

MEYER ORG. URGE 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 courier to St. Paul, April 4.) A report predicting that Mexico faces a serious situation respecting her food supplies has been made by a committee of Americans and other foreigners here who have 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 condition of affairs in the food supply situation so serious as to threaten a famine of such proportions as to necessitate world-wide aid.

Banners Shields for Pillage.

"The fact that farm hands have everywhere been thrown into so-called armies, that farm animals have been utilized for like purposes, that leaders of roving bands marching under banners containing fantastic legends about liberty and the rights of man, which they use as a pretext to facilitate robbery, pillage and murder, have so reduced the crop acreage that by November, 1915, there will be a shortage of 375,000 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 Mexico's ill-fate.

Famine in Corn Is Certain.

"Corn has been the staff of life in Mexico, as in wheat or its products in other countries. The harvest of this cereal for the present should begin about November 1, that is, eight months from the date of 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.

Supply 33,375,000 Bushels Short.

"What, then, will be necessary to relieve the consequent famine and prevent, perhaps, the death of thousands from starvation. In normal times it requires 1,500,000 tons of corn to feed these 15,000,000 people for a period of eight months. With the visible supply only 117,000 tons, this leaves a shortage of 1,383,000 tons, or 33,375,000 bushels. This corn must be purchased from the United States. The present market price, laid down at points along the northern frontier, is 99 cents gold a bushel. If we allow 10 cents gold for distribution throughout the country, we have a charge of \$1.09 gold per bushel, which will necessitate the expenditure of \$41,343,750 gold to prevent a devastating famine.

"By that time the purchasing power of the Mexican peso will have dropped to 10 cents gold, so due to the unconscionable, ignominious attitude of the military elements of all factions, Mexico will find herself called on to expend \$41,343,750 gold to prevent the larger part of her population from starving to death.

Nation Dependent on Charity.

"Where is this money to come from? Mexico must throw herself upon the charity of the world.

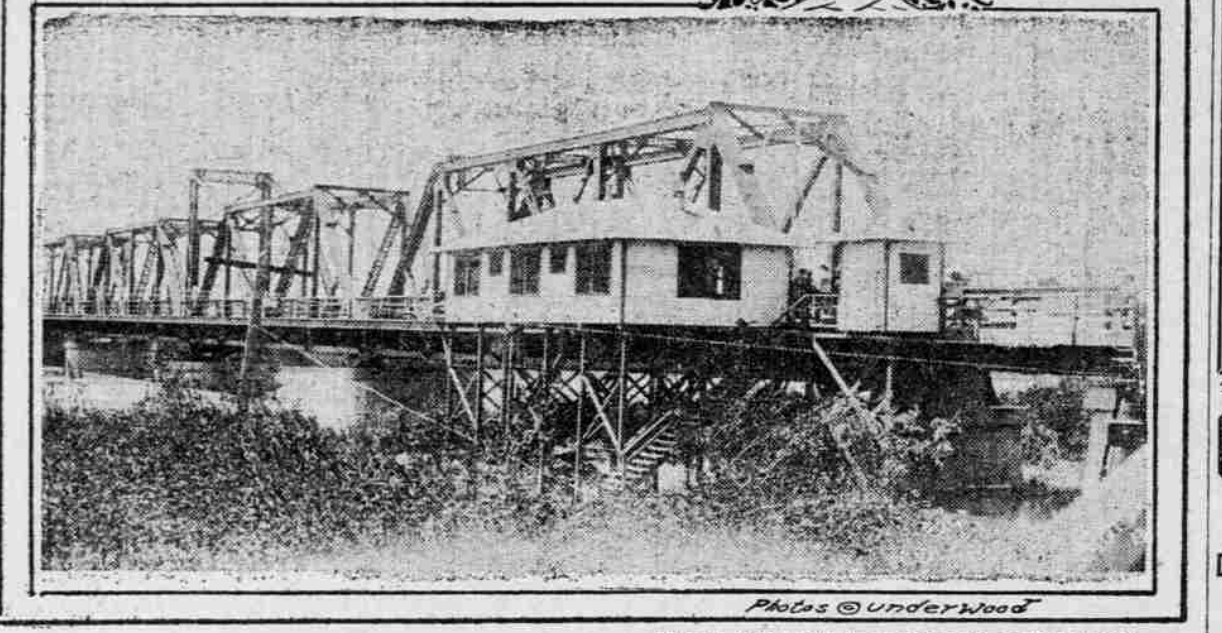
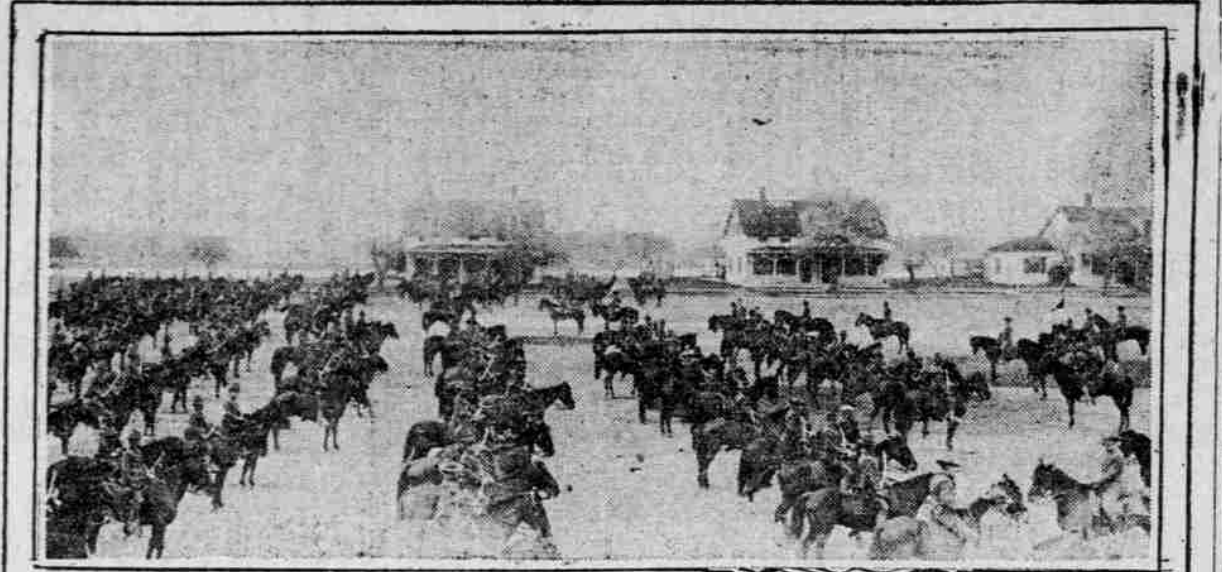
Obregon Directly Accused.

