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CARRANZA CONCEDES AMERICA'S COMPLAINTS, STATES HIS AND SEEKS MEDIATION; U.S. WILLING

to Ultimatum Received

PLAN TO ESTABLISH PATROL ON BORDER

Trevino's Limit Order on Troop Movement Dodged in Answer

GUARD STILL ON MOVE

Lansing Announces This Country Is Ready to Discuss Peace Scheme

WASHINGTON, July 5 .- General Venus tiano Carranza, in reply to the American demand for a statement as to his attitude toward the expedition now in Mexico, proposes mediation or direct negotiation of the points at issue between the two countries.

To this proposition the United States Government is favorable, in view of Carranza's desire to maintain friendly relations as expressed in the Carranza note delivered to Secretary of State Lansing today.

This was made known by the State De partment officially after it had considered the English translation of the message, although whether such continuance will be by means of mediation or direct negotiations between the two nations was not revealed by Secretary Lansing.

Secretary Lansing said, however, that rejection of formal overtures from the Bolivian Minister recently could not be interpreted as a final rejection of the principle. In stead, he pointed out, that was contingent upon receipt of the Carranza reply.

The Department's announcement, aside from an expression of willingness to con tinue negotiations, was merely that the note had arrived, been translated and sent to

Manifestly, from Lansing's comment, the document is satisfactory, as forecast yes-

While the note is conciliatory in tone, it states a counter grievance and wishes that issue, as well as the American grievance cleared up.

POINTS AT ISSUE. As stated by Carranga, the situation is

America demands protection for its border towns from the ravages they have suffered from Mexican raids. Mexico considers the presence of

American troops in Mexico as a tres-

Pending negotiations the Carranza Govwould be calculated to complicate affairs and expresses the hope that the American military authorities on the border and in Mexico will do the same.

There is no mention of the Trevino order limiting the movement of the American troops in any direction except toward the ficials, who reported that one of the railborder, and the assumption here is that the order stands.

The Carranza reply has, however, ended for the time being all war talk in Washington.

Administration officials, after hastily scanning the document, say that it opens a way for a speedy adjustment of all differences between this Government and the de facto Government of Mexico.

The note, a model of brevity, signed by Foreign Minister Aguilar, is conciliatory in every paragraph. And while again insisting that the presence of American troops on Mexican soil-which is characterized as a trespass on the sovereignty of Mexicois the immediate cause of the conflicts between the Governments, General Carranga, for the first time, personally assumes part of the blame by admitting that the insecurity of the frontier gives the United States a just cause for complaint against his

OPENS WAY TO PARLEY.

By doing so, officials say, he ties the hands of the Administration so far as any aggressive military measures in Mexico proper are concerned, and opens the way to a diplomatic parley to settle all points in

Both at the White House and at the State Department it is said that the fact that the note was not responsive to the demand of the United States that Carranza define his intentions toward the Amer-

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\$750,000 FOR CUSTOM HOUSE SITE HERE

House Committee on Grounds Favors Appropriation-Moore Fights for Building

WASHINGTON, July 5 .- Philadelphia is virtually assured of a new custom house by the action of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds today in voting for an appropriation of \$750,000 for a site for a building in that city. This amount will be placed in the omnibus public buildings bill and will be passed by Con-

President Wilson has declared opposition

to such a bill and may veto it. Representative Hampton Moore is authoof the bill, which calls for \$2,000,000 for a site for a custom house and a building. He estimates that \$750,000 will purchase a site and that the next Congress will provide for a building. However, he will make a fight for an appropriation for the build

Mexican Note in Reply | CARRANZA'S REPLY TO U.S. NOTE

I have the honor to transmit in continuation the text of a note, which I have just received from my Government, with instructions to present it to your Excellency:

Mr. Secretary: Referring to the notes of June 20 and 25 last, I have the honor to say to your Excellency that the immediate release of the Carrizal prisoners was a further proof of the sincerity of the desire of this Government to reach a pacific and satisfactory arrangement of present difficulty. This Government is anxious to solve the present conflict, and it would be unjust if its attitude should be misinterpreted.

It was also the Mexican Government that earnestly suggested the plan for cantonments rlong the boundary line during the conferences of Cludad Juarez and El Paso. This Government is disposed now, as it has always been, to seek an immediate solution of the two points which constitute the true causes of the conflict between the two countries, to wit: The American Government believes reasonably that the insecurity of its frontier is a source of difficulty, and the Mexican Government on its part believes that the stay of American troops on Mexican territory, aside from being tresspass on the sovereignty of Mexico, is the immediate cause of the conflict.

