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RECOGNITION FOR CARRANZA FACTION

UNITED STATES AND ALL LATIN-AMERICA WILL RECOGNIZE FIRST CHIEF.

A VERY IMPORTANT STEP

New Government Will Be Accorded Formal Recognition Within Two Weeks—Moral Support.

Washington.—Recognition of the Carranza government as the defacto government of Mexico was unanimously decided upon by the Pan-American conference. Secretary Lansing issued this statement:

"The conference, after careful consideration of the facts, has found that the Carranza party is the only party in Mexico which possesses the essentials for recognition as the de facto government, and they have so reported to their respective governments."

Secretary Lansing, on behalf of the United States expressed its intention to recognize General Carranza and the ambassadors of Brazil, Chile, Argentina and the ministers of Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala transmitted the decision of this government as well as their own opinions in agreement with it. Mr. Lansing has obtained the approval of President Wilson to the plan and before the conference began all the other ministers in the Latin-American corps also had given their adherence to it.

This action was regarded generally as the most important diplomatic step in the Mexican situation since the United States decided to withhold recognition from the Huerta government, more than two years ago. It means that the Carranza government will receive the moral support of the United States which will include an embargo on arms against opposing factions as soon as recognition is actually extended which probably will be within a fortnight.

The fact that the United States already has decided to recognize the Carranza government, it is thought, will have an important moral effect in Mexico. Officials believe many elements will now align themselves with Carranza and that the latter himself will adopt a liberal attitude toward his opponents.

GREATEST CANAL SLIDE.

Ten Million Yards of Earth Must Be Dredged Out to Secure Passage.

Panama.—A survey of the slide area in the Gaillard Cut shows that probably 10,000,000 cubic yards of earth must be dredged out before a permanent channel through the cut is possible. This is the conclusion reached by the canal engineers who concede there is now little hope of opening the waterway much before the first of the year. The present rate of excavation is 1,000,000 yards a month and at this rate it would require 10 months to remove the mass sliding into the canal.

The area of motion is roughly calculated to be in the neighborhood of 175 acres, which constitute the greatest slide area in the canal's history. It extends 2,600 feet along both banks, with probably an average of 1,500 feet back of the center line of the canal prism.

Lieut. Harris Killed.

Richmond, Va.—Lieutenant Frank M. Harris of the battleship Delaware, whose home is in Memphis, Tenn., was killed and Lieut. P. P. Powell and Henry Parsons of the Delaware were seriously but not fatally injured when an automobile in which they were riding turned over. Dr. Leslie B. Wiggs of Richmond, who was riding with them was slightly hurt. The party was returning from the Country Club & Virginia.

German War Loan.

Berlin, by wireless to Tuckerton.—Payments by subscriptions to the third German war loan up to October 7 amounted to 6,420,300,000 marks (\$1,625,000,000).

President Spends Day in Baltimore.

Washington.—President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, his fiancée, motored to Baltimore to visit the president's brother, Joseph R. Wilson, who had not met the next mistress of the White House before. While there they attended church and were guests of honor at a family luncheon party. Several hundred people in Baltimore learned of the presence of the couple and crowded about the church and the apartment house in which Joseph R. Wilson lives to catch a glimpse of the president and his bride-to-be.

MRS. LITTLE AGAIN PRESIDENT U. D. C.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

GASTONIA GETS 1916 MEET

More Than 200 Delegates Present and Much Work Was Done.—Reports Were All Pleading.

Charlotte.—Two hundred and ten delegates attended the nineteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, whose sessions throughout were held in the Masonic temple, by courtesy of the Masonic bodies. The convention was called to order by Mrs. C. E. Platt, president of Stonewall Jackson Chapter, of Charlotte, the hostess chapter.

