

## MEXICANS EXPECT WILSON TO INSIST

### New Policy Likely if Negotiations Fail.

## POLITICS PLAYS BIG PART

### Failure to Agree Before Election May Cause Break.

## LAST CHANCE BEING GIVEN

### Carranza Agents Eager to Arrive at Pact Soon, Fearing if Mr. Hughes Is Elected He Will Have Sterner Policy.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.  
NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—This is Mexico's last chance. This much the Carranza Commissioners at New London have been flatly told, that unless there is an agreement as the result of the negotiations in progress—an agreement which will assure protection of Americans and American interests in Mexico and along the border—the United States will be forced to abandon the conciliatory policy President Wilson has followed up to this time.

### Changed Attitude Possible.

Senor Cabrera and his associates realize the serious position their country occupies. If President Wilson should be re-elected and the negotiations here should fail to effect the all-round settlement desired by Washington they look forward to a radical change in the attitude of the United States.

If Charles E. Hughes should be elected and there should not be an agreement to bind the American government, the Mexican agents appreciate he would embark upon a vigorous course of action with the probability of military intervention as its consequence.

### Agreement Is Expected.

That an agreement will be reached here is not doubted either by the American or the Mexican commissioners. There may be a hitch, however, from Mexico City. General Carranza has not given his agents full power to negotiate and sign an agreement. They are under instructions to refer everything to him for approval. To prevent a failure at the last moment, Senor Cabrera is reporting every day the developments taking place during the joint session of the day. He is receiving instructions as to the views he shall present with reference to the proposals put forward by Messrs. Lane, Gray and Mott, the representatives of President Wilson.

That Mexican opinion may be behind Carranza agents here, Senor Cabrera authorized the dispatch to Mexico City last night of a public statement setting forth the discussion which has occurred during the conferences held.

### Mexicans Realize Position.

It was for the purpose of convincing the Mexicans at home as well as the representatives here that Mr. Lane conveyed to Mr. Cabrera and his associates the imperative necessity of a complete adjustment of all the questions at issue between the two countries. It may be necessary for the secretary during the negotiations of the coming week to be still more emphatic. The American commissioners do not want either to be brusque or brutal, but the iron hand is encased in the velvet glove, and its soft covering will be removed should the need arise.

That Mr. Cabrera understands the situation indicated by his statement that Mexico is a mouse in a trap and is thinking more of escape than of nibbling at any cheese.

The one thing the Mexicans want is

## FAMILY POISONED BY MORBID WOMAN

### CHILD, AGED 4, DEAD, OTHERS ARE RECOVERING.

### Carbolic Acid Administered to Little Girl With Typhoid and Put in Foods.

WASCO, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Dolly Vandetta, 4 years old, while stricken with typhoid fever, was poisoned by her mother, Mrs. Andy Vandetta, here yesterday, and died immediately after the poison was administered. Mrs. Vandetta, who was in a fit of delirium, also poisoned her infant child and her sister, Mrs. W. H. Yancey, of this place, at whose home she was visiting, after which she swallowed carbolic acid herself. Dr. W. N. Morse rushed to the scene and, by use of a stomach pump, was able to save their lives.

Mrs. Vandetta, while mentally deranged, placed carbolic acid in milk and other foods about the place in order to make her work complete. Mrs. Yancey took the poison while drinking a glass of milk. Mrs. Vandetta, who has been ill for some time, is quite low, and it is thought that she may now have typhoid fever.

## GERMANS QUIT DUTCH LINE

### Belgians, Long Held Back, Streaming Into Holland.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A dispatch to the Evening News from Amsterdam reports that the German guards along the Dutch frontier towards both Belgium and Germany have been withdrawn. From Belgium, adds the dispatch, numbers of Belgian families, who for months had appealed for permission to enter Holland, are now streaming across the line at various points, with their belongings piled on every kind of conveyance.

## LABOR FIGHT BRINGS LEVY

### Every San Francisco Unionist to Be Assessed 20 Cents Weekly.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 16.—Preparations were being made by representatives of the San Francisco Labor Council today to collect the sum of 20 cents a week from every trade unionist in the city for a general fund to combat the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce to make San Francisco an open shop town.

