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HEAD OF BETHLEHEM STEEL CO. OPPOSES **U.S. ARMOR PLANT**

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E. G. Grace Protests Against Bill Providing for Establishment of Government Factory

MIDVALE DEAL DENIED

By a Blaff Correspondent

By a Stag Correspondent WASHINOTON, Jan. 12.—Testifying be-fore the Senata Naval Affairs Committee today, E. G. Grace, president of the Beth-lehem Steel Company, oppesed the bill for a Federal armor plate factory. He sub-mitted a detailed statement of the armor plate contracts received by the company from the United States Government from 187 to the present time to the present time.

"This shows," said Mr. Grace, "that we have made a total of 95,000 tons for the Government. The prices ranged from 1320 to 3345 a ton, the average being \$432. Today's price is \$495.

"The Niles Board investigated us and the Nite Board investment is the bing the Government, which we have been accused of so often. Japan has a Government armor pints plant and it is costing that country 3400 a ton this year."

Questioned by Senator Swanson, of Virginia, as to whether the Bethlehem Company had ever sold armor plate to a foreign government, he said it had been sold in small amounts.

"Did you sell at a lower price to foreign overnments than to the United States?" was asked

"Our first contract, made with the Run sian Government, was at a price lower than our then reigning prices to the United States," said Mr. Grace. "Our Government was using only about onethird of our production, so we sought a customer in foreign fields. In order to t customer we 'dumped' out That is the only time we even product. sold to a foreign government at a price lower than that charged the United

Mr. Grace testified that the value of air. Grace tentined that the value of the armor plate plant of the Bethlehem Company is \$7,100,000. He placed the value of the entire plant of the com-pany between \$55,000,000 and \$70,000,000.

"If we could run our armor plate company at full capacity the year through, we could make armor plate at \$315 a ton, but when our production is reduced half the cost is increased 20 per said Mr. Grace.

"Is it true," asked Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, "that you have absorbed the Midvale Steel Company?"

'Absolutely incorrect," was the answer. 'I asked that question," explained Sen-or Penrose, "because Senator Tillman ator Penrose, "because Senator Tillman chairman of this committee and author of the bill for the Federal armor plant. said that such a consolidation had been

said that such a consolidation had been effected." Senator Swanson asked whether Mr. Grace would allow an expert accountant to go through the books of the Bethle-hem company for the purpose of deter-mining the cost of making armor plate. "I would not consent to an interpreta-tion of our books by a Government ac-countant," said Mr. Grace. "I would con-sent to a public accountant if we could

sent to a public accountant if we could agree on one.

"You refused to allow a representative of the Navy Department to go through your books," said Senator Tillman. "Yes and I would refuse to consent to that today. We do not propose to allow a prospective competitor to go through our books."

our books. A five million-dollar munition plant at

A new million-dollar munition plant at Toledo, Ohio, was proposed in a bill in-troduced in the House today by Repre-sentative Sherwood of Ohio. Represen-tative Sherwood declared that the Government manufacture of munitions would tend to put an end to the pro-paganda of preparedness.

VILLA MARCHES NORTH; **BACA-VALLES DIES**

Continued from Page One uttered in the hearing of his guards

"May God he merciful to me." In the darkest hour of the morning, ust before dawn, Baca-Valles was led In the day it will be taken with the body of General Rodrigues to Chihuahua City. The two bedies were exhibited together at Juares today and the same action will be taken at Chihauhua. Colonel Baca-Valles was captured aturday near Palamos, Chihuahua, close to the border at Columbus, N. M. His second officer, Lieutenant Colonel Enrique generos, was also captured, but Cisneros was shot at onco. Eight Villa soldiers taken at the same time were also exe-ted at the scene of the capture. Anabel massmore and was trying to reach the border when he was captured. He general Rodrigues was captured. He general Rodrigues was captured.

