

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FOR FRENCH ARMY



American residents of Paris, who have organized a volunteer regiment to fight in the French army, are here seen in the Place de l'Opera en route to their drilling place and carrying the Stars and Stripes.

VILLA DECLARES WAR ON MEXICO

Sonora and Chihuahua States Again in Revolt.

First Chief Orders Railway Closed as Precautionary Measure—Rebels Get Munitions.

El Paso, Texas—General Francisco Villa, dominant leader in Northern Mexico, has denounced the central government headed by Venustiano Carranza and announced his independence in a statement sent to the Associated Press.

This placed the state of Chihuahua in open revolt against the party in power at Mexico City as well as Sonora, the next border state to the west, where Governor Maytorena previously has proclaimed his independence of the constitutional party as represented by Carranza.

Villa agents sent several carloads of munitions as well as troops to assist Governor Maytorena, of Sonora, who is in open revolt against Carranza. This was followed later, according to reports received here, by the sending of 500,000 pesos in Villa paper currency to Maytorena officials.

This money, it was said, was being placed in circulation in that part of Sonora dominated by the Maytorena forces to absorb the constitutionalist or Carranza issue.

General Obregon, one of the Carranza adherents, who heads the Northwestern military zone of which Sonora is a part, remained at Chihuahua City, said persons arriving from the South. He was reported last week to have been arrested by Villa.

Telegrams received here several days ago signed with Obregon's name said that he was returning at once to the national capital. It was declared officially that Obregon was held a prisoner at Villa's house in Chihuahua.

WORLD-WIDE MISERY IS CAUSED BY EUROPEAN WAR

New York—Commerce in every spot in the world has been seriously affected by the European war, say belated reports from missions established throughout the world by the Presbyterian church.

West Africa is facing a critical situation; Syria is in utter hopelessness; Persia is chaotic, especially in financial circles; missionaries in India are unable to receive outside financial aid; Chilean industry is prostrated and the country is in a pitiable plight; the poor in Guatemala have been driven by hunger to confiscate the food stores of the wealthy. Such are the sombre pictures of some of the mission fields revealed by Dr. A. W. Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions.

Epidemic of Cholera Discovered Among Austrians

Venice—Nine cases of Asiatic cholera have been discovered among the wounded soldiers in Hungary, according to an official announcement by the

Venezuelans in Revolt.
Port of Spain, Trinidad—It is reported here that Venezuelan revolutionists under Horatio du Charme surprised the Venezuelan government forces at Cano, Colorado, a port of entry in the former state of Bermudez, inflicting a defeat, after which they captured Guanoco. Du Charme later repulsed the government troops sent against him. The rising against the government, according to advices received here, appears to be well supported in the region where the hostilities have occurred.

Following a complaint entered with United States District Attorney Reames by Thomas Erskine, British consul at Portland, the Department of Agriculture instructed the forest officers in Southern Oregon to ascertain, if possible, the location of the powerful wireless telegraph plant that is presumed to be operating in the woods of Southern Oregon in the interests of the German government.

ORDER WIRELESS STATION CLOSED

Navy Acts Regardless of Litigation as to Rights.

Contention Is That President Has Full Authority to Enforce Strict Neutrality.

Washington, D. C.—By order of President Wilson and with the assistance of the army and navy, the wireless station of the Marconi company at Siasconset, Mass., was closed Saturday because it declined to recognize the right of the Federal government to exercise a censorship over the plant.

The Navy department took no cognizance of the fact that the Marconi company had filed in a Federal court an application for an injunction to restrain the naval officers from closing or censoring the station. The wireless company finally decided to offer no resistance and the station was closed at 1 p. m.

The Navy department made public the telegrams that had passed between the department and Ensign E. B. Nixon, U. S. N., in charge at the Siasconset station. The statement follows: "At 1:23 p. m. the Navy department received the following message from Ensign Nixon, government inspector at the Siasconset station: "Siasconset, Mass., Sept 26, 1914—The following letter was received when your instructions were delivered to the Marconi man in charge of this station: "I acknowledge receipt of your letter of instructions relative to the cessation of all radio communications at Siasconset, Mass., and would ask if you are prepared to carry out your orders by force. "Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America." "I request instructions. "E. C. NIXON."

