

## 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 VS. CARRANZA

Headed by Old Chief, Sonora and Chihuahua Are 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 North-western 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 somber pictures of some of the mission fields revealed by Dr. A. W. Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions.

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 Guanoaco. 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.

Two Trains of Troops Lost. London.—The Mail's war correspondent says he heard that two trains of badly-needed German reinforcements were blown up between Peronne and St. Quentin through the feat of a French gunner, who managed to tap a telephone wire connecting two German stations.

By this means he gained the information that the trains were coming and was able to place guns to command the line. By a quick attack he was able to ambush the two trains.

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

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.

## STATION IS CLOSED

Navy Takes Action Against Marconi Wireless Company.

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."

Portland Airman Missing. Los Angeles.—Search was instituted last Saturday night at Coast points near here for trace of Silas Christofferson, Portland aviator; C. French, 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.

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."

German Dies in Air Duel. London.—A duel in the air over Brussels between a Belgian biplane, which was making a reconnaissance, and a German machine which was in pursuit of the biplane, is described briefly by a correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company, who saw the contest.

The two machines ascended to a great altitude and after a swift flight the aviators exchanged shots at short range. Suddenly the German turned turtle and fell and the Belgian biplane returned towards Antwerp.

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.

## Prune Crop Not Large But Exceptionally Good

Newberg.—Just west of Newberg are the famous red hills of Dundee, where the Italian prune and the English walnut grow to perfection. At the Prince orchard are the oldest English walnut trees in the state planted for commercial purposes. For many miles the hills are covered with prune trees, chiefly Italian, though the French prune, the leading variety in California, is grown to some extent here, but it is called the Petite, and does not attain the California size.

A trip through some of the prune orchards in the Dundee district was made recently. There has been a general impression that the crop would be light. In some orchards that proved to be true, but the prunes are unusually large.

It was fortunate for the prune orchardists that the hop picking season ended earlier than usual, for the prunes began to drop about three weeks ahead of time this season, and many of those who had found employment in the hop fields at once went to

work in the prune orchards. The English walnuts are also ripening earlier this year.

In most of the orchards prune picking will be finished this week. It is noted that those on the lower elevations were not injured by the rains as much as were those up higher. It is said that at the Allan Fruit company's orchard of 250 acres, the crop was injured from \$8000 to \$10,000. This is one of the largest orchards in that locality and gives employment in the busy season to about 140. This company has a packing plant at Dundee, though the orchard is about three miles west of town.

W. S. Allan, whose orchard is about a mile west of Dundee, is the pioneer prune grower of that district. He does not consider the fact that they are large as being of special value to the growers, as the rule of buyers has been to fix the basis of price on the largest size. The Oregon crop is short and the California crop will amount to 85,000,000 or 90,000,000 pounds as against its usual crop of 200,000,000.

## 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 declared 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 see the price for the hop 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."

## Jackson County Landmark to Be Abandoned

Medford.—One of the most interesting landmarks in Jackson county will be removed October 9, when Ed Helms will close the Helms saloon in Jacksonville. This establishment dates back to 1852, when it was opened by Helms & Winch in the mining boom. For years the place was the social and political headquarters in Southern Oregon; it was the scene of trials, and business deals were transacted there.

A collection of pioneer relics valued at \$25,000 is on display in the building. These include the first piece of gold found in Jackson county; a photograph of three murderers hanged by the vigilantes near Yreka, Cal., in the 1860s; and a piece of the rope used by the lynchers; the first root tables ever set up on the Pacific Coast, sent around the Horn to Eureka and packed to Jacksonville; Indian relics, pioneer firearms and many freaks of nature found by prospectors in the hills.

No decision has been reached as to what will be done with these relics, but it is probable they will be lent for exhibition purposes to the Medford Commercial club.

Odd Malady Kills Horses. Prineville.—A fatal contagion broke out among the horses of this community last week. While unloading fine stock from the trucks from the Henry McCall ranch at the Fair grounds, two of the draft horses were seized suddenly with a strange disease and within a few minutes both were dead. On the way back to the ranch another horse was stricken in the same manner and died on the road. Two other horses on the McCall ranch showed signs of the same affliction and are in precarious condition after failures of local veterinarians to explain the mystery.

The state veterinarian was telegraphed for. In the meantime the stockmen in this county are uneasy, because of the immense number of horses in this country that may become infected.