General Rodriguez was captured. The murder of Albert B. Simmons, of Los Angeles, and Victor Hamilton, of Chicago, news of which reached here late yesterday, was charged today direct-ily to the Villeta forces by Carranza offi-cials. The latter declared they had re-ceived information that the soldiers who killed the two Americans were led by the Arrieta brothers, supporters of Villa. The Arrieta troops have been operating to the west of Torreon, in the district in which the Americans were slain. Carranza soldiers have been sent out to recover the Americans' bodies and hunt ecover the Americans' bodies and hunt

own the slavers. The refugee train from Parral arrived

at Junces at L15 a. m. today. The fact that it was nearly two days behind its schedule was explained as due to the fact that Americans from Jimines. Tor-reon, Santa Rosalla and Chihuahua City were taken aboard.

The train brought 73 foreigners, mostly Americans. The Mexican officials would not permit the train to cross into the United States, and consequently the ref-ugees came to the American side of the Rio Grande in carriages and auto-mobiles as soon as it was light.

The refugees said they were happy to get out of Mexico. They reported that r number of Americans had refused to leave Mexico, however, declaring they would "take a chance" rather than abanion their property.

Three Americans who had been reported Three Americans who had been reported as "missing in Mexico" arived here late last night. They were Richard Wagner, William Evans and C. E. Tracy, all em-ployed at the Hearst ranch. In western Chihuahua.

The three men had ridden nearly 100 miles across Mexican desert and through mountain regions to dodge Villa bands roving in the Madera district.

BORAH DEMANDS ACTION IN MEXICAN SITUATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 .- The battle in the Senate over the Mexican situation, was renewed today. Senator Lewis, of Illinois, in response to the wish of the Administration, tried to have his resotation authorizing intervention referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Borah, of Idalio, strenuously re-slated the move and demanded immedi-ate action by the Senate.

"The measure might as well be with drawn as sent to the Foreign Relations Committee," declared Senator Borah.

"We need action now at this very hou and we need drastic action. This Senate ought to notify the Mexican people today that we are ready to use armed force to protect the lives of our people." Senator Lippitt, Republican, of Rhode Island, tried to have read into a record a newspaper editorial extolling Huerta.

Senator Myers, Democrat, of Montana, vigorously objected on the ground that it was wrong to compare the President to a "cutthroat and a usurper."

Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, firmly declared "we will not have any more of this sort of thing attempted or doue in the Senate." Vice President Marshall sustained the objection and the reading of the editorial was stopped.

Senator Lippitt then introduced a resolution directing the President to inter-vene, and insisted upon its immediate consideration. Senator Lewis objected, and Senator Stone tried to have it referred to the Foreign Relations Com mittee

Senator Lippitt bluntly asked Senator Stone how long it would be before the President would act in Mexico. Senator Storie characterized the inquiry as be-neath the dignity of the Senate, and de-

lined to answer. "Cruel, brutal and pusillanimous" was the way Senator Lippitt described the President's Mexican doctrine. "If J had been President on the day the Chihuahua massacre another sun

would not have shone over the Sierta Madre Mountains before American troops would have been in Mexico in pursuit of the murderers." said Senator Lippitt. would have been in Mexico in pursuit of the murderers." said Senator Lippitt. "The first scrap of paper I would have used would have been to instruct those solders to punish them, their accom-plices and sympathizers, until every



PALE of MILLS NEW LANDING IN GREECE

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According to Berlin reports, Al-lied troops have landed at Phale-ron, Greece, which is at the end of a railway line only five mile long, leading to the capital, and just across the bay from the Piraeus, the real seaport of Athens.

partment's Mexican data by tomorrow afternoon

Secretary Lansing is understood to have pointed out at the Cabinet meeting that if this Government does decide to inter-vens in Mexico it can do so without re-

gard to any other country. He declared that the United States is not entangled in any alliances with other nations. The secretary made it plain that reports that this country had entered into an agreement with South American countries to act jointly with them in case intervention in Mexico became neces case intervention in Mexico became neces-sary were faise. He assured the cabinet that he had made no such agreement with representatives of any country. Eliseo Arredondo, Carranza's ambassa-dor here, called at the State Department

today to learn if official confirmation had been received of the murder of Albert B. Simmons, of Los Angeles, and Victor Hamilton, of Chicago, by a gaug of Villista bandits. He was told that the department is having the case investi-gated. Arredondo declared that he had received no advices concerning the re-

COLONEL BARKSDALE BURIED

Services in Continental Hotel Today and Interment in North Laurel

Hill Cemetery

The funeral services of Colonel Frank Nelson Barksdale, advertising agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, who died last Friday, were held in his apartments in the Continental Hotel at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They were conducted by the afternoon. They were conducted by the Venerable R. Bowden Shepherd, archdeacon of the Episcopal Church of New Jersey. Interment was in North Laurel Hill Cemetery.

