

PEACE PLAN MADE DESPITE CARRANZA

Next Step in Programme Is
Decided on Whatever Is
Text of Belated Reply.

ZAPATA ACCEPTS OFFER

Pan-American Organization Will
Act in Near Future—Carranza's
Agents Expect Note From
Leader in Few Days.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—It was stated authoritatively that the next step in the Pan-American programme for restoration of peace in Mexico was under consideration, and would be taken in the near future regardless of what might be the nature of General Carranza's belated reply to the offer of Secretary Lansing and Latin-American diplomats to arrange for a conference of Mexican military and political leaders. No inkling was given, however, of what form this next development would take.

Responses from General Zapata and his military advisers reached the State Department today, accepting the offer of the Pan-American conference. With the receipt of the replies, Villa adherents in Washington, whose leaders already have responded favorably, asserted that a peace convention to form a new provisional government in Mexico was assured, even if Carranza should refuse to participate. Administration officials heard of this announcement with interest, but said no arrangements for such a conference were now in prospect.

Carranza's Agents Expect Word.

General Carranza's local agents declared today that they expected the first chief's reply within a few days at the latest. They think it will come as soon as Carranza has completed the installation of his government at Mexico City.

Elisao Arredondo, Carranza's confidential agent in Washington, issued a statement tonight denying reports of dissonance in Carranza's forces and crediting them to the Villa agent.

Reports to the State Department from Torreon late in the day said the Villa forces had begun an attack on Monterrey, the capital of Nuevo Leon, which is in possession of Carranza troops under General Trevino. The message said heavy fighting was in progress, but gave no details. Earlier reports to the Villa agency said Carranza generals were calling in reinforcements to Monterrey from Tampico and other cities.

Red Cross Supplies Held Up.

State Department advice also said railroad communication between Piedras Negras, on the Mexican border, and Monterrey still was interrupted, and that the American Red Cross was unable to get a trainload of supplies through to Monterrey and Saltillo, where there has been devastation among the natives for some time. These were the first official reports regarding military activity in Northeastern Mexico to reach the department for some time. All the unofficial reports of Carranza's forces in a battle between Villa and Carranza forces for possession of Monterrey was pending.

Tonight General Villa is declared to have headed a column of reinforcements which hastened to the vicinity of Monterrey from Torreon to the aid of General Trevino, in command of the attacking forces.

Major-General Scott, chief of staff of the army, who has returned to Washington from the border, where he has undertaken negotiations with Carranza for the State Department, will confer with Secretary Lansing tomorrow.

Carranza Force at Santa Rosalia.

LA PAZ, Lower California, by radio to San Diego, Aug. 30.—Carranza's expedition which left here on the steamer Pacific is reported to have reached Santa Rosalia, a large mining town where there are many French interests, and to have occupied the district.

RUSSIAN FORTRESS MELTS

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with shells was released and sent down the track with its engine. A shell was then exploded, evidently under the tender of the engine, in the hope that the whole train would be sent into the air. Nothing of the kind happened.

The tender was lifted and one carload of loaded shells was half unrolled, but the rest of the train is unharmed and is packed with tons of good shells.

Big nine boxes of unexploded mines lie all along the way, and unexploded rifles will be placed by the hundred. In many places you could walk along the muddy roads for two miles in front of the fortress and hardly soil your boots, because the ground is strewn with overcoats, belts, cartridge boxes and rifles.

It is no exaggeration to say that in spots the ground is absolutely carpeted with wreckage of equipment. Here and there the soldiers had time to burn or break the rifles, but more often they are in perfect condition. Here the officer had tried to break his sword before throwing it into the ditch, but he has only succeeded in bending it double.

Russ Try to Hide Identity.

Everywhere is a litter of red shoulder straps, which the men have torn from their overcoats so that the number of their regiment should not be disclosed when they were taken prisoner.

Many a square yard of the freight yards lying a mile from the citadel is bedded with shrapnel. A trainload of fluted cakes for the Russian army, shells and lime, relics of barbed wire, and thousands of bushels of grain are melting.

Not one touch of waste, of ruin, or of sorrow is lacking in this picture, and the details of wreckage range from the minutest to the most colossal, for at one point the Russians tried to send one of their heaviest guns across a viaduct two miles from the fortress. The viaduct sank five feet, the track gave way, and the gun now awaits the arrival of German engineers.

Many Prisoners Taken.

There are so many prisoners that often the Germans cannot keep them herded, and you get the strange contrast of passing a column of 10,000 prisoners flanked by perhaps 100 guards, and then coming on to a lone Russian soldier who is paddling through the mud in search of somebody to capture him.

With a captain and Mr. Conner, of the Associated Press, I passed one such individual.

"Poor soldier," the captain said: "nobody wants him. Will not you gentlemen be so kind as to capture him?"

Mr. Conner speaks Russian, and he questioned the man, but got no answers more illuminating than that somebody

had told him to go somewhere. So we all saluted and the wail of war splashed onward to his highly indefinite destination.

I saw one column of probably 2000 prisoners who appeared to be both guarding and guarding themselves. There was not a German within a thousand feet of them when at a command from one of their own officers they swung off the plain and down the road leading into a stretch of woods.

The Emperor spent an hour amid these scenes this afternoon, attended by Generals Hindenburg, Beeler, Falkenhayn and Mueller, and followed by his body guard of riflemen in an automobile.

The Emperor's face was radiant, except when he passed new-made graves, when he slowly saluted.

Sven Hedin, whom the Emperor called to his side, says it is proper for him to say nothing more than that the conversation was about the war and that his majesty was very confident and happy. General Hindenburg's face was ashen, as always, and his eyes were weary.

Troops Rear Greeting.

At the end of the ceremony of the Kaiser's parade the Emperor's automobile, with the imperial standard flying, was rushed down the highway from the lane to the fortress, through lines of sweating pigs, scared hens, shivering peasants and wide-eyed, good-natured prisoners, who saluted him. A roar of cheers from the troops followed him for two miles.

Turning into a pasture road that had been terribly cut up by cannon, his

machine took the rut by leaps, and he must be a well man or he never would have stood the punishment those leaps must have inflicted.

I saw him very close, and there is not a line of weariness or illness in his face.

Despite the horrors of the scenes around us, there is a wonderful spirit of jubilation in the air. I don't hear a whine from anybody, but the thirst is the men groan a little. One does not drink from the wells. This minute I would give a week's wage for a drink of water. I am faint. My Spanish colleague has thrown himself on the ground. I believe he has fainted. He has gone dead white.

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Dr. Koo, New Minister to Mexico, Tells of Contracts to Buy Ships.

CHINA'S FLAG TO BE FLOWN

Company, Incorporated at \$5,000,000, With Strong Backing, Said to Be First Fruits of Visit of Industrial Commission.

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