

CRISIS REVEALED BY BRITISH AGENT

Mexico City Situation Deplorable, Says Charge in Report to Ambassador.

FOREIGN FOLK IN DANGER

Ex-Federal Governor Commended for Saving Americans and Britons When Forces of Zapata Entered Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Brigadier-General Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States, and General Villa, Commander-in-Chief of the forces of the Gutierrez government in Mexico, have arranged to confer on the international bridge at El Paso, with a view to arriving at an understanding that will permanently prevent further firing into American territory by Mexican factions fighting along the international lines.

SHELL SHYNESS IS BRIEF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British Ambassador, transmitted to the State Department today a copy of a mail report from Charge Hohler, of the British Legation in Mexico City, saying conditions there a week ago were deplorable. High commendation was given Eduardo Iturbide, ex-Governor of the Federal district, for his effort in saving the lives of British and Americans when the Zapata forces entered the city. Since then Iturbide has succeeded in getting out of the hands of the Mexican officials who threatened to execute him, and according to official reports received today he is now in the United States.

HOSTILE LAWS NOT LIKELY

California Legislature Leaders Intend No Anti-Japanese Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—In an official but convincing way, the State Department has learned there is no intention on the part of the leaders in control of the California Legislature to bring forward any new anti-Japanese legislation during the present session, which began today. It has been made plain that the leaders cannot prevent members from brooding measures of their own, but it is understood that such measures will not receive support of the dominant party.

BISHOP TO BE FEED

LATER CONSECRATION FRIENDS WILL HONOR OREGON PRELATE.

Informal Reception to Be Given in Chicago Wednesday and Portland Clergy Will Receive.

MUTUAL DEFENSE SOUGHT

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War College Makes Charge. While Admiral Fletcher reported the same day from New York that he knew of no lack of co-ordination at the present time and believed "that the present co-ordination meets with the war college's full approval," Admiral Knight made this statement: "The War College believes that lack of co-ordination does exist in the fleet, between the Navy Department and the fleet and between the Navy Department, the fleet and the Army. The college does not regard this as a new situation, although it happens at this moment to be unusually acute. The remedy rests partly with the fleet, which is being reorganized, and partly with the department, where plans already have been formulated for more extensive maneuvers and better cooperation with Congress, where there already is pending a bill for a council of National Defense.

CRUISERS DECLARED NEEDED

"This, more than all other agencies combined, would make for the co-ordination of all the Government agencies, many of which lie far outside the fields of the Navy and the Army Department," Admiral Knight added, "the division of battleships and torpedo craft to use widely different from that for which they exist, with resulting interruption of preparation for battle and the breaking down of efficiency. He said this was in many cases the result of lack of cruisers and gunboats.

NAVY COST IS BILLIONS

Among other data just added to the report of the hearing is a statement of naval expenditures for the current fiscal year, showing that while the United States appropriated \$141,872,790, Great Britain appropriated \$266,000,000, Germany (April to March), \$114,000,000; France (January to December), \$124,000,000; Russia (January to December), \$125,000,000; Japan (April to March), \$63,000,000; Italy (July 1 to June 30), \$57,000,000. Total appropriations on account of the Navy in this country from 1794 to 1914, inclusive, were shown to aggregate \$5,971,179,855.

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"They hit a house. You can see the great shell—a black streak—just before it strikes—then, before you hear the explosion, the whole house simply lifts up into the air, apparently quite silently; then you hear the roar, and the whole earth shakes.

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PICTURE BRIDES WAITING

MORE THAN 100 JAPANESE GIRLS AWAIT HUSBANDS.

United States Detention Station Houses Nipponese Till Spouses Come to Greet Them.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—Seventy picture brides from Japan arrived here today on the liner Shinyo Maru to meet husbands they have never seen, and which they were shown in the week on other steamships.

SWEDISH STEAMER LOST

Carma, With Crew of 40 Men, May Have Struck Floating Mine.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—According to advices received here from Stockholm the Swedish steamer Carma has been lost in the North Sea with her crew of 20 men.

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KING PIQUES ICELAND

Disputes Arise Over Proposed Constitution and Flag.

DESIGN OF EMBLEM ISSUE

Danish Ruler Is Not Sure Taste of Island Minister Is Representative of Subjects—Meeting to Settle Points Is Likely.

DENTIST HELD FOR MURDER

Coroner's Jury Holds That Illegal Operation Was Performed.

SWEDISH STEAMER LOST

Carma, With Crew of 40 Men, May Have Struck Floating Mine.

STEINBACH IS TAKEN

Germans Finally Lose Town in Upper Alsace Region.

OTHER WORKS TWICE LOST

Battles Waged Violently for Positions, Which Change Hands Frequently—Artillery Engagements Are Terrific.

"OPEN SHOP" IS EXPECTED

Eastern Operators Likely Will Cease Negotiations With Miners.

CUSTOMS REVENUES DROP

Receipts Last Six Months \$50,000,000 Less Than Previous Period.

WILSON APPOINTEE HELD INELIGIBLE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Oliver P. Newman, chairman of the Board of Commissioners which governs the District of Columbia, was held by the Court of Appeals today to have been ineligible for the office because of questions of his legal residence when President Wilson appointed him in 1912. The case will be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

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