Therefore, the withdrawal of American troops, on the one hand, and the protection of the frontier, on the other, are the two essential problems the solution of which must be the directing object of the effort of both

The Mexican Government is willing to consider in a quick and practical way and prompted by a spirit of concord the remedies which should pe applied to the present situation.

Several Latin-American countries have offered their friendly media tion to the Mexican Government, and the latter has accepted it in principle. Therefore, the Mexican Government only awaits information that the Government of the United States would be disposed to accept this mediation for the purpose mentioned above, or whether it is still of the belief that the same results may be attained by means of direct negotiations btween both Governments.

In the meantime, this Government purposes to employ all efforts that may be at its disposal to avoid the recurrence of new incidents which may complicate and aggravate the situation. At the same time, it hopes that the American Government on its part also may make use of all efforts to prevent acts of its military and civil authorities of the frontier which may cause new complications.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to your Excellency the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

Having thus complied with the higher instructions of my Government, it affords me pleasure to reiterate to your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration. E. ARRENDONDO.

SECOND REGIMENT IN PERIL ZONE OF **MEXICAN SNIPERS**

Rifles Poked From Windows for Quick Use, if Needed

COL. TURNER PREPARED TEUTONS' LINES PIERCED

By CARL L. ZEISBERG

Evening Ledger Staff Correspondent
ABILENE, Tex., 2d Regiment Troop means to prevent any new hostile acts that Train En Route to El Paso, July 5 .-Mexican snipers are at work on the Texas and Pacific Railway line lear Sierra Blanca, Tex., over which this train will pass to-This information was given to night. Colonel Hamilton D. Turner, commander of the 2d Regiment, today by railroad ofroad guards had been killed by Mexicans near Sierra Blanca July 3d and that a Connecticut troop train had been fired upon by a sniper near the same town on the same day. It confirmed rumors at Texarkana that a troop train had been the target of a bullet and furnished added details that were not available until today.

Colonel Turner, his staff and officers of the 1st Battalion who are on this train, at once took stock of their ammunition. The dead guard was one of the two stationed at a bridge near Sierra Blanca, which lies 92 miles east of El Paso. The rallway from Sierra Blanca to El Paso is closely watched by both Government and railroad guards, heavily armed, ag ast raiding parties from across the border whe, which runs almost parallel to the track at a distance of from one to 10 miles all the way to El Paso from Van Horn. East of Sierra Blanca to Fort Hancock on the west is considered the danger zone. The railroad has placed guards at bridges and

other points where ambush is possible. From Fort Hancock west to El Paso. Government motorcycle guards, working in pairs, patrol the road. Every precaution to assure the safe arrival of the train is

being taken. The news that snipers might "let fly" at them was treated as a joke by the soldiers, who welcomed the thought of a possible brush with the enemy.

READY FOR ATTACK.

There is no use becoming excited about it. Rifles poked their lean black noses from every coach window, and rumors of Mexican suipers and track dynamiters flew past with the panoramic landscape of Texas prairie land.

But the rifles were not loaded, and leaned against the windows because they were more comfortable there. And the rumors of hostile Mexicans, which sprang up like mushrooms, lived about as long as mush-

It was more than romantic though, as we drew into the alkali plains of western Texas, near the goal of our long n pilgrimage, where Mexican hyphens became as thick as flies on an uncovered garbage can, that sumors of troop trains fired upon and of bridges blown up increased in number, and it was thrilling at last to be on the threshold of the scene where war news springs into being.

LITTLE AMMUNITION ABOARD.

nstant use should a malevolent Mexican 514 miles deep have taken a pot shot at the American 'machine," was confined to the personal for the officers' sidearms. The from the Turnopel front in an effort to Springfield 36s with which the troops were

Partition Inc. Prop Too. Police

GERMANS CHECK SLAV OFFENSIVE AT BARANOWITCHI

Berlin Reports Russians Repulsed, With Heavy Losses, by Bavarian Army

BERLIN, July 5 .- In stubborn hand-tohand fighting, German troops under Prince Leopold of Bavaria have repulsed the Russians near Baranovitschi, inflicting severe losses, the War Office announced this after-

PETROGRAD, July 5 .- Fighting of the most violent character is now in progress along the entire front in Galicia and Russia, according to an official dispatch ssued by the Russian War Office today.

The struggle is particularly severe in the sector of Baranovitch. The fortified town of Ekimovitchi, east of Baranovitch, has changed hands a number of times, but is now in possession of the Russians.

West of Kolki, the report says, the Russians have occupied the first-line positions of the Germans.

