GENERAL SCOTT TO SEE LANSING TODAY

Fund of Information on Mexican Situation Is Said to Be Ready.

CARRANZA HOLDS REPLY

Villa Faction Tells of Troubles in Camp of Enemy—Date for Pan-American Conference Is Still Unsettled.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the Army, returned to Washington tonight after several weeks spent on the Mexican border, where he conferred with General Villa and settled differences arising from the seizure of property of foreign merchants at Chihuahua.

The General also discussed with Villa the Pan-American convention proposal, which Villa and his followers have accepted.

Interesting Facts Expected.

It is taken for granted here that General Scott brought back from the border a fund of interesting information for Secretary Lansing, whom he will meet tomorrow.

No disclosures have been made as to the next step the Pan-American conferees are planning with reference to Mexico. There will be no meeting until Carranza's reply to the appeal for a convention in neutralized territory has been received. Carranza's agents say the reply probably will arrive tomorraw or next day. General Carranza is expected to reach Mexico City tonight or tomorrow.

Many Rumors Afloat.

With the time for another Pan-American conference rapidly approaching, there are numerous rumors afloat both as to political matters and military movements. Reports of dissension in the Carranza faction are eagerly confirmed by Villa adherents and vice versa.

Villa followers today had no doubt of a report circulated that some of the members of Carranza's cabinet had revolted. Carranza adherents scouted reports that Villa had centralized a fighting force of formidable size at Torreon to meet Obregon's army.

SESSION ENDS IN CURRY

Man Convicted of Assault Must Pay $300 if He Gets Drunk.

GOLD BEACH, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Judge Calkins, of Eugene, has closed the Curry County term of the Circuit Court. The following cases were disposed of:

Dan Conner pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery on Dave Colvin and was fined $500, of which $200 is payable in cash, the balance being due in case of drunkenness or misconduct. Jack Chittick pleaded guilty to a charge of assault on W. H. Elwood and was fined $50 and costs. James Smith, charged with violating the injunction restraining him and some 80 other fishermen from interfering with the seine of the Macleay Estate Company, was fined $25. A. D. Winegar was fined $25 for trespassing on the land of the Macleay Estate. The trial of Thomas Frye, of Harbor, charged with bootlegging, resulted in a disagreement.

The case of J. H. Schliemann vs. the Gold Beach Cater Company, for $400, was decided in favor of the plaintiff. A man named Roberts was sentenced to jail for assault, but was paroled from the bench. Other cases of less import were continued until the April term of court.

ENGINERS FORM CORPS

20,000 Ready for War Service to Assist in Army Problems.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Thirty thousand American engineers are to be represented in the formation of an organized reserve corps of engineers for immediate service in event of the United States becoming involved in war, according to an announcement made today by Blom J. Arnold.

Following a conference last Spring between representative engineers and Secretary of War Garrison, the movement to form the corps was taken up by various engineering societies, Mr. Arnold said. Each of the bodies appointed committees which have now consolidated in a joint committee to take charge of engineering operations in co-operation with the War Department in case of war.

To legalize the formation of the corps a bill has been drafted for submission to Congress. The details of the legislation to be asked are now being studied by the War Department, Mr. Arnold said.

GUARD CAPTAIN RESIGNS

Max Gehlhar Withdraws From Company M, at Salem.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Announcing that the work conflicts with his other duties and he sees no prospect of active service in the near future, Max Gehlhar, County Clerk and Captain of Company M, Third Infantry, Oregon National Guard, today tendered his resignation, to become effective October 15.

Mr. Gehlhar resigned twice before, but each time the prospect of his company seeing active service caused him to reconsider. He has served in the National Guard 19 years, being a commissioned officer seven years and Captain for three years. The command of the company carries with it the custodianship of the Armory, which takes much of the Captain's time.

MAN, 86, MOTORS FAR

Rev. Robert Booth, of Salem, Enjoys Tour of 600 Miles.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Rev. Robert Booth, 86 years old, has returned from a 600-mile automobile tour of Eastern Oregon. He accompanied his nephew, Walter E. Keyes, a lawyer of Salem.

