

BORDER TOWN PREPARES AGAINST CARRANZA FORCES

Republican Officials Estimate That First Battle Is a Week Away But Trenches Are Being Dug and Vantage Points Fortified.

(By The Associated Press.)

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, April 14.—This border town, objective of Carranza troops under Colonel Fox in the opening of the campaign to bring Sonora back into the Mexican federation of states, was being prepared today to meet the invaders with force.

special attention will be given to guarding Bulpita pass, which military officers assert can be guarded by a small force against a great number and through which an attack on Agua Prieta would have to come.

At Hermosillo yesterday Governor Adolfo de La Huerta, provisional president of the republic of Sonora, declared the entire state was supporting him in the secession movement.

Federal troops in Sonora were declared by state officials to have gone over to the state government.

Customs collections are being made as usual and business has not been interfered with.

Order exists throughout the state and my government has the firm determination to continue imparting to Mexicans and foreign aliens all guarantees conceded by law.

The governor described the events which led up to the break with the Mexican City government.

After the conference of Governors at Mexico City, which de La Huerta refused to attend, he declared Carranza's displeasure with Sonora authorities became intensified.

WINSTON-SALEM IS LARGEST CITY IN N. C.

Figures of 48,395 Place Twin City Ahead of Charlotte by Over 2,000 — Gain of 113 Per Cent.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Population statistics announced today by the census bureau included:

Winston-Salem, N. C., 48,395, an increase of 25,695, or 113.2 per cent.

Kingstree, S. C., 2,074, increase 702, or 33.9 per cent.

Plymouth, Mass., 13,032, increase 891, or 7.3 per cent.

Port Arthur, Tex., 22,251, increase of 14,588, or 190.4 per cent.

CALLS ON CARRANZA TO RESIGN

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Private advices received here today from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, said that General Pablo Gonzales, formerly chief military leader under the present Mexican government, had rejoined his command and issued a proclamation calling on Carranza to resign.

He said the supreme court should name a provisional president who would hold elections.

General Gonzales at the same time withdrew as a candidate for president and requested General Obregon and Ygnacio Bonillas, ambassador to the United States, to follow his example.

When he first became a candidate Gonzales was said to have been supported by President Carranza, but now Bonillas is regarded as Carranza's choice.

LOWDEN WINS IN HIS HOME STATE

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 14.—According to latest returns today, Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, won the republican presidential preference primary in his state yesterday by a plurality of 84,574 on returns from all but 430 scattered precincts although Major General Wood carried Cook county (Chicago) by 7,443, and Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, whose name had to be written on the ballot, surprised political leaders by running up a vote of 45,193 votes, including 40,881 in Cook county.

There were no democratic candidates on the ticket, but a number of names were written in by a few hundred voters.

William Hale Thompson, mayor of Chicago, republican national committeeman for Illinois, carried every ward except one for committeeman, thereby gaining complete control of the Cook county organization for four years.

While less than half the vote in the state was cast, and only a sixth as many women as men went to the polls, feminine drift added to the plurality by which four bond issues for \$34,000,000 for municipal improvements were defeated in Chicago.

The woman vote down state for Johnson was not counted separately. The figures from 5,260 precincts out of 5,890 in the state, including all 1,448 in Cook county, showed the following results:

Lowden: Men—190,480; women—32,592; total 223,072.

Wood: Men—134,665; women—23,743; total 158,408.

Johnson: Men—35,516; women—5,363; total 40,879.

Of the district delegates elected to the national conventions, all the democrats were uninstructed, while thirty five of the republicans were pledged to Lowden, and fifteen ran as unpledged.

One of the unpledged delegates in the tenth district (Cook county) had announced that he would support Senator Johnson and the other fourteen were adherents of Mayor Thompson. The eight delegates at large will be selected at the state convention later.