"At 2:17 p. m. the department received the following: "Siasconset, Mass., Sept. 26—Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D. C.—The Marconi company withdraws letter previously sent and the station was closed at 1 p. m. E. B. NIXON."

Roosevelt's Voice Weak.
St. Louis—Theodore Roosevelt denounced the Republican and Democratic parties in a 30-minute speech here Saturday night. His voice was weak, and within 10 minutes almost half of the huge audience in the National Guard's armory departed, realizing that the ex-president could not send his words across the full length of the hall. "The policy of the Republican party," he said, "is such as to make some men prosper too much. The policy of the Democrats is such as to make no man prosper enough."

Portland Airman Missing.
Los Angeles—Search was instituted late Saturday night at Coast points near here for trace of Silas Christofferson, Portland aviator; C. Frenah, mechanic, and Lieutenant Morrow, of the government aviation school at San Diego, who attempted a flight in an aeroplane from San Diego to Los Angeles. The aeroplane was last sighted during the afternoon flying over the water near Newport Beach. The machine was not equipped with pontoons.

Bishop Spalding Killed.
Salt Lake City—Bishop F. S. Spalding, head of the Episcopal church in Utah, was instantly killed here Saturday when an automobile in which he was riding struck a curb and overturned. Bishop Spalding's skull was badly fractured and his neck broken. The car was driven by a young daughter of Judge William H. King, who is one of the best-known Democratic politicians in the West and ex-representative in congress from this district.

Queen Visits Refugees.
London—Queen Mary, accompanied by the Belgian minister to Great Britain and several of her ladies, visited the Belgian refugees in Alexandra palace. Her majesty was much interested in these unfortunate people and gave expression to her sympathy. As she entered the dining hall, where a new batch of refugees had just arrived, she was greeted by a wild outburst of cheering.

Drys Sweep Virginia.
Richmond, Va.—The statewide prohibition forces won a sweeping victory at the polls in Virginia Wednesday, returns at midnight showing a majority of 32,825. With complete returns from all the cities and 44 of the 100 counties and with scattering returns from other counties, the total vote is 121,763. Of this vote the drys received 77,453 against 44,618 for the local optionists. The cities which were expected to roll up a majority for the local optionists gave 1315 for the drys.

Gun Used to Halt Road Work.
Medford—L. D. Dollahide, owner of the Dollarhide toll road over the Siskiyou, which is to be replaced by the new Pacific Highway, is said to have leveled a shotgun at the Pacific Highway workmen, ordering them off the road. Complaint was made to prosecuting attorney Kelly and an injunction was granted by Judge Calkins restraining Mr. Dollahide from interfering with the work. He contended that a right of way granted over the government land in territorial days gave him sole right to the travel.

Columbia Extends Road.
St. Helens—The strip on the Portland road north from Scappoose and known as West Lane has been filled, graded and macadamized for more than a mile. Rock was hauled from St. Helens by gasoline truck night and day. It will be finished this week.

Prison Delegates Appointed.
Salem—Governor West has named Rev. A. A. Moore, of Salem, and W. G. MacLaren, of Portland, delegates to the convention of the American Prison association, which will meet in St. Paul October 3.

Hoarding Cash by Banks Is Denounced by McAdoo

Washington, D. C.—Secretary McAdoo has adopted stringent measures to urge National banks to extend legitimate credit and charge normal interest rates on loans. He telegraphed to ten National banks in the four reserve cities in the South that their requests for additional crop-moving funds from the Federal government would not be granted at this time, and made it clear that his action was taken in connection with reports of excessive interest rates and restriction of credits.

In a statement made public with the telegram Mr. McAdoo declared that there was an extraordinary hoarding of money by banks throughout the country and piling up of reserves without occasion. He said reports to the controller of the currency showed that money-hoarding had been carried on by banks to an extreme degree, and announced that he expected to focus attention on the guilty banks by issuing a daily list of those with excessive reserves.