Mr. Booth said he enjoyed the trip and felt better on his return than he had for several years.

PASTORS ARE ASSIGNED

Methodist Conference Closes and Appointments Announced.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.—The Pacific German Methodist Episcopal conference came to a close tonight with the reading of appointments for the coming year. The next conference will be held in Rosalia. Bishop R. J. Cooke, of Portland, preached the conference sermon this morning.

Most of the ministers were returned to their pastorates. Rev. H. F. Lange is returned to Walla Walla for the 11th time; E. J. Traglio to Bethany, Or., for the ninth time, and C. A. Wentsch to Spokane for the seventh year.

The appointments are as follows: District superintendent, E. E. Hertzler, of Portland; Portland, First Church, A. F. Cramer for the fifth time; North Side, to be supplied; Rodney avenue, F. A. Schumann; Seattle, H. G. Schmid; Tacoma, Joseph Hepp; Spokane, C. A. Wentsch. Other pastors are: Washington, Milan and Rathdrum, Idaho, W. C. Kurtz; Ridgefield, P. J. Sehnert; Ritzville, L. Gaiser; Rocklyn, W. F. Maas; Rosalia, J. C. Mueller; Connell and Paradise, G. S. Roeder; Davenport, A. F. Hilmer; Edwall, to be supplied; Moscow, Idaho, J. A. Beck; Walla Walla, H. F. Lange.

Oregon—Bethany, E. J. Traglio; Butler, G. A. Maag; Clarks and Logan, H. N. Mann; Fort Rock to be supplied; Metolius, H. L. Woehl; Newberg, to be supplied by R. Hanelsen; Salem, A. J. Weigle; Milwaukie and Oak Grove, F. H. Luecke. George Hartung, of Portland, is conference agent.

Frederick Kramer, professor in Baldwin-Wallace College of Berea, O., was named as member of this conference.

PRESIDENT GIVES UP VACATION PLAN

Mr. Wilson to Stay in Washington Until German Controversy Is Settled.

HOPEFUL ATTITUDE TAKEN

Count von Bernstorff Goes to Summer Embassy With Confidence That All Differences Will Be Adjusted at Once.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—President Wilson decided definitely today to remain in Washington until the situation between the United States and Germany is cleared up. The President, it was said authoritatively, has been led by the statements of Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, to Secretary Lansing, and reports received from American Ambassador Gerard at Berlin, to hope that a solution for the submarine controversy with Germany will be found.

He is waiting, however, for the imperial government's formal disavowal of the attack on the Arabic and assurances that the lives of Americans traveling on unarmed merchantmen will not be endangered again.

The President had planned to spend the entire month of September at Cornish, but today it was said to be unlikely that he would return there at all this year.

Count von Bernstorff left today for the Summer embassy on Long Island. He still was confident that within a short time a formal communication would reach Washington from the Berlin Foreign Office, disposing of the situation growing out of the sinking of the Arabic and paving the way for an amicable adjustment of all issues between the American and German governments.

MEXICAN PLOT DISCOVERED

Expedition From Arizona to Capture Carranza Town Planned.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Aug. 29.—United States officials here say they have discovered a plot, believed to have been fomented by Villa agents here, to cross the international boundary line and capture Agua Prieta, which is now defended by only a small Carranza garrison.

The names of several well-known Americans and Mexicans here are mentioned as having been approached with a proposition to lead or take part in the alleged expedition.

The Government officers say they have sufficient evidence to arrest the alleged leaders and secure conviction of violation of neutrality should an attempt be made to carry out the plot. They say, however, that the discovery of the alleged plan and precautions already taken have frustrated the effort.

Most of General F. Elias Calles' Carranza forces are now drawn around Nogales, which is being invested.

