

CARRANZA IS HIDING IN MOUNTAINS

Impossible for President To Reach Vera Cruz or Tampico for Which He May Be Headed

GREAT WAR STORES FOUND AT VERA CRUZ

Federal General Diguez and Other Officers Captured and Imprisoned

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Venustiano Carranza, constitutional president of Mexico, was pictured today by Alvaro Obregon, who forced him to flee from the capital a week ago, as a fugitive in the mountains somewhere between Mexico City and Vera Cruz.

Official reports on the fight near San Marcos between the revolutionary forces and a few loyal detachments of Carranza's army were lacking, but press dispatches from Vera Cruz also told of Carranza's escape through the revolutionary lines, apparently setting at rest all reports of the deposed leader's surrender.

There were indications that the revolutionists' attack had not been pressed, due, it was believed, to Obregon's orders. Obregon had sent a messenger to Carranza to offer him safe conduct to leave the country if desired to surrender, and strict injunction was placed on the revolutionary officers not to injure the aged president if he was captured.

Obregon's report said Carranza, accompanied by a small escort was making for the surrounding mountains, but that he was being pursued. Carranza and his chief officials, including the cabinet members, abandoned their train at Otumba, in the state of Mexico, where the Mexican railway had been cut and attempted to reach Tampico on horseback over the mountains.

General Samuel de los Santos, acting head of the war department, told the Associated Press last night that it was virtually impossible for Carranza to reach Vera Cruz by rail, since General Guadalupe Sanchez had revolted near that port and was

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CHERRIANS PLEDGED TO GET AUTOMOBILES

EACH MEMBER SUPPOSED TO ENLIST 10 FOR SHRINERS

King Bing Clancey Leaves for San Francisco and Wants 1100 Ready When He Returns

Each of the more than 100 members of the Salem Cherrians will assume the responsibility of enlisting 10 automobiles for the Willamette valley motor excursion of Shriners on June 23, this duty having been assigned them at a meeting called by King Bing Clancey at noon Saturday.

The king left last night for San Francisco and said that upon his return he still expect the members of the organization to have 1100 cars and drivers ready for the entertainment of the Shriners on a trip from Portland to Salem through the Willamette valley.

Arrangements will be made to protect the automobiles in every way, both against theft and accident. Service cars will be stationed along the route every four miles. If an accident happens to any car the driver will fall out of line to the left and await the arrival of a service car. If the accident is so serious that he cannot proceed, another automobile will be sent from the nearest town to take the passengers.

As was first believed, it will not be necessary for Salem or Marion county car owners to drive to Portland and return twice the same day, as ample accommodations will be provided in the homes of Portland to keep Willamette valley visitors over night.

Harding Speaks Right Out in Meeting on Peace

BOSTON, May 15.—America demands peace, formal as well as actual, and means to have it, regardless of political exigencies and campaign issues, Senator Harding of Ohio, candidate for the Republican nomination, declared in an address here tonight.

"If it must be a campaign issue," he said, "we should have peace and discuss it afterwards, because the actuality is imperative and the theory is only illusive. Then we may set our house in order. We challenged the proposal that an armed autocrat should dominate the world; it becomes us to assume that an autocrat shall direct all humanity."

"This republic has its ample tasks, if we put an end to false economies which lure economic control to utter chaos, ours will be the commanding example of world leadership today. The world needs to be reminded that all human ills are not curable by legislation."

FLOWERS TO FILL PULPIT HERE TODAY

Non-Political Address to be Given by Personal Representative of Leonard Wood, Presidential Aspirant

MONDAY NIGHT DATED FOR CAMPAIGN TALK

Author and Orator Will Appear at Commercial Club Lunch Tomorrow

Today at 11 a. m. Hon. Montville Flowers, the noted diplomat, lecturer and platform orator, will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church and speak on the subject "The Soul of America."

Mr. Flowers has a wide experience as an author and traveler. He is an exponent of the Christian faith. In his address the speaker will discuss several of the most vital problems now pressing for solution.

Monday at 9:30 a. m. the students of Willamette university will be addressed at the chapel services by Mr. Flowers. At the business men's luncheon at noon at the Commercial club this popular speaker will talk on the situation in Mexico.

The principal platform address, however, by Mr. Flowers during his stay in Salem will be given at the Armory Monday night at 8 o'clock. On that occasion he will speak of Leonard Wood, the man of the hour, pointing out why that popular candidate for the presidency should receive the serious consideration of Oregon voters at the coming primary election.

