

BORDER IS UNDER CONTROL OF ARMY

Circular Calling for Overthrow of Americans Found by Authorities.

MANY HOUSES SEARCHED

More Letters From California Are Disclosed and Organized Plans Seem to Have Been Foot for More Than Year.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 8.—It was announced here last night that Major-General Punton, of the Southern Department, is to issue orders placing practically the entire Rio Grande country in the Brownsville section in the hands of the United States Army.

It is understood also that they order probably will be issued for bordering across the boundary from the Texas side by armed forces, except the United States troops.

The purpose is to minimize the danger to international relations from a continuation of fighting across the Rio Grande, such as occurred several times last week between Mexicans on one side and Texas rangers and county officers, aided by American citizens, on the other.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 8.—More evidence of a conspiracy among Mexicans on both sides of the boundary to try to overthrow American authority in the border country was turned up by the authorities here Tuesday.

A circular letter was found which antedated by three months the plan of the San Diego revolution.

The letter promised those answering the call "money and offices provided they still live at the end of the battle."

It also was learned today that more letters from California have been found among the effects of Mexican houses, which have been searched for many miles inside the American border.

These letters indicated that organized plans have been afoot for probably more than a year. More buttons bearing a red flag inscribed "Land and Liberty" also have been found.

Today passed, however, without reports of outbreaks.

Americans arriving in Matamoros today by automobile from Victoria, about 200 miles south of Matamoros, reported no signs of any sort of disturbance in the territory they passed through.

DIPLOMATS TO MEET SOON Carranza Meanwhile Makes Great Effort to Prove Supremacy.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Secretary Lansing and the Latin-American diplomats co-operating with him in the effort to re-establish constitutional government in Mexico will meet next week to consider replies to their appeal to the Mexican factions for a conference and to formulate the next step in their plan.

Mr. Lansing said today the meeting had not been definitely arranged, but that it would be held before September 15, because the Argentine Ambassador, Senor Naoz, leaves on that date for a visit to his home.

As to what the next move is to be, nothing has been disclosed. General Carranza has not yet replied to the appeal, although he has given indications unofficially that he would decline the offer of assistance made by the Pan-American conference.

General Carranza may reply before the conference meet again and there are some officials who believe that he at least will leave the way open for further negotiations.

Officials are convinced, however, that Carranza will make a tremendous effort to win the next few weeks to drive Villa from his strongholds at Torreón and Chihuahua and thus establish virtually complete supremacy of his government.

General Carranza and other Carranza commanders have been unusually active within the last 10 days. A statement of the military operations issued tonight by the Carranza agency described the capture of Leamole, Saltillo, Fardon and other cities from the Villa forces.

LABOR LAW IS INVOKED PAVING CONTRACTOR BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY.

A. W. Clark's Case Is First of Several Brought Before Court by State Commissioner Hoff.

A. W. Clark, of the Clark-Henry Construction Company, was bound over to the grand jury Tuesday by District Judge Dayton on a charge of allowing George Anderson, an engineer, to work more than eight hours on the Clark-Henry paving contract.

The Clark case was the only one of several charges which was brought to trial yesterday. O. P. Hoff, State Labor Commissioner, made the complaints as the result of investigations by himself and deputies into working conditions on the county road paving projects and the interstate bridge.

contracts and that overtime was necessary on occasions. Attorneys John F. Logan and A. E. Clark were present in the courtroom as representatives of other paving contractors who are similarly charged.

Mr. Hoff dismissed the complaint against George W. Simon, of the Pacific Bridge Company, because, he said, his witnesses had "gone back on him."

C. F. Switzer, of the Pacific Bridge Company and R. D. Hoyt, of the Warren Construction Company, will be tried Friday on similar complaints.

Others who are now under arrest are: S. S. Montague and J. S. Conpton, of the Montague-O'Reilly Company; Anton Giebisch, of Giebisch & Joplin, and I. Day, of the Oregon Independent Paving Company.

HESPERIAN NOT WARNED ALLAN LINE ISSUES FORMAL STATEMENT OF DENIAL.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Evidence that the liner Hesperian carried a "six-inch gun," masked by being painted service gray, gave a new aspect to the case, in the view of the State Department Tuesday.

The commander and first and second officers made affidavits, which were called today by Consul Frost, in which this assertion was made. They averred, however, that the vessel undoubtedly was sunk by a torpedo.

Officials held that a gun of such caliber was of sufficient size to sink a submarine. Proof of this fact officials might be construed as a purpose to challenge the German blockade.

The present position of the United States is to take no steps to question the good faith of Germany's recent assurances unless it is shown clearly that the sinking of the Hesperian was in violation of them.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—The American Consul at Queenstown, according to the Daily Mail, has received information that a man named Wolff, aged 21, and born in New Jersey, was lost in the sinking of the Hesperian.

LONDON, Sept. 8.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rotterdam says: "It is freely rumored in Berlin that the sinking of the Allan line steamer Hesperian was deliberately designed by the party of Admiral von Tirpitz, the German Minister of Marine, to bring to a climax the difference between Von Tirpitz and Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, over the last note to President Wilson concerning the use of submarine boats against liners."

CORVALLIS TEAM FIRST FIREMEN END THRILLING MEET AT OREGON CITY.

Hundreds Awed by Unannounced Feature in Programme—Leap of 75 Feet Is Amazing.

OREGON CITY, Sept. 8.—(Special.)—In the firemen's tournament that closed here Tuesday, the Corvallis team captured first place by a margin of only one point. Oregon City ranked second with 35 falls and the St. Johns team which failed to put in its appearance for the contests in the second day of the meet scored 17.

The fire alarm was sounded at 2:10 o'clock this afternoon. At 2:11 the combined Oregon City and Corvallis fire departments reached the Electric Hotel and one minute later ladders were hoisted to the top of the building.

