is little time in which to act. If Wilmington is interested about the most convenient way to bring the matter to head is to drop Mr. John Blomme, care of Ahrens Bros., a card or call him on the phone, so that he will feel justified in asking Mr. Moye to come here for a conference. *****