It is announced that this will be a great opportunity for persons of all political faiths to hear national issues discussed by one who was recognized by both Roosevelt and Taft as a master campaign orator.

Mr. Flowers is an acknowledged authority on national and international problems. Some of his accomplishments are:

Author of "The Japanese Conquest of American Opinion," a book of which the Philadelphia Ledger says: "It is the most complete and calmly reasoned out treatise on the Asiatic problem."

Editor of "What Every American Should Know About the War," which has had a wide sale in all countries. Mr. Flowers recently received a very complimentary letter about this book from "The Library of the Republic of France."

The Historical society of Chicago pronounced it "Equal to any other dozen volumes on the subject."

Known in every American state for his addresses on political and economic subjects.

Has participated in five presidential campaigns, touring with Roosevelt and Taft, and has spent 12 weeks with Leonard Wood and is in Oregon as his personal representative.

Mr. Flowers for two years was head of the national speakers' bureau of the Progressive party in New York city, and conducted a broad campaign of education on good government throughout the United States.

In 1917 and 1919 he was in Washington, organized and conducted the national conference of war lecturers, was on the executive committee of the Red Cross, etc.

A brief musical program will be arranged to accompany Mr. Flowers' appearance at the armory. It is probable that the Willamette university glee club will sing, but this has not been definitely decided on.

"CHEROKEE" JAMES CAPTURES CONVICTS

AL MEADERS AND JENKINS ARE TAKEN NEAR MILL CITY

Bauer, Alias Reisenbun, Nailed by Guard Hubbard as He Walks on Road Near Jefferson

"Cherokee" James, a guard of the Oregon state penitentiary, negotiated the capture at Mill City yesterday of Al Meaders and W. J. Jenkins, trustees, who escaped from the Applegate wood camp a week ago. Mill City is in Marion county.

Meaders was convicted for implication in a train robbery at The Dalles in 1914, was later paroled, and violated his parole by leaving the state in company with Frank Wagner, who cracked a safe at Astoria. They were captured at St. Joseph, Mo.

Jenkins was convicted in Union county for forgery and received at the state prison January 18 of this year.

E. W. Bauer, alias Fred Reisenbun, who escaped from gun guards in the state penitentiary brick yard Thursday, was captured near Jefferson Friday night by Guard Hubbard of the prison. Bauer was committed from Lin county for burglary in 1916 and his maximum sentence was five years. He was walking on the railroad when nailed by Hubbard.

OMAHA STORES SLASH PRICES

Backward Buying of the Public One Reason for Reduction

OMAHA, Neb., May 15.—A large department store and a large clothing store tonight announced flat reductions of 20 per cent on their entire stocks. One is a department store, another a clothing store and the third specializes in read-to-wear apparel.

Advertisements of two of the stores said the purpose is "to help lower the cost of living" and "to put a stop to higher prices."

"The public's backward buying," was given by one store as one reason for the step.

Some of today's prices on which discounts will be made ranged as follows: Men's spring suits \$25 to \$75; top coats, \$25 to \$65; women's summer dresses \$15 to \$75, and sport coats \$29.50 to \$98.50.

Several stores already had announced reductions ranging as high as 50 per cent on silk goods.

PORTLAND, Or., May 15.—Flat reduction of 20 per cent in prices for men's clothing was announced here tonight by one of Portland's largest clothing stores.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 15.—A flat reduction of 20 per cent in the prices of men's clothing, effective Wednesday, was announced tonight by three Seattle retail stores.

Huston Wants Gasoline Act Taken Into Court

It is strongly probable that the Oregon gasoline test law will be taken into court for a test of its constitutionality. This is suggested by Senator S. B. Huston of Portland in a letter to Governor Olcott, Mr. Huston declaring the act would be upset were it taken into court.

"It seems to me that the safest and quickest way to solve this trouble is to let someone make a sale," writes Senator Huston, "with the understanding that he shall be protected, then have him arrested, and let him sue out writ of habeas corpus, and bring it before the supreme court, or any other way, as quickly as possible, and I feel quite confident that will be the end of the gasoline law."

The law which requires a gravity test of 56 degrees, recently was suspended by Governor Olcott and State Treasurer Hoff as a measure to relieve the state from the gasoline shortage.

Auto Hits Cart and Horse Severely Hurt

A. W. Mize, driving an automobile bearing license No. 18848, ran into a cart driven by Fred Ward of Brown island last night on South Commercial street between Mission and Kearney streets. The cart was demolished and the horse was severely injured, but Mr. Mize and the Ward boy escaped injury. The auto veered towards the sidewalk after the collision and came to a stop against a telegraph pole. Mr. Mize says that the accident was all his fault and that he will settle all the damages.