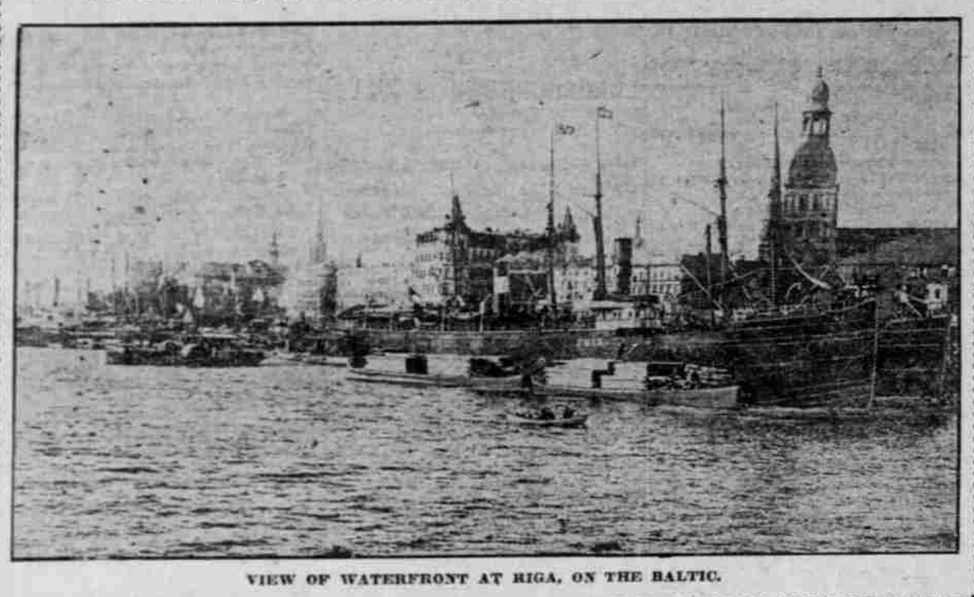
47 RAIDING MEXICANS KILLED

Fifteen Others Still Elude American Posses in Southern Texas.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 29.—Authentic reports were received tonight by county officers here that 47 of the Mexican bandits who participated in the attack on the Norias ranch, 65 miles north of Brownsville, on August 8, have been killed by American posses and officers, and that the others of the band, numbering probably 15, are still at large.

One of these Mexicans, it is said, was killed last night near Sebastian, while another's right arm was shot off and he was captured.

IMPORTANT RUSSIAN SEAPORT AT WHICH GERMANS ARE NOW BATTERING.



VIEW OF WATERFRONT AT RIGA, ON THE BALTIC.

BERLIN REPORT DENIED

CANADIAN TROOP SHIP WITH 2000 MEN SAID TO BE SUNK.

British Sources Silent, but Ottawa Declares Transport Is Safe—Liner Passengers Have Word.

BERLIN, Saturday, Aug. 28, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y., Aug. 29.—Passengers on the Holland-American line steamer Ryndam arriving in Amsterdam bring a report that a British transport, with 2000 Canadian troops on board, was torpedoed off the Scilly Islands on August 15.

It is said about 1000 men were saved.

No hint has come from British sources of the foregoing report. While it is possible that, had such an event occurred, the British censors might have withheld the news, this is improbable, in view of the fact that official announcement was made promptly of the torpedoing of the British transport Royal Edward in the Aegean Sea, with the loss of about 1000 men. The Royal Edward was sunk on August 14, one day before the date mentioned in the wireless dispatch from Berlin, and it is possible that the report brought in by the Ryndam's passengers is a garbled version of this incident.

The Scilly Islands lie off the southwest coast of England, near the line of steamship traffic between New York and Southampton.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 29.—Official denial was given here tonight to the report from Berlin that a British troop ship carrying 2000 Canadian troops had been sunk off Scilly Islands on August 15.

5000 MADE HOMELESS

ARKANSAS FLOOD MAROONS MANY ON TOPS OF HOUSES.

Thousands of Acres of Rich Farm Lands Under Water, Livestock Lost, and Relief Problem Is Heavy.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 29.—More than 5000 persons are homeless within a radius of 200 miles of Newport, Ark., and many others marooned in their houses by flood have been living in upper stories or on roofs for four, five and even six days, it was said here tonight by D. C. Welty, agricultural commissioner of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway.