SOLDIER RELIEF BILL READY FOR HOUSE

Ways and Means Committee Will Report Bill This Week Granting Compensation of \$1 Per Day to All Enlisted Men — Will Require Raising of One Billion Additional Revenue.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 14.—A composite soldier relief bill granting adjusted compensation at \$1 for each day's service to approximately 3,000,000 former service men will be reported to the house within a week, Chairman Fordney of the ways and means committee, announced today.

Passage of the measure by the house is planned before May 1, senate leaders having announced the bill would be approved by the senate before the conventions in June, should it be passed by the house this month.

With the elimination of all commissioned officers, along with those who served less than sixty days or who were employed in shipyards or received from their employers the difference between their civilian incomes and army pay, the number of those eligible has been narrowed to approximately 3,000,000.

Experts have informed the committee that the average service is ten months, making the average payment \$300 to each man. Those who were commissioned after serving as enlisted men would be paid on a basis of time served in the ranks.

No definite plan for raising necessary revenues has been decided upon, the plan most favored being a flat tax of not more than one per cent on all sales. Such a tax, the committee has learned from treasury department officials, would net approximately \$1,500,000,000 or more than needed.

It is said that the other provisions of the original bill presented by the American Legion, granting priority in land settlements, home building aid and extension of vocational training also will be recommended by the committee.

Although the ways and means committee is expected to report the measure promptly, some members of the house believe it will not be passed by the senate before the conventions. The attitude of both parties, they claim, will be announced at the respective conventions, and final action will be deferred until after Congress reconvenes late in the summer.

WILL ATTEMPT TO SIGNAL PLANET MARS

Next Friday, April 23, Professor Todd, of Amherst College, Will Make Effort to Signal to Mars — Balloon Expert at Fort Omaha Will Assist.

OMAHA, Neb., April 14.—The attempt by Professor David Todd, of Amherst College, to signal Mars from a balloon will be made April 23, according to an announcement by A. Leo Stevens, balloon expert at Fort Omaha, whose gas bag will be used in the effort.

The professor suggested next week because Mars then will be nearest the earth.

In a telegram to Lieutenant Colonel Jacob Wuest, commander of Fort Omaha, Professor Todd referred to the apparatus he will use to ascertain whether sound waves or other disturbances are coming from the far away planet and whether they are electrical or otherwise.

The tests, Professor Todd said, will be made with a recorder he has worked on for several years. The device carries records sensitive to all atmospheric waves and which will hold impressions made in such form that they may be studied when the balloon has returned to earth.

To ascertain the chemical composition of the air at each altitude small vacuum containers will be carried. These will be opened at various altitudes and the air collected. It will be subjected to an analysis after the balloon has descended.

Dust particles in the atmosphere will be examined by means of apparatus furnished by Professor E. W. Wood, of Johns Hopkins University.

Experts from the Rockefeller Institute are preparing methods for studying the pathological and physiological properties held in the upper air. The bearing of pressure changes on cures for various diseases, they said, will be of especial interest.

Meteorological tests will be made by means of a special wind testing apparatus which is said to be an innovation in that no device formerly had been invented which would tell the velocity of air currents from a free balloon.

Moisture pressure and temperature gauges also will be used. It is hoped by so studying the upper air strata to get new facts bearing on the origin of hot and cold waves, typhoons, cyclones and tornadoes.

Pilot Stevens expects to reach a height of 50,000 feet.

GLAXTON ISSUES AN EMERGENCY CALL

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Representative citizens from every state were called today by Commissioner of Education Glaxton to meet in Washington May 19, 20 and 21 to consider the pressing problem of education from the standpoint of statesmanship and the public welfare.

Special invitations were sent to the various governors to head their state delegations, Commissioner Glaxton declaring: "The emergency in education in the United States, arising out of the present and prospective shortage of teachers, the necessity for immediate increases in funds for the support of schools of all grades, and the need for better adjustment of educational programs to the requirements of the new era are, I believe, of so great importance as to justify the calling of a national conference of representative citizens to consider these pressing problems from the standpoint of statesmanship and the public welfare."