Besides the welcoming address of the hostess chapter, a chapter welcome was delivered by Mrs. B. D. Heath on behalf of Stonewall Jackson Chapter, by T. W. Alexander of the Charlotte bar on behalf of the Masons, by Mrs. I. W. Falson of Charlotte, president general of the United Daughters of Confederacy, with greetings from the Daughters of the American Revolution by Miss Lida Rodman, state regent; from Woman's Club of state, by Mrs. Gordon Finger of Charlotte, also greetings from business and professional men of Charlotte by E. R. Preston of the Charlotte bar.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Eugene Little, of Wadesboro, re-elected; first vice-president, Mrs. C. E. Platt, Charlotte; second vice-president, Mrs. T. L. Craig, Gastonia; third vice-president, Mrs. J. Q. Kilkie, Marion; recording secretary, Mrs. W. M. Creasy, Wilmington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. L. J. Ingram, re-elected; treasurer, Miss Margaret Etheridges, re-elected; recorder of crosses, Mrs. R. L. Tyrell, Durham; registrar, Mrs. Felix Harvey, re-elected; historian, Miss Georgia Hicks, re-elected; assistant historian, Miss Winifred; chaplain, Mrs. V. J. Griffin, Goldsboro; leader of Children of the Confederacy Mrs. R. P. Holt, of Rocky Mount.

Two portraits were presented to the convention. Major Orren Randolph Smith, designer of Stars and Bars, and late Judge Risen Tyler Bennett, of Wadesboro. The invitation brought by Mrs. Thompson to hold the next convention in Gastonia, was heard with keen appreciation by the delegates. Mrs. Thompson voiced her city's claim to the honor in a vein which was both happy and convincing, and which radiated the hospitality of Gastonia Chapter. From the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce, Mrs. Thompson brought a promise of the delivery of the city's keys into the hands of the 1916 delegates, should the convention accept the invitation.

After it had been moved and seconded that the next convention should be in Gastonia, the convention accepted Mrs. Thompson's offer unanimously and with an expression of appreciation.

W. C. T. U. Convention Closes.

The final sessions of the convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union were marked by action that definitely outlined the work for the next year. The convention closed with a brilliant reception tendered the delegates by the Raleigh Woman's Club in Yarborough Hotel. The officers for the next year, all of whom were re-elected after service the past year, are preparing for an especially active campaign. The officers follow: President, Mrs. T. Adelaide Goodno, Raleigh; vice president, Mrs. Clara Foreman, Elizabeth City; honorary president, Mrs. Mary E. Cariland, Greensboro; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Stevick, Raleigh; recording secretary, Mrs. Mary E. W. White, Guilford College; treasurer, Mrs. Ellen J. Y. Preyer, Greensboro; acting secretary L. T. L., Mrs. William Boettcher, Elizabeth City; secretary Y. P. E., Mrs. Charles G. Doak, Guilford College.

New Hanover Fights Illiteracy.

Wilmington.—While New Hanover County has less illiteracy than any other county in North Carolina and one of the best equipped school systems to be found anywhere, the educational authorities are determined to wipe out illiteracy entirely and to this end are joining heartily in the moonlight school movement. A committee of representative citizens has been appointed to take charge of work and many of the teachers have volunteered to teach classes.

ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN GETS INTO COURT

POLICYHOLDER ASKS INJUNCTION AGAINST MUTUAL LIFE OF NEW YORK.

OLGA H. S. WALSH, CHICAGO

Woman Alleges That Insurance Company Contemplates Investing \$10,000,000 in Allie's Bonds.

Chicago.—Alleging that the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York contemplates investing \$10,000,000 of its trust funds in the Anglo-French loan of \$500,000,000, Olga H. S. Walsh Chicago, holder of a \$2,000 insurance policy in the Mutual, filed suit for an injunction in the Federal court here.

The insurance company, Charles A. Peabody, its president, the directors, members of the Anglo-French Credit Loan Commission, J. P. Morgan individually, and J. P. Morgan & Co., were named as defendants.

The complaints set forth that among the thousands of policyholders in the Mutual Life Insurance Company are many persons of various nationalities, and that the investment of the trust funds of these policyholders in the Anglo-French loan would tend to produce antagonisms among the policyholders which might lead to disrupting the company and thereby depreciate the value of her interest in the company.

