

CARRANZA'S REPLY DELAYS PROTOCOL

American Government Demands Improvement in Mexico, Says Lane.

PARLEY TO BE CONTINUED

Carranza Advises Against Any Possibility of Break and Both Sides Express Hopes of Surmounting Difficulties.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 18. — Niceforo Zambrano, general treasurer of the Mexican de facto government, accompanied by his secretary, Manuel Bache Alcala, passed through here today on his way to New York and Washington. He is said to be on a special mission for Carranza.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Sessions of the Mexican-American commission likely will continue until near the end of the week, when adjournment will be taken until after New Year's day. There is no prospect of a break in the negotiations.

When the commission reconvened today after a three weeks' recess, Alberto J. Pani reported the results of his visit to Queretaro.

The exact character of his report was not revealed, but it was learned that while Carranza had not signed the protocol drafted at Atlantic City, this was not necessarily to be taken as an indication that it would not be ratified later, the signature perhaps being that of Ambassador-Designate Arredondo, who is authorized to sign such a document.

Message Not Signed by Carranza. It was understood that Mr. Pani's message was not signed by Carranza, but it was in the form of a communication from the Mexican commission, authorized by the Mexican executive and calculated to be an answer to the statement by Secretary Lane, chairman of the American commission, made on the last day of the conference at Atlantic City.

Secretary Lane had placed before the Mexican commissioners a supplemental statement in which he had clearly indicated that the American government was determined to see the protocol carried out in conditions in Mexico and that if it became necessary American troops would be sent across the border in pursuit of bandits and to make sure as to how far the pursuit would be carried out would be tolerated.

Although not included in the protocol Carranza interpreted the statement as vitally connected with the agreement and has protested against the pursuance of such a policy by the United States.

To the conditions named in the protocol for the withdrawal of American troops now in Chihuahua under General Pershing it is understood that no serious objection. The terms for their withdrawal are that they shall be taken out within 40 days after ratification of the protocol if in that time bandits have not altered conditions in that part of the country so materially that the peace of the border would be menaced, and that Carranza would not cede territory as Americans are withdrawn.

Break to Be Avoided. Carranza signed no communication to the commission, but authorized Mr. Pani to draft and submit the statement intended as a counter declaration of policy. It was learned that the Mexican commissioners were empowered to use their judgment in phrasing the document and that they were urged by Carranza not to cause a break with the Americans if it could be avoided.

Tonight the attitude of the Americans appear to be that the measure would be considered carefully and it was indicated that they perceived it as no insuperable bar to further debate. A break in the conferences is now unexpected.

Mr. Pani appeared today as the dominant member of the Mexican commission, although Luis Cabrera retained officially the chairmanship. He explained verbally to the American members of the forenoon session the manner in which Carranza received the protocol and later discussed the details of his visit to Queretaro with Dr. J. R. Mott of the American commission, at lunch. The written report was placed before the commissioners at the afternoon session.

The Americans did not give the Mexicans a reply, but after the late session considered the counter declaration at a meeting by themselves.

Mr. Pani said after the conference that he believed a satisfactory arrangement would be reached and the Americans were hopeful that the meeting tomorrow would bring them nearer to an understanding that would be followed by the ratification of the protocol either by Carranza himself or by someone he might authorize to act for him.

CONFIRMATION IS DELAYED

Recognition of Turkish Ambassador Waits on Unsettled Relations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—American relations with Turkey are so unsettled, it became known today, that the State Department does not plan to take any action toward the confirmation of Eusuf Bey, named by Turkey as Ambassador, until that country gives consideration to American representations and interests.

Refusal of the Turks to allow nearly 500 Americans and naturalized Americans to leave Turkey at Jaffa, and the conduct of the Turkish authorities in their treatment of the Armenians and Syrians have created this situation.

PEACE LEAGUE INDORSED

British Parliament Member Says United States Can Be Great Help.

war, was indorsed last night in a speech by John Howard Whitehouse, Liberal member of the British Parliament. Mr. Whitehouse is here studying educational methods.

KUT OPEN TO BRITISH

NEW ACTIVITY IN MESOPOTAMIA NOT REGARDED AS CONSEQUENTIAL.

LONDON Times Remarks That Turks May Be Forced to Evacuate Sannay Yat on Occupation.

GERMAN SHIPS READY

FREIGHT CONTRACT REQUESTS AT NEW YORK FORECAST PEACE.

Two Big Trans-Atlantic Lines Announce Plans for Resumption of "Regular Service."

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Action taken by German shipping interests in evident anticipation of peace was revealed here today when announcements came from the local offices of the two big German trans-Atlantic lines that instructions had been received to negotiate contracts for shipments from New York to Germany, "after resumption of our regular service."

In a notice sent out to freight agents and brokers by Gebrüder & Co., general agents in this country for the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, a similar announcement was made to freight contracts between this port and Bremen. It was said that such contracts would not guarantee any date for the resumption of service, but that the company would accept any conditions that would prevent their being carried out.

BIG SUM FOR FAMILIES

SECRETARY BAKER ASKS CONGRESS FOR \$5,000,000.

Money for Dependents of Soldiers Based on Assumption Guard May Be Held Until July.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Baker today asked Congress for appropriate for immediate use \$5,000,000 requested by the War Department for the support of dependent families of enlisted men in the Army and National Guard during the present fiscal year.

The amount is requested to continue monthly payments to the enlisted men have been mustered out of the Federal service, and is based on the assumption that the National Guard now in the Federal service will be continued in such service until June 30 next.

Secretary Baker said at least \$1,000,000 of the amount asked is urgently needed to make payments to the dependent families for December.

GOVERNOR'S PLEA DENIED

Both Contestants in Arizona May Claim Chair January 1.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Superior Judge Stanford today sustained Governor-elect Campbell's motion to quash the contest proceedings inaugurated by Governor Hunt. The court held that because the Secretary of State has never issued a certificate of election to Campbell, the court has no official knowledge of the result of the election and is, therefore, without jurisdiction.

Governor Hunt immediately took an appeal to the Supreme Court and it is expected the matter will be taken up there tomorrow by stipulation. Meantime the ballot inspection is suspended, and a decision is reached before January 1 or a court order is issued. It is probable that both Governor-elect Campbell and Governor Hunt will claim possession of the office. On the face of the certified returns Campbell is elected by a plurality of 30 votes. Governor Hunt claims irregularities in counting the ballots.

Kansas City Policeman Shot. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—J. N. Fells and John Houlihan, policemen in uniform, were shot last night, Houlihan, it is believed, seriously, when they attempted to question a man passing them in the residence district. Their alleged assailant later was found in a barn and surrendered to a detachment of officers from police headquarters. He gave his name as Charles Matthews, 23 years old, of Los Angeles, Cal.

FRAME-UP CHARGED BY BOPP IN DEFENSE

British Consul-General and Secret Agents Accused at Trial of German.

BOMB "PLANTING" ALLEGED

Government Takes First Steps to Connect Consulate With Signaling of Checks That Were Issued to Suspects as Payment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Charges that A. Carnegie Ross, British Consul-General in San Francisco, had plotted with secret agents to discredit representatives of the German government in this city were made by the defense today in the trial of Franz Bopp and six others, charged with conspiring to violate American neutrality by destroying munitions of war destined for the entente allied governments.

Otto O. Orr, a private detective and a Government witness in the trial, said on the stand today that he had seen Johannes Van Koolbergen, one of the defendants, carry a bomb with a clock-exploding device to the office of the German Consul-General on August 15, 1916.

He said that Van Koolbergen was admitted to a room in the Consulate of the city, which was occupied by Consul-General Bopp.

Display of Bomb Related. Van Koolbergen displayed the bomb to himself and to W. A. Munnell, head of a private detective agency, who testified: "Don't you know that the bomb was taken to Consul Bopp's office as a result of a frame-up between detectives and British Consul-General Carnegie Ross?" asked Theodore A. Roche, one of counsel for the defense.

Or to Take Stand Tomorrow. He will again resume testimony tomorrow morning.

The Government made its first attempt definitely to connect Franz Bopp, German Consul-General, with alleged underground dynamiting activities for which he and consular attaches have been on trial in the United States District Court for two weeks.

Who signed consular checks? asked United States District Attorney Preston of Frederick Jessen, a clerk in the consulate, who was on the witness stand.

Definite Connection Sought. Theodore Roche, of counsel for the defense, objected, with the declaration that E. H. Van Schack, vice-consul and also a defendant, likewise signed checks.

I intend to prove, Preston answered, "that up to the time the grand jury began investigating the evidence in this case, Bopp was the only one in the consulate who could have received the money paid by the consulate to Louis J. Smith and C. C. Crowley for alleged dynamiting activities. Smith and Crowley are defendants in this case, and their names are on the list of chief witnesses for the Government."

DODGE INJUNCTION STANDS

Ford Restrained in Use of Profits to Develop His Business.

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Three Circuit Judges today denied the petition of Henry Ford that they annul the temporary injunction which restrains the Ford Motor Company from performing development work. The injunction, granted for 60 days, was obtained recently by John P. Dodge and Horace E. Dodge, motor-car manufacturers and stockholders in the Ford Company. The Dodge brothers are seeking a permanent injunction to compel Ford to use the profits of his company for dividend payment instead of for developing his business.

CAPLAN ASKS NEW TRIAL

More Evidence Is Offered in Los Angeles Times Destruction Case.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Motion for a new trial was made today by his attorneys when David Caplan was taken into court to be sentenced upon his conviction Friday of complicity in the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building. Caplan was one of 20 men who were killed. Hearing on the motion was set for December 27.

PARADE PHOTO IS ALIBI

New Evidence Introduced in Bomb Explosion Case at San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Microscopic study of a print of a photograph taken here during a preparedness parade July 22 is counted upon to establish an alibi for Warren K. Billings, under indictment for murder of Robert Miner, spokesman for the International Workers' Defense League, announced here today. Billings' conviction was in connection with a bomb explosion which killed 10 spectators and wounded 40 during the parade.

According to Miner, a print of the photograph now in possession of the defense shows Tom Mooney and Rena Mooney, his wife, both under indictment for murder, on the roof of a building, while a street clock shows the time to be one minute past 2. A witness in the Billings trial swore that he saw Billings and Mooney at the scene of the explosion, many blocks away, at approximately that time. According to Miner, if it can be proved that Mooney was not there the presumption is that Billings was not, Miner said.

RUMANIAN ARMY IS SAFE

RUSSIANS ALONE NOW HOLD ENTIRE RUMANIAN FRONT.

King Ferdinand's Forces in Safety Beyond Sereth River Reorganize for Further Operations.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Rumanian army is now safe, and, according to news received in Paris last night, says the Petit Parisien. The paper says that the survivors are now beyond the Sereth in the mountains of Bessarabia, where they are being regrouped and refitted in view of further operations. The entire Rumanian front is now said to be held by the Russians alone.

After the Bucharest-Ploesti line was lost, the story says, the Russians sent divisions and forces of cavalry to support the retreat of the Rumanian army. King Ferdinand fell back as rapidly as possible, assured of the possibility of returning behind the shelter of the Russians, and continued the withdrawal without halting until the Sereth was crossed.

"ROUND ROBIN" IS DENIED

Court-martial Not Contemplated Over Militiaman's Death, Is Report.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 18.—Reports of a "round robin" having been drawn by men of the Eighth Ohio Infantry in camp here, during the fighting at El Paso, and the subsequent arrest of an officer and enlisted man of the same regiment, were denied today by Brigadier General George Bell, Jr., commander of the border district here.

General Bell said he had asked for a full report, but added that as far as he knew, no one was to blame for the death of Lapp, who died recently at the base hospital, of pneumonia. The report in circulation among militia troops was that Lapp died after being placed in the guardhouse because he was too ill to drill. This was denied at the headquarters of the Ohio troops. It also was denied by General Bell that any officer was to be court-martialed in connection with the alleged event.

STUDENTS' ACT DISAVOWED

Barring Stanford Chinese From Dormitory Displeases President.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Dec. 18.—President Ray Lyman Wilbur, of Stanford University, disavowed today the act of Encina Hall, the men's dormitory, in refusing admission to J. W. Lum, a Chinese student. "The men of Encina are no longer representative of Stanford University," President Wilbur declared, "although up to this time they have been considered so. Discrimination against any student because of his race is not representative of Stanford University."

President Wilbur said he did not yield to the action of the Encina men, but that the question was whether their action would stand until they saw fit to reverse it, or further dormitory facilities can be provided—one of his favorite objects.

EMPEROR SELECTS TITLE

Charles I of Austria, King Charles IV of Hungary and Bohemia Chosen.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 16, via Berlin and Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J., Dec. 18.—The emperor-elect, who is the official title of the new Emperor should be in Hungary, so as to avoid duplication of the titles of previous Kings Charles, was elected today.

Premier Tizsa announced that the Emperor will call himself at the coronation "Emperor Charles I of Austria and King Charles IV of Hungary and Bohemia."

MUNSTERBERG IS AT REST

Funeral to Be Followed by Cremation, Burial of Ashes in Germany.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 18.—A brief funeral service for Hugo Munsterberg, professor of psychology at Harvard University, who died suddenly on Saturday will be held in Cambridge, Mass., today. The body will be cremated in accordance with the wishes of Munsterberg, and the ashes sent later to Germany for burial.

Court Holds German Securities. LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the British prime court, ruled today that German bonds come under the reprisals order and that German securities to the value of 20,000 marks which were secured while on their way in a letter to the State Commercial & Savings Bank, of Chicago, should remain in court as property of enemy origin until the war is over, or until dealt with as the court might direct subsequently. The securities were seized on board the Danish steamship Frederick VIII.

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\$25.00	Solid Gold Watch Fob, engraved	\$12.50
\$48.50	Men's Waltham Watch, 15 jewels	\$24.25
\$31.00	"Lady Waltham" 16-Jewel Watch	\$15.50
\$20.00	Solid Gold Watch Fob, now	\$10.00
\$17.50	Solid Gold Diam Cuff Links	\$ 8.75
\$15.00	Solid Gold Beads, neck length	\$ 7.50
\$27.50	Solid Gold Handsome Diamond Brooch	\$13.75
\$22.50	Diamond Cluster Platinum Stick Pin	\$11.25
\$22.00	Solid Gold Diamond Bracelet, now	\$11.00
\$ 7.50	Solid Gold Heart Locket, with diamond	\$ 3.75
\$22.50	Gold-Filled Party Box, all fitted	\$11.25
\$10.00	Sterling Silver Eye-glass Case	\$ 5.00
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BOBBERS WORK BY DAY

COSMOPOLIS HAS EPIDEMIC OF BURGLARIES.

Last Victims Are Section Men Whose Bankhouse Is Stripped of Watches and Money.

was instituted for the robbers they had made their escape. Upon return of the men who occupied the building it was discovered that several watches and all the money in the rooms amounting to about \$150, had been taken.

Marshal Younger arrested four suspects during the day, but they were all released, upon failure to identify them.

J. L. Neubert, of the firm of Neubert & Co., reports that firm's loss at \$500, and he has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of the thieves.

Cuba's Sugar Crop 3,466,000 Tons.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cuba's sugar yield for 1916-17 will be a record-breaking one, according to cable advice received here by the Federal Sugar Refining Company. The current crop will amount to 3,466,000 tons, as compared with 2,996,000 tons last year, and 2,582,245 in the previous season, according to the messages. The large output is attributed largely to favorable weather.

Crew of 12 of Lost Bark Is Landed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The 12 men thought to have been lost on the bark Nettis, separated from the tug Geribald during a storm off the New Jersey coast on a voyage north from Brazil, were rescued yesterday by the Italian ship Sardegna, which brought them to this port today. The Nettis was abandoned.

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