The following personal friends of Cole nel Barksdale acted as honorary pall-bearers: George W. Boyd, possenger traffic manager, P. R. R. Company; E. T. Postlethwaite, assistant to president P. R R. Company: W. A. Patton, assistant to president P. R. R. Company; James P. Anderson, general passenger agent P. R. R. Company: D. N. Bell, general passen-ger agent P. R. R. Company W. H. Scott, president Allen, Lane & Scott; E. S. Stewart Pennwivania Railroad Company tewart, Pennsylvania Railroad Company H. L. Weir, Pennsylvania Rallroad Com-pany; C. K. Macnichol, Pennsylvania Rallroad Company; Judge John M. Camp-bell, Captain Mitchell McDonald, paymas-bell, Captain Mitchell McDonald, paymaster United States Navy; Edward

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RESOLUTION FOR TALK ON 5-CENT FARE IDEA Agrees to United Business

Men's Proposal for Conference Between Councilmanic Committee, Mayor and P. R. T.

IN COUNCILS THURSDAY

Select Councilman Charles Seger has agreed to introduce in Councils at the meeting next Thursday a joint resolution authorizing a conference between Coun-ells' Street Railway Committee, Mayor Smith and the Director of the Department of City Transit-mot yet appointed—and officers of the Rapid Transit Company for the purpose of considering a mutually satisfactory plan for free transfers on a 5-cent fare basis and the immediate elimi-

nation of the S-cent exchange tickets. Mr. Seger is the Organization leader o Mr. Seger is the Organization leader of the 7th Ward and in the transit discus-sions in Councils last year played a not inconspicuous part on the side of John P. Connelly and others who opposed the adoption of the Taylor plan in its entirety

under the new administration when they petitioned the chambers to take immed-late steps to settle the long-disputed transfer issue. The Seger resolution is as follows:

Railway Committee to confer with the Mayor of Philadelphia, the Director of the Department of City Transit and the proper officers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, with refer-ence to an agreement between said company and the city for the operation by said company of city-built high-speed lines in conjunction with the company's present lines as one unified system of transit for the City of Phil-adelphia, with free transfers on a fivecent fare basis.

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia has begun partial construction of two high-speed lines, the Broad street sub-way and the Frankford elevated railway, and provision must be made for their completion and operation and for the building and operation of other proposed highspeed lines, and

Whereas, The citizens of Philadelphia will not be equitably benefited by the construction of these lines unless they are operated in conjunction with the present surface and high-speed lines of the company at a uniform rate of fare, with free transfers; and.

Whereas, No such operating agree-ment has been reached between the city and the company; therefore,

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia That the Street Railway Committee of these Councils is hereby authorized to confer with the Mayor of Philadelphia, the Director of the Department of City Transit and the proper officers of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, to consider and determine a mutually sat-isfactory plan for the operation by the company of all city-built lines with the present surface and high-speed systems. with free transfers on a 5-cent fare basis, and preliminary thereto, the immediate elimination of the 8-cent exchange tickets from use on the present surface lines and the adoption thereon of a system of universal free transfers on a 5-cent fare basis, and to report to these Councils the results of such con-ference at the earliest day possible, to the end that car fares in Philadelphia may be equalized for every citizen and every district therein.

