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Carranza Is Fast Gaining Control of the Situation and Reputation of Clashes Believed Impossible.

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Army men in touch with border and Mexican interior conditions said today "there isn't a chance in a thousand" of further trouble with Mexico, either by a repetition of the Carranza-Carranza incidents or by bandit raids. Since the Carranza attack was cleared up and the last Carranza note received, the war department has taken the view that the Mexican trouble is over. Pershing's moving his base north helped immensely, it was declared. Now rains have come and threaten to necessitate further shortening of the lines. "We expect Pershing to be out of Mexico in a month or so," said a department official today. "In three months the National Guard probably will be back home."

The Carranza government was never stronger than it is now. Sentiment has crystallized behind him since the recent trouble. This because without loss of dignity to Mexico he stayed off war with the United States. Villa himself could not hurt him for that reason. "And Villa, according to our reports, is dead. We believe his name is being used by leaders to inspire fear among Carranzistas, the official declared. He said Carranza was stronger today in Mexico than he ever had been, principally because he had averted war with the United States "without loss of dignity by Mexico."

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A party of Mexicans arriving from the interior reported today that their train was held up by Carranza soldiers Friday near Torreon and that all passengers were robbed and everything of value taken.

Luis Martinez of El Paso said that the Carranza authorities had assured the party a safe journey to the border. He said most of the citizens of Torreon and vicinity were Villa sympathizers and that Carranza soldiers there are deserting to Villa.

Fifteen hundred National Guardsmen attended the services in the local Catholic church yesterday. The soldiers served as altar boys, ushers and choir.

Mias Clairette Bleese, Texas representative, has organized a local branch of the Civil National Honor Guard. A reading and writing room has been opened by them in the district courthouse for accommodation of the Vermont, Kansas and Maryland militiamen.

Hospital Train for Border. Washington, July 17.—(U. P.)—Arrangements have been completed by the surgeon-general's department of the army to send a hospital train to the border.



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## REPRISAL ACTION IS THREATENED AGAINST THE FORD MOTOR CO.

Alleged Violation of Sherman Anti-Trust Law Is Now Complained Of.

## BOONE SUIT IS DISMISSED

Ford Company Had Accused Local Firm of Misrepresenting Itself as Concern's Agent.

The Ford Motor company will be sued for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The suit of the Ford company against Benjamin E. Boone & Co., on motion of Attorney Robert F. Maguire, was dismissed by Judge Bean in federal court this morning. Maguire announced the dismissal following the dismissal.

The complaint of the Ford company was that the Boone concern was representing itself to be a Ford agent, when it was not; and was also misusing the Ford trade mark. It was alleged that Boone, by buying Ford cars through Ford dealers, was able to sell them for less than the established Ford retail price. It was asked that Boone be restrained from this, but Judge Bean held that once the Ford company had parted title, it had no control over the price of the cars.

Maguire says that he will allege that the Ford company has attempted to prevent Boone from buying Ford cars and parts and has scandalized Boone by false accusations through the Sherman law, in cases of this kind, allows damages of three times what may be shown to have been the actual damage.

## FINED IN FEDERAL COURT

Government Halts Self-Regenerating Scheme.

Fred Goldenberg, or Goldberg, took eight cards of opium and dissolved them in a jar of water. Then, when he felt he must have the drug, he took a spoonful of the solution, replacing it with a spoonful of pure water. In the course of time, it was pointed out by Isaac Sweet Goldenberg's attorney, a federal court this morning, Goldenberg was taking pure water, and presumably would be cured of the opium habit.

But the federal officials interfered with Goldenberg's self-regenerating scheme, and he was arrested, charged with having the drug in his possession. It is said that this arrest made 21 times that the law had taken possession of Goldenberg for similar offenses. Judge Bean imposed a fine of \$100, and Goldenberg went to jail in default of payment.

## GOVERNMENT HOLDS TITLE

Decision Rendered Affecting School Land in Question.

In the case of Henry A. Salzer against James W. Webb, rival claimants to 160 acres of land, Judge Bean this morning announced a decision in favor of Salzer. The decision was based on a ruling of the United States government that in case of unsurveyed government land being converted into state school land, title rests with the government until the land is surveyed.

Webb settled on the land May 12, 1907, before it was surveyed, but after the passage of the act transferring it to the state. Salzer made application for the land after the passage of the act but before the survey which was necessary to perfect the state's title.

## NO CAUSE FOR DAMAGE CASE

Maxwell Automobile Company Not Liable, Says Court.

In a decision rendered this morning Judge Bean decided that the Pacific Motors company has no cause for damage against the Maxwell Automobile company. The suit was based on a claim of \$50,000, on the grounds that there had been conspiracy to terminate a contract that the Pacific company had with the Maxwell.

The contract provided that it could be terminated by either party with 10 days notice before the first of any month. The contract was terminated in this manner, and Judge Bean held that the contract had not been violated.

