

CARRANZA MAKES ANOTHER APPEAL

Flat Refusal Avoided, Modification of Protocol Being Object Sought.

VILLA GROWING FACTOR

Americans to Consider Situation and Give Answer to Colleagues on Joint Commission Some Day Next Week.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—One more appeal for modification of the protocol providing for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico is made by General Carranza. In a message delivered to Secretary Lane today by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican members of the joint commission, the Mexican first chief replied to the instant American demand that the protocol signed by his spokesmen at Atlantic City be ratified with an \$800,000 document in which he failed to accede to the demand, but refrained from writing anything that could be construed as a flat refusal.

The latest suggestions for changes in the agreement now will be considered by the three American representatives—Secretary Lane, J. R. Mott and Judge George Gray. Secretary Lane advised his colleagues late today of the character of the reply and asked them to meet with him here as soon as they conveniently could.

Answer to Be Given Next Week. Early next week a joint session of the Mexican-American Commission will be held, at which the Americans will give the Mexicans their answer and on its nature depends the future course of the commissioners, who were directed more than four months ago, to effect, if possible, the adjustment of questions at issue between the two countries.

Neither Mr. Cabrera nor Secretary Lane would discuss the nature of Carranza's reply. Mr. Cabrera left for New York soon after its delivery and Secretary Lane declined to reveal its character until it had been submitted to his colleagues. The same reticence was displayed at the Mexican embassy.

Obstacles Not Insurmountable. It was learned that the Mexican commissioners were confident that no insurmountable barrier had been raised by Carranza. It was asserted that the utmost care had been exercised to keep out of the reply any expressions or sentiments that might make the situation more complex or that would in any way offend the representatives of the American Government.

The chief insistence of Carranza has been that the American troops should be withdrawn unconditionally, which the American commissioners would not consider. It was indicated tonight that Carranza's insistence on that point was less pronounced now and that the change in his attitude had been wrought largely by the altered military situation in Northern Mexico.

Villa's Activities Embarrassing. There appeared reason to believe that one of the conditions to which Carranza now objects is that under which he would be obliged to garrison the territory evacuated by the Americans as they marched out. It was pointed out that since the protocol was drafted the increased activities of Villa and the steady growth of his army of bandits has made it difficult for Carranza to agree to use any considerable part of his army in the district now occupied by Pershing when it might be necessary to use the same force in meeting more active moves of Villa at other points.

The situation was discussed by Mr. Cabrera and Mr. Lane after the communication had been delivered. The two men lunched together at Secretary Lane's club. The talk over in a wholly informal way the objections Carranza had to the protocol as it was drafted, and Mr. Cabrera pointed out that Mr. Carranza recognized the necessity of maintaining the good will of the United States.

More Definite Date Requested. Those who have been in touch with Carranza's representatives asserted that in his latest representation of the case he expressed a willingness to ratify the agreement if a more definite date for the troop withdrawal were specified and if a more lenient attitude were displayed towards the question of increased bandit activity.

Carranza holds that his government is doing all it humanly can to restore order in the north, and that it will continue to do so, but that the presence of the American troops on Mexican soil is making the task more difficult by giving Villa and his lieutenants a pretext for urging the disaffected to join him in his fight against Carranza.

The failure of Carranza flatly to repudiate the protocol made it appear today that the Americans would give his communication due consideration, and that the next meeting of the joint commission would be held.

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GYPSY WHO SAYS PRINCESS CHIMAY LEFT \$500,000 TO HIM.



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Commission might be only the first of a series at which would be continued the efforts to effect a solution of the different problems.

Carranza's Power Menaced.
An interesting development in the Mexican situation generally was presented today in reports to the State and War Departments of the changing conditions in Mexico. When the commissioners adjourned in Atlantic City there were few Administration officials who believed that Carranza's power was seriously menaced. Since then official reports have shown a strength in the different reactionary groups that now is recognized as dangerous.

The report persisted today that Ambassador-designate Arredondo had been recalled by his government and that he was to be succeeded by Consul de Negri, of San Francisco, who would be in charge without diplomatic rank. Mr. Arredondo denied the story categorically and the State Department was without information.

SHOWMEN DECRY DISTRUST
Organization to Be Formed to Correct Erroneous Impressions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Troubles of the outdoor showmen were discussed at a meeting here today, at which a committee was appointed to effect a permanent organization through which showmen may they hope to correct erroneous impressions that work to their disadvantage throughout the country. Chief among the latter, it was said, the general distrust engendered by the word "showman."

The men who represent their tent show organizations in the United States assert they "are tired" of being classed with the riffraff who usually follow tent shows and who have nothing whatever to do with the ownership or management. They also object to what they termed "ruthless bleeding" in license fee exactions.

MEN ARE TO BE DRAFTED

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ficers of state or territorial units of the Guard, and after proper physical and mental examination by boards of officers. Promotions will be handled in the same way and any officer who falls in the examination as to his professional ability cannot come up for re-examination within a year.

After three years' active service, or when the organizations are disbanded, National Guard officers may pass into the National Guard reserve.
The reserve is to remain an unorganized body in peace times except for temporary purposes. It will be composed of men who have served three years in active organizations and whose enlistment contracts will require them to serve three more in the reserve unless they prefer active service. They will hold the same rank in the reserve that they held at the time of furlough from active service except that when drafted into the Federal service they will report in the grade of private.

WEEK-END, CLATSOP BEACH

Week-end round-trip tickets to Gearhart and Seaside will be good for return to and inclusive of Tuesday, January 3. \$3 round trip. Ticket office, Fifth and Stark.—Adv.

Woman to Aid Attorney-General.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Illinois is to have a woman Assistant Attorney-General, it was announced today by Edward J. Brundage, Attorney-General-elect, who said he would appoint Miss Jeanette Bates to the position.
To Prevent the Grip.
Cold cause Grip—Laxative Bromo Quinine remove cause. There is only one "BROMO QUININE." E.W. Grove's signature on box. 25c.

Kentucky last year registered 49,978 births and 29,913 deaths.

FORTUNE IS CLAIMED

Gypsy Violinist Says Princess Chimay Left Him \$500,000.

PLAYER ONE OF HER MATES

Musician in New York Restaurant Declares He Will Go After His Bequest When War Ends. Gifts Are Worth Thousands.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Janey Rigo, famous gypsy violinist, now visiting here, was once husband of the beautiful Princess Chimay, who, before her marriage to the Belgian nobleman, was Clara Ward, of Detroit, Mich. Her father left her many millions when he died.

The violinist met the Princess when she and the King of Belgium and members of his staff were dining in a restaurant in Paris. Rigo played and after the performance kissed her hand. A few days later they eloped, dressed as Gypsies.

For 11 years the Princess showered him with presents and costly gifts. Today he is the possessor of caskets of jewels worth thousands of dollars. The violin on which he now exhibits his talent is the gift of the Princess Chimay.

The Gypsy talks of nothing now but Clara Ward and her generosity toward him, of her gifts, and their romance. He declares that she left him \$500,000. He is now playing at the Little Hungarian Restaurant in New York. He declares that when the war is over he will claim his fortune.

The coat he is wearing was presented to him by the late King Leopold of Belgium.

Colonel Ellis Coming to Columbia.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 28.—Colonel Wilmet E. Ellis, who has been stationed at Fort Ruger, Hawaii, has been assigned to the command of the coast defenses of the Columbia River.

The Beloved Favorite

Marguerite Clark

In an entrancing 6-act production of

"Snow White"

In which she appeared for two seasons in New York.

Reserve your seats now for our midnight matinee Sunday.

A great show today, too.

RAILROADS FIGHT DRASTIC CAR ORDER

Most of Companies Said to Be Doing Their Best to Be Fair With Public.

STRICT RULE IS RESISTED

Commissioner McChord Says, However, That Agreements Have Been Violated and That Railroads Are Stealing Cars.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—After an all-day hearing the Interstate Commerce Commission tonight took under advisement the question of whether it shall seek to solve the car shortage problem by ordering all railroads to return cars of other lines to their owners immediately on unloading.

Railroad representatives, headed by W. W. Atterbury, vice-president of the Pennsylvania, and president of the American Railway Association, appearing in response to a summons to show cause why an order should not be issued, earnestly urged against the action. They declared that most of the roads were doing their best now to deal fairly with the public and argued that a hard and fast rule by the commission would interfere with operations and make the situation worse.

Railroads Sharply Accused.

Commissioner McChord said the railroads seemed to pay no attention to the orders of the railway association, which has adopted various drastic measures to relieve car shortage. "The railroads," he said, "not only have violated their written and verbal agreements, but they have deliberately been engaged in the systematic stealing of cars from one another."

When Mr. Atterbury objected, saying that statement could not be accepted as true, Mr. McChord said he had seen a letter from one president saying that other executives were not going to heed the orders of the association's car service commission.

"Don't condemn the whole system of railroads because the present intricate plan is not working," he said. "We would like to see it," replied Mr. Atterbury.

Arbitrary Order Opposed.

He contended further that the present was no time for an arbitrary order by the commission; that January, February, March and possibly April were months in which railroad operation would be most difficult, particularly as the roads had not had time to work out the new car service distribution plans.

There is no car shortage for normal traffic, Mr. Atterbury insisted, and there should be no hard and fast commission order as to car shortage, which, for instance, had transformed the Pennsylvania from a car credit, or business originator, to a distributor for other lines in originating traffic.

All the railroad men scented danger in any commission order because of the law imposing \$5000 fine for violations of Interstate Commerce Commission orders. W. A. Worthington, vice-president of the Southern, said the Western lines have a large excess of open cars and deficiency of boxcar equipment and that the proposed order, if rigidly enforced, might subject his line to an accumulation of \$23,000,000 in fines.

121 OFFICERS CREATED

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS TO RESERVE CORPS MADE.

List New Numbers About 250, Toward Ultimate 50,000 Contemplated in Plans of War Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Names of 121 additional appointees to the officers' reserve corps created by the National defense act were made public today at the War Department after acceptances had been received. They have been assigned in grades ranging between Second Lieutenant and Major both to line and staff divisions of the Army and are subject to call for active service in time of war.

Seventy-nine of the new reserve officers live in the Eastern Department; 33 in the Central; six in the Western and three in the Southern. A preceding list carried about the same number of names, making the present strength of the new corps about 250.

Plans of the War Department as laid before Congress contemplate the building up of an officers' reserve corps of not less than 50,000 men, which will be made largely of graduates of reserve officers' training corps now under process of establishment at schools and colleges throughout the country.

STEAMSHIP IS GIVEN UP

Search for Maryland Abandoned by Coast Guard Cutters.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steamship Maryland was regarded today as probably lost. Search for the vessel and her crew by the coast guard cutters Acushnet and Quasham, which was begun after the Maryland's wireless calls of distress were suddenly silenced Christmas night, was abandoned without having developed any trace of the steamship by either. Hope for the safety of the steamer and its 300 men lies in the possibility that they were picked up from the ship's boats by a passing steamer.

The cutters took up the hunt for another missing vessel, the new steamer Osama, of the Clyde line, bound from Portland, Me., for New York without cargo. Since leaving Portland on December 21 the steamer had not been reported.

LIGHTED ROADS WANTED

Commercial Clubs Start Movement for Improvement.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The first step toward obtaining lights for all dangerous curves on roads in the Puyallup Valley was taken by the Alden Improvement Club at a meeting last night, when it instructed its light and telephone committee to confer with the Sumner and Puyallup Commercial Clubs. Following consultation with members of these clubs a conference will be held with the County Commissioners.

The club favors placing the lights at the side of the road rather than over the middle, where a light frequently blinds a driver.

Maxim Estate Is \$33,000.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Sir Hiram Maxim, the inventor, who died recently, left an estate of \$33,000.

BUSINESS HOURS
OF THE STORE—8:30
A. M. TO 5:30 P. M.—
SATURDAYS ONLY 9
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WOMEN'S WINTER COATS AT \$8.95
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Extra!—Special for Friday!
BOYS' WINTER SHOES
At \$1.75 Pair Sizes 9 to 13½ At \$1.98 Pair Sizes 1 to 6
This sale affords parents a splendid opportunity to purchase boys' heavy Winter-weight shoes at specially low prices. They come in gunmetal, velvet calf and box calf leathers and are made with good heavy soles. Sizes 9 to 13½ priced at \$1.75 pair and \$1.98 sizes 1 to 6 at.....

MISSIES' AND CHILDREN'S SHOES
Sizes 5 to 8 at \$1.49 Sizes 8½ to 11 at \$1.75 Sizes 11½ to 13 at \$1.98
Heavy Winter-weight shoes in patent colt, gunmetal and velvet kid leathers. Button styles with cloth or mat kid top. Well known and reliable makes at attractive low prices. Sizes 5 to 8 at \$1.49, sizes 8½ to 11 at \$1.75 and sizes 11½ to 13 at \$1.98

Extra!—Special for Friday!
WOMEN'S WASHABLE GLOVES
In Chrome Tan \$1.15 Pair
A Quality and Make Regularly Sold at \$1.50
At this great price reduction we are closing out one of the best-known and most reliable makes of women's washable gloves. They are made of best quality chrome tan leather in styles with pique seams. They come in pastel shades and in all sizes. They are washable, exceedingly durable and well fitting—a glove sold everywhere at \$1.50 a pair. On sale Bargain Friday at..... **\$1.15**

Women's Outing Flannel Gowns
All Styles in Values \$59c For Lines Selling to \$75c Friday at 59c For Lines Selling to \$1.50 at, Each 87c
Women's Warm, Comfortable Nightgowns, shown in all popular styles and in all sizes. They come with high, low or V-shaped neck and with or without collar. All are cut in full, generous size and extra well made throughout. They come in plain colors, white, pink or blue, and in neat stripe patterns. Broken lines selling regularly up to \$1.50, in two great lots, on sale, BARGAIN FRIDAY, at..... **59c and at 87c**

Extra!—A Full Third Saved at Friday's Sale of
Heavy Wool Finished Blankets
\$1.95 Pair For Lines Selling Regularly at \$3 Pr.
They Come in White, Tan or Gray
Housekeepers in need of additional bedding will do well to promptly attend this sale. It is an unusual underpricing of some 150 pairs of Heavy Wool-Finished Blankets at an opportune time. They come in 84 by 84 inches and are shown in white, tan and gray. Those in white are slightly soiled on the edges. All are regular \$3.00 value. On sale BARGAIN FRIDAY at..... **\$1.95**
Only Two Pairs to Each Customer—No Phone or Mail Orders—None Sold to Dealers.

\$3.50 Beacon Bath Robe Blankets, Complete With Cords, on Sale for \$2.50
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Bargain Friday at.....

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Handbags
at \$1.19

Regular \$1.75 Lines

At our notion counter we have arranged a special sale of fine leather handbags. They come in large size in styles with metal frame and leather lined. Regular \$1.75 values on sale Friday..... **\$1.19**

A Friday Special in
Box Paper
at 29c per Box

Regular 50c Grade

About 100 boxes of Clorcraft stationery to close out at this great price reduction. Each box contains 50 sheets of paper with envelopes to match. The kind regularly sold at 50c a box, on sale, Bargain Friday at..... **29c**

Great Clean-Up Sale
Women's Waists at 59c

Broken Lines Selling Regularly to \$3.50

An assortment of styles too extensive and too varied to describe. Suffice to say that all are this season's models. They come in dainty white voiles and in fine linen. Styles with long or short sleeves and in most all sizes. Lines regularly selling from \$1.25 up to \$3.50, your choice Bargain Friday at..... **59c**

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