UN FORTE AUSTRIACO DANNEGGIATO SULLA FRONTE DELLA CARNIA

L'On. Barzilai Da' a Tutti gli Alleati la Colpa della Caduta dell'Eroico

ROMA, 18 Gennato. Il Ministero della Guerra pubblicava teri sera il seguente comunicato ufficiale circa la situazione sul teatro della guerra. talo-austriaca:

"Lungo la fronte del Trentino avute azioni di artiglieria. Il nostro fuoco contro le batterie del forte Rolbi, nella valle del Seebach, diatrusse parte di una cupola cornazata è mise in fuga reparti nemici.

'Sulle alture attorno ad Oslavia nostra vigorosa controffensiva, iniziata per riprendere piccole porzioni di trincee a nord del villaggio, che erano ancora enute dal nemico, continua con successo I prigionieri fatti da noi confermano che nell'attacco di venerdi' notte furono implegate grandi forme nemiche che mof-

fersero perdite gravissime. "Sul Carso la situazione e' immutata. Aeropiani nemici iasciarono cadere ieri ombe su luoghi abitati nella bassa valle dell'Isonzo, ma causando pochi danni."

ITALIA E MONTENEGRO.

Il ministro on, Salvatore Bargilal pronuncio ieri a Padova un discorso e dentemente ispirato dal prosidente o Consiglio, discorso nel quale attribui scipa della caduta del Montenegro de nancato affiatamento degli alleati per

ita' cominciassero era il dovere comune Nell'avvenire questo ordine di idee non sara' profittevole, ed il governo che ne approfittera' per scusarsi di errori non

quella citta' italiana, come afferma l'idea Nazionale, stabilendo cola' per qualche tempo la sede del governo serbo. Ivi e' atteso anche re Pietro non appena avra' finito la cura del bagni nell'isola greca di

ftalia e' giunto all'enorme cifra di 40 dollari per tonnellala, a grande quantita' di questo carbone giace ora non venduto nel porti italiani. Il prezzo allianimo e stato onterminato dalle altianime tariffo di trasporto. Point, N. J., and the appoint Charles R. Reddington as p Reddington, is an employe of La notizia che Austria e Montenegri

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stanno per iniziare traitative per la pace ha prodotto a Roma profonda impres-stope, ma siccome la notizia non e ancora data ufficialmente i giornali ai nata unchamento i govini a attesa di maggiori particolari e di piu' definite notizie. Qui pere' si nutrono gravi ap-premioni per le migliaia di montenegrini e zerbi che al sono rifugiati tra le moningne albanesi e sono minacciati dalle tribu' mallssore, giacche' dal momento in cui i serbi insciarono la regione di Scutari gli albanesi hanno ripreso corag-

A Roma glungeva da Atens oggi la a riona giongeva da Atene oggi la notizia che le truppe bulgare che erano entrate nell'Albania sono state, ritirate essendo scoppiati dissensi tra bulgari ed nustro-tedeschi. Il telegramma dice persino che Bulgaria e Turchia sarebbero ora inclinate a concludere separatamente In pace.

A Berlino e' stato announciato che gli alleati hanno sbarcato truppe a Phaleron. che si trova ad appena cinque miglia a aud-est di Atene e ad est del Pireo. Se la notizia e' vera, puo' darai che gli alienti intendano forzare la mano alla Grecia. Pure da Berlino mandano che il governo greco ha trasferito parte dei suo archivil da Atene a Larissa. Intanto si apprende che in questa settimana il gov-erno greco proclamera' lo stato di assedio nel regno.

Another Death in Home for Aged

TIMES SQUARE The death list from grip at the Hom-for the Aged, at Church lane and Mus-At Broadway, 44th to 45th Streets-the center of New York's social and grave street, Germantown, was increased early today to 18 by the death of James Barry, 70 years old. All the deaths have occurred during the last two weeks, eight business activities. In close proximity of them within the last three days,



Montenegro I SERBI A BRINDISI

The Business Men's Committee started their campaign for a five-cent fare agree-ment at the first meeting of Councils

A Resolution, Authorizing the Street

a water tank stat ... by a squad of 20 Carranzista soldiers, commanded by Capitain Alejandro Reginio. The prisoner had been under guard at the tank sta-tion for five hours.