Linnton Rate Suit Started. Salem.—Suit to restrain the State Railroad commission from putting into effect an order increasing the passenger fares of the United Railways company from Linnton to Portland was instituted here Tuesday. The plaintiffs are Mark Crandall and other residents of Linnton. Officials of the town filed suit several weeks ago for an injunction against the rates of the commission being put into effect. It is charged that the order is unconstitutional and in violation of a decree of the Multnomah court fixing rates.

First Hogs Marketed. Hood River.—The first fat hogs marketed from the upper Hood River valley were brought to town by J. F. Thompson, a rancher of the district near Parkdale. Mr. Thompson drove here with 16 head, the average weight being 22½ pounds. They were sold to a local packing plant for \$283.60. "I bought the hogs last spring, paying \$8.20 apiece for them," says the patron valley farmer. "They have been on alfalfa all summer, not having anything to eat except grain, which was fed the last two weeks to top them off."

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.

## Villa Demands Resignation of Gen. Carranza

Chihuahua, Mex.—The immediate resignation of Carranza as first chief of the constitutionalists is the only basis on which General Francisco Villa will agree to the settlement of difficulties between himself and Carranza. This was his reply to messages of officials in Mexico City who protested against his attitude towards Carranza. Villa declared he never would accept Carranza as head of the republic. His reply, as given out here follows: "I lament the circumstances that have brought about grave danger, but sincerely protest that my sole ambition will be to arrange existing difficulties without shedding blood if possible. "I emphatically declare, however, that the only move that can bring about cessation of hostilities on my part is that Venustiano Carranza deliver supreme command to Fernando Iglesias Calderon so that, in the shortest possible time, elections may be called. At the same time I declare I shall not accept Carranza as president or vice president or president ad interim of the republic. "I shall prove the rectitude of my intentions and the disinterestedness which animates the force of this division. Later the world will realize where rests true disinterestedness and where abortive ambitions."

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## CHANGING THE FRONTIER



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## Food Shortage in Europe

Predicted by Lord Milner

London.—A timely warning to prepare against an inevitable shortage in the world's supply of foodstuffs is given by Lord Milner, who points out that although the present harvest is abundant, an immense decrease in production in 1915 must result from the fact that all the able-bodied males of France, Germany, Austria and Russia are now engaged in fighting.

Of the 650,000,000 quarters of wheat and rye annually produced throughout the world 350,000,000 come from these countries, and other producing countries cannot possibly make up the deficiency.

Lord Milner predicts that in the latter half of next year, if not before, all nations which live on wheat and rye will be competing fiercely for a share in the diminishing supply. He adds: "We may hope that our own country will be better placed than its neighbors to obtain, at some price to avert famine. But there can be no certainty of this, and in any case, being as we fortunately are, in a better position than other countries involved in the war, to turn our land to full account, it is surely a matter of extreme necessity to use every acre, which can profitably be employed in that manner, for the production of the most necessary of all foodstuffs."

Farmers ought, says Lord Milner, to rise to the emergency of their own accord. They have it in their power, not only to save the country from imminent catastrophe, but at the same time to benefit themselves if they will only act with promptitude.

Philippine Measure Up. Washington, D. C.—Ultimate independence of the Philippines is proposed in the Jones bill, consideration of which began in the house Monday, under a special ruling allowing unlimited amendment and 12 hours' general debate. Republicans, declaring it was unwise legislation at this time because of the European war. Debate probably will last all next week. Representative Garrett advocated the bill as carrying out of the Democratic pledge to the Filipinos of a representative government for the islands.

Leper Found in Streets. Martinez, Cal.—A Mexican was found in the streets here suffering from what the city health officer diagnosed as a well-defined case of leprosy. The sick man was taken to the county hospital and isolated and a guard was put over him. The authorities were in a quandary as to what disposition to make of him. So far no one has been found who is able to understand the patois spoken by the Mexican. It is surmised that the man left Los Angeles several weeks ago and has been wandering about the country.

Kaiser's Fifth Son III. Berlin.—Prince Oscar, the emperor's fifth son, it was announced Tuesday, is suffering from a heart affection, due to his exertions in the field, and has been obliged to leave his regiment. He is under the care of physicians at Metz. The empress received a letter from the emperor in which he referred optimistically to the situation.

Chicago Egg Prices Lou. —Chicago.—Five cars of strictly fresh eggs were sold here Monday to as many different buyers at 20¢ cents, according to J. B. Mitchell, president of the Chicago Butter & Egg board.