MEXICO ON VERGE OF SERIOUS FAMINE

Labor Thrown Into Army, Farm Animals in War Operations.

CHARITY ALONE CAN SAVE

Expenditure of \$41,343,750, Gold Required to Save People From Starvation-Demagogic Military Leaders Blamed

MEXICO CITY, March 25,-(By cour. fer to El Paso, April 3.)—A report pre-dicting that Mexico faces a serious sit uation respecting her food supplies has been made by a committee of Americans and other foreigners here who bave been investigating the situation. The report in part follows:

"Four years of almost continuous fighting throughout the various parts of the republic has produced a condi-tion of affairs in the food supply situation so serious as to threaten a famine of such proportions as to necessitate world-wide mid.

Banners Shields for Pilinge.

"The fact that farm hands have everywhere been thrown into so-called armies, that farm animals have been utilized for like purposes, that Jeaders of roving bands marching under banners containing fantastic leg-ends about liberty and the rights of man, which they use as a blind to fa-cilitate robbery, pillage and murder, have so reduced the crop acreage that by November, 1915, there will be a shortage of 39,370,000 bushels of corn alone, not to mention the other absolutely necessary cereals, are now well known to those investigating, who have made a careful study of this phase of Meybors ille.

we made a careful study of this wase of Mexico's ills.

"That the effects of this wanton deruction are only just beginning to felt is due to the great productive thes of Mexico's agricultural reons, where the farmer has but to eratch the soil and drop his seed, while God and sunshine do the rest. Self-appointed military leaders have so long prevented the farmer from even scratching the soil over so great an screage that Mexico is about to reap the whirlwind she has sown.

Famine in Corn Is Certain.

"Corn has been the staff of life in Mexico, as is wheat or its products in other countries. The harvest of this careful for the present should begin nature that if this general looting be cereal for the present should begin about November 1, that is, eight months from the date from the writing of this report. On investigation, we find that only five states of Mexico's 27 have a sufficient supply to carry them over this period.

"Oaxaca, Morelos, Campeche, Tabasco and Chianas probably have enough corn to last them eight months if the strictest economy is employed in using crisis passed.

nature that if this general looting began he would march out of the city with his troops, not firing a single shot to prevent the mob from taking what they wished.

"But the people were not deceived. They refused to be used as his tools. The merchants of the foreign colonies raised a relief fund of more than \$500,000 in a few days by voluntary subscription and the acute stage of the crisis passed.

strictest economy is employed in using that staple. This will take care of a populace of 1,700,000. Yucatan, with a population of 350,000, produces no corn, but has the money to buy it in the United States. This leaves the rest of

relieve the consequent distress and prevent, perhaps, the death of thousands from starvation. In normal times it requires 1,800,000 tons of corn to feed these 12,500,000 over a period of eight months. With the visible supply only 675,000 tons, this leaves a shortage of 1,125,000 tons, or 39,375,000 bushels. This corn must be purchased from the United States. The present market the United States. The present market price, laid down at points along the northern frontier, is 30 cents gold a bushel. If we allow 10 cents gold for distribution cost throughout the various parts of the republic, we have a charge of \$1.05 gold per bushel, which will necessitate the expenditure of \$41, 242,750 gold to prevent a devastating familine.

scionable, ignorant and selfish atti-tude of the military elements of all factions, Mexico will find herself called on to expend 417,437,500 persos to pre-vent the larger part of her population from starving to death.

Zation who were presented with badges for having been members of the Red-men for 21 years. The recipients were John J. Sexton, John Blesner, George Morrow and Charles P. McCarty. The honor is conferred by the Great Council

Nation Dependent on Charity. Where is this money to come from? Mexico must throw herself upon the charity of the world.

'Not only have they taken away the man and the farm animal from the land and thus produced there dire results, but many instances have been reported where the different military commanders have actually permitted the horses and mules to feed on the young and growing corn in such sections where it may have been planted, while droughts in the north and east have completed the work of ruin inaugurated by these men. Stored grain has also been burned in considerable quantities by the van-dals and the records show that in the face of all this some selfish military lenders have actually exported grain to enrich themselves. Due to the paral-ysis of the means of communication throughout a larger part of the republic, such stores of corn and grain as were raised and saved could not be transported from the regions of produc-tion to those of consumption, causing a waste of the too small stock on hand.

Obregon Directly Accused.

