

SENATORS CHAFED BY MEXICAN DELAY

Country Believed to Demand Action.

WILSON AT END OF STRING

President to Be Overridden if Carranza Fails.

TENDER OF AID FAVORED

Proposal to Lend De Facto Government Funds to Strengthen Military Establishment Now Under Consideration.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—It became apparent to the Administration today that its efforts to prevent Senatorial action with reference to Mexico will prove abortive, unless:

1. There should not be the slightest doubt of General Carranza's ability and purpose to arrest and punish the assassins of the Americans at Santa Ysabel, Chihuahua.
2. Further outrages against American life do not take place.

Lend to Carranza Favored.

What action the Senate may take, however, will not be in the form of a direction to the President to intervene. The suggestion is under consideration of modifying and broadening the resolution introduced several days ago by Senator Lewis, of Illinois.

The plan which is meeting with favor contemplates first, approval of the President's demand on Carranza; second, the lending of money to Carranza to enable him to increase his forces and military supplies; third, in case conditions of disorder menacing to American and other foreign life continued, use of the Army and Navy in co-operation with Carranza troops.

President Opposes Any Action.

If the Senate should act at all, it will be against the present desire of the Administration, though it is admittedly possible there may be developments which will dispose the President to have the backing of a Congressional resolution.

In his speech yesterday, following a conference with the President, Senator Stone significantly expressed the hope that it was the President's intention "to do whatever he can to aid in strengthening Carranza's hand in Mexico to the end that Carranza can maintain an orderly and effective government in that republic."

All the aid the President can give independently he has given to Carranza. He recognized him as the de facto government in Mexico. He has given him the moral support of the United States. He is preventing intervention and giving time to punish the murderers of Americans and to establish peace and order. He cannot lend money to him, and before placing any troops in co-operation with Carranza he would desire authority from Congress.

Stone Confers With Lansing.

Senator Stone had a conference with Secretary Lansing tonight and urged him to send to the Senate on Monday the department's reply to the Fall resolution, which particularly inquired as to the grounds on which Carranza had been recognized. The Senate urged Mr. Lansing to keep the Senate informed of every development in the neighboring country.

The answer to the Fall resolution is desired in order that the foreign relations committee may act promptly upon the nomination of Henry P. Fletcher to be the American Ambassador.

CO-EDS WALK 22 MILES IN SNOW

SORORITY SEXTET REFUSES TO WAIT FOR LATE TRAINS.

Women, Dressed in High Boots and Heavy Coats, Pay Visit at Home of One of Their Party.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Unwilling to wait for belated trains and undaunted by the freezing weather and five inches of snow covering the ground, six university women members of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority, left at noon yesterday on a hiking jaunt to Cottage Grove, 22 miles south of Eugene.

The trip was undertaken at noon. Six hours later the young women, Esther Hill, of Cottage Grove; Alice Hill, of La Grande; Harriet Polhemus, of Portland; Helen Curry, of Portland; Dorothy Downard, of Portland; and Nita Hunter, of Island City, arrived at Cottage Grove, according to a telegram received from them today.

BOY DROWNS IN SALMON

Three Brothers Caught in Leaky Boat Try to Swim Ashore.

SALMON RIVER, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—On the way home from school Thursday, three brothers, Willie, Jimmie and Guy, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Frasier, aged 15, 13 and 7, respectively, leaped from a swamped rowboat into the icy-cold water of Lower Salmon River and Jimmie was drowned. His body was recovered within an hour.

VEHICULAR BAN PROPOSED

Stops on Washington Street May Be Forbidden by Ordinance.

Stopping of automobiles or other vehicles on Washington street in the main business center will be prohibited if a proposed amendment to the traffic ordinance is adopted. The proposed amendment is aimed to lessen the traffic congestion on the street.

BIRD MOLESTERS FINED

Aliens at Cosmopolis Caught Trapping Robins for Food.

COSMOPOLIS, Wash., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Lovers of nature here were greatly aroused during the past few days by the report that several aliens were taking advantage of the tameness of the winter robins and catching them in traps to eat.

STORK GAINS ON REAPER

Portland Births Increase While Deaths Decrease.

The stork showed nearly twice the speed of the grim reaper in Portland last year, according to official figures issued yesterday by City Health Officer Marcellus. The year showed a material decrease in deaths and an increase in births over 1914.

ALUMNI ASKED TO HELP IN DEFENSE

University Nucleus of Training Advised.

