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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO DEADLOCK

Obregon Demands That Troops Withdraw.

DISCUSSION IS REFUSED

American Generals Will Not Consider Retirement.

CO-OPERATION IS ADVISED

Suggested Agreement Would Provide for Joint Policing of Bandit-Infested District, With Americans as Buffers.

EL PASO, Tex., April 29.—A two-hour conference late today between American and Mexican military representatives at Juarez to decide the future disposition of American expeditionary forces in Mexico terminated unsuccessfully, but was followed by the announcement that deliberations would be resumed tomorrow at El Paso.

Two conflicting propositions developed immediately after the leaders in the conference met in the Juarez custom-house. They are understood to have increased the gravity of the negotiations temporarily.

Meeting Behind Closed Doors.

The initial meeting was held behind closed doors in the big, green-tinted room which Francisco Villa used as his council chamber when he dominated Northern Mexico, and here was his headquarters. Generals Hugh L. Scott and Frederick Funston represented the United States. The Mexican conferees were General Alvaro Obregon, Mexican Minister of War, and General Jacinto Trevino, military commander of the northeast district of Mexico.

The progress of the negotiations was not divulged, but from an authoritative source two things were learned:

First—That the Mexican representatives reiterated the wish expressed in General Carranza's recent note to the Washington Government, that the American troops should be withdrawn from Mexican soil at an early date.

Americans Won't Discuss Withdrawal.

Second—That they were informed by the American officials that the latter were not empowered to discuss the withdrawal of General Pershing's columns.

It is understood the American representatives told the Mexican conferees that if the de facto government insisted on an American evacuation the conference would go into a deadlock and the whole matter would revert to a diplomatic discussion between Washington and Mexico City.

The Mexicans further were informed that the purpose of the present conference, so far as the United States is concerned, is the development of a specific plan for the co-operation of the American and de facto armies in wiping out the bandit groups that have spilled so much blood along the border and have repeatedly taken American life in the interior of Mexico.

Obregon Reported Conciliatory.

It is understood that General Obregon, the Mexican Minister of War, prior to the conference openly expressed a disinclination to discuss any other subject than withdrawal and that he carried this attitude into the initial meeting.

After the primary issues had been broached, however, he is reported to have carried out the intention he announced shortly after his arrival on Friday of meeting Generals Scott and Funston "half way" in the negotiations.

The attitude of secretiveness maintained by the officials taking part in (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)

FLOWERS TABOO AT "PROM"

Junior Class at State University Puts Ban on Nosegays.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 29.—(Special.)—Announcement has been made by the junior class of the university that flowers will be taboo at the "prom," the class formal coming at the festival time of the year.

This applies to visitors as well as students, and to enforce the edict the class will have a committee at the door to see that no one gets inside who has on a sign of a nosegay. The "prom" will be Saturday evening, May 13, following the festivities of junior week-end.

GIRLS DANCE IN BLOOMS

Open-Air Fete in Pine Grove Orchard Arranged for Teachers.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—A blossom festival programme with little girls of the neighborhood engaged in folk dances in the showers of petals that were driven by the wind from neighboring cherry and pear orchards was a feature of the Community Teachers' institute held today at Pine Grove, under the direction of Professor L. R. Gibson.

Those participating in the programme were Miss Grace DeGraff, of Portland; Miss Mary Sheppard, Miss Ina Kimlund, Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis, Mrs. Edward Hawkes, Mrs. E. W. Dunbar, N. E. Fertig, Professor J. O. McLaughlin, Mrs. K. W. Rodwell and Miss Aldine Hartness.

SPAN TO BE PLACED TODAY

Contractors Make Record in Floating Steel Frame.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—Twenty minutes from the time Span No. 4 was pulled away from the assembling docks here today, it was resting on piers built for it, the best record yet for floating out any span.

The weather was perfect, the contractors were ready, and when the signal was given, everything moved ahead smoothly until the big load was placed.

Another span will be floated early Sunday afternoon. Everything will be ready by 1 o'clock and if the weather is fair, the span will be taken to place.

BUILDING ACTIVE AT BAKER

Permits for April \$27,450, as Against \$7000 for March.

BAKER, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—A great gain in building in Baker is shown by the permit report for April filed today. While the permits in March totaled only \$7000, those for April were \$27,450. Four permits were for dwelling houses, the highest priced being \$6000; one was for a mercantile establishment; one for a drydock for lumber; one for extensive repairs to a business block and two for repairs for dwellings.

Plans for other buildings promise to raise the May permit total even higher than that for April.

LADD ESTATE PAYS \$13,000

Heavy Payments Mark Last Day of Grace for City Assessments.

The coffers of the city were swelled yesterday to the extent of \$13,000 when the Ladd estate paid street assessments and interest in that amount.

Hundreds of people yesterday paid interest on assessments as due, taking advantage of the last day in which interest would be accepted without payment of installments. Commencing tomorrow, the city will require payment of installments as well as interest.