The alarm was an unannounced feature of the day's programme and hundreds followed the firemen down Main street to the hotel building. The exhibition of ladder work and the jump of 75 feet into a life net held the crowd in awe.

The St. Johns team was unable to appear in today's tournament, although the firemen from the Multnomah County town led in yesterday's results. But with the two teams left, the races and contests today were really the equal of those put on yesterday between the three departments.

The tournament will go probably to Corvallis next year, although this has not been definitely decided. The Corvallis team left for home tonight. A score of concessions, which were on almost every side street and on many of the vacant lots along Main street, are being taken down tonight, and tomorrow the town will be minus its decorations.

BRITISH OPEN WAY TO RELEASE GOODS

Americans May Obtain German and Austrian Products for Which They Contracted.

BIG VOLUME AFFECTED

Trade Advisers to Resume Negotiations Broken Off by Refusal to Consider Further Applications for Permits.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Definite information was cabled by Ambassador Page from London Tuesday that Great Britain is now prepared to accept informal representations by the foreign trade advisers of the State Department as a means of releasing American-owned goods of German and Austrian origin now held up at neutral ports by the British order in council.

Receipt of the Ambassador's message was followed by a conference attended by Trade Adviser Fleming, Consul Crawford, commercial attaché of the British Embassy here, and T. S. Sharrett, counsel for the American Importers' Association, after which it was announced that the plan would be worked out in the next three or four days.

The arrangement will result in the trade advisers resuming negotiations which have been interrupted since June 15 by the British refusal to consider further applications for special permits under the order in council. Goods amounting to \$167,000,000 have been tied up at Rotterdam alone, and it is expected that the same arrangement will release not only these shipments, but all goods of German and Austrian manufacture for which American importers have incurred obligations.

Details now under consideration by the British authorities include the question as to how long the arrangement will be allowed to continue in force and the question of limiting continuing contracts under which American importers are liable for goods which may not be delivered for months to come.

MORMON CHIEF ON VISIT B. H. ROBERTS, OF SALT LAKE CITY, GIVES VIEWS ON WAR.

Peace Will Not Come Until Blood Has Washed Hatred From Europe Declares Churchman.

B. H. Roberts, of Salt Lake City, one of the pillars of the Mormon Church and the man who was elected to Utah to the 56th Congress and about whose election so much controversy arose, is in Portland for a short visit.

Mr. Roberts said Tuesday night that the people of his faith are absolutely loyal to America.

"Why shouldn't they be? They believe that America is a holy land; that it was founded by men inspired by God. The perpetuation of any country depends upon its righteousness," declared Mr. Roberts.

When asked if he thought peace would come soon, Mr. Roberts said: "No, I fear not. It may sound radical to say, but I do say—I hope not. If there should be a sudden cessation of hostilities now there would still be in the hearts of those battling a hatred that would rankle until there was another outbreak. It will only be when they have satisfied the madness that impels them that the thing will be fought out and the final baptism of blood will have cleansed from their hearts and minds the desire for battle."

Mr. Roberts is one of the seven Presidents of the 79 of the Mormon Church and he has written an exhaustive history of the church, which is being published in six volumes. It has been running in a magazine for the past six years.

BANK DEPOSITS INCREASE Portland Institutions Have Total of \$70,000,000.

Deposits in the various city and state banks of Portland have increased substantially in the last year, as indicated by the responses made Tuesday to the periodical call of the Controller of the Currency.

Most of the banks show big increases. The aggregate of deposits is now approximately \$70,000,000, with those in the Linton and St. Johns banks, which now are included with the Portland banks in making reports for the city at large.

Portland banks also are maintaining a strong and healthy reserve, as shown by yesterday's reports. The average reserve fund of all the Portland banks is approximately 35 per cent.

This store will be closed Thursday, Sept. 9 in observance of A Jewish Holiday BEN SELLING Morrison at Fourth

WOMAN BURGLAR IN HOUSE Loot Is Dropped When Owner Enters and Hurried Flight Is Made. Masher Felled by Blow. Swift Justice was administered by T. Decker, 195 McClellan street, to a man who accosted Mr. Decker's small daughter near her home last night.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN THE BIRTH OF A NATION OR THE CLANSMAN Accompanied by an Augmented Orchestra YOU HAD BETTER HURRY RESERVE YOUR SEATS EARLY

Busy Boys Use Shinola "The shine that stays shined." It's good for leather and shines in a jiffy.

SHINOLA Boys—you should have a SHINOLA shining kit—a box of SHINOLA and two soft dry cloths—one to put on the SHINOLA with, the other for polishing. Keeps your shoes looking just a little better than the other fellow's.

OUR FAIR GRESHAM SEPTEMBER 14 to 18 GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE Told the Rotary Club that the cow is the wet nurse of prosperity and prosperity follows the cow. PRES. KERR, of the Agricultural College Told the Ad Club that the fair is one of the most potent agencies for the welfare of this community and that our mercantile establishments prosper in just such proportion as our farmers are prosperous.

Students' Special Train from Portland to Eugene To accommodate Students who desire to enroll at the opening of the University of Oregon on Monday, September 13, a Special Train will leave Sunday, Sept. 12, at 3:30 P. M.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland. Full particulars at City Ticket Office, 80 Sixth street, cor. Oak; Union Depot or East Morrison-Street Depot. Telephones Broadway 2760, A 6704

Last Chance Summer Excursions to the East On sale daily to September 30. Chicago and Return \$72.50 St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Omaha, Kansas City and return \$60. Reduced fares to many other destinations. Final return limit, October 31. Good for stopovers going and returning. Through standard and tourist sleepers to Chicago leave Portland daily 7:25 P. M. Arrange for stopover at GLACIER NATIONAL PARK.