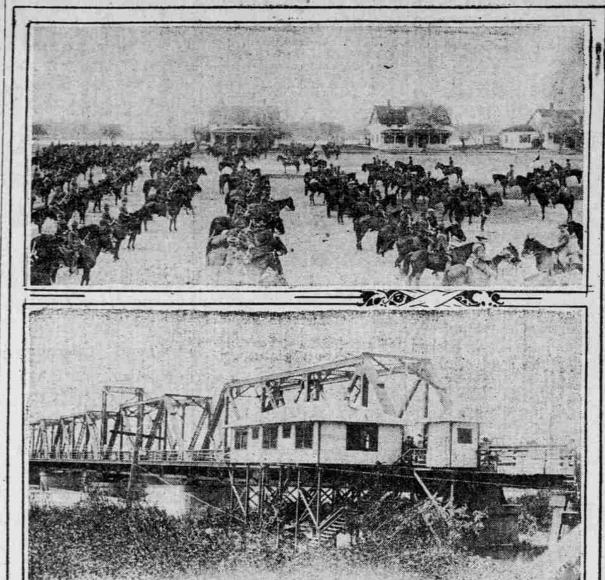
"That these conditions are the direct result of the wanton and selfish attitude of the wanton and selfish attitude of the military lenders of different factions who say they are fighting for the liberties of the people has been made most plain of late by the conduct of General Alvaro Obregon, acting under the directions of General Venustiano Carranza, General Obregon entered the City of Mexico on January 29 iast. On the following day the water supply of the city was cut. The price of foodstuffs, already high, due to the depreciation in the purchasing power of Mexican currency, rose to exerbitant figures, but General Obregon acting under the direct orders of Genacting under the direct orders of General Curranza endeavored in every war to prevent the introduction of foodstuffs into Mexico City. Not only did he refuse the City Council railway cars for transporting such stocks as were available in re-gions contiguous to the capital and controlled by his troops, but he ordered his outposts to confiscate such as were brought in from neighboring regions

"There is an abundance of evidence pointing to the fact that this inhuman conduct was part of a deliberate campaign to starve the populace to enlisting in the ranks of his army. Rabble Incited to Looting.

on backs of mules, horses or donkeys.

"When the inevitable consequences of this plan began to evince themselves and the people cried for food. General Obregon addressed them, through the press and by means of printed posters,

SCENES ON TEXAS BORDER WHERE TROUBLE WITH MEXICANS HAS AGAIN BEEN THREATENED OF



-Photos Copyright by Underwood & Underwood TOP—AMERICAN CAVALRY DRILL AT FORT BROWN, BELOW.—INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BETWEEN BROWNS-VILLE AND MATAMOROS.

was due to speculators and to the selfishness of the well-to-do classes. He immediately decreed a special tax levy of 28,000,000 pesos to relieve what he had the effrontery to characterize the desperate situation of the city's poor. When the merchants retused to pay this tax he invited the rabble to take what they could by looting and sacking, informing them over his sig-

crisis passed.

Most Leaders Like Obregon. "Prices of foodstuffs in Mexico City are 200 and 300 per cent higher than in normal times and still rising, due

United States. This leaves the rest of Mexico, with a population of approximately 13,000,000, with a visible supply of approximately 675,000 tons, enough to last only three months. About next July, then, the real pinch of hunger will be felt throughout the length and breadth of Mexico.

Supply 33,275,000 Bushels Short.

What, then, will be necessary to relieve the consequent distress and prevent, perhaps, the death of thousands from starvation. In normal times it requires 1,800,000 over a period of eight months. With the visible supply only 675,000 tons, this leaves a shortage of 122,000 tons, this leaves a shortage of 122,000 tons, this leaves a shortage of 122,000 tons, this leaves as shortage of 122,000 tons or 2,275,000 by the Middle Ages." Ages.

Veterans and Active Workers Vancouver Lodge Honored.

famine. "By that time the purchasing power of the Mexican peso will have dropped to 10 cents gold, so, due to the unconscionable, ignorant and selfish attitude of the military elements of all

of the United States.

The local lodge, Kumtux Tribe, conferred totem badges upon those who have been unusually active in bringing new members into the lodge. Those so honored were George H. Farrah, M. S. Cohen, John A. Padden, J. J. Sexton, Dr. L. Schlemlein, Peter J. Flynn and G. C. Cates. of the United States.

UNION PACIFIC PASSENGER OFFICIAL TAKES JURISDIC-TION OVER O.-W. R. & N.



Gerrit Fort.

Reorganization of the passen-ger department of the Union Pacific system is indicated by recent appointment of Gerrit Fort ns passenger traffic manager of all the Union Pacific lines, in-cluding the Union Pacific proper, the Oregon Short Line and the O.W. R. & N. Company. Mr. Fort, for the last four years, has Fort, for the last four years, has been passenger traffic manager of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line only. Under the new arrangement he will have equal jurisdiction over the O.-W. R. & N. system and his headquarters will be moved from Omaha to Chicago. He will report directly to R. L. Winchell, traffic director of the Union Pacific system.