DRAFT GROWS IN FAVOR

Unions, Heretofore Solidly Against Service, Vote 66 to 46.

GLASGOW, April 29.—The Scottish Trades Unions' Congress, by a vote of 66 to 46, today declared its opposition to compulsory military service.

The vote is considered significant as heretofore the Scottish Trades Unions have been virtually unanimous against compulsory service.

IRISH REPUBLIC IS ALREADY DOOMED

Rebels Slowly Yield to the Inevitable.

DUBLIN, April 29.—(Special.)—Possibly before this despatch reaches the United States the Sinn Fein rebellion will be over.

Its life, however short, will be long remembered. Nothing more dramatic has occurred during the war. Though local in character, it abounds in thrilling details. From the arrival of Sir Roger Casement until now Dublin has had excitement enough for even the hot-blooded Irish.

FIRE BURNS STRONGHOLDS

Men Fight to Last, Then Accept Death by Bullets.

With a stubbornness born of desperation the Irish volunteers are fighting against the inevitable, all their strongholds being gradually surrounded by the King's soldiers. Already the "Irish Republic" has gone down to a futile and ignominious end. It died practically at birth.

It is impossible now to estimate accurately the number of insurgents, as only a small proportion are equipped with slate-green uniforms, similar to the German, but it is estimated that the British soldiers have had to handle in the neighborhood of 5000 armed rebels. In an open fight this would be an easy task.

Government Sparring of Lives.

Here there is practically no open conflict. Sniping from windows, roofs and other places of concealment is the method most favored by the rebels. As the government is making every effort to preserve the lives of the soldiers, as well as property, a safe and sure campaign has been followed.

All last night the skies were illuminated by a big fire in Sackville street. Maxim machine guns, rattling away at times, seemed as if they were right in the hotel, where the patrons were stretched out on the floors to gain the protection of the walls of the room.

The fire ate its way through several blocks and this costly method served to drive the Sinn Feiners, like so many rats from an old mill.

Rebels Choose Death by Bullets.

Faced by fire or bullets, most of the rebels chose the latter death as the least of two evils, though some sniped away until they succumbed to apoplexy.

The military and fire brigades did heroic work in keeping the fire from becoming a conflagration which would have destroyed many Government buildings.

Silhouetted against the sky stood out the domes of buildings, church steeples and the Nelson monument, making a weird sight. Several times there were loud explosions, with a tremendous shower of sparks falling like rain from an umbrella. Dense clouds of smoke are still rising from the burned area today.

Systematic Search Is Made.

A systematic search is being made today by the military in all suspected districts.

Young Irishmen are volatile. Their range of emotions is great. From the

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RAILROAD STRIKE BELIEVED AVERTED

Managers and Men to Confer in New York.

BELLIGERENT SPIRIT IS GONE

Conciliatory Move Is Led by Men of Western Lines.

GOMPERS WILL NOT HELP

Strike Said Virtually to Have Collapsed, With Brotherhoods of Great Systems Ready to Abate Demands.

NEW YORK, April 29.—(Special.)—While there has been no formal announcement, it is understood here today that the threatened great railroad strike has been averted.

Managers and representatives of the unions are scheduled to meet in this city June 1 to discuss contracts, and indications point to a peaceful conference. No special reason is advanced for the virtual collapse of the strike, but indications have been accumulating that the movement was not favored by the men on the great systems.

West Leads in Conciliation.

Two of the great Western roads led this conciliatory movement. Men on the Northwestern and the St. Paul roads let it be known that they were not in favor of enforcing the eight-hour, overtime and other demands under penalty of a general strike that would paralyze the industries of the country at a critical time of its history. They admitted that in such a strike they would lose even if they won their contention.

It is said the Brotherhood leaders realized that the railroad companies would fight to the last ditch and that this would be ruinously costly to both sides.

Gompers Refuses Support.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, also gave notice that his organization would refuse any moral or financial assistance if the railroad men declared a general strike. He gave as his reason that the railroad Brotherhood always had held themselves above the other crafts and had kept out of labor battles when their assistance would have turned the tide in favor of the unions.

Following the lead of the Western roads, the Erie system's men began to waver on the strike proposition and it was then seen that the movement would not receive the solid or enthusiastic support of the unions and it has been fading perceptibly since. Engineers and firemen are largely owners of their homes and do not care to run the risk of losing them in a long fight.

CONFERENCE ASKED BY MEN

Brotherhoods Formally Notified of Roads' Acquiescence.

Advices to the effect that a conference of railway officials of the country and the trainmen pressing avoidance of the threatened strike reached the companies and the Brotherhoods yesterday. Letters were sent a month ago to the companies by the engineers, conductors and brakemen, in which the demands of the men were presented. The letters went to all the railway systems of the country and it was asked that the companies return their answer to the men not later than April 29, saying whether or not the companies would join with the men in a conference looking to the settlement of the threatened difficulties.