The bill asks that the officers of the company be restrained from directly or indirectly investing its trust funds in the loan or from investing its trust funds or suffering any of its assets to be used for the purpose of aiding the manufacture of munitions of war, aeroplanes, submarines or any naval outfit or appliances to be used by the English or French nations for belligerent purposes. It further asks that J. P. Morgan and J. P. Morgan & Co., be restrained from soliciting or conniving with the officers and directors of the Mutual Life Insurance Company for the purpose of procuring any of its funds to be invested in the \$500,000,000 Anglo-French loan. A similar rule of court is petitioned against the members of the Anglo-French Loan Commission.

WILSON SANCTIONS PLAN.

Gives Formal Indorsement to Recognition of First Chief Carranza.

Washington.—President Wilson gave formal sanction to the plan of the Pan-American Conference to extend recognition to the Carranza government in Mexico. Diplomatic representatives here of several South American governments received instructions to take the same action as the United States. Similar word is expected within a few days from the governments of all the other American republics. The form and time of recognition will be fixed then.

Correspondence that passed between Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's representative here, and Secretary Lansing and members of the Pan-American Conference relative to the protection of the foreigners, amenities, the treatment of the clergy and Carranza's pledge to restore constitutional government became public. It reveals that Secretary Lansing asked particularly of Mr. Arredondo concerning the attitude of the Carranza government toward the clergy.

Earth Vibrations in Europe.

Stuttgart, Germany, via wireless to London.—The seismograph at Stuttgart Observatory has recorded strong earth vibrations for the past 24 hours. The disturbance apparently has been central in Europe. Earth tremors were felt at Marienbad during the morning.

Lieut. Taliaferro Killed.

San Diego, Cal.—Lieut. Walter D. Taliaferro, stationed at the United States army aviation corps school at North Island, fell 1,000 feet into San Diego Bay and was killed. His body has not yet been recovered. The cause of the accident could not be ascertained.

Wholesale Desertions From Villa.

El Paso, Tex.—Andrés Garza, the Carranza Consul here, declared that he had advice of wholesale desertions of the Villa army mobilizing at Casas Grandes. One general, he said, had left there with 800 men during the last week to march to the nearest Carranza outpost and another general backed by 2,000 men was on the point of revolt. Col. Hippolito Villa, financial agent of the Villa government at Juarez and brother of General Villa, issued an official denial of dispatches about General Villa.

S. A. L. APPROVES EXPANSION PLANS

DIRECTORS FAVOR CONSOLIDATION WITH CAROLINA, ATLANTIC & WESTERN.

OPEN LINE OF NEW ROAD

Gives Seaboard Connection With Tide water at Charleston.—Adds 250 Miles of Track.

New York.—Directors of the Seaboard Air Line Railway approved plans providing for a consolidation with the Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway and an issue of a \$300,000,000 mortgage. This is in accordance with the company's policy of financial expansion and constructive extension announced some weeks ago. An announcement by S. D. Warfield, chairman of the board, says the consolidated company, to be known as the Seaboard Air Line Railway company, is to have all authorized capital stock of \$100,000,000, the same amount as was authorized by the present company, divided into one million shares, par value of \$100 of which there will be issued \$27,280,000 preferred shares and \$40,041,000 common shares.

New common stock is to be exchanged for an equal amount of common stock of the present company and \$2,280,000 of the stock of the Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway.

New preferred stock amounting to \$25,000,000 is to be exchanged for a like amount of present Seaboard stock with unaltered dividend provisions.

The \$2,280,000 stock to be exchanged for Carolina road bonds is to be entitled to non-cumulative dividends of six per cent before dividends are declared on the common. The \$25,000,000 preferred stock is to be non-cumulative at four per cent before dividends are declared on the common.

MOST VALUABLE HARVESTS.

Biggest Wheat and Corn Crops Ever Government Report.