State Department Asks Carranza to Be Considerate.

NEW DATA ARE SUBMITTED

Attention Also Called to Damage Done to Oil Tanks by Indiscriminate Shooting-Condiditions at Tampico Worse.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The United States Government has renewed its representations to General Carranza to obtain respect for foreign flags recently violated at Manzanillo, asking that he instruct his officers there to

afford protection to foreigners and their interests.

In the first note sent to General Car-ranza a consular report was trans-mitted saying that the British and American flags had been violated by lawless Carranza troops. The facts were denied by Carranza and additional data have now been laid before him it Vera Cruz with reference to the request made in the first communication.

To this no reply has been received. Firing On Oil Tanks Protested.

A separate communication was sent to General Carranza today calling his to General Carranza today calling his attention to the Indiscriminate firing by his troops on the oll tanks in the vicinity of Tampico, 150,000 barrels of oil already having been lost as a result of perforations made by bullets penetrating the tanks.

Conditions in the Tampico district gave officials much concern today, State Department dispatches said: "The food situation at Tampico is growing worse, about 200 Americans are desirous of returning to the United States and fighting still continues at

are desirous of returning to the United States and fighting still continues at Ebano." The dispatches add that "the oil operators are organizing for the purpose of buying corn in the United States for local distribution, which will be disposed of at cost in order to relieve the situation."

Further Lawlessness Reported. From Manzanillo and the City of Co-lima came reports of further lawless-

ness. Conditions at other points on the West Coast of Mexico were rerted as follows, under date of yes "A column of Carranzistas has been routed while on its way to Guadala-jara. Seven hundred troops from Her-mosillo have arrived at Guaymas. Many

stores at Guaymas are closed on ac-count of existing political conditions. Acapulco and Mazatlan are quiet."

The State Department today received a dispatch from Zacatecas confirming the report that General Isobel Robles, Secretary of War to General Eulalio Gutierrez, had "surrendered on April 1 all of his command, machine guns, ammunition and equipment to General Villa's forces near Camacho.

ALUMNAE DIVISIONS MADE Collegiate Association Takes Steps to Form College Club.

The Association of Collegiate Alum ne in connection with other interests met at the home of Miss Laura North-rup yesterday afternoon to act on the organization of a college club which has been under consideration for some

It has been decided to divide the association into two sections, a National and a local. To the first section will belong all women who are ligible to the Association of Collegiate Numnae, college graduates. To the econd will be eligible all women who may have attended for one year a college that comes under the Carnegie Board Classification. A reading was given by Josephine ammend on "The Modern Drama"

Hammond on "The Modern Drama." Mrs. Edward Taggart presided.

Orchardists Fight Proceedings.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 3 .- (Special.) OLYMPIA, Wash., April 3.—(Special)

One more "emergency clause" law passed by the recent Legislature, the horticultural code, is due for test proceedings in the Supreme Court to determine whether it is in effect at present or not until June 10. The emergency clause was attached to this act to make possible the immediate process of the control of the

prosecution of a campaign against fire blight in Eastern Washington orchards. One provision of the act allows state Inspectors to enter infected orchards, clean out blight and charge the work against the property. Inspectors al-ready have availed themselves of this privilege and property owners contest-ing the tax are expected to bring the validity of the emergency clause into

PRESS SECTION DEDICATED

President, Bryan and Roosevelt Telephone Greetings.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3 .- "Dull was buried today at the San Francisco Press Club's dedication of its quarters in the Press building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Secretary of State Bryan participated in the ceremony with a long-distance address delivered in Washington over the tele-phone, and conveyed to the audience by the telegraphone. President Wilson gave the signal for

the opening of the exercises with a telegraphic message. Ex-President Roosevelt also tele-phoned greetings.

FUNERAL IS TO BE TODAY Services to Be Held for Robert Hol-

man, Former Fire Chief.

Funeral services for Robert Holman

in Riverview Cemetery.

The death of Mr. Holman, who had been a resident of Oregon for 52 years and who was 75 years old, was caused by a stroke of apoplexy.

Baker Has Cleanup Day for Dogs. BAKER, Or., April 3 .- (Special.)-Baker will have a cleanup day for dogs April 12, following the civic beauty cleanup two days earlier. Mayor Palmer says that there are at least 200 worthless canines on the streets and that the danger of rables is great because of them. The plan is to have the official dog catcher capture every animal that has not a license tag or

Weiser Farmers Buy Blooded Stock WEISER, Idaho, April 3.—(Special.)