COMMISSION REPORT IS ANNOUNCED

Profits and Net Returns of Big Meat Packing Companies Before and During War Period

CORRECT METHOD FOR DETERMINING PROFIT

Swift & Company Allege Profits 2 1/2 Cents On Dollar Sale

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Profits made by the big meat packing companies in the first three years of the war, 1915 to 1917, "doubled, tripled and quadrupled," according to a special report of the federal trade commission made public tonight.

From 1912 to 1914, the report said, the "big five"—Morris and Co., Cudahy Packing company, Armour and company, Swift and company, and Wilson & Co.—made average annual profits of \$29,500,000, while in the next three years their net return averaged \$192,000,000.

The commission called attention to the packers' announcement that profits amounted to "only 2 or 3 cents per dollar of sale," and said that in an industry like those under consideration which turn over a product very rapidly, this is the "equivalent of a high rate of return on net worth (5 per cent or more)."

"Rate on investment, not rate on sales, furnishes the correct method whereby the reasonableness of profits may be determined," the report added.

Financial statistics used by the packers in their recent advertising campaign "are not based on accepted methods of determining costs and accordingly dependence cannot be placed upon them," the report said.

At the beginning of 1919, the report estimated the combined assets of the big five was \$1,300,000,000, their combined net worth, \$355,000,000 and aggregate sales for the previous year at \$2,200,000,000.

CHICAGO, May 15.—Swift and company's system of accounting was defended tonight in a statement by Louis F. Swift, president of the concern, in reply to a report made public in Washington by the federal trade commission.

"The federal trade commission's criticism of our accounting system is amusing," the statement said. "Our books are kept according to the best accounting methods that have been devised and are audited annually by certified public accountants."

The statement said that profits of Swift and company over the last 24 years had averaged but 11 per cent upon investment and only 2 1/2 cents on each dollar of sales.

BRIDGE SPANS ARE FINISHED

Engineer McCullough Returns After Trip to California Border

From \$250,000 to \$300,000 worth of bridge construction is being done or has been completed on the Pacific highway between the California line and Portland, according to C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer for the state highway department, who has just returned from an automobile inspection tour of the line. Throughout the state bridge work totals about \$2,000,000.

South of Ashland are three reinforced concrete bridges on the highway, one of which is completed and the other two near completion. At Ashland a contract recently was let for an overhead crossing over the Southern Pacific tracks.

Tolo's Crossing Furnished

North of Medford the overhead crossing at Tolo has been finished and will be ready for use as soon as the fills are completed. The Rogue river arch north of Gold Hill has been completed and is being used.

MISS FINDLEY AND MOODHE WIN DOUBLES

UNIVERSITY FRESHMEN BEAT SALEM HIGH IN BASEBALL

Corvallis High School Victorious in Debating Contest and Carries Off Championship

EUGENE, Or., May 15.—In the final games of the Oregon-Willamette tennis tournament here this afternoon, Westerman and Smith, Oregon, won from Doney and Moodhe, Willamette, 6-0, 5-7, 6-2. In the mixed doubles, Moodhe and Miss Mary Findley, Willamette, won from Brown and Madeline Stoboom, Oregon, 6-4 and 6-4.

LEGION DRIVE STARTS MONDAY

Capital Post's Objective Is 1000—Olcott Urges Cooperation

The American legion drive for members begins tomorrow and will continue through May 22. The quota for Capital post No. 9, of Salem, is 1000 members and the local organization now has a membership of about 600. The campaign is nation wide, and the object is to enroll 1,000,000 new members and bring the total strength up to 2,500,000.

Governor Olcott has issued a proclamation commending the movement and urging all Oregonians to cooperate with the legion members in strengthening the force in this state.

Homes Entered by Thieves While Families Are Away

The homes of J. F. Mollenkopf, 495 North Twenty-first street, and S. H. Botts, 436 North Twenty-first street, were visited by thieves last night about 10:30 o'clock and both houses ransacked while the families were away from home.

Some money and various articles of jewelry were obtained by the thieves. The exact amount had not been determined up to a late hour last night. A uniform of a street car man was stolen from Mr. Botts; also a money canker with some money in it was taken.

The police were notified and searched the neighborhood but no trace of the intruder was found.