Although the Federal government has no power over state banks or trust companies, the secretary explained that state superintendents would be asked to furnish available information on money-hoarding in such institutions. He characterized money-hoarding by banks as the agency most likely to impair confidence and injure business.

London Watches Sky for Attacks by Air Craft

London—England is becoming more and more apprehensive about German aeroplanes and Zeppelins. Preparations have been made in the English capital against such an attack.

It is generally conceded that Zeppelins could hardly make a trip over as well defended a country as London in the daytime because of the guns on high buildings. At night the flight of a Zeppelin over London would be comparatively safe.

For weeks lights about Buckingham Palace have not been lighted and within the last few days only about one-third of the London street lights have been turned on. Stores, theaters, hotels and other public places have been asked through the newspapers to reduce their lights to the minimum that London may not offer a bright glow for the guidance of aerial navigators.

Masonic Sign Said to Have Saved 50 From Execution

Ostend—The power of Freemasonry is illustrated by a story told here by a citizen of Louvain, who, with the Masonic sign, says he saved 50 of his fellow citizens from being shot to death by German troops.

This group of citizens, according to the recital of the Belgian Mason, had been lined up for execution. The German firing party had aimed their rifles when the narrator gave a Masonic sign. The German officer commanding the firing squad happened to belong to the craft. He recognized a brother Mason and ordered the Louvain Freemason to leave the ranks. This meant sparing his life.

The Louvain citizen, however, refused, saying: "My fellow citizens are no more guilty than I am. If you are going to kill them, I shall be killed with them."

Red Cross Society Said to Be Swamped by Wounded

New York—The number of those wounded in battle in Europe is already in the hundreds of thousands. The hospitals and churches of Paris and Berlin and cottages on the battlefield are filled, and many other wounded lie exposed in trenches, according to Ernest P. Bicknell, national director of the American Red Cross, who arrived here on the steamship Olympic, from Liverpool. Mr. Bicknell, who left New York on the battleship Tennessee, the American vessel which carried gold to Americans in need in Europe, spent several weeks observing conditions in the countries at war.

"The truth is," Mr. Bicknell said, "that over the thousands of square miles already battle-swept there have been left almost countless thousands of men helpless from ghastly wounds. Some have been gathered into trains by the Red Cross surgeons and nurses and taken to hospitals in the larger cities."

"Let no man imagine the American Red Cross can do too much or enough. Nurses and surgeons are needed more and more, and also medical and hospital supplies."

India Loyal to Britain.
London—"Germany made a mistake about India, as it did about Ireland. And anybody who counts on India to be false to England will come a cropper." In these words his highness Aga Khan, recognized temporal leader of 60,000,000 Indian Mohammedans, summed up the Indian empire's status in the world war. Aga Khan has directed the Khoja Moslems, who number millions, and over whom he is spiritual and temporal head, to place their personal services and resources at the disposal of the government.

Cathedral Ordered Spared.
New York—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to the United States, received the following wireless dispatch from the German office at Berlin: "The German government states officially, in contradiction of the Havas Agency report that the German artillery purposely destroyed important buildings in Rheims, that orders were given to spare the cathedral by all means."

Fears of Low Prices for Hops Decried by Expert

Portland—"Some of the hopgrowers of Oregon are becoming alarmed without reason," said Conrad Krebs at a local hotel. "Because the buyers are not operating now means nothing, as the real demand does not begin before October or November."

"There is going to be a shortage of hops any way you figure it, and when the market adjusts itself to the new conditions prices will be higher. Growers would be foolish to sell their hops now at the 17 or 18-cent prices being talked about. In a year like this they will run no risk in holding."

"Oregon has produced only 110,000 bales, California the same quantity, Washington 40,000 bales and New York not over 20,000 bales, a total of 280,000 bales for the United States. The brewery consumption in this country is 245,000 bales annually. Because of the war brewers are not able to import German or Australian hops. On the other hand, we will have to supply the non-producing countries that

formerly bought their hops in Europe, such as Canada, South America, Japan and Australia. These countries require about 50,000 bales. England is always a great market for American hops and should she take only 50,000 bales this year—the English buyers already have 30,000 under contract—we will be face to face with a great hop shortage of not less than 65,000 bales."