That the Weiser Valley is coming to the front as the home of high-grade stock is proved by the large number of blooded animals recently imported from both Eastern and Western breeders. A. A. Middleton and Ralph breeders. A. A. Middleton and Ralph Kutch, two prominent stockmen of this valley, have just returned from the Williamette Valley, where they pur-chased a number of high-grade cows.

Potato Demand Stiffening.

ST. HELENS, Or., April 3.—(Special.)
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—An unusual demand is being experienced here for potatoes for the California market. One carload of potatoes was shipped Thursday on the steamer Multnomah, which sailed for Southern California points. Another carload is being stored at Warren for California shipment. The Columbia River Canning & Produce Company is making the shipments.

Bounty Collections Heavy at Baker BAKER, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—
Now that coyote and other animal pelts are being paid for out of the fund for the first time since the bounty fund ran out last Fall, many hunters are bringing in pelts to the County Clerk. The first day nearly 40 were offered here and many bobcat and lynx hides were also cashed in. Hunters have been saving their coyote skins for months.

Japan were continued teday, but nothing was accomplished. The Chinese employed their usual practice of avoid-ing the initiative and the Japanese took up all of the four-hour session with a discussion of details of the South Manchurla immigration question. They did not commit themselves, however, to acceptance of the Chinese offer to waive the question of Chinese jurisdiction over Japanese immigrants to South Manchuria except in cases involving land ownership. The Chinese government has not re-

the Chinese government has not re-ceived official encouragement from any power such as would warrant resist-ance to Japan, and has therefore con-ceded demand after demand. Foreigners in touch with the situation express the

CHINA IS HELPLESS

Demand After Demand Is Conceded to Japanese.

Japan Takes Aggressive Action in

Manchuria and Shantung, Exe-

cuting Civilians, and Gov-

ernment Fears to Act.

PEKIN, April 3 .- The conferences between representatives of China and

in touch with the situation express the opinion that China must concede every point on which Japan insists.

News from Manchurla and Shan-Tung tells of aggressive action on the part of the Japanese troops in the garrison there. For example, it is reported that several Chinese were put to death for stealing Japanese telegraph wire. The Chinese civilians offer no resistance and some of them have left their homes. Owing to measures taken by the gov-Owing to measures taken by the gov reau, who died Thursday morning, will cotts have been reported in any section, be held from the Edward Holman undertaking establishment at 11 c'clock Shanghai disorders, which of themtoday. The officiating minister will be Rev. William T. Kerr, Methodist tives of several provinces who are in Episcopal pastor. Interment will be Shanghai have cabled the central government, and serious anti-Japanese boy-reau, who died in any section, or has there been a repetition of the Shanghai disorders, which of themtoday. Shanghai disorders, which of them-selves were unimportant. Representa-tives of several provinces who are in Shanghai have cabled the central gov-ernment an imperative demand to know what preparations have been undertaken

what preparations have seen indertaken to prevent Japan from "imposing Ko-rea's fate on China." There are no signs of military preparations. Many citizens, unaware of the army's incapacity, advocate defiance of Japan, but the government officials apparently tear to take any action.

Yoncalla Postmaster Serves 17 Years YONCALLA, Or., April 3.—(Special.)-After more than 17 years of service as postmaster of Yoncalla, John G. Samler, retired, on March 1. When urged by his friends to take the civil service exhis friends to take the transfer to con-amination, as required in order to con-tinue in the postal service, he declined, saying he desired to rest and to visit his mother in New Jersey, who is 88 years of age."

HOW TO HAVE LONG BEAUTIFUL HAIR

By a Hair Specialist.

It is not hard to stop the hair from falling out and promote its growth if the right means are used. There is no hope for the scalp where the hair roots are dead and the scalp is shiny. However, to those who have not reached this condition, immediate steps should be taken to stop it before it is too late. Here is a simple recipe which you can make at home that will stop the hair from falling out, promote its growth and eradicate scalp Monmouth Gymnasium Being Razed.

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Eastertide at Clatsop Beach

Seaside —

Gearhart

Seaside, April 2.—Mr. and Mrs. Tired Cityfolks: Rest and recuperation for the tired business men, side trips to Cannon Beach for the women folks and kiddies; salmon trout, steel heads and mountain trout for the anglers—this is what a week-end visit to Clatsop Beach means to the dweller within the city gates. Oates has opened the natatorium, which will be kept open two hours every Saturday night after the arrival of the evening train.

Ch. yes; in the woods back of the old Seaside House, at the foot of Tillamook Head, black bear are plentiful and tempt the game hunter.

R. E. CREATION.

Gearhart Park,
April 1.—More than
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have been made for
Easter week, and a
large number of
golf enthusiasts will
make the links lively all week.
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