The council estimates that there are 85,000 union men in San Francisco and that the 20-cent assessment will create a fund of \$13,000 a week.

## SENATOR LEWIS ON TOUR

### Illinois Democrat to Follow Route Taken by Mr. Hughes.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Senator James Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, left for Minneapolis today, where he will open his speaking tour through the Northwest in behalf of Wilson and Marshall Monday. He will follow the route taken recently by Charles E. Hughes to the Pacific Coast and return to Illinois about the middle of October to close the campaign in his home state.

## ITALIANS GAIN GROUND

### Vienna Reports Repulse of Foe Saved on Carso Plateau.

VIENNA, via London, Sept. 16.—Except on the northern wing of the Carso plateau Austrian troops on the lower Isonzo are withstanding the assaults of the Italians, according to the official communication issued from Austrian general headquarters today.

The Italians have gained some ground on the northern plateau and the Austrians have taken 500 prisoners.

### Two British Steamers Sunk.

MARSEILLES, Sept. 16.—The British steamers Llangors E. Buttow and Swedish Prince have been sunk by submarines. The crews of the vessels were saved and arrived here today.

## REDFIELD FAILS TO FIX DISASTER CAUSE

### Eastland Tragedy Investigation Dropped.

## FEDERAL PROBE IS FARGICAL

### Secretary of Commerce Uses Power to Shield Guilty.

## WHITEWASH FREELY USED

### Only Government Inquiry Is for Purpose of Preventing Punishment of Federal Officers Whom Coroner's Jury Blamed.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Sept. 16.—On July 28, 1915, four days after the steamer Eastland capsized in the Chicago River, carrying to death nearly 1900 excursionists, mostly women and children, President Woodrow Wilson, through his private secretary, J. P. Tumulty, promised the people of Chicago that he would "make an investigation thorough enough to satisfy everybody," and gave further assurance "that nothing will be omitted to bring forth all the facts and to fix the responsibility."

No such investigation has been made; there has been no investigation "thorough enough to satisfy everybody," nor have all the facts been brought forth, nor has the responsibility for the Eastland disaster been fixed.

### No Legislation Enacted.

What is equally important, no legislation has been enacted by the Democratic Congress aimed at curing the defects in existing laws which were disclosed by the Eastland accident. The Eastland disaster and its lesson have been forgotten by the Administration.

That the citizens of Chicago found it necessary to appeal to the President was due solely to the fact that the Secretary of Commerce, William C. Redfield, boldly and brazenly undertook to whitewash officials of the Steamboat Inspection Service, who early were shown to have been primarily to blame for the Eastland accident. Local investigators at Chicago, within two days, disclosed facts ample to show that the disaster might have been averted, and showed also no small degree of the blame rested upon the Federal steamboat inspectors who had failed to do their full duty.

### Appeal to President Vain.

Secretary Redfield, under orders from the President, had hurried to Chicago to "investigate and determine the causes" which brought about the appalling loss of life. From the moment of his arrival until his departure a week later, the Secretary of Commerce, instead of delving for facts, constituted himself counsel for these accused inspectors and by his astounding course, brought down upon his head the condemnation of the entire community. It was in the hope of ending the Redfield farce and securing justice that countless appeals were made to the President, but the appeals were in vain; they brought forth merely an empty promise.

Mothers whose children had been drowned; fathers whose children and wives met death in the Chicago River; Mayor Thompson and other city officials, labor unions, members of the Coroner's jury, prominent citizens, the Chicago newspapers, citizens' associations and Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, all sent telegrams and letters to the President protesting against the conduct of the Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Redfield, and asking for a fair, impartial and thorough investigation by men who

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## VILLA ATTACKS CHIHUAHUA CITY

### FORCE OF 600 DRIVEN OUT WITH HEAVY LOSSES.

### Captured Followers of Bandit Are Put to Death—General Trevino Wounded in Arm.

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 16.—Villa attacked Chihuahua City today with 800 men, penetrated part of the city, but was driven out with heavy losses by the Constitutional army. The captured Villa followers were immediately put to death.

