

REBEL LEADER TELLS OF CAUSE

General Simon Berthold Before Leaving Los Angeles Issues Statement Regarding Activities in Mexico at Present Time.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 18.—Although United States soldiers stationed on the border between California and lower California did not know it, General Simon Berthold, second in command of the insurgent forces in lower California, has been in Los Angeles for the past few days arranging for the purchase of guns for the rebel army, giving directions to recruiting officers but more particularly discussing with the heads of the rebel junta ways and means of carrying a successful protest to the heads of the state department at Washington against what he terms undue discrimination against insurgents by United States soldiers on the frontier.

Before slipping back across the border into Mexico, General Berthold gave to the United Press a signed story of what he thinks will happen if the United States persists in "Maying fish of one and flesh of the other in Mexico."

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(By General Simon Berthold.)
International complications grow out of the Mexican revolution? Stranger things than that have happened, and let me say right here, that that is precisely what will happen unless the policy adopted by the officials of the department regarding border affairs is altered. For a week I have been in Los Angeles to see if something could not be done to stop what I believe is unfair interference with our operations on the part of the American border officials.

When General Bliss commanded that we should not be permitted to cross the border and purchase supplies, I thought that was as far as the friends of Diaz would dare to go. But since then I have learned that permission has been given to the Mexican government to move 200 of its soldiers across Arizona into lower California, and right here I want to say that if this course is persisted in there will be international troubles aplenty.

Does the United States government expect the insurgent garrison at Mexicali to retire into the mountains and allow the federals to occupy Mexicali? No. If I have anything to do with it, the rebels are waiting for them at the line and will fire upon them as soon as they come within range. And no doubt this will precipitate international trouble, but nevertheless it is what anyone who honestly believes he is fighting for his rights would do, and it will be done.

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CAN GERMANY STAND THE PAGE?

Fatherland Spends Enormous Amount Each Year in Maintaining its Army and Navy—Several New Ships Each Year.

BERLIN, Feb. 18.—Is Germany capable of withstanding the financial strain of its growing armaments, which are already enormous, but which are steadily increasing year by year?

The Fatherland has a standing army of 500,000 men and 3,000,000 in its reserves. Its fleet is rapidly attaining to a foremost position among the navies of the world. Each year sees an additional enormous sum devoted to the construction of Dreadnoughts, more money spent on big guns, higher expenditures for improving the personnel of the navy and side by side with this enormous and increasing burden, a steady growth in the cost of maintaining the army.

The last scheme of taxation introduced by the administration in the summer of 1909 and accepted by the imperial legislature, so raised taxation that there are many who declare the country has reached the limit of endurance.

Whether or not this is true is a vital question for Germany, because success in its contest for world supremacy, waged in competition mainly with England, now depends on money, and on money alone. England is certainly not far from a point—for it is seriously alarmed—where it will decide to build two Dreadnoughts to every one which Germany undertakes. More than this, many English naval authorities, supported by influential bodies of politicians, business men and patriots, are clamoring for the construction by Great Britain of twenty Dreadnoughts at once, so that the country's maritime supremacy may be definitely established for years to come. This would mean a corresponding demand upon Germany so that it has become clear that the winner in the great contest will be the nation with the resources to withstand the financial strain of increasing armament for the longest time.

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Prominent Authorities Order Cremation of all Unburied Famine Victims in Villages Throughout Provinces in China.

NANKING, China, Feb. 18.—The provincial authorities today ordered the cremation of all unburied famine victims in the villages of Anhui and Kiang Su provinces. Every house contains a corpse and conditions in the towns are most revolting.

In anticipation that the peasants will violently oppose the work of cremation, soldiers ride on the death carts. Two million are near death from starvation.

To Replace Steamers.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 18.—The Empress of Japan, Empress of India and Empress of China, the three Canadian Pacific liners which have plied for twenty years from Victoria and Vancouver to Hong Kong are to be replaced next year by four larger and faster expressmen, contracts for two having already been let, and the present will be transferred to a new service to be inaugurated next season between Canada and the West Indies, it was announced today. The placing of four large fast modern liners in the trans-Pacific trade of the Canadian Pacific and Canada. The schedule will be set out, providing for a fast service between Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.

FLOODS WRECK ILLINOIS TOWNS

Strikt Ebb Today and Further Damage is Past for Present—Freeport is Cut off From the Outside World.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 18.—Floods which for three days have done great damage in Illinois, driving hundreds of families from their homes, struck the ebb today and further danger for the present at least is past.

The Peconic, Rock and Desplaines rivers all left their banks, inundating many miles of surrounding country. The dyke at Freeport was broken and for a time Freeport was cut off from the outside world.

FLIES TO WARSHIP: IS HOISTED ON BOARD

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 18.—Glenn H. Curtiss made a demonstration flight in his new hydroplane this morning, proving that he can easily land alongside a warship and then be hoisted to the deck in his machine. Curtiss left the aviation camp on North Island at 8:30 o'clock and sailed along the water near the cruisers. He rose only a few feet from the water at any time and stopped alongside the cruiser Pennsylvania, the same vessel from which Eugene Ely made his sensational flight in San Francisco bay. Curtiss and his machine were hoisted to the superstructure deck on the starboard side forward, the boat crane being used to lift him.

CANADA WEARY OF "ANNEX" TALK

Begin Now to Resent Continued Discussion of Annexation Fearing That it Will Jeopardize Reciprocity Measure.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 18.—The continued talk of annexation, kept alive by the opposition journals, today is causing resentment in Canada, and, according to some of the leading supporters of the government, may jeopardize the reciprocity measure now before parliament.

While the liberals have accepted the message of President Taft to Mr. McCall as the true sentiment at Washington, a feeling that has been aroused in the dominion cannot be ignored, and it is understood that Sir Wilfrid Laurier early next week will make a statement which it is asserted will set at rest forever the idea that annexation of Canada by the United States is possible.

The bulk of Canadians do not know Congressman Clark or Congressman Bennet or Secretary Knox and they are unable to form a judgment as to the value of their utterances. It is declared by government supporters that the government reciprocity is popular throughout Canada and will produce material results. But the sentimental feeling overshadows it and the suggestion from the United States that the agreement is the first step toward depriving Canada of autonomy is resented in all quarters.

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