Washington.—American harvests this year will be the most valuable ever produced. With the wheat crop exceeding a billion bushels, the largest ever produced in one season by any nation, and a corn crop which also may prove to be the largest ever grown, the government's October crop report announced preliminary estimates which indicate record harvests of oats, barley, rye, sweet potatoes, rice, tobacco and hay.

Corn still is king of crops with indications of 3,026,159,000 bushels. While that is 98,000,000 below the record of 1912, the final production may more than make up the difference. The higher prices this year assure the most valuable corn crop ever grown.

At prices to farmers prevailing October 1 the crop is worth \$2,233,000,000. Wheat prospects increased as the growing season progressed and the government's early season forecast moved up month by month so that the preliminary estimate of production was placed at 1,002,029,000 bushels. At prices prevailing October 1 the farm value of the crop is \$910,844,000, considerably more than ever was paid for a wheat crop before.

September weather was particularly destructive to potatoes, causing a reduction of 37,758,000 bushels, or 10 per cent in the forecast of production. Tobacco also suffered from unfavorable conditions which caused a decrease of 21,345,000 pounds in the production forecasts. Tobacco, however, promises to exceed the record crop of 1909 by 43,000,000 pounds.

Oats will exceed the record crop of 1912 by almost 100,000,000 bushels. Barley will exceed its record by 13,000,000 bushels; sweet potatoes by 5,000,000 bushels, rice by 500,000 bushels and hay by 8,000,000 tons.

Quake at San Francisco.

San Francisco.—A well-defined earthquake shock was felt here at 9:26 o'clock.

Will Recognize Carranza Government.

Washington.—Recognition of the Carranza government in Mexico, it was learned in official circles is likely to be accorded by the United States within the next few weeks. Data submitted by the revolutionary factions is being considered now, and the conference of Pan-American diplomats presided over by Secretary Lansing will be held as planned three weeks ago. The secretary and each of the diplomats will report their opinions on the "material and moral capacity" of the factions claiming recognition.

BANDITS GET RICH HAUL FROM TRAIN

B. & O. EXPRESS TRAIN HELD UP AND ROBBED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

GET REGISTERED PACKAGES

There Were Federal Bank Certificates in Packages Stolen.—Robbers Could Operate Train.

Wheeling, W. Va.—Posses continue their search for masked bandits who held up and robbed a Baltimore & Ohio express train en route from New York to St. Louis, two miles west of Central, W. Va., but no trace of them has been found.

The local government officials who have been in touch with the situation are of the opinion that the bandits were aware money from Washington was on the train as it has been definitely learned they demanded the Washington packages of the mail clerks.

Engineer Grant Helms of Parkersburg, who was at the throttle when the hold-up occurred, said he believed the robbers boarded the train between the engine and the mail car at Central when the train stopped to take on water. Shortly after the train started again two men climbed over the tender and down into the cab covering him and Fireman T. R. Knight of Grafton and ordered that the train be stopped.

The command was not obeyed until after Engineer Helms struck at one of the men, thinking for the moment it was somebody trying to play a joke on him. However, on seeing that the bandits meant business, he stopped the train. One of the men then ordered the fireman off the engine. The two bandits commanded Helms to run his engine a short distance ahead. At the points of their revolvers, Helms was then ordered to leave the cab. Three mail clerks were in the car when the bandits entered and the clerks thought they were some of the trainmen. At the point of revolvers the robbers demanded the registered mail, of which there were about 90 packages on the bench. Two of the clerks, Cecil Plummer and C. R. Phillips, were ordered to leave the car and the train was then run a short distance farther, Haines Huff, clerk in charge of the car, being retained in order to point out where other registered mail was kept. He was then ordered to leave the car also and the engine and mail car were taken on to Tollgate by the bandits.

At Tollgate the two men abandoned the engine and car and got into an automobile which was in charge of an accomplice. They were seen to go in an easterly direction from that place.

MR. WILSON AND PARTY CHEERED

Crowds Applaud President and Fiancee While in New York.