After a motorboat trip of a week through the flooded section, Mr. Welty reported that he found conditions serious, thousands of acres of rich farm lands under water, heavy loss in livestock and personal property, but that apparently there had been no loss of life, and refugees were being well cared for in various camps.

Four hundred more inhabitants of the White River Valley were added today to the long list of refugees when a levee of the Cache River gave way, forming a lake 20 miles square between the Cache and the White.

With Federal, state and municipal authorities co-operating, the sanitary relief and rescue problems occasioned by the flood are said to be well in hand.

LITTLE BLACK CUBS TAKEN

Children of Forest Grove Play With Captives in Square.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Two black cub bears were captured in the wilds of Nehalem Valley last week by Ross Reder, a druggist, and they now form a small zoo attraction in Congregational Square for all the children in town.

The cubs play like kittens and seem to enjoy their new surroundings.

MERCURY CLIMBS TO 94

WEATHER MAN GIVES NO PROMISE OF MODERATION.

Thousands of Portland Persons Take to Bathing Resorts to Escape Sunday's Heat.

If this hot spell keeps up its present lick, some of our most cherished little heat records are going to be broken.

Yesterday's temperature was a mere 94, just enough to make swimming a pleasure and take the chill off the front porch.

Mighty little in it for the wood trust when the thermometer sticks around 92 or above for three successive days, yesterday being the third, and at 90 or hotter, mostly hotter, for seven of the past 11 days.

However, the best, or worst, whichever way you look at it, is yet to come. The weather man sees no immediate prospect of cooler weather.

For the benefit of those who like to dissect their troubles, yesterday's temperatures by hours are herewith appended:

5 A. M.	64	1 P. M.	84
6 A. M.	63	2 P. M.	88
7 A. M.	62	3 P. M.	92
8 A. M.	64	4 P. M.	94
9 A. M.	69	5 P. M.	90
10 A. M.	72	6 P. M.	85
11 A. M.	77	7 P. M.	80
Noon	80		

In the effort to escape the full effect of the 94 degrees, a large part of Portland took to the water yesterday. Practically every boat, canoe and launch available was put into use. All the bathing places were crowded.

The regular excursion steamers bore good loads of excursionists, many going to Oregon City and others to The Dalles.

The river was dotted all day with small water craft carrying their groups of passengers. Many were dressed only in bathing suits and were bound for the nearest bathing places. At least 5000 people were at Columbia beach. Other places where the water could be enjoyed were similarly crowded.

WALLA WALLA SUFFERS IN 104

High Mark of Three Years Reached and Hot Breeze Strikes.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The mercury touched the high mark for three years here today, reaching 104. Street thermometers recorded as high as 110. The day was sultry, with no air stirring till toward night, when a hot north wind struck the valley. It was the most uncomfortable day of the year.

August had already broken all records for continued heat, three days of the last four have been about the 100 mark. Farmers are rejoicing that heat was delayed, as it would have increased the danger of grain fires. As it is, the harvest is almost over.

Forest Grove Has 103.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Saturday was the hottest day recorded here in many years. The thermometer at the local Government agricultural station recorded 103.

Church Gives Car to Pastor.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Rev. Father J. R. Buck, pastor of the local Catholic Church, has received a new car from the members of his congregation.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Aug. 29.—Maximum temperature, 94 degrees; minimum temperature, 62 degrees. River reading, 8 A. M., 5.9 feet; change in last 24 hours, 0.3 foot fall. Total rainfall, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., none; total rainfall since September 1, 1914, 21.56 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 43.07 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1914, 12.41 inches. Total sunshine, 12 hours 15 minutes; possible sunshine, 13 hours 28 minutes.

THE WEATHER.