General Trevino was wounded in the arm. This news was received in Juarez late tonight immediately upon the establishment of telegraphic communication with Chihuahua. During the afternoon the operator at the station of Sauz, on the line of the Mexican Central Railway, 25 miles north of Chihuahua, reported that he could hear distant sounds of cannonading.

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## BRITISH SWIFT TO PURSUE ADVANTAGE

### Line Pushed to Within 4 Miles of Bapaume.

## 4000 GERMANS ARE CAPTIVE

### Berlin Admits First of New Trenches Is Smashed.

## WAY OPENED FOR FRENCH

### Haig's Army Sweeps Onward and by Seizing High Ground Paves Way for New Mighty Offensive on Wider Scope.

BY ARTHUR S. DRAPER.  
(War Correspondent for the New York Tribune. By Special Cable.)

LONDON, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Haig's troops, without pausing after their great effort yesterday, are forging onward north of the Somme. They won more positions south of the Ancre today and are now less than four miles from Bapaume, the objective toward which they have been striving for the last 10 weeks.

More than 4000 prisoners were taken yesterday and today in the heavy stroke. This in itself is an indication of the extent of the British success. The quickness with which the blow was carried out left the Germans little time to flee.

### Way Open for Wider Drive.

Along a six-mile front from Pozieres to Combles, the British pushed forward from one mile to two miles in the last two days. This has brought them beyond the high ground which resisted their advance for the last month. The way is now open for a wider offensive. The Germans made only feeble efforts at counter attacks. These were thrown back easily and the British resumed the advance today, taking an additional 1700 prisoners, Berlin admits that Fiers, Martinpuch and Courcellette were lost. And this is an admission that the first of the new defense lines has been smashed.

### New French Blow Pending.

Haig's success enables the French to push forward on both sides of the Somme by bringing his front on a line with Foch's. Fayolle made some progress north of Bouchavennes, thus tightening his grip on the Bapaume-Peronne road and preparing the way for the insertion of a new wedge between these important towns. A new French blow on a large scale seems a thing of a near future.

The allied hammer struck first north of the Somme and then south of the Somme, successively, gaining each time. The moment has almost come when a great combined drive can be set in motion.

### King Congratulates Haig.

The message of congratulation King George sent to General Haig, interpreting the British success as an omen of certain victory, shows how important the victory is considered. London seems brighter and happier today than at any time since the opening of the Somme offensive. Even exchange on Switzerland has been keyed up to a point just above normal.

Of greatest significance are reports from the front that the German counter attacks have lost most of their power. Even the German artillery has diminished in volume, and the Kaiser's vaunted guns may now be content to play second fiddle to the insistent tocsin of the allied cannons.

### Germans at Disadvantage.

An explanation of this diminution of German vigor is found in the fact

## GIRLS ESCAPE AS DINNER BELL RINGS

### 12 OR MORE MAKE DASH AT STATE TRAINING SCHOOL.

### Four Are Captured and Others Are Pursued by Sheriff—Probe of Institution Planned.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Twelve or more girls, inmates of the State Industrial School, escaped from the institution tonight and at a late hour eight or more were still at large. Four were captured by Sheriff Esch, who pursued the fugitives in an automobile. The Sheriff is on the trail of the other fugitives, who are said to have gone south.

About 30 young women have been at the institution. The girls who escaped, according to the police, dashed away from the school while seated on the porch at dinner time tonight. Ringing of the bell brought the girls to their feet, but instead of entering the dining hall 12 or 15 of them dashed from the porch and scattered in all directions before the eyes of the amazed employees. Mrs. Hopkins, matron at the school, had made no check of the girls and just how many had escaped was a question. A few months ago conditions at the school were reported to be unsatisfactory, but of late no complaints have been received by the State Board of Control. To investigate conditions, however, the Board of Control this week advised the emergency board that it would appoint a committee. The personnel has not yet been announced.

## IDAHO GETS \$147,614 CHECK

### Surety Company Pay for Looting of Treasury by Defaulter.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 16.—(Special.)—The last chapter in the treasury steal was written this week when the state depository board accepted from the National Surety Company a check for \$147,614.91, representing the state's loss. The National Surety Company complied with the \$200,000 bond of O. V. Allen, defaulting State Treasurer. After an examination of the treasury books the total shortage, including the money Allen and his deputy, Fred M. Coleman, stole and interest, was computed and admitted by the state against the surety company to recover it.