Business men, farmers, labor leaders, members of education and editors are among those invited.

MRS. VANDERBILT MAY OFFER PRESIDENT HOME

Biltmore May be Tendered Mr. Wilson as Desirable Spot for Summer.

(By The Associated Press.)

ASHVILLE, April 13.—It is understood here tonight that Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt will offer her handsome mansion, Biltmore, in the suburbs of the city to President Wilson for his summer capital.

It is believed here that he will accept the place if offered. It is more than large enough for the entire party to be taken to the summer capital secluded, yet within a few minutes of the railway and telegraph offices, with wonderful scenic views on every side.

Miss Margaret Wilson has just returned to Washington after spending two months here. With encouraging reports from private sources from Washington that the President might consider Asheville's offer for a summer home for the presidential party the local civic organizations are preparing to go to Washington to lay the matter before the chief executive personally, if possible.



MAJOR A. L. BULWINKLE, PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE GASTONIA BAR AND CANDIDATE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR CONGRESS IN THE NINTH DISTRICT.

Four years ago Major Bulwinkle was a candidate for the State senate from Gaston county. In the midst of the campaign there came the call of the government for National Guards to go to the Mexican border to quell disturbances then raging along the Rio Grande.

He remained in the service and the record of his valiant services overseas during the great war is a matter of proudfest history in his county and State.

Major Bulwinkle is now a candidate to represent this, the Ninth district, in Congress and the support he is receiving over the district is most gratifying to him and to his friends.

Gaston county is going to stand by him in this race as a unit and the other counties are lining up behind him enthusiastically. Every day encouraging reports come from the far corners of the Ninth indicating that he is gaining strength.

VOLUNTEERS OFFER SERVICES TO HELP BREAK TRAFFIC TIE-UP IN NEW YORK

College Students, Former Soldiers and Citizens Help to Operate Trains — Believes That Attitude of Public Will Quickly Bring Strike to a Close — Initial Peace Overtures Rejected by Strikers.

CABINET DISCUSSES RAILROAD STRIKE

Conclusion Reached But Nothing Is Given Out to the Public.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 14.—President Wilson and his cabinet discussed the railroad strike for more than an hour today and apparently reached some conclusion, but there was no intimation as to its nature.

Attorney General Palmer made this statement as he left the white house.

"It is fair to conclude that the strike situation was discussed, but I am not prepared to say what conclusions were reached."

Other members of the cabinet would make no statement, referring inquirers to the attorney general. Some intimated, however, that definite decision had been made one way or another as to government intervention.

The cabinet assembled promptly at 10 o'clock this morning to discuss the railroad strike. The members went direct to the white house to meet President Wilson in his study instead of the executive offices where cabinet meetings usually are held.

Secretaries Baker, Daniels and Payne were the first to arrive, coming on foot. They were followed by Attorney General Palmer, who had complete reports from department of justice field agents investigating the strike.

Mr. Palmer drove to the white house in an automobile, the only member to so arrive.

The attorney general was followed by Secretaries Meredith, Houston, Colby, Alexander and Wilson. Postmaster General Burleson was an early arrival, entering the east gate, and the full cabinet was present when the president opened the meeting.

This was the first cabinet session called by the president since he was taken ill last fall, and it was the first to be attended by Secretaries Colby, Payne, Meredith and Alexander, who have been appointed recently.

BIG LEAGUES GET UNDER WAY TODAY

Tanned and hardened by six weeks of intensive training under southern suns, the baseball teams of the National and American Leagues open the 1920 season this afternoon, weather permitting.

While it is too much to expect mid-summer playing form, there appears to be every indication that the contests will be conducted under favorable conditions.

The players, however, are not likely to make their debut in the same congenial atmosphere that favored their preliminary work below the Mason and Dixon line, for the general forecast calls for ill, fair weather, with high winds.