The organizations of railroad work-

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JAPAN WILL KEEP GENTLEMEN'S PACT

CONSUL-GENERAL ASKS TIME TO INQUIRE INTO CASE.

Order to Deport Boy Will Not Be Opposed if It Is Found Immigration Agreement Was Broken.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—The Japanese Consul-General at San Francisco, Masanao Hanihara, asked United States District Judge Dooling today to postpone the case of Matsuaro Nakao in order that he might ascertain whether the "gentlemen's agreement" existing between Japan and the United States with reference to the immigration of Japanese laborers had been violated. A stay of a week was granted.

Nakao, a 17-year-old boy, was ordered deported on the showing that his father was a laundry worker and not a wealthy merchant, as represented. The father was admitted to the country on a passport as an agricultural investigator. Following the deportation order a writ of habeas corpus was secured for Nakao. A hearing on the writ was to have been held today.

Consul-General Hanihara will not oppose the deportation if he finds that the immigration agreement has been violated.

BOY'S STONE CUTS EYE

Pebble Breaks Glasses of Man Riding in Auto.

ALBANY, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—A. C. Schmitt, vice-president of the First National Bank of this city narrowly escaped becoming permanently blind in his right eye when it was cut in seven different places last evening as the result of a child throwing a stone at him, striking his glasses and breaking them.

The boy is the 10-year-old son of W. D. Holt, an Albany woodman, who is said to have gathered up a handful of gravel, and as an auto passed in which Mr. Schmitt was riding, threw the gravel at the occupants of the car.

The injured man was rushed to the office of Dr. E. R. Wallace, who removed five small particles of glass from his eye.

BOOSTER SEEKS CITY'S AID

Municipal Tax for Commercial Club Is La Grande Scheme.

LA GRANDE, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—A campaign to banish the present system of commercial club maintenance through financial backing by the merchants for a municipal commercial club maintained by public tax, and operated by the City Manager, has been begun by the La Grande Observer.

In advocating the plan the newspaper cites the constant burden upon the merchants alone whereas the general fruits of commercial club activity is city-wide.

STATE SELLS 5000 ACRES

Idaho to Realize \$150,000 From Land in Payette Project.

CALDWELL, Idaho, April 29.—(Special.)—Approximately 5000 acres of state land within the Payette-Boise irrigation project were sold at public auction by State Land Commissioner George Day today. The bidding was split, choice parcels being sold for from \$50 to \$83 an acre.

Commissioner Day declared that the state would realize \$150,000 from the sale.

HARPER'S WEEKLY IS SOLD

Magazine Will Be Incorporated Hereafter in The Independent.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Harper's Weekly has been acquired by the Independent Corporation. It was announced here tonight and is to be incorporated in the Independent.

The Independent is 68 years old and Harper's Weekly 59.

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241,137 VOTERS ARE LISTED IN OREGON

Increase Over 1914 Record Is 11,500.

REPUBLICAN GAINS FEATURE

Losses in Enrollment Made by All Minor Parties.

ONLY 60,450 DEMOCRATS

Twelve of 35 Counties Show Loss in Numbers, but Even in Seven of These Republicans Are Stronger Than Formerly.

SALEM, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—Complete registration figures for Oregon, with the exception of Curry County, as indicated by the reports filed in the office of Secretary of State Olcott today, show 241,137 voters listed for the primary election to be held May 19. This is a gain of 5,925 per cent throughout the state over the registration before the primaries two years ago, when the total was 229,601.

The outstanding feature of Oregon's registration this year is the remarkable increase in Republican registration and the percentage loss in registration of all other parties as compared with two years ago.

Republican Percentage 67.

This year Oregon's Republicans number 161,614, or 67.02 per cent of the entire registration, while in 1914 there were but 125,282 registered in this party, or 59.38 per cent of the total 1914 registration. This shows a clear gain for the Republican party in Oregon of 7.66 per cent.

As against the notable gain in registration for the Republican party, the Democrats, Progressives, Prohibitionists and Socialists show decided losses. In other words, the new registration in the last two years has been Republican.

Democratic Loss Indicated.

The total Democratic forces so far as the books show, this year number but 60,450, as compared with 69,693 in 1914. This year the Democrats number only 25.97 per cent of the total state registration, while two years ago the percentage of the total was 26.43. A loss of 1.36 per cent is thus shown in two years.

The greatest loss has been in the Prohibition party, which two years ago had a registration prior to the primaries of 11,320, or 4.93 per cent of the entire registration. This year the "dry" have shrunk to 5496, or but 2.28 per cent of the entire registration. This is a percentage loss in two years of 2.65 per cent. The fact that Oregon has gone "dry" since the last election it is plain indicates the reason for the falling off in registrations in this party.

Progressives Shrinkage Heavy.

For the coming primaries but 1274 Progressives have listed themselves, or .53 per cent of the total registration, while two years ago before the primaries there were 8202 Progressives.

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OUTSTANDING EVENTS IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS AS CARTOONIST REYNOLDS GLIMPSED THEM.