Mr. Krebs declares that the shorts, who sold the Eastern brewers and dealers a large part of the Oregon farmers' hops before they were grown, are now trying hard to break the market so they can buy in cheaply. Speculators, he says, are working the same game.

"When the crop is out of the growers' hands," said Mr. Krebs, "you can look for the price to shoot upward. If the grower is wise, he will himself take this profit, which is surely coming. If he is determined to give away his hops now, he had better go out of the business."

Farming Course Mailed to Eighth Grade Teachers

Salem—That the agricultural work in the schools may be thorough and conducted so as to give the best results, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill is mailing all eighth-grade teachers copies of a course of study prepared by F. L. Griffin, of the Oregon Agricultural college. The course is intended to satisfy the demands of teachers and patrons of the schools in the elements of agriculture. The introduction says:

"Agriculture should be taught, as far as possible, in terms of the child's own experience. This centers the work of the school around the dominant interests and activities of the home and the community. Students manifesting a great deal of interest in agriculture should be encouraged to apply their knowledge at home. That phase of agriculture most attractive to them should be organized into a definite project to be worked out at home under the supervision of the school."

It is planned to devote about half an hour each day to the study of agriculture. The teachers are urged when they believe the pupils will be more interested in agricultural topics than the one assigned to permit them to continue that work as long as it is thought profitable.

Mr. Churchill regards the formulas and rules given for scoring various crops in the circular as of particular importance. The pupils are urged to write the Division of Publications, United States department of Agriculture, for various booklets for farmers and to the Oregon Agricultural college for copies of its various publications.

"By having the pupils write for these bulletins three or four weeks before they are needed," says the circular, "each child not asking for more than five at one time, a splendid school library can be obtained free of cost and the pupils will be procuring a good training in letter writing at the same time."

Weights and Measures Law Is Criticized by Bureau

Salem—Declaring that if action were not taken soon Oregon would become the dumping ground of incorrect weights and measures and non-standard packages of goods discarded by other states, F. S. Holbrook, of the United States Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce, has conferred with Mr. Buchtel, state deputy sealer of weights and measures, with regard to preparing amendments to the Oregon law for submission to the next legislature.

Mr. Holbrook said the Oregon law was far from being a model and that in many respects it was not workable. In place of county sealers of weights and measures appointed by the County courts, he urges the appointment by the State department of district sealers who will be directly responsible to the State department.

"The idea is to provide a plan for giving the deputies continuous work," continued Mr. Holbrook. "Under the present arrangement many of the county sealers are not continuously employed in this work and as a result little is accomplished. In many parts of the state several counties should be included in one district. This scheme would in no way disrupt or interfere with the work in large cities like Portland, which maintain their own departments."

Logging Bunks Ordered.

Salem—Having decided to make compulsory the use of the safety logging bunk, Labor Commissioner Hoff announced that he would invite the six companies offering the bunks for sale in this state to equip a train with their devices for demonstration purposes. Each company will be asked to equip one car of the train so the representatives of the logging companies may have little trouble in determining which they intend to adopt. According to the commissioner, the Oregon conception of logging bunks for many years was four stakes driven in opposite sides of a flatcar. To unload, two stakes must be chopped in two at the bed of the car, it being up to the chopper to find a place of safety when the logs began rolling. Many failed to do so, and, as a result, sustained injury or were killed.

Rain Ruins Dallas Fair.

Dallas—The second day of the Polk County fair was practically ruined by the heavy rain. Thursday night a heavy electric storm visited this section, followed by one of the worst downpours of rain that has been witnessed here in years. The rain continued to fall all Friday and late into the night. Few were brave enough to attend the fair. The amusements did a poor business. Saturday morning it cleared off somewhat and the sun shone most of the day. Exhibits and amusement features were the best seen here.

Ship Albany Apples by Carload.
Albany—A carload of Albany apples, consisting of Jonathans, Kings, and Grimes Golden varieties, will be shipped out of this city during the latter part of the week, according to a statement made by C. H. Stewart, secretary of the Albany Fruit Growers' association.