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UNITED STATES SENDS ULTIMATUM TO CARRANZA TO RECALL OBREGON

OBREGON'S ACTS BRING PROTEST FROM WILSON

Warning Sent Constitutionalist Chief
Who Recalls Obregon—Diplomats
to Reamin at Capital—Action of
Administration Kept Secret—Situation Most Acute.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary Bryan stated later today that he had received notice from General Carranza confirming the report that Mexico City would be evacuated and that the diplomatic corps had decided to remain in Mexico City.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—New and urgent representations amounting practically to a warning, have been sent by the United States to General Carranza, demanding an improvement of conditions in Mexico City.

Diplomatists familiar with the contents of the note which American Consul Sullivan has been instructed to present to General Carranza interpret it as an entire change of policy on the part of the Washington government toward the Mexican situation.

The communication to Carranza, which was drafted after conferences between President Wilson, Secretary Bryan and Counselor Lansing, was kept secret pending word from Carranza as to his attitude.

Ultimatum Sent
It was said by some officials the note contained some of the strongest representations that had been made to Carranza and indicates that the American government is rapidly losing patience with his indifference to objectionable acts of General Obregon at Mexico City.

Those who know the contents of the communication, said it did not threaten force but was in the nature of an ultimatum, and pointed out in explicit language the serious consequences that might follow if the welfare of foreigners continued to be disregarded.

Early in the day Secretary Daniels had said no additions were contemplated to the fleet in Mexican waters. But later it was learned that the cruiser Tacoma had been ordered from Port Au Prince, Haiti, to Vera Cruz. Secretary Daniels was in consultation later with Secretary Bryan concerning the situation.

Advice Corps to Stay
In diplomatic quarters there were more manifestations of concern over the Mexican situation than at any time since the American forces were landed at Vera Cruz.

The foreign diplomatists conferred and communicated to one another the latest developments as they heard them.

Some of the diplomatists declared themselves satisfied that the course of the American government would

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LAWSON 'FIRED' AS WARDEN OF PRISON

SALEM, Ore., March 8.—Colonel Berton K. Lawson, warden of the state penitentiary here, was summarily dismissed today by the state board of control. John Bengen, deputy warden, was instructed to perform the duties of warden until Harry P. Minton, recently appointed to the position, could arrive from the east.

The dismissal was the result of Colonel Lawson's refusal to appoint Joseph Keller, to be officer at the request of Governor Withcombe. Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, as a member of the board, opposed his dismissal.

GREAT BATTLE NEAR WARSAW IS DEVELOPING

Left Bank of Vistula Again Scene of
Carnage—French Claim Gains in
Champagne While Germans Claim
Enemy Repulsed—No News From
Dardanelles.

LONDON, March 8.—The center of interest on the eastern front has again shifted with the announcement from Petrograd that a great battle is developing upon the left bank of the River Vistula at a point to the west and southwest of Warsaw.

It is not yet clear which side has taken the offensive, but inspired sources, both in Berlin and in Petrograd have been hinting lately that vital operations might well be expected in the region.

Messages from the Russian capital have declared that the old field of action in the direction of Posen and Silesia alone could serve as the decisive battle ground, while Berlin has been predicting another brilliant action in the direction of Warsaw by Field Marshal Von Hindenburg. No great activity has been reported elsewhere on the eastern front except at Rawa, to the southwest of Warsaw, where German army headquarters claim the capture of 3400 Russians. It is possible that this action may be a part of the great battle which Petrograd says is now under way.

Attacks and counter attacks for the text of both the Paris and Berlin official communications covering events on the western battle front, but there is no indication of a decisive gain by either side.

Today's Statement
Today's official statements indicate that there was no fighting of great importance yesterday. The French claim slight gains in Champagne. The German statement asserts French attacks in Champagne were repulsed.

In the eastern campaign the Russians apparently are maintaining the offensive in Northern Poland. The German statement tells of Russian attacks at several points but asserts that all were repulsed.

There is no late news of the situation at the Dardanelles and the British public is awaiting with keen interest the next step in the business-like operations marking the work of the storming fleet.

The fighting in the Carpathians, which for prolonged and desperate encounters rivals any phase of the war, continues without decisive victory for either side. Austrian forces are still on the offensive, an official statement from Petrograd says. In Northern Poland the Russians are still pressing forward in an effort to expel the invaders.

FIRE ON LA TOURAINE REPORTED EXTINGUISHED

LONDON, March 8.—The fire on board the French steamer La Touraine has been almost extinguished and the vessel is steaming to her destination, the French port of Havre, at a speed of 14 knots an hour.

The information here given is the last report received in Paris; it was sent at 10 o'clock last night by wireless telegraphy from a cruiser which is escorting La Touraine.

SMITH LOSES LAND SECURED BY FRAUD

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The supreme court sustained today the cancellation of patents to some 40 tracts of timber land in Linn county, Oregon, held by the Linn and Lane Timber company, of which C. A. Smith of Minneapolis, owned practically all the stock. Fraudulent entry was charged.

GERMAN GUNNERS IN TRENCHES POURING STEADY STREAM OF LEAD INTO ON-RUSHING FRENCH TROOPS



RAILROADS WIN RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OWN RATES

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The North Dakota lignite coal rate law today was annulled as confiscatory and unconstitutional by the supreme court, when applied to the Northern Pacific and the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railways.

Justice Hughes, for the court, laid down the far reaching principle that a state cannot select a particular commodity, such as coal, to fix a rate, so long as the return from a railroad's entire intrastate business is remunerative.

The state has broad powers over railroads but it does not enjoy the rights of an owner," declared the justice.

The supreme court of North Dakota had held the rates valid because the roads had not shown there was a loss on their entire state business. That was reversed by the supreme court, all but Justice Pitney concurring. In summarizing, Justice Hughes said:

"It is presumed—but the presumption is a rebuttable one—that the rates which the state fixes for intrastate traffic are reasonable and just. When the question is as to the profitability of the intrastate business as a whole under the general scheme of rates, the carrier must satisfactorily prove the fair value of the property employed in its intrastate business and show it has been denied a fair return upon that value."

Wireless Across Ocean

CHESTER, Mass., March 8.—Direct wireless communication between the United States and a neutral nation of Europe will soon be possible for the first time since the war began through stations now virtually completed on Cape Cod and in Norway.

PORTUGAL FACES CABINET CRISIS WITH REVOLUTION

LISBON, March 8.—The political situation in Portugal which last week entered upon a serious epoch with the inauguration of the republic of northern Portugal, under the presidency of General Antonio Barreto, has in no sense been improved by the resignation of Minister of Finance Gallegher, which became known yesterday. As a matter of fact a further cabinet crisis now would force developments, the outcome of which would be fraught with much danger.

The assumption of the duties of finance minister by the minister of foreign affairs may help the situation, but nevertheless there is a general demand for the formation of a national coalition ministry, to be supported by all parties, or by a distinct policy of maintenance of the present ministry provided it will agree to act in close collaboration with congress.

Should this latter course be adopted, congress would have to meet in extraordinary session at once.

Outlaw Lopez Captured

SALT LAKE CITY, March 8.—A telegram has been received by Sheriff John Corliss from Nogales, Ariz., announcing the capture there of Rafael Lopez, