

BANDIT ACTIVITY IN MEXICO IS REVIVING

Frequent Train Robberies Reported in Vera Cruz.

PASSENGERS LOSE GOODS

American Residents of Northern Mexico to Enter Protest on Further Shipment of Munitions.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Mexican newspapers reaching Washington today report a revival of banditry in the state of Vera Cruz immediately south of Tampico and record six serious attacks on trains since the middle of March. This is largely the territory where Felix Diaz, recently reinforced by General Aureliano Blanquet, is reported to be operating.

On March 15 a passenger train between Morelia and Acambaro, Michoacan, where the rebels have been active for months, was held up, the armed guard which usually accompanies each train was attacked and the passengers robbed of all valuables and clothing. The guard of government troops escaped and fled to the hills.

Fireman Is Injured.
Two days later, March 21, a freight train on the inter-oceanic line between Mexico City and Vera Cruz was derailed by rebels. The fireman was severely injured and the locomotive and tender destroyed. On the same day Zapatistas on the line between Mexico City and Puebla derailed a train and robbed the passengers of all their belongings. The government troops were overpowered, three were killed and the others fled to the hills. The engineer, mail clerk and one passenger were wounded.

A mixed train on the Vera Cruz-Isthmus line between Vera Cruz and Tierra Blanca, was derailed March 22, the express car robbed and four or five cars of freight which the rebels could not carry away burned. Seven passengers were wounded and a paymaster carrying 10,000 pesos was robbed. Thirteen government soldiers guarding the train were killed and the rebels carried away the paymaster and several passengers who were being held for ransom at the time the newspapers reporting the attack were published.

Goods Wiped Out.
The most serious hold-up reported by the papers was on March 30, when an entire train guard of 50 men was wiped out by a body of rebels under the leadership of General Gaby, who recently looted the town of Coahuila and burned the hacienda of Santa Rita. This attack was made at a point less than ten miles from Vera Cruz on a train between that city and Alvarado.

A freight train destined for Puebla from Jalapa was derailed March 31 and a large amount of freight was stolen or destroyed. The train had no government troops guard and the train crew was captured and dynamite was thrown into the engine, the rebels ordered a fireman to take the engine, some of the party and their prisoners up the line some distance. While the leader of the rebels was engaged elsewhere, the fireman started his engine and escaped with two cars of oil and three of sugar. The newspapers report this rebel band to have numbered more than 500 mounted men.

AMERICANS PREPARE PROTEST

Shipment of Arms, Ammunition and Horses Opposed.

EL PASO, Tex., April 9.—Cattle men, mining men and other Americans operating in northern Mexico, are preparing a protest to the state department against further shipments of arms, ammunition and horses through this port to Mexico for the use of the Mexican federal army. It was announced today by one of the American operators in northern Mexico.

The foreign cattle and cattle men said today the continued shipping of war supplies through El Paso to Juarez for the Mexican army would tend to arouse anti-American feeling among the Villa followers which has been noticeably absent since General Angeles joined Villa. They claim quantities of the ammunition, rifles and horses shipped from the United States and plainly marked or branded, will fall into the hands of the Villa men and they will retaliate by attacking American properties or by killing American men in the north. They insist these shipments should be made through Vera Cruz.

Recently 150,000 rounds of ammunition, 5000 rifles and 1000 horses were exported here for the Mexican army to be used by General Carrista.

BRITAIN BUYS OIL PROPERTIES

State Department Much Interested in Outright Ownership Policy.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The recent purchase by the British government of oil properties in Mexico has been confirmed in official advice and it has been learned that officials of the state department were much interested in the situation because of the apparent establishment by Great Britain of a new policy of outright ownership, vested in the government of oil properties.

Great Britain, it was said today, had not waited for action by the Mexican courts or by the United States to meet May 1, but had purchased the

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JAPANESE DEMONSTRATION IN TOKIO WHICH LED TO THE PASSAGE OF THE MANHOOD SUFFRAGE BILL.



The above photo, just received from Tokio, Japan, shows a demonstration in Japan by members of parliament, coolies, business men and students, which was held as a demand for manhood suffrage. According to a cable report, the law creating some 1,500,000 Japanese voters has passed the house of peers of the imperial Japanese diet. The country has been highly excited over universal suffrage. The present statutes of Japan are that only male citizens over 25 years of age and paying a direct tax to the central government of about \$5 a year or more are entitled to vote. The new law lowers the amount of the tax from 10 yen (\$5) to 5 yen. The bill passed the house of representatives by an overwhelming majority and it was expected that the house of peers would offer strong opposition to it.

interests of her nationals which were involved in the question.

CHIHUAHUA SERVICE STOPPED

Resumption of Villa Activities Is Announced.

JUAREZ, Mexico, April 9.—Railroad operation south of Chihuahua City has been suspended since Sunday, according to an official report received here tonight and a resumption of Villa activities south of the state capital was announced. This, it was learned here, caused General Juan Augustin Castro's hasty departure from the border with his special troop train Monday night. Before leaving here General Castro announced he would have important military developments to announce within a few days and it is believed here a military engagement is now in progress somewhere south of Chihuahua City.

OIL INTERESTS ARE CLEARED

Financing of Revolution in Mexico Denied by High Official.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Reports that the Blanquet-Felix Diaz revolution in Mexico was substantially financed were termed as doubtful by state department officials in replying to direct questions regarding the situation and the reports.

In answer to the suggestion that American interests were behind the new revolution, a high official of the department declared this to be untrue, and expressed the opinion that the revolution would be short-lived.

BABE SLEEPS FOR 12 DAYS

Abnormal Slumber Believed to Be Case of Sleeping Sickness.

TAKIMA, Wash., April 9.—The case of a babe believed here to be afflicted with "sleeping sickness" has been reported by County Health Officer Creswell to the state board of health.

The case is that of a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beaudry of Wapato, one year old, who has been in an abnormal slumber almost constantly for 12 days.

ENGLAND HOLDS UP CABLE

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of the allied troops in the occupied regions, and the second priority is for the payment of food relief furnished to Germany.

U. S. DELEGATES TALK VAGUELY

Reason for Ordering George Washington to Brest Concealed.

PARIS, April 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—Talking cannot go on forever, and the British cryptic replies are the most definite information on the peace situation the Associated Press has been able to obtain from the members of the United States delegation, who decline to clear up the mystery which involves the proceedings of the big four.

They asked why it was necessary for the traveling plans of the United States delegation to be dependent upon the steamer George Washington and why it could not go home on the Leviathan or other ships sailing at an earlier date for the United States, one of the delegates replied that he did not think it was necessary to make hurried plans.

"We do not accuse our allies of forgetting what France has done," says the Matin today, "but nevertheless we witnessed a curious thing yesterday. American propagandists or newspaper men, knowing that President Wilson had summoned to Brest the ship which is to take him back to America, saw in this natural order an opportunity for blackmail. They made—with the disapproval of all Americans who are friendly to France—a bold-faced attempt at intimidation. If you are not more accommodating, they went all over the city saying, 'our president will return home and you can extricate yourself from your difficulties by yourself.'"

The Matin's article pungently criticizes the peace conference under large captions reading: "Disquieting mysteries in council of four. In five months allied governments have not solved single problem. Odessa in power of bolsheviks!"

The newspaper declared it has been the method of the conference to put the concerns of France last. England and America have got all they required, says the Matin.

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COREA PLEADS FOR FAVOR

COPIES OF INDEPENDENCE PROCLAMATION RECEIVED.

Appeal Directed to America to Lend Encouragement to Republic in New Endeavors.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—Copies of the Korean proclamation of independence have been addressed to the governments of the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy and their premiers and peace delegations, the San Francisco branch of the Korean National association announced here today. In the accompanying letter is a plea that Korea's endeavors toward independence be given all possible favor.

The letter says in full: "The Korean National association begs to inclose herewith a copy of the Korean declaration of independence, made at Seoul on March 1, 1919. The declaration was made in both English and Korean and this copy was brought to us by personal messenger. It contains the ideals and aspirations of the Korean people and is backed by the overwhelming majority of the 20,000,000 Koreans who passionately desire freedom from Japanese oppression and a recovery of their ancient independence, wrongly taken from them."

"To America, an advocate of liberty and justice in world affairs we appeal in behalf of and as representatives of our fellow countrymen everywhere. 'The Korean Independent Union has established a provisional government composed of men of high character and ability, eminently capable of establishing a republican form of government in Korea if allowed an opportunity to do so. 'Thousands of Koreans have been educated abroad in recent years and hundreds of thousands are living abroad to escape tyranny at home. These men are trained in the best thought of the western world and represent new Korea, and their struggle will not end short of freedom for their native land.'"

The letter was signed by Earl K. Paik, acting president, and Y. S. Kang, secretary of the Korean National association here.

BANK WORKERS ON STRIKE

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the social democrats in South Bavaria has withdrawn.

The independent socialists of Munich and Nuremberg are still hopeful. In the latter city they are absolutely opposed to the soviet system, the former city siding with the proponents of that system, but laying down 12 conditions.

Conditions Are Outlined.
They include the dictatorship of the proletariat, introduction of general labor duty for the bourgeoisie, reconstruction of courts on a revolutionary basis, reconstruction of the dwelling

system, separation of church and state, socialization of the press and creation of a red army alliance with Russia and Hungary.

The council has accepted these conditions, so the independent socialists are supporting the soviet plan, but their leader, Dr. Leven, believes the present council fails to represent the proletariat and that the basic idea of the council has been strangled.

Bavarian Envoy Recalled.

The majority socialists in South Bavaria have gone utterly to pieces and are wholly at odds with those in North Bavaria.

COPENHAGEN, April 9.—It has been officially announced in Munich that Ritter von Prager, the Bavarian envoy at Berlin, has been recalled. The commissary for foreign affairs in giving his reasons for this step declares that the new German constitution can never become binding upon Bavaria, as Bavaria's special rights have been surrendered in the drawing up of that document.

The Wurttemberg government, as well as the Baden and Hesse governments, according to a Stuttgart dispatch, still regards the Bavarian government under Premier Hofmann as the sole legitimate government for Bavaria.

German Troops Press Ahead.

German government troops are marching on Essen, where a collision has occurred between the strikers and the Christian workers' organization, the members of which desire to continue at their employment, a Berlin dispatch announces. The strikers have occupied the Krupp munition plant, the message adds.

An official statement from the Estonian army headquarters reads: "On April 6, Estonian forces crossed the Narova river, south of Narva, and captured seven villages and 200 prisoners. On the same day they stormed the town of Gdov, on the eastern bank of Lake Peipus, and captured 200 men and considerable war material."

82 KILLED IN HARD GALE

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graph wires are practically all down west of Salina.

TRAIN SERVICE IS DELAYED

Rocky Mountain States Gripped by Serious Snow Storm.

DENVER, April 9.—A succession of storms, ranging from heavy snow in some localities to rain and sleet in others, throughout the Rocky mountain states and the southwest today resulted in serious delay to train service and demoralization of telephone and telegraph communications. Trains to the east and southwest were reported hours behind schedule, while snow plows were being sent out to clear the tracks covered with huge drifts of snow.

Union Pacific trains from the east were reported tonight five to six hours late; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific trains were reported 30 minutes behind schedule, and Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe trains were posted as delayed "indefinitely" by a heavy snowfall in Kansas, which reached the proportion of a blizzard. There was no indication tonight when train service could be restored to normal.

The Colorado & Southern railroad's line was reported blocked somewhere between Arapahoe, Texas, and Trinidad, Colo., by the severest snow of the winter in New Mexico. The snowfall was reported as heavy as 10 inches at places.

Similar conditions prevailed in the Panhandle section of Texas. The Rock Island's Golden State Limited from Kansas City and Chicago, westbound, was held at Delhart, Texas, today, several hours, while snow plows were sent ahead to clear the track. Drifts at Tucumcari, N. M., also held back trains for several hours, but tonight they were reported moving.

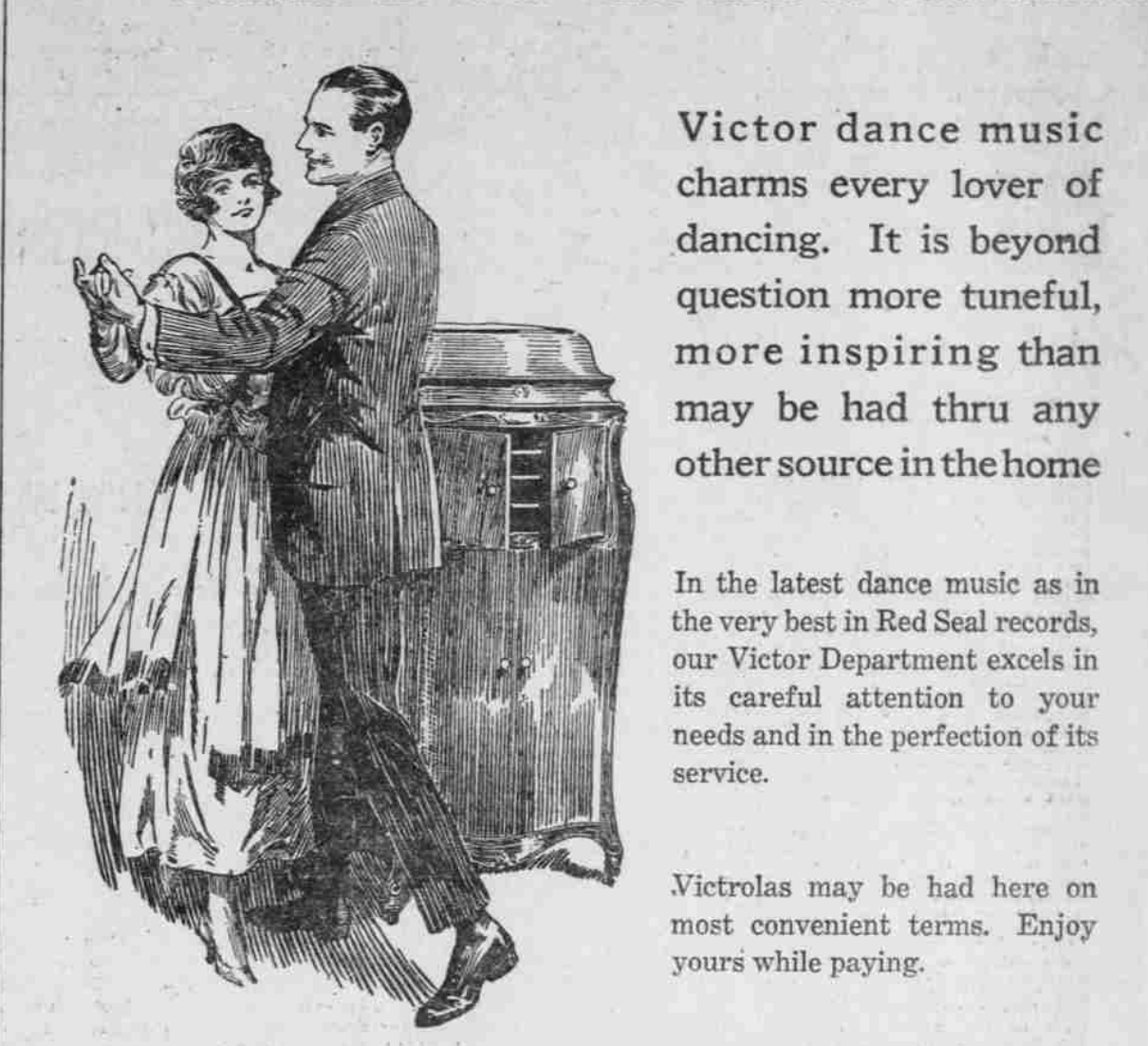
The snowfall was general through Eastern New Mexico, Northwest Texas, Western Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas and south into the Mexican mountains of Chihuahua.

Wire communication was crippled during the day and tonight. The Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph company reported its chief difficulty in Wyoming, west of Cheyenne, where the wires have been in bad condition since Sunday. Considerable trouble also was experienced in Nebraska and Kansas, though intermittent communication was maintained under poor wire conditions.

The Western Union Telegraph company's eastern wires were down with the exception of a Kansas City wire, officials said tonight. Telegraphic communication was maintained with the west.

Associated Press dispatches were received from the west.

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FIGHTING SHIPS CARRY MEN

British Columbia May Adopt U. S. Transport Plan.

LONDON, April 9.—The recent suggestion by Adjutant-General Wade of British Columbia that the grand fleet be used for relieving the pressure in returning the Canadian soldiers home has received some endorsement in the action of United States Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who announced that the American soldiers in Paris that the United States government is returning men on fighting ships despite objections originally raised by naval authorities. The same idea also is now being considered by the British admiralty.

CLASH AT TIEN TSIN OVER

Investigation by American Authorities Practically Completed.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Exchanges between the United States and Japanese governments regarding the recent clash at Tien Tsin, China, between American soldiers and Japanese are expected to result shortly in a satisfactory understanding, closing the incident.

The full report of American Consul-General Heintzelman has been received at the state department, it was learned today, and the investigation by the American authorities has been practically completed.

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Total insurance written during the year 2,221,000.00

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