

# AGUILAR ESCAPES TO JOIN CARRANZA

Mexican President's Hiding Place in Mountains Sought by Revolutionists

HARD FIGHTING IS HALTED

By the Associated Press  
**Vera Cruz, May 17.**—General Carranza, who has been virtually a prisoner of revolutionary forces near Orizaba for the last week, escaped last night. It is believed he is trying to join Carranza, who fled to the mountains near Chalchicomula Friday and who, so far as known, has not been located. General Aguilar has with him about 300 of his followers.  
 Pursuit of Carranza is being vigorously pushed by General Pedro Sanchez and Higinio Aguilar, leaders of the revolutionary forces which fought a grim battle with Carranza's army near Rinconada last week. They have a superior force of cavalry and are searching the mountains for some trace of the fugitive president. General Medina left here today over the Inter-Oceanic Railroad for the purpose of intercepting Carranza if he attempts to reach the state of Vera Cruz.  
**Morale Hurt by Privations**  
 Lack of food and water lowered the morale of Carranza's men so that their defeat at the hands of the revolutionists was a comparatively easy task, says a dispatch from the Associated Press, correspondent in the battle zone. When revolutionary troops swept down on the capital Carranza decided to flee, clinging to the idea that it was necessary for him to reach Vera Cruz and establish his executive powers. His train carried 10,000 men and a large amount of war munitions, in addition to the presidential suite and govern-

ment funds and archives. On May 8 the Carranza train reached Apizaco, where they were joined by troops commanded by General Pilar Sanchez. They then pushed on, but soon the engineers reported they could go no further because their locomotives were out of water.  
**Rush on Toward Vera Cruz**  
 The troops detained and pushed on down the road, defeating a force of revolutionists which tried to check their advance. After the track had been cut behind it, means were found to take the presidential train further toward Vera Cruz, and on May 11 it reached San Marcos. Rinconada was reached the next day, and there a battle was fought against troops commanded by General Mireles, which were defeated by the heavier columns commanded by Carranza.  
 Up to this time no word of the revolt of General Guadalupe Sanchez, revolutionary leader in this state, had reached Carranza, but on May 13 this alarming news was received. Later, when the town of Alguaziles was reached, Carranza's men found the rails cut. No water could be secured at Alguaziles and the morale of the soldiers seemed to break, large numbers deserting.  
**Murguia Turns Tide**  
 On the afternoon of May 13 General Sanchez made a violent assault on the Carranza army, but just as what seemed to be the moment of victory its attack was repulsed by a counter-thrust led by General Murguia.  
 The next day found the Carranza men abandoning some of the ground they had held on the previous day, and General Sanchez launched a new attack, which smashed the Carranza line and routed a part of the government troops. More than 3500 prisoners were taken by the revolutionists, who also captured all of Carranza's artillery and machine guns. It was immediately after this reverse that Carranza fled from the battle and succeeded in reaching the mountains.  
**New Pastor at Gaston Church**  
 The Rev. F. Paul McConkey, the new pastor of the Gaston Presbyterian Church, Eleventh street and Lehigh avenue, preached his first sermon there yesterday, conducted communion services and received sixteen new members into the church.

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Roma, 17 maggio.—L'On. Bonomi, ministro della guerra sotto il dimissionario Gabinetto di Nitti è iscritto al partito socialista riformista, dopo l'incarico ricevuto dal Re per la formazione del nuovo Ministero ha avuto importanti colloqui con i capi dei vari partiti parlamentari e sembra sia riuscito ad assicurarsi l'appoggio dei giolittiani e del partito popolare. Egli ha lungamente conferito con gli Onorabili Nitti, Giolitti, Meda, Micheli, Rodino, Bertini, Peano, Torre e Ciuffelli, durante le ore antimeridiane di ieri, e nel pomeriggio ha avuto colloqui con Lussatti, Schanzer e Falcioni.  
 Secondo quanto si dice nei circoli parlamentari il nuovo ministero sarebbe controllato dai giolittiani e dal popolare, e vi farebbero parte sei ministri del dimissionario Gabinetto Nitti.  
 Alcuni deputati dell'estrema avrebbero dichiarato che dato il momento parlamentare e tenuto conto della situazione generale un ministero Bonomi non è indicato ed avrà una vita breve.  
 I deputati del partito popolare si sono riuniti in una sala a Montecitorio allo scopo di esaminare la situazione e deliberare definitivamente se essi

dovranno collaborare e partecipare al nuovo ministero. Prevalse l'opinione che essi parteciperanno al Gabinetto Bonomi.  
 Oltre ai popolari hanno tenuto riunioni altri gruppi parlamentari per esaminare la situazione e si è appreso che il gruppo radicale ha deciso di accettare il suo appoggio al Ministero Bonomi, non essendosi verificato alcun fatto che possa giustificare un mutamento.  
 Resta ancora incerto l'atteggiamento dei socialisti.