New York.—President Wilson and his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, came to New York for a brief visit to the President's closest personal friend, Col. E. M. House. From the time of their arrival until their departure they were New York's chief objects of interest and each time they appeared in public they were followed by thousands.

For the first time since he became President Mr. Wilson gave way as center of attraction to another. The people showed anxiety to see him but their eyes were centered on the woman who within the next few months is to become the "first lady of the land." Both the President and Mrs. Gault evidently were pleased by the reception accorded them. They were slightly shy on their first appearance in public as an engaged couple, but acknowledged applause with smiles. They made no attempt to hide themselves and everytime they appeared in public they were side by side.

Cabinet Officers Held.

Winnipeg, Man.—Sir Rodinon Roblen, former minister of France to Manitoba and three other cabinet officers charged with conspiracy in connection with the erection of parliament buildings were committed for trial at the close of their preliminary hearing here. Bail for the four men was fixed at \$50,000 each. The three other men committed with Sir Rodman are the Hon. Dr. W. H. Montague, former minister of public works; J. H. Howden, former attorney general and G. P. Coldwell.

FEDERAL PATROLMAN ADDRESSED MEETING

TRYON TP. FORESTERS HEAR EXCELLENT SPEECH BY MR. JOHN RIIS.

HAS POWER TO ARREST

When Law Violators Start Fires. Laws Will Be Rigidly Enforced.

The regular monthly meeting of The Forestry Club of Tryon township was held in Missildine Hall, Tuesday afternoon. The regular business was transacted after which, Patrolman Riis was asked to address the meeting. Mr. Riis address follows: Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen:

I have been appointed patrolman for Tryon township by the federal government and also State fire warden by the State forester. The federal appointment makes it my duty to plan and execute a system of patrol that will enable me to notify your district wardens immediately upon the discovery of any fire in Tryon township. The actual fire fighting is left largely to the members of the club, tho I will endeavor to put out any small fire that may occur by myself, providing it will not break my patrol in unusually dry weather.

I will also be ready to assist in fire fighting and if necessary take charge of a fire crew if it can be done without seriously neglecting the patrol work which I am employed to do. The choice of a patrol route and the privilege of changing it if conditions require, is left to my judgement.

As deputy State warden, I have authority to make arrests without warrant in case of violations of the State fire laws which are extremely broad and effective if enforced and power to summon any able bodied man to assist in putting out a fire. I want to say that while it will be my aim to give all possible publicity to the State laws and secure the good will and whole hearted co-operation of every citizen, I shall not hesitate to arrest and prosecute vigorously any offender. Ignorance of the law is not a valid excuse. In every community large or small are always one or two individuals upon whom argument and persuasion are wasted, in whom respect for others rights is absent. When such a man runs cross wise to the law, whether it be their carelessness or willfulness, the sooner an example is made of him, the better it will be for the community.

You have organized The Tryon forestry club as a matter of self protection. In doing so you have connected a greater work than planned. Our country is just awaking to the need for forest protection and its value to the Nation and consequently to the individual. Ambassador Jusserand said, "In France we think much about tomorrow because we have known so many yesterdays." America is a young country but we have been so busy building our towns and cities that we have neglected to profit by the yesterdays of older countries as for as our forests are concerned. China, once heavily timbered is now in many regions barren mountain slopes where it is necessary to build terraces and carry soil up from the valleys by hand to fill in behind the rock walls and make agricultural land for the farmer. The yearly floods that devastate China with the loss of thousands of lives are the natural result of the destruction of her forests. Five hundred years before Christ's time the Chinese Emperor Chang, foresaw what would happen and warned his subjects, but like most other prophets he was with out honor in his own country. Palestine, once a timbered country is now practically treeless. Solomon destroyed a whole forest of cedar in order to build his temple and those who came after him took the rest. The shores of the Mediterranean Sea in Caesar's time were a garden of trees and shrubs. Wealthy Romans built their summer homes there. The Arabs invaded

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