Erskine Wood represented the Maxwell people as attorney.

## Postal Receipts Gain

A 13 per cent gain in postoffice receipts for the first half of July, 1916, against the corresponding period last year, is shown by figures compiled this morning. The first 15 days of July, 1916, show \$47,339. Last year the receipts were \$41,786, thus making the gain \$5,553.

## BETHMANN-HOLLWEG IS GIVEN SUPPORT OF THE GERMAN NEWSPAPERS

By Carl W. Ackerman.

Berlin, July 17.—(U. P.)—Leading German newspapers are rallying to the support of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, who has been under attack by the advocates of unrestricted submarine warfare. They deny that the chancellor's peace policy has weakened the position of Germany, and reassert their confidence in the defeat of the present allied offensive.

The Lokales Anzeiger is commenting upon the foreign press interpretation of the chancellor's opposing annexation of Belgium, declared today: "It is absolutely grotesque to consider the chancellor's position as indicating a fear of the military future. Every judicious-minded German has strengthened his confidence in the outcome of the allied offensive."

The Cologne Gazette and other leading journals are outspoken in their faith in von Bethmann-Hollweg. They declare it would be an insane move to see the fighting in the middle of the stream.

## Mrs. Idis Chaifoue's Funeral Held Today

Portland Woman, Wife of Local Grain Dealer, Died While Visiting Her Sister at Walla Walla.

## DESERT LAND BOARD MAKES INVESTIGATION IN MAIHUR VALLEY

First Hand Study of Big Reclamation Project Made by the Experts.

## SCHEME IS EXTENSIVE

Valley Contains More Than 700,000 Acres and Most of It Is Subject to Irrigation.

The desert land board, consisting of Governor Withcombe, Secretary of State Olcott, State Treasurer Kay, Percy Capper, representing State Engineer Lewis, and Attorney General Brown, during the past week, made an extended automobile tour of southeastern and central Oregon, commencing at Caldwell, Idaho, and embracing a mileage of 923.5 miles.

The trip was planned primarily for the purpose of making a first-hand inspection and study of the project being undertaken by the Harney Basin Development company for the irrigation of the Malheur valley by the storage of the Silvers and Blitzen rivers, the drainage of Malheur lake and the reclamation of the vast acreage of the valley.

Members Are Named. Included in the party were ex-Governor James H. Hawley of Boise, Idaho; Harry Wilson of Caldwell, vice-president and general manager of the American Nitrate company; Thomas W. Cole of Boise, secretary of the Harney Basin Development company; and K. P. Henderson, sales manager of the Cole Manufacturing company of Indianapolis. These men are all interested either in the irrigation and drainage project or in the development work being undertaken by the American Nitrate company, which has extensive potassium and nitrate holdings in Malheur and Harney counties.

Plan Is Extensive. The irrigation and drainage of Malheur valley, if carried to completion, will be probably the largest project of its kind ever undertaken in the west. The valley contains more than 700,000 acres of land, the greatest part of which is subject to reclamation by irrigation and drainage. It is proposed to construct immense reservoirs for the storage of the flood waters of the Silvers and Blitzen rivers in order to impound these waters and utilize them when needed during the summer season.

In addition to this the project contemplates the construction of a drainage canal between Malheur and Harney lakes which would practically empty the Malheur lake and thus make available for cultivation the 40,000 acres of tule lands now surrounded by the open water of the lake.

To Submit Data. The inspection made by the desert land board is preliminary to the submission of the project in detailed engineering form to it by the Harney Basin Development company.

During the trip the members of the board visited and inspected the holdings of the American Nitrate company at Succor Creek, Buzzard canyon, Rawhide canyon and Wagon Tire mountain. The company has acquired by location under the federal mineral act more than 6,000 acres of land containing potassium and nitrate deposits and is now engaged in the installation of reduction plants for handling the output of these holdings. The company expects to begin the shipment of nitrates and potassium within the next two months, in a small way, preliminary to a more extensive output during the coming year.

Fire Bureau Subscribes. The Portland fire bureau subscribed \$72 to benefit dance given last week for Battery A. This amount was turned over by Fire Chief Dowell to John H. Bursard, who is in charge of the affair, today.

Roofing Ordinance Is Up. A hearing on the ordinance regulating the laying of patented roofing will be held by Commissioner Dick at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The ordinance specifies the manner in which the roofing is to be laid and provides for a laboratory test of materials.

Funeral Service for Fritz Wolff Is Held. Funeral services for the late Fritz Wolff, well known Portland manufacturer, were held this morning from the residence establishment of J. P. Finley & Son, Rev. C. E. Cline officiated, assisted by Rev. A. B. Calder. Interment was in Lone Fir cemetery. Masonic services being held at the grave.

The pallbearers were: Fritz Wolff, Frank Wolff, William Wolff, Emil Wolff, Louis Steinhauser and Louis Levi.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hamilton sang "The Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Lead, Kindly Light."

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