

## MEXICAN PROBLEM DOMINANT SUBJECT

Protection for American Life  
and Property Overshadows  
All Other Issues.

Washington.—The problem of securing protection for American life and property in Mexico, revived by the Santa Ysabel murders, is expected by congressional leaders to be a dominant subject in the proceedings of both houses. Issues arising from the European war have been completely overshadowed by it and conservation bills and other important legislative measures under consideration are not drawing the attention that would ordinarily be given them.

There is sure to be more of the feverish discussion of the Mexican problem that enlivened sessions of the past week. Members of the house and senate are unanimous in their insistence that the bandits be punished, but the majority oppose any step that would result in intervention, which might mean destruction of the de facto government of the United States and the Pan-American nations led in establishing.

Discussion of the Mexican problem on the floor of the senate and house is expected to arise from consideration of various intervention resolutions. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, democrat, is considering submitting a resolution to direct the use of American armed forces as aids to the Carranza forces in protecting American citizens in a neutral zone in Mexico. Legislation in congress is progressing slowly, none of the supply bills being anywhere near ready for discussion.

### Carranza Renews Assurances.

General Carranza renewed his assurances to the United States that he would make every effort to punish those responsible for the murders of American mining men near Santa Ysabel.

A dispatch from Consul Silliman to the state department dated at Queretaro said Carranza had personally assured Mr. Silliman, in reply to the department's demand that the murderers be run down, that he had issued orders for the immediate pursuit, capture and punishment of those responsible for the atrocity.

Simultaneously, in a dispatch to Eliseo Arredondo, his ambassador designate here, General Carranza announced that he was about to issue a decree permitting any citizen of Mexican nationality to shoot the bandits "without any formality."

### Mineral Bill Passed by House.

The mineral and leasing bill, affecting all of the 700,000,000 acres of public land in continental United States and Alaska, has passed the house. Protection for California oil promoters whose claims were affected by the withdrawal of public lands under the Taft administration is one of the prominent features. It now goes to the senate.

The measure would lease public mineral lands on a royalty basis. Proper safeguards, its sponsors insist, have been established to prevent corporations from acquiring any vast quantities.

Control of the leases would rest with the secretary of the interior and the proceeds would be equally divided between the federal government and states in which the lands lie. Federal moneys would be used for reclamation purposes.

### Wilson Asks Funds to Pay Indemnity.

President Wilson has asked congress to appropriate \$41,000 for indemnities to Greece, Austria-Hungary and Turkey on account of injuries to their subjects in the South Omaha riots on February 21, 1909. He and Secretary Lansing joined in asking the appropriation "as an act of grace and without reference to the liability of the United States." The amounts recommended are \$40,000 to the government of Greece, \$800 to Austria-Hungary and \$200 to Turkey.

The riots grew out of the shooting of Policeman Edward Lowry, February 19, 1909, by John Masourides, a Greek whom the officer had arrested.

### Would Create Naval Reserve.

Senator Tillman, chairman of the naval affairs committee, introduced a bill to create a United States naval reserve, officers of which would not be above grade of lieutenant commander. Enlistment would be open to any eligible American and for a term of four years, and in time of war officers and men would receive the same pay as the regular navy.

### Big Naval Corps Asked.

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.

The letter says that if a full number of vacancies be made available for appointments by members of congress before March, the academy will be able to handle a much larger class next year.

## SIR DOUGLAS HAIG



Photo by American Press Association.

Sir Douglas Haig, who succeeded General French as commander of the British forces in France.

## BRIEF WAR NEWS

A trench taken by the Austro-Hungarians from the Italians near the Tolmino bridgehead and an increase in the Italian bombardment of this region form the chief events on the Austro-Italian line.

In Montenegro the Austro-Hungarians continue their pursuit of the Montenegrins, capturing from them positions and men. Podgoditza, to the east of Cetinje, and Nise are the latest places reported evacuated.

Successes for the Russians in the fighting in Persia are asserted by Petrograd. In its official statement, Petrograd makes the first announcement that the Germans are fighting with the Turks in this region. The Turks in retreat along the Tigris are those who have been holding back the British column proceeding up the river to the relief of the British at Kut-el-Amara.

The Turks are now being attacked by both Russians and British. In the Caucasus the Russians, reinforced, are on the offensive along a front of almost 100 miles, while in Mesopotamia the British have forced the retirement of the Ottoman troops along both banks of the Tigris river to the south of Kut-el-Amara, and still are closely pressing them on the east and the north.

On the other fronts, except in Montenegro, little fighting is in progress. The offensive of the Russians in East Galicia and along the Bessarabian front has died down again. On the line in France and Belgium the operations have consisted mainly of artillery duels and mining and counter-mining work. The big British guns have thrown shells into Lille, but Berlin says only slight damage was done.

## SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Miss Margaret Wilson, the president's daughter, has had adenoids and tonsils removed.