## HEADMAN'S AX EMPLOYED

### Murderer of Girl Meets Death by Beheading at Berlin.

BERLIN, via London, Sept. 16.—The headman's ax was used here today in the execution of Johann Ullman, one of two participants in a shocking murder last March. Ullman, the accomplice in the crime, in which a girl friend of the two was choked, robbed and cut up, is awaiting beheading.

## ROME SEIZES STORED EGGS

### Government Selling Vast Quantity at Half Market Price.

ROME, Sept. 16.—Ten million eggs, stored by speculators and seized during the last week in Italian cities by the government, are being resold publicly at 2 cents each, half the market price. The purpose is to aid in reducing the cost of living, which has increased by 25 per cent during the last six months.

## MINNESOTA HAS BIG SNOW

### Frost Falls as Far South as Northern Tennessee.

CHICAGO, Sept. 16.—Frost fell over the Great Lakes region last night, according to reports to the Weather Bureau today. The frost extended as far south as Northern Tennessee. A heavy snowfall, with temperatures ranging from 24 to 28 degrees, was reported from Hibbing, Minn.

## OREGON BOY FINDS ARCTIC LIFE TRYING

### Hardships Are Endured With Stefansson.

## FACE FROZEN SEVERAL TIMES

### Starvation Faced Often by L. Knight, McMinnville.

## CORPSE KEPT 5 MONTHS

### Lack of Meat and Morning Paper Among Greater Privations—Hand-to-Hand Battle With Bear Is Break in Monotony.

McMINNVILLE, Or., Sept. 16.—(Special.)—Hardships endured in the Arctic, with Vilhjalmar Stefansson, the Polar explorer, in command of the Canadian expedition, are told graphically in a letter received by J. L. Knight, of McMinnville, from his son, E. Torne Knight.

Young Knight shipped from Seattle March 25, 1915, as a member of the crew of the Polar Bear, a private whaling schooner, owned by Captain Lewis L. Lane. On the cruise in the Arctic Ocean the Polar Bear party came on Stefansson and two companions, they having been lost to the civilized world for more than a year. Stefansson, having lost his own vessel, the Karluk, in an ice jam, purchased the Polar Bear and engaged those of the crew who would consent to accompany him to Victoria Land. Lorne Knight was one of the few who consented to stay with the explorer.

### Privations Endured Months.

Months of privation, marked by the freezing of his face and feet several times; more months of semistarvation, marked by frequent entries in his diary letter: "If we only could get some meat"; weeks on weeks spent with the corpse of a member of the party who died in November and was not buried until the following April—these are but a few of the experiences that tried the courage of the members, many of whom among them Lorne Knight elected to stay with Stefansson even after the natives decided to turn back.

A hand-to-hand encounter with a bear which nearly killed the hand of one of the party, was one of the events that served to break the monotony of the bleak, everlasting day that lay over the snowy waste. A dish of ice cream, when new supplies were finally received, was another epoch marker—and the temperature was 39 degrees below zero!

### War Arguments Staged.

Pro-English sympathizers posed as German supporters, "just to start something," while the parties waited weeks and more weeks for word from Stefansson or some other long overdue member of the party who had left for journeys into the interior and whose chances for safe return were not by any means equal.

Twenty dollars for a morning paper! Gladly would it have been given by Mr. Knight, and his companions, for they did not know, and do not know yet, that the war still continues, or that Oregon and Washington have gone dry.

When young Knight's feet were frozen, he stayed for days alone in an ice hut, with nothing to eat but oatmeal. Even before his feet had healed he was compelled to travel 70 miles.

### Party to Return to Ottawa.

Mr. Knight is looking forward cheerfully to the return of the party to Ottawa, Canada, after their work is completed, when he intends to visit

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HOW SOME RECENT NEWS EVENTS LOOKED FROM WHERE CARTOONIST REYNOLDS SAT.