When the execution squad arrived, Col-onel Baca-Valles rose heavily to his feet, cast away his last cigarette and came out of his prison hut without a word of pro-test. Two blocks away, on the bank of a muddy irrigation cand, stood a large cottonwood tree. To this marched the firing squad with the prisoner, his hands bound, in its centre.

Through the morning mist electric lights Through the marning mist electric lights twinkled f. m the railway station. The air was chill, but the prisoner did not shiver. Lacking a coat, he wore instead a gray coat sweater. Once on the short march Baca-Valles stumbled and almost fell, but recovered quickly and looked about him as if to see if any of his guards Anought he wat v wixating. Arriving at the tree, the soldiers bound their prisoner to lis trunk by the order. Just before the Cabinet meeting con-

their prisoner to its trunk by the order of Captain Reginio, who then stepped up to Baca-Valles and asked if he wished a handkerchief placed over his eyes. The prisoner replied:

The prisoner replied: "No me importa. No soy cabarde." (It doesn't matter to me. I'm no coward). The handkerchief was left off. As Baca-Valles stood against the tree he faced directly toward the special refugée train from Parral in which were sleeping several scores of American men, women and children who had fled to the fronther as a result of the magardre for

women and children who had fied to the fronther as a result of the massacre for which Baca-Valles and Rodriguez paid the penalty with their lives. Turning from the prisoner after he had refused to be blindfolded, Captain Re-ginio gave a quiet order to a member of the firing squad. The soldter unslung his rife, slipped several shells into the magazine and stepped forward, facing the condemned man.

The rule and stepped forward, facing the condemned man. When within an arm's reach the solder halted and brought his rifle to his should be the prisoner's breast and pointed directly to his hear. "Who, duo, tree," counted Captain Re-with slowly. At the word "trees" the sold of the prisoner's breast and pointed directly to his hear. "Who, duo, tree," counted Captain Re-dier pulled the trigger and the Villista solder pulled the trigger and the Villista section of the sold with ordering the sold of the sold of the trigger and the Villista solder base instantaneous. The corpse was immediately united and half where it was displayed before a co-tion, where it was displayed before a co-



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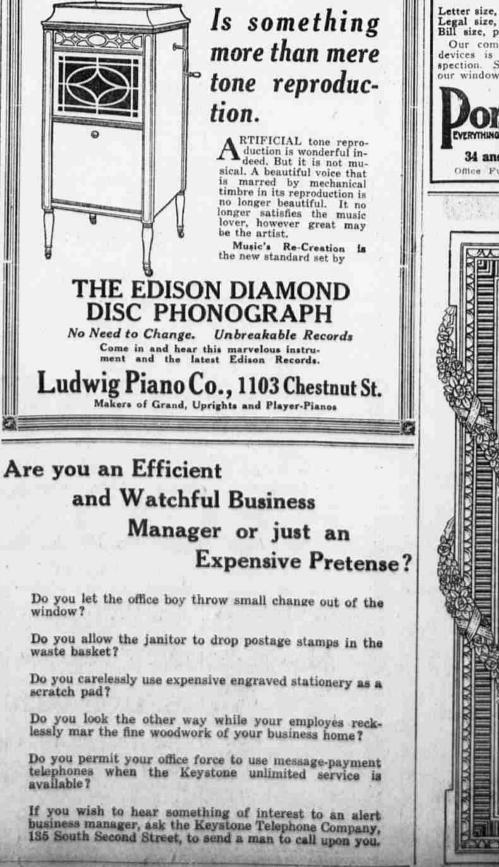
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plices and sympathizers, until every American ranchman in Mexico would be as safe as in the city of Washington." "There are two or three Senators on the Republican side athirst for war with Mexico." replied Senator Stone. "A dec-laration of war would break their hearts; it would leave nothing to talk about. They are past military sge, but their capacity for youble declamation is unimalized."

for voluble declamation is unimpliced." President Wilson and his Cabinet took up the Mexican situation in detail to-day. Secretary of State Lansing carried to the Cabinet meeting all of the informa-

Just before the Cabinet meeting con vened Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, held a 15-minute conference with Secrethe tary Lansing. Afterward Senator Stom said he expected to get the State De





MUSIC'S Re-Creation