FEDERAL NEGLIGENCE IS CHARGED

President of Illinois Shows Possibilities of Work.

CO-OPERATION IS DESIRED

Dr. James Says Scheme Would Establish True American System and Support Officers for Continental Army.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—President Edmund J. James, of the University of Illinois, Colonel of the largest cadet regiment in the United States, appealed to the New York Alumni Association of the University of Illinois at the annual banquet here tonight to stand by him and the trustees in their efforts to make this regiment, which is in fact a brigade, the most efficient organization of its kind in the world.

Students Required to Drill

The university in its turn requires all freshmen and sophomore male students to spend three hours a week in mild drill, but although there are now 2250 men in the cadet brigade the Federal Government has refused to send more than one Army officer to train these men.

"The University of Illinois turns out every year more than 1500 men who have received two full years of such military training as may be obtained by drilling twice a week," said President James, "and upwards of 100 who have received four years of such training, and yet the Federal Government declines to do its part in making this work still more efficient. Why not utilize first of all the men now enlisted instead of making these extraordinary endeavors in trying to get others to enlist before these are trained?"

Economical Method Offered.

"In this and similar institutions where military service is required the Federal Government will find its most important, most economical and most efficient means of recruiting the large body of officers which a National guard or a real continental army may require. By furnishing a competent corps of from one to five trained officers, according to the size of the cadet regiment, the Government could make out of these schools military training centers of high value second only to West Point and far cheaper to maintain."

Military Scholarships Favored.

"If the Federal Government were to offer military scholarships of the annual value of \$250 to those students who would complete these combined military courses, the University of Illinois would turn out 250 officers a year at a cost to the Government of \$1500 for each Lieutenant."

"By a scheme like this we would establish the true American system of co-operation between the state and the Nation in this common function of National defense. The West believes thoroughly in a sensible, that is, a scientific, scheme of National preparedness for National defense against aggression, but it will not, I believe, be frightened or dragged into a half-baked scheme which is sure to fail of its own weight."

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GAS EXPLOSION ON SUBMARINE KILLS 4

New York Navy Yard Is Scene of Tragedy.

OTHERS ARE LIKELY TO DIE

Naval Officers Nearly Overcome in Rescue Effort.

CAUSE NOT ASCERTAINED

Victims of Accident at Work on New Edison Battery, but Commandant Says This Would Generate No Gas.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Four men were killed and 10 others injured, five of them dangerously, in an explosion which occurred this afternoon on the submarine E-2 while the craft was undergoing repairs in drydock at the New York Navy Yard. One of the men killed was an enlisted electrician and the other three civilian workers. At least three of the 10 now in hospitals are not expected to live.

Rescue Party Overcome.

A ladder was blown up through the conning tower and fell 150 feet away. The injured men and one body were removed soon after the accident, but the bodies far down in the craft could not be reached until the gas had been blown out by compressed air. Soon after the explosion several naval officers led a rescue party into the drydock, but were partly overcome by gas fumes when they attempted to descend into the vessel. It was then that compressed air pipes were run into the shell and the gas forced out.

The number of men inside the submarine at the time of the explosion is not definitely known. About 20 were working on the craft, but not all of them were in the underwater boat at the same time. It is not thought possible that anyone who was inside could have escaped injury.

Cause Is Not Determined.

What caused the explosion has not been definitely decided. Rear-Admiral Usher, commandant of the Navy-yard, after an examination of the craft and questioning workmen who had been nearby, declined to express an opinion. He said:

"The men were at work in the battery compartment of the E-2, discharging the new Edison batteries through a throat to measure the voltage, and the explosion occurred in that compartment while they were working there. The battery will generate no kind of gas and there was no gasoline on board. The engine was of the oil-burning Diesel type."

Pending the appointment of an official board of inquiry by the Navy Department, Rear-Admiral Usher named a temporary investigating committee, as follows: Lieutenant-Commander Pope, Washington, commander of the receiving ship Maine; Lieutenant L. M. Stewart, of the torpedo-boat destroyer McCull; Lieutenant Rush H. Fay, commander of the submarine division to which the E-2 was attached.

KAISER APPEARS IN BERLIN STREETS

CROWD REMARKS THAT EMPEROR IS LOOKING WELL.

Lively Conversation Is Held With Guests and Long Conference With Imperial Chancellor.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Emperor William made several public appearances in Berlin yesterday, according to the Overseas News Agency. The agency says:

"The Emperor yesterday called on several persons and was seen at several places in Berlin. Today he took luncheon at the residence of the Chancellor, where there were also present General von Blasing, Governor-General of Brussels; General von Beseler, Dr. Delbrueck, the Vice-Chancellor; Herr von Jagow, the Secretary for Foreign Affairs; the Presidents of the Prussian upper and lower houses, and several others.

WOMAN LOSES \$5000 SUIT

Verdict Returned for Klamath Falls in Case of Fall on Icy Walk.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The trial of the damage suit in the Circuit Court of Klamath County brought by Mrs. Lillian De Hay, of this city, against the city of Klamath Falls has been in progress here since Tuesday. Mrs. De Hay sued for \$5000 for damages alleged to have been caused by a fall on an icy sidewalk here last winter. She declared she was permanently injured and is now unable to earn her living.

BIG NAVAL CORPS ASKED

Mr. Daniels Urges Hasty Action for Midshipmen Increase at Annapolis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Immediate action by Congress to authorize an increase in the corps of midshipmen at Annapolis is urged by Secretary Daniels in a letter to Chairman Padgett, of the House naval committee.

SULTAN REWARDS DOCTOR

Portrait Sent to German Who Performed Successful Operation.

BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Sultan of Turkey has sent his portrait, signed by himself, by special courier, to Professor Israel of Berlin, who some time ago performed a successful operation on the monarch.

SUCCOR PROJECT TO START

Caldwell Reports Irrigation Works to Begin in Spring.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—Construction work on the Succor Creek irrigation project will be started with the opening of Spring, according to engineers in charge of the survey work. The project will reclaim 6500 acres in Idaho and 1000 acres in Oregon. Water will be secured from Succor Creek.

HAZING CHARGED TO COVER ESCAPADES

Students Declare Initiation Mild.

WRONGED GIRL ENTERS CASE

Wanderings in "Memory Lapse" Take on New Aspect.

THEFT INCIDENT RECALLED

Dental College Youth Is Reported to Have Admitted Stealing Microscopes to Pay for Care of Young Woman From Reno.

The "hazing" through which Ernest Roberts passed, and which his mother says preceded a four weeks' loss of memory occasioned by blows on the back, consisted of the following, as outlined by Roy G. Mellor, "master of ceremonies" at the "initiation" held late in October in the Multnomah Hotel:

Youth Put on "Electric Mat."

From there he was taken to the "tossing blanket" where he was tossed at the hands of a dozen students, from which process he was placed on the "electric mat" so charged with electricity that he was obliged to hop up and down and was glad to rush into the only avenue of escape—a gauntlet of students armed with paddles, who buffeted him along with blows and shoves. At the end of this a piece of "sticky fly-paper" was plastered on his chest and the initiation was completed.

From this ceremony has arisen one of the most remarkable series of escapades surrounding a 22-year-old youth, involving the police of Seattle, Portland and San Francisco, going even as far as Reno, Nev., where a daughter of a supposedly wealthy family enters the affair.

Ten-dollar-a-day bums in hotels, the election from of the larger hotels in Seattle, rest for detention in San Francisco, he declared he was about to sail for South America, are bits of the remarkable incidents alleged to have occurred during the time he was said by his mother to be suffering a mental amnesia resulting from "hazing."

Trick to Hide Escapade Alleged.

"I believe this alleged injury to his mind was trumped up to cover up other shortcomings," is the accusation made by Dr. Herbert C. Miller, president of the North Pacific College of Dentistry and Pharmacy, who yesterday conducted an investigation of the alleged hazing. He admits that the boy was lightly padded, and announces that the ceremony will be dispensed with in the future.

He tells of the theft from the Dental College of two microscopes, valued at \$150, which Portland detectives fastened upon the boy. At this time the mother gave a history of the boy's case, he says, relating other strange events in his life, and he had the boy before him, asking him the motive for his theft.

Girl Involved in Steer.

Dr. Miller declares that the boy told him a story of a surveying party in Nevada; of a companion who, it is alleged, wronged a girl in Reno, and afterward went to the interior of Alaska, and of his promise to protect the girl in case of eventualities. The girl, Dr. Miller says, Roberts told him, was brought to Portland and to pay for

PICTORIAL SIDELIGHTS CAST BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS ON SOME OF THE WEEK'S NEWS EVENTS.