The following is the text of the official report:

Northwest of Baranovitch the enemy is endeavoring to stop our offensive. Ekimovitchi, east of Baranovitch, has changed hands repeatedly, but is now in our possession

Northwest of Czartorusk we occupied a strongly fortifled enemy sector in the region of Galouziskaia, taking a number of prisoners.

West of Kolki we occupied first line trenches of the enemy in the region of Touman (Timuez).

South of Stockhod as far as the Zlota Lipa desperate fighting continues

Along the southern ranges of the Car pathian mountains, according to dispatches from the front, the Cossacks have succeeded n forcing some passes and are now advancing into the Hungarian plains.

LONDON, July 5 .- Russian cavalry pa trols have crossed the Carpathians and en tered Hungary, according to a wireless dispatch received here from Bucharest.

The dispatch says that the patrols ad vanced from Kimpolung and entered Hun garian territory on Tuesday. They cut tele graph wires and blew up buildings in which food and ammunition were stored. It is added that the news that invaders are again on Hungarian soil caused a deep im pression in Budapest

Meanwhile the Czar's armies are attack ng again along the whole length of their front. An entirely new offensive has been opened against Prince Leopold's Bavarian forces in the region of Baranovichi, where the Russians have pierced the German lines at two places.

Around Kolomea the battle continues o have dislodged the Austrians from several positions west of the stronghold and to have occupied the village of Potok Tcharney. But 27 miles north of Kolomea-south-

east of Tiumach-Berlin reports that you Bothmer's forces drove the Russians back The ammunition on this train, ready for on a front 12 12 miles wide and more than This report indicates that General von Bothmer's forces must have fallen back

meet the threat to his communications. It

deepers whenever possible. There are but

GERMANS WIN TWO BATTLES PHILLIES..... 100 IN THE BALTIC

Force Flotilla of Slav Destroyers and Cruiser Squadron to Retire

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Several Explosions Noticed on the Russian Men of War

RERLIN, July 5. Two naval engagements were fought in the Baltic south of Haefringe on the night of June 29-30. Both were successful for the Germans,

says an official announcement made through the Overseas News Agency today. It fol-"German torpedoboats 20 miles south of Haefringe sighted three hostile destroyers

apparently of the Novik type. (The Novik destroyers were built in 1911 and carry four 4-inch guns, four machine guns and four torpedo tubes. Their com-

plement is 100 men.) "The Germans opened fire and the enemy ships immediately turned and made off, their escape being favored by a rainstorm.

"Later the Germans noticed new clouds f smoke toward the east and the German ships were directed toward them. Two hostile cruisers of the Makarov and Oleg types and five destroyers were recognized.

"The German ships atacked the Russians with torpedoes and with their artillery. Several explosions were noticed on the Russian men-of-war, up to which time the Rus sians had been shelling the Germans heavily with guns of all calibres. The firing ceased however, and fog came up, which caused the adversaries to lose sight of each other.

BARTRAM HOMESTEAD BURNED Fire Loss in West Goshen Estimated at \$8000

WEST CHESTER, Pa., July 5 .- A large stone farmhouse, known as the Jonathan Bartram homestead, owned by Hoopes Bros. & Thomas Company, of this place, in West Goshen township, was destroyed by fire late yesterday. The blaze started from a defective chimney. The loss was about \$3000, partly covered by insurance.

The building was occupied by Walter Dunning, an employe of the nursery firm which owned the building. The goods on the lower floor were saved. Dunning had no insurance. His loss is several hundred dollars.

MOORE ASKS INQUIRY INTO TRANSPORTATION OF EASTERN TROOPS

Philadelphia Congressman Calls on Secretary of War for Explanation of Discomforts on Jour to Border

CARS USED ANTIQUA

WASHINGTON, July 5 .- Through a resc ution introduced in the House today, Rep resentative J. Hampton Moore, of Philade phia, proposes to draw from Secretary of War Baker an exhaustive explanation os to why National Guard troops have been noved from eastern States to the Mexican border in antiquated day coaches.

The resolution asks for this informa-

"Whether the troops of the Nationa Guard, mustered into the service of the United States and on their way to Mexico, have been or are being transported in cars lacking eleeping berths, and if so, how many men are assigned to a car.

"Whether such cars have been or are be ng used to transport said troops wihout

light.
"Whether said cars have been sidetracked and delayed en route to accommodate private business, and if so whether the fault lies with the Department of War or the railroads, and if the railroads, which railroads.

"Whether it is true that the troops er route have not been properly fed by the Government, have been obliged to seek food of citizens, and that the supply of drinking water in the cars used by them has been insufficient. "Whether cars used for the transporta-

tion of National Guard troops mustered into the United States service are inspected to protect the health and safety of the troops assigned to them, and by whom "Whether, being mustered into the serv-

ce of the United States, the troops of the National Guard are properly equipped with irms to defend their country in battle, if called upon to do so."