There may be exceptions, for the opening schedule is far-flung. In the National League, Boston plays at New York; Philadelphia at Brooklyn; Chicago at Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh at St. Louis, while the American League clubs will meet as follows:

New York at Philadelphia; Washington at Boston; Detroit at Chicago, and St. Louis at Cleveland.

In each city special ceremonies will mark the birth of another baseball season, and although there do not appear to be any novelties in sight the fan will welcome the parades, band concerts and other formalities with the usual enthusiasm as the harbingers of diamond doing.

NEW YORK, April 14—Officials of the "big four" railroad brotherhoods renewed their efforts today to bring to an end the unauthorized rail strikes in this district, while thousands of volunteer railroaders poured in offers of their services to break the traffic tie-up which has paralyzed most of the lines entering New York.

Although initial peace overtures were unanimously rejected by the strikers in Jersey City last night, the brotherhood leaders expected to renew their proposal that the strikers return to work and submit their grievances to the new railroad labor board, appointed yesterday by President Wilson. They hoped that the action of Washington strikers in adopting a similar proposal would influence the men.

Accepting the offer of college students, former soldiers and citizens to operate trains, railroad officials declared that the attitude of the public would bring the strike to a speedy close.

"It is evident that there is now a thorough understanding that this is an assault upon law and order and not an ordinary railroad strike," said J. J. Mantell, spokesman for the roads.

Twenty-two trains on the Lackawanna and Erie systems were manned today by volunteer crews.

Although the strikers made gains yesterday, notably by interfering with the commuters service on the Long Island railroad, other roads held their own by maintaining passenger schedules in the face of great difficulties.

The freight situation, however, remained chaotic, except for the movement of food and milk trains. The city's supply of coal was said to be fifty per cent of normal.

Health officers said the food and milk situation was serious, but not yet critical. Food prices continued to soar and federal authorities issued a warning that arrests would follow the inflation of prices.

The strike, which had been peaceful, was marked by sporadic scenes of violence in Staten Island yesterday. A railroad policeman was beaten, the crew dragged from one train by strikers and shots were fired at an engine driver who refused to stop when ordered. Loyal workers who remained at their posts were jeered and threatened with violence.

Conditions in West Improving.

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 14.—Improvement of freight traffic conditions in the central west continued today with insurgent railroad men returning to work at several points, but the industrial situation in Ohio and Michigan reached a crisis as a result of stoppage of fuel supplies, and the far west where a dozen passenger trains were reported stalled in southern California, the situation became increasingly serious.

Both insurgent leaders and railroad brotherhood officials said the fight had evolved into a "lingering affair" but the brotherhood men said the insurgents gradually were losing strength.

Almost Isolated.

(By The Associated Press.)

BOSTON, April 14.—New England was confronted today with almost complete isolation so far as rail transportation of food, coal and raw materials was concerned. The situation caused by stringent freight embargoes on through trains of railroads due to the strike of railroad workers outside the district now was becoming more serious.

Railroad workers with few exceptions continued today to remain loyal to the union in this section. Fewer than 200 men are said to be out, all of them in Connecticut.

NEW EYE SPECIALIST.

Dr. E. C. Pierce, Optometrist, and Optician, Formerly of Newberry, S. C., Locates Here.

Dr. E. C. Pierce, optometrist and optician, who has been practicing his profession in the State of South Carolina for a number of years, has decided to locate in Gastonia and make his home here. Dr. Pierce is a native of North Carolina, but has been out of the state for the past thirteen years. He expects soon to have his office opened up at 271 West Main avenue.

CUTS ADVERTISING SPACE.

(By The Associated Press.)

BIERINGHAM, Ala., April 13.—The Birmingham News today announced that owing to the news print shortage, all advertising space of regular clients will be cut one half, and that no advertisement larger than one half a page, will be accepted.