THE STATESMAN'S SUNDAY SERMON

By Rev. Thomas S. Anderson

OUR FATHER.

'Tis not a name for title
This bond so true and vital;
'Tis a mystical relation
Binding every race and nation
To the home-love of our God,
To His love and to His rod;
And we hail its sweet significance
Lifting all our prayer and praise to
Him above—
Our Father!

When life is filled with beauty,
And our hearts are glad and true,
Then indeed it is a pleasure
Just to con the words that treasure
All the attributes and names
That the God of heaven claims:
And we ponder then and sing them in
our praise,
Thanking Him for all the grace that
crowns our days
Our Father!

When days are dark and dreary,
And our hearts are sad and weary;
When the world's so full of sorrow
We can only beg or borrow
From the grave of hope deferred,
From the cup of conflict stirred:
Still we feel a tenderness o'ercoming
every fear,
And we have the confidence of someone
standing near—
Our Father!

And then when we are dying,
And the friends about us crying,
All dismay and no one knowing
The dim pathway we are going;
Who then beckons us the way,
Hearing every word we say?
Who comes forth to meet and greet us
with His love,
Sending us the robe of beauty from
above?
Our Father—
THOMAS S. ANDERSON.

Our Father.—Can you remember when you first began to nap these words in evening prayer? What a vague, dreamy conception you then had of a far-away God! It is important to stop and think whether you have any clearer, dearer or nearer conception of a heavenly Father now!

Your life is real to you because you see its outward conditions and feel its inner emotions, but your God is unreal to you because He sits behind the curtain of material life and speaks to you only by the still small voice of conscience and touches you only with the invisible hand of love! Job inquires of Nature, "Hath the rain a father, or who hath begotten the drops of dew?"

If then, inanimate Nature must needs have a personal cause, how much more a longing, loving, pleading soul of man must have a spiritual Father. Therefore, the abundant providence of nature and the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ reveal to us "Our Father which art in Heaven."

SENATE VOTE ON THE PEACE RESOLUTION

Knox Substitute Declares State of War With Germany and Austria-Hungary at an End

PRESIDENT'S VETO OF MEASURE PREDICTED

Three Democrats Support Measure Which Was Adopted 43 to 38

WASHINGTON, May 15.—With few thrills and no hitch in the pre-arranged program the senate adopted today, 43 to 38, the Republican resolution declaring the state of war with Germany and Austria-Hungary at an end.

The measure was in the form of a substitute for the peace resolution recently adopted by the house which dealt with Germany alone. The two proposals will be adjusted in conference beginning next week, the result to be endorsed by both houses and the final resolution to be sent to the president for signature.

That the president will veto it is a foregone conclusion, unchallenged by any speaker during debate in the house or senate. It is uncertain when the final resolution will reach the White House but Republican leaders anticipate no difficulty in putting through a conference draft with little delay. The senate substitute goes to the house Monday.

The senate vote today gave a majority of five as predicted by Democratic leaders.

Leaders of the Knox substitute and the party alignment were about that anticipated. Three Democrats, Reed of Missouri, Shields of Tennessee and Walsh of Massachusetts, joined the Republicans in supporting the resolution. Two Republicans, McCumber of North Dakota, who was paired, and Nelson of Minnesota, lined up with the Democratic opposition.

Predictions by leaders on both sides that the treaty of Versailles would remain in its present unmodified position indefinitely were made. Senator Underwood, Alabama, in his first speech as Democratic leader, declared the Republicans apparently had "foreclosed" action on the treaty for the present session of congress.

Joined the Republicans side, Senator Harding of Nebraska, administration spokesman. He also reiterated, against Republican denials, that President Wilson's pronouncement had "pledged" the nation to the League of Nations.

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Barnes Cash Store
W. E. BARNES, PROPRIETOR

We Have At Least One Legitimate Reason

For offering the remainder of our large stock of dependable merchandise at a radical reduction of

20%

We are Retiring from Business

That's the reason Marion and Polk county folks are buying so freely. Had we decided differently—to remain in business and keep up our stock—there would be no such opportunity. But, this can't go on indefinitely. Be sure that you are well supplied with everything that we still have to offer before the doors are finally closed.

Here Is ONE Example

Men's Standard 'Triangle' Linen Collars At About Half Price

Men! Men! Were you blessed with but a fair share of woman's keenness for bargains, you would buy these by the dozen! Linen Collars are selling everywhere at from 30c to 35c each. Our price had never advanced above 20c. Now less 20 per cent or 16c each.