ARMY OFFICERS REPLY. United States Army officers, assigned to

the Quartermaster's Department, contend that National Guard troops have suffered no hardships in being forced to travel from Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and other Atlantic Coast States to Missouri with increasing fury. The Russiana claim and further west in antiquated day coaches. One of the highest officers in the Quartermaster General's office said today:

"Traveling in day coaches is the easiest part of the work the guardsmen will have to perform. If they were in real war they would have to travel in box cars. It is no hardship to have to sleep in a day couch. "We have supplied the troops with fourist

700 tourist cars in the whole United States. and more than 500 of these have been turned over to the Federal Government for military movements. As fast as the troops

QUICK NEWS

BOSTON....

Rixey and Burns; Barnes and Gowdy

FORT ERIE RACING RESULTS

Frist race, 3-year-olds and up, selling, 6 urlongs-Billy Frew, 106 Forehand, \$7 '0, \$16.80 and \$8.70, won; Moss Fox, 111, Obert, \$3.40 and \$3.20 second; Mausolus, 118, Burns, \$4.60, third. Time, 1.16 2-5.

AQUEDUCT RACING RESULTS

First race, 3-year-olds and up, selling, purse \$500, 61-2 furlongs-Gleaming, 110, Haynes, 4 to 1, 8 to 5 and 4 to 5, won; Humiliation, 105, Ball, 12 to 1, 5 to 1 and 5 to 2, second; Bob Kensley. 100, Mink, 3 to 1, 6 to 5 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1.20.

MEXICO FREES AMERICAN ACCUSED OF MURDER

WASHINGTON, July 5 .- The State Department was officially advised this afternoon of the release by the Carranza authorities at Macozari, Sonora, Mexico, of Norton Hand, an American, charged with murdering a Mexican. Hand returned to the United States at Doug-

SENATE DEMOCRATS TO HOLD CAUCUS TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, July 5 .- Democratic leaders in the Senate this afternoon called a caucus of Senate Democrats for tonight to decide upon a legislative program for the remainder of the session. A fight is expected over the course to be followed with regard to the shipping bill. A great deal of opposition has developed to taking up the measure this session. President Wilson is anxious that the bill become

NEW ARMY DIVISION GOES INTO EFFECT ON BORDER

WASHINGTON, July 5.-The War Department announced this afternoon that its orders dividing the force along the Mexican border into three commands went into effect today. The department is now awaiting word from General Pershing as to whether he will return from the interior of Mexico to El Paso to take command of the New Mexico division. It was announced that he would have to go to El Paso if he desires the cammand and that the decision had been left with him.

ROADS RETARD U. S. CAMPAIGN IN SANTO DOMINGO WASHINGTON, July 5 .- Ordinary Seaman John D. Kelly, of the Memphis, was vounded, not necessarily fatally, at Santo Domingo City Sunday, a Navy Department message said today. This said, too, that the expedition toward Santlago is

progressing slowly, due to bad roads and slight, unimportant resistance. STORM-TOSSED VERA CRUZ REFUGEES IN HAVANA HAVANA, July 5.-The Ward liner Monterey arrived today from Vera Cruz with a large number of American refugees. It was 26 hours late, owing to a

severe storm. The Navy Department had radiographed all its vessels in nearb southern waters to be on the lookout for the Monterey.

ADMIRAL WINSLOW WILL BE RETIRED JULY 29 WASHINGTON, July 5 .- Admiral Winslow, commander of the Pacific fleet.

will be retired for age July 29, according to orders from the Navy Department today.

STEAMSHIP SHELLS U-BOAT, BERLIN REPORTS BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), July 5.—A submarine of the Central Powers was shelled by a large steamship of unknown nationality at a range of about six miles east of the Balearic Islands in the Mediterranean on May 27, it was learned today, when the submarine returned to its home port. The submarine had not even stopped the steamship. The undersea boat was not harmed.

MEXICANS FOUND HIDDEN ON JERSEY TROOP TRAIN

QUINCY, Ills., July 5,-Local police today frustrated what is believed to have en an attempt to wreck the first of three trains carrying the fourth New Jersey Infantry to the Mexican border. When the train reached here three Mexicans were found hiding on the tender and they could give no account of themselves. They were taken off and held here until the train had left. Guards were stationed on the car platforms as the train pulled out.

STROMBOLI DESTROYS HOUSES AND THREATENS PEOPLE ROME, July 5.—Relief parties started from Messina today to rescue inhabitants

of Stromboli Island, threatened by the violent eruptions of the Stromboll volcano The fires from Stromboli can be seen distinctly from Messina and the Sicilian coast. Many houses have been destroyed. When last advices reached Messina the 2500 inhabitants of the island had congregated near the seashore MEXICANS BURN PRESIDENT WILSON IN EFFIGY

EL PASO, Tex., July 5.-Mexican mobs have burned President Wilson in effigy in many towns of the State of Michoacan, according to Frank P. Smith, an American engineer who fled from Mexico to save his life. He stated today that starva tion, attributed by Carranzista officials to an American embargo on food, is preva lent in Michoncan and that the natives have threatened to kill all citizens of the United States.

500,000 TEUTONS LOST IN LAST MONTH

PARIS, July 5.—German and Austro-Hungarian losses of the last month total half a million men, according to figures presented today by the Matin. It says that the Russians have taken 232,300 unwounded prisoners, the Italians 4700 and the Angle-French forces 14,200. Multiplying the total of prisoners by two togestimate the number of killed and wounded, it gets an aggregate of slightly more than 500,000, or more than 12 army corps.

RUMANIA SEIZES 250 AUSTRIAN CARS LONDON, July 5 .- The Rumanian Government seized 250 cars and six lecomo

tives belonging to Austro-Hungarian rallways which were sent into Rumania while the Russians were advancing in Bukowina, a Bucharest dispatch reports. All exportation to Bulgaria has been suspended.

Kitchener as Secretary for War was given in the House of Lords yesterday by Lord Sandhurst during a speech.

LONDON, July 5.-An intimation that Lord Derby will succeed the late Lord

LORD DERBY MAY SUCCEED KITCHENER

ALL BUT 200 AMERICANS OUT OF MEXICO CITY WASHINGTON, July 5.—Almost every American who desires to leave has been started from Mexico City for the United States. Consul General Rodgers, at the Mexican capital, today reported to the State Department that there were 200 Amer cans still in Mexico City, but that almost all of them had determined to remain there no matter what happened. He said 66 Americans left there July 2 for

Vera Cruz in a special car. SOFIA BOMBARDED BY FRENCH AVIATORS

LONDON, July 5.-A squadron of French aeroplanes visited Sofia yesterday morning and dropped bembs on the military buildings, says a Reuter dispatch from No damage was done, a dispatch from Sofia claims.

FRENCH SWEEP ON IN PICARDY; SHELL PERONNE

Foch's Troops Capture New Ground in Fierce Fighting

15,000 GERMANS TAKEN SINCE DRIVE BEGAN

Teutons Battle Desperately to Halt Enemy's Increasing Advance

BERLIN DISCOUNTS LOSSES

Haig Reports Further Progress for British North of Somme



GEN. FERDINAND FOCH This French leader, who distinguished himself at the battle of the Marne, is now co-operating with the British on the Somme.

French troops last night resumed their great drive against the Germans on both sides of the River Somme.

North of the Somme the French have extended their gains near Corlu and are shelling Peronne, their main of jective.

South of the Somme, following further gains, French infantry captured the Sormont Farm, situated on the left bank of the river across from Clery. All the southern region between this farm and Hill 63, on the road between Flaucourt and Barleux, fell into the hands of the French.

The position at Belloy en Santerre,

captured by the French Monday, was

attacked by the Germans during the

night. They captured the eastern part of the village, but were afterward ejected by a counter-attack, according to the Paris War Office. The Germans are still holding part of the village of Estrees (southwest of Peronne), where the struggle is most

broke down under French fire. "The total number of unwounded German prisoners in our hands thus far is over 9000. The number of guns captured is yet unknown. A single French army corps, operating south of the Somme, captured 60 guns," the French

violent. All German counter-attacks

official statement asserts. British troops made further progress at important points last night in heavy fighting between the Ancre and the Somme, General Haig, British com-

mander-in-chief, reported today. "At the Thiepval (northeast of Al-Continued on Page Five. Column One

THE WEATHER

The Fourth has gone. The fellow who shinks only of the happy side of life is nov figuring out how he can make a splash during his vacation and cave a millionaire impression with a clerk's

salary.

He should comfort himself with the thought that many a millionaire was once a clerk. Many of them became such hy mitting vacations and buying stock with the extra spending money. But stock and bond certificates are very dry reading on a hot summer afternoon, so if you have vacation money use it for that purpose. It may at least delay a doctor's bill or the purchase of a tombstone. Incidentally the weather is conductive to health. Why nos live and enjoy it?

FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity Fate weather and moderate temperatures to night and Thursday; moderate, north

LOST AND FOUND