"That these conditions are the direct result of the wanton and selfish attitude of the military leaders of different factions who may they be fighting for the liberties of the people has been made most plain of late by the conduct of General Alvaro Obregon, acting under the direct orders of General Venustiano Carranza. General Obregon entered the City of Mexico on January 29 last. 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 exorbitant figures, but General Obregon acting under the direct orders of General Carranza endeavored in every way 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 regions contiguous to the capital and controlled by his troops, but he ordered his outpost to confiscate such as were brought in from neighboring regions on backs of mules, horses or donkeys.

Robbie Hated to Lead.

"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 LATE.



TOP—AMERICAN CAVALRY DRILL AT FORT BROWN, BELOW—INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BETWEEN BROWNSVILLE AND MATAMOROS.

informing them that the food shortage was due to speculators and to the selfishness of the well-to-do classes. He immediately decreed a special tax levy of 20,000,000 pesos to relieve what he had the effrontery to characterize the desperate situation of the city's poor. "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 \$900,000 in a few days by voluntary subscription and the acute stage of the crisis passed.

Most Leaders Like Obregon.

"Prices of foodstuffs in Mexico City are 200 and 500 per cent higher than in normal times and still rising, due to the machinations of military leaders of the type of Obregon, which unfortunately includes practically all. "What is true of the food situation in Mexico City applies also to the fuel situation. The spirit which will starve a people for personal gain or selfish ambition does not make for liberty or democracy. Mexico must reap as she has sown, and unless the anarchy, chaos and desolation which prevail in all parts of the Republic under the guise of liberating armies is remedied, the world will witness a spectacle here which will be as a page torn from the history of the Middle Ages.

REDMEN ENJOY BANQUET

Veterans and Active Workers of Vancouver Lodge Honored.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 3.—(Special.)—One hundred twenty-five Redmen, most of them members of the local lodge, sat down to a banquet last night in Eigenlaub's hall in honor of a number of veterans of the organization who were presented with badges for their benevolent work.

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

Reorganization of the passenger department of the Union Pacific system is indicated by the recent appointment of Gerrit Fort as passenger traffic manager of all the Union Pacific lines, including the Oregon Pacific proper, the Oregon Short Line and the O.-W. R. & N. Company. Mr. 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. J. Winchell, traffic director of the Union Pacific system.



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RESPECT IS URGED

State Department Asks Carranza to Be Considerate.

NEW DATA ARE SUBMITTED

Attention Also Called to Damage Done to Oil Tanks by Indiscriminate Shooting—Conditions at Tampico Worse.

Firing on Oil Tanks Protested.

A separate communication was sent to General Carranza today, calling his attention to the indiscriminate firing by his troops on the oil 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.

Further Lawlessness Reported.

From Manzanillo and the City of Colima come reports of further lawlessness. Conditions at other points on the West Coast of Mexico were reported as follows, under date of yesterday:

Alumnae Divisions Made

Collegiate Association Takes Steps to Form College Club.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae in connection with other interests met at the home of Miss Laura Northrup yesterday afternoon to act on the organization of a college club which has been under consideration for some time.

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.

Potato Demand Stiffening.

ST. HELENS, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—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.

Monmouth Gymnasium Being Razed.

MONMOUTH, Or., April 3.—(Special.)—The old gymnasium of the Oregon Normal School is being torn down. Later it is expected that the old domestic science and art building will be razed, as the work will be transferred into the new training school building after the new structure is completed. Last year a new \$10,000 gymnasium was erected upon the campus.

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Advertisement for Pennsylvania Oilproof Vacuum Cup Tires, featuring a tire illustration and text about 50% more wear resistance.

Advertisement for Eastertide at Clatsop Beach, featuring Seaside and Gearhart locations and a list of activities.

Advertisement for a round trip to Spokane, Portland, and Seattle for \$3 on Saturday or Sunday.

Advertisement for The Nortonia, a restaurant offering a variety of dishes and a pleasant atmosphere.