STATIONS	Maximum temp.	Precipitation (last 24 hours)	Wind velocity	Wind direction	State of Weather
Baker	96	0.00	4	E	Clear
Boise	98	0.00	8	W	Clear
Boston	64	0.01	4	E	Cloudy
Calgary	88	0.00	4	SE	Clear
Chicago	88	T	20	N	Rain
Colfax	107	0.00	Calm		Clear
Denver	98	0.00	6	E	Clear
Des Moines	80	0.01	8	N	Pt. cloudy
Duluth	80	0.02	8	NW	Clear
Galveston	88	0.16	8	W	Rain
Helena	94	0.00	4	NE	Clear
Jacksonville	92	0.00	12	SE	Pt. cloudy
Kansas City	70	0.20	24	N	Pt. cloudy
Los Angeles	90	0.00	8	SW	Clear
Marshfield	68	0.00	4	NW	Clear
Medford	100	0.00	6	N	Pt. cloudy
Minneapolis	80	0.24	12	N	Clear
New Orleans	92	0.00	8	W	Cloudy
New York	64	0.50	10	N	Rain
North Head	60	0.00	14	NW	Clear
North Yakima	90	0.00	4	NW	Clear
Pendleton	104	0.00	8	NE	Clear
Phoenix	98	0.00	10	S	Clear
Pocatello	94	0.00	8	NW	Clear
Portland	94	0.00	6	NW	Pt. cloudy
Roseburg	96	0.00	10	NW	Pt. cloudy
Sacramento	104	0.00	6	S	Clear
St. Louis	72	0.18	12	NW	Cloudy
Salt Lake	92	0.00	10	NW	Clear
San Francisco	70	0.00	20	SW	Clear
Seattle	76	0.00	10	NW	Cloudy
Spokane	96	0.00	4	NW	Clear
Tacoma	74	0.00	4	N	Cloudy
Tatoosh Island	62	0.06	14	S	Cloudy
Walla Walla	104	0.00	6	NE	Clear
Washington	74	0.10	8	NE	Clear
Yellowstone Park	80	0.00	6	NW	Clear

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A moderate high-pressure area overlies the central portion of the country and low pressure obtains on the Appalachian highland and the Pacific Slope. Showers have fallen in the southern Rocky Mountain and Southern plains states, the Mississippi and lower Missouri Valleys, Florida and the middle and north Atlantic states. Temperatures above 100 degrees have continued in interior Northern California and equally high temperatures obtained today in Southeastern Washington and portions of Northeastern Oregon. The weather is cooler in Western Washington, interior Western Oregon, Southern Colorado, the southern plains states, Mississippi Valley and Florida. It is warmer in Southwestern Utah, interior portions of middle Atlantic states, Northern Montana, Northwestern North Dakota and interior Western Canada.

The conditions are favorable for generally fair and continued warm weather in this district Monday, with northwesterly winds.

FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Monday, fair; northwesterly winds.

Oregon and Washington—Monday generally fair; not much change in temperature; northwesterly winds.

Idaho—Monday, generally fair and continued warm.

RUSS LINE BROKEN; POSITION PERILOUS

Germans Drive Wedge Home and Foe's Retreat Is Rapidly Becoming Rout.

NEW CAMPAIGN STARTED

Teutonic Allies Press Advantage and Continue Pursuit, but Meanwhile Permanent Defense Line Is Made to Bar New Attack.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 29.—The Austro-German troops have broken the Russian lines along the Zlota Lipa River in East Galicia, the Teutons resuming activity on a section of the front where for a long time they have been merely holding their positions.

The Russian extreme left, which hitherto has been unaffected by the general defeat, now apparently is shaken and involved in the general retirement. Military experts express the belief that the invaders soon will be expelled from the little corner in Galicia, where alone they have been able to maintain a foothold on Austrian soil.

New Campaign Opened.

This development, together with the sharp advance by the Austrians northeast of Kovel, is believed here to indicate the opening of a campaign against the fortress triangle formed by the strongholds of Lusk, Dubno and Rovno, erected as a bar to access to Southern Russia.