General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, died at his home in El Paso, Tex.

Two bombs were hurled into the automobile of Premier Okuma, supposedly by a fanatical Chinese, without effect.

Comptroller of the Treasury Williams has asked for a law to empower the department of justice to prosecute national banks guilty of exacting usury.

Fire destroyed a block in the heart of the business district of Ottumwa, Ia., causing \$750,000 damage. While the blaze was in progress three other large business houses were set on fire.

Stockholm has been chosen as the seat of the permanent peace tribunal established by the Ford peace party. The selection was made just before the American delegates left for Rotterdam to take passage for America.

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## GERMANS BATTER WAY INTO SERBIA

Defending Army Fights with  
Desperation, Few Prison-  
ers Being Taken.

Berlin, via London.—The German and Austrian forces continue battering their way into Serbia and the gateways to the strategically important Morava valley are now in German hands.

The Serbians are making a desperate resistance and reports of the battles fought show that these are bloody with few prisoners taken. Instead of retreating at the first sign of the enemy, the Serbians fight hand to hand until crushed by overwhelming numbers. They seem to feel that the outcome of the whole war depends on their resistance.

The Serbians had intrenched themselves thoroughly and their defense held well on the river fronts, but the heavy artillery of the Germanic forces made it impossible for their opponents to hold Belgrade, Semendria and Posarowitz.

A great battle is now raging in the hills south of Belgrade. Here the Serbians under British plans have built four strong defensive lines which were almost forts.

The German official communication, says of the progress of the fighting in the Balkan war theater:

"All the heights south of Belgrade are in German hands.

"General von Gallwitz' army has thrown the enemy behind Rajia, southwest of Semendria. General Boya-Jeff's Bulgarian army has forced a passage of the lower Timok and has stormed Glepovica mountain, 1198 meters high, and has taken prisoners 200 Serbians. He also took eight cannon. The Bulgarians also have advanced toward Pirot."

## BRITISH CABINET MINISTERS DIFFER

London.—Premier Asquith has suddenly become ill. His state of health will require withdrawal from public activities, at least for a few days.

Britain is waiting anxiously to learn whether the cabinet ministers will be able to compose their differences and continue the government without swapping horses in mid-stream.

The cabinet has been holding long and frequent meetings since the Balkan crisis developed. Both newspapers and politicians agree that vital differences of opinion have arisen over the conscription issue, and the Near East question.

The resignation of Sir Edward Carson, the first open manifestation of the divergence of views known to exist among the ministers, is the result, according to an authoritative statement, not of the controversy over conscription, but of the condition of affairs in the Near East.

Further evidence of dissatisfaction with the military situation is furnished by the recall of General Sir Ian Hamilton, commander of the Dardanelles expedition, who is returning to England to make a report.

### Britain to Alter Blockade Policy.

London.—It was predicted here that Great Britain soon would announce an actual blockade of Germany. This in effect would meet the American contention on several points of international law involved in the orders-in-council under which the present blockade is conducted.

### Washington State Marksmen Lead.

Washington.—Washington state college, with 999 hits out of a possible 1000, led in the first of a series of 12-rifle matches just begun by 39 colleges and university teams throughout the country under the auspices of the National Rifle Association of America.

### 2000 Norwegians Homeless by Fire.

Christiania, Norway.—A third of the city of Bergen, a thriving Norwegian seaport with a population of 90,000, was destroyed by fire. Two lives are reported to have been lost and 2000 persons are homeless. The property damage is estimated at \$15,000,000.

Work preliminary to the construction of the \$750,000 addition to the Hawley Pulp & Paper company at Oregon City began this week and will be rushed at the highest possible speed.

At the close of the year there had been reported to the state industrial accident commission, since the compensation law became operative, a total of 7510 accidents, of which number 101 were fatal.

So great has been the demand at the university of Oregon for additional work in the school of commerce that after the first half year of its establishment additional instructors and courses will be added.

# Crook County Swine Buyers!

Last year Mr. Lawson imported into the county choice hogs of a number of breeds, the best that could be bought in the United States. The progeny of these importations is now ready for service. The gilts and boars range from ten months to a year old. In buying these hogs it was Mr. Lawson's desire to give the small ranch owner a chance to weed out his scrubs and get pure bred stock.

The gilts and boars will be sold at one price, \$20.00, two gilts and one boar, unrelated, \$50.00. They will be allotted under the "first come, first served" rule. Kindly bear in mind that these hogs are from the finest sows of the breed, mated with the best boars that the country has produced

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L. REED, Manager, Prineville, Ore.

TO THE SMALL RANCHER OF CROOK COUNTY: We shall not start State advertising for two weeks. During that time the people of this county may buy at a 10 per cent discount.

Estimating 5 people read each paper, the Journal has nearly 10,000 readers this week.

## Announcement

We have taken over the agency for the

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