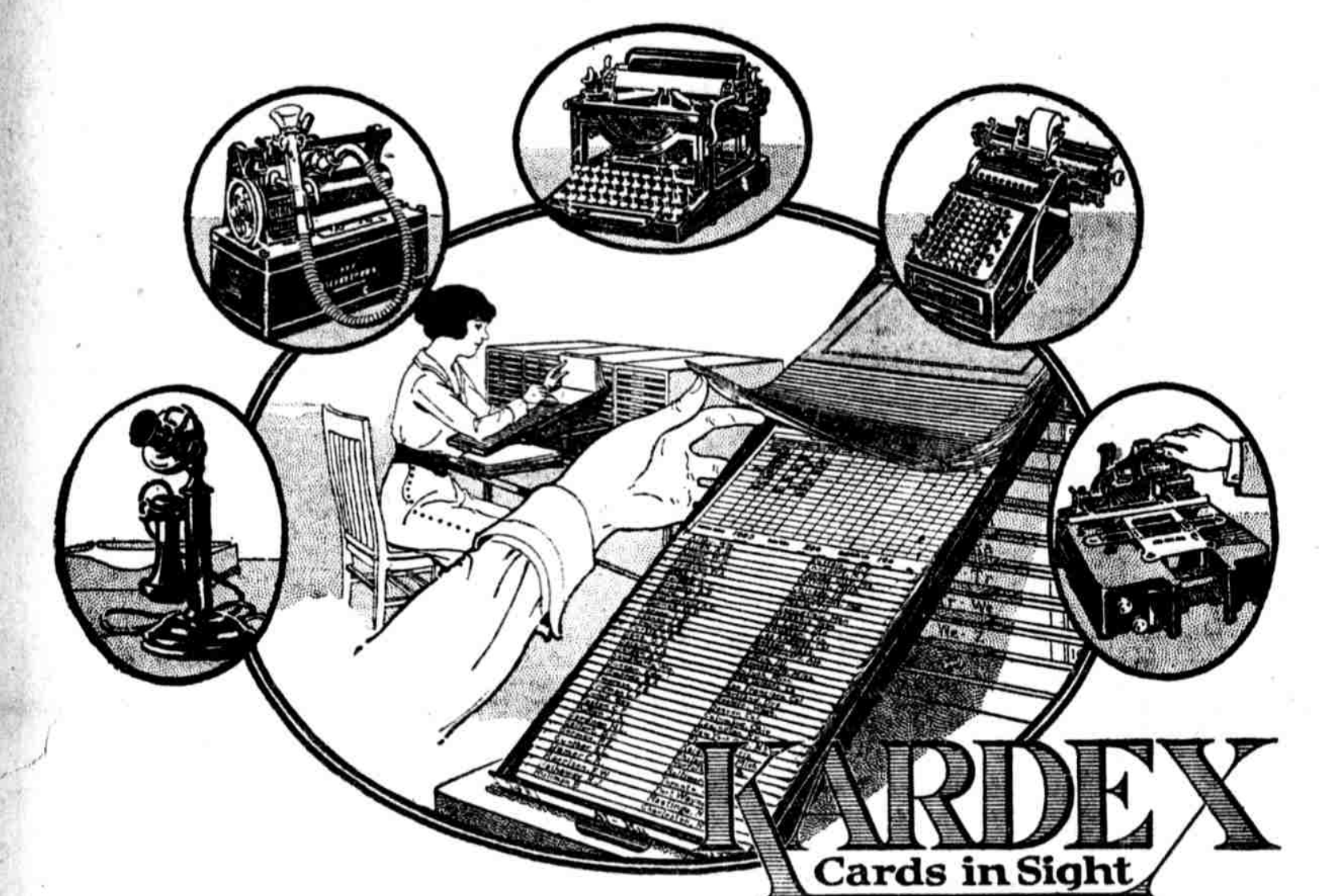
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