The Russian armies retreating north and south of Brest-Litovsk are separated by the Rotikno Swamps, and military men here say that the Austro-German strategists are in a position to mass forces against either Russian wing and expose it to a crushing defeat. Dispatches received here today say that the Russian resistance behind Brest-Litovsk has been broken and the pursuit by the Teutons is being pressed.

Utter Rout Possible.

Samary, where German cavalry yesterday defeated a Russian cavalry division, is 40 miles from Brest-Litovsk. The military experts say that this mounted force of Germans is now in a position to bite deep into the flank of the retreating Russians and bag many prisoners, if not to convert the retreat into utter rout.

With more cavalry in hand, the Austro-German strategists, it is said, might perhaps before this have compelled Grand Duke Nicholas to turn and accept battle. The belief is expressed that his retreat from now on will be doubly difficult.

Naturally, there has been much speculation here concerning the limits to which pursuit of the Russians would be pressed. Some had assumed that the advance would not be continued much beyond Brest-Litovsk, but the impression is now general that the pursuit will proceed so long as it continues to give paying returns in captives or offers a chance to bring the fleeing armies to bay.

Meanwhile a permanent line of defense will be settled and fortified as a barrier against a new Russian offensive, it is stated.

GOETHALS DUE AT 3:30

CANAL BUILDER TO ARRIVE FOR STAY OF THREE DAYS.

Chamber Delegation to Confer On Plans for Entertainment While Noted Visitor Is Here.

Major-General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, is expected to arrive in Portland today on the Shasta Limited from Seattle at 3:30 o'clock. His wife and two of his children are accompanying him on a trip through the West on their way to the San Francisco Exposition.

General Goethals was at Seattle last night, and late dispatches said that he would leave there this morning on the Shasta Limited. He and his family are to be in Portland for three days. They will stay at the Benson Hotel, where General Goethals has reserved rooms.

At the depot General Goethals is to be met by a delegation from the Portland Chamber of Commerce. He will be consulted as to any formal entertainment tendered him, as it is understood that he desires to receive as little attention as possible.

Another distinguished visitor who is expected in Portland within the next two weeks is Myron T. Herrick, Ambassador to France when the war broke out, and ex-Governor of Ohio.

STEAMER RAMMED; SINKS

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licemen on duty at the scene of the accident in scattering the crowds when the ropes began to give way and in sounding a warning to men in small craft who were working about the sunken vessel, several casualties might have resulted.

It was at first thought that several men had been trapped in the stern of the vessel as she went down, but a check of longshoremen and the employes of the boat showed that all had been accounted for, according to Captain Jensen.

Work on loading the vessel with freight assigned to Southeastern Alaska ports was due to begin at 7 o'clock. Had the accidetn happened 20 minutes later, Captain Jensen says, many of the workmen would have been killed or injured.

"I was standing on the dock waiting for the loading of the freight when I heard the crash," said Captain Jensen. "Several piles were torn down by the collision. I jumped on the boat and ran her down the slip between the two docks and then had her roped."

Montana Man Buried at Newberg.

NEWBERG, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—The funeral of Dr. Heber Anguish, of Abulon, Mont., who died following an operation, was held here Sunday. The services were in charge of the Masons at the home of his aunt, and were conducted by Rev. Hiram Gould, of the Methodist Church of Newberg.

PAVING PROMISE HELD UP

State Fair Commission Cannot Aid, Is Likely Ruling.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—That the State Highway Commission cannot legally appropriate money to aid property owners in paving the state fair grounds road was announced here today. The Commission, at a meeting several weeks ago, agreed to appropriate $2300 for the work. It is said that Attorney-General Brown will hold that a contribution by the state will be unlawful, inasmuch as the road is a city street, and cities are now separate road districts. Property owners petitioned the City Council to make the improvement relying on the promise of the Commission.

Linn Threshing Is Nearly Over.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special.)—Because of the fact that many more threshing machines than usual operated this season, threshing in this section of the state is almost completed. This county had the largest wheat yield in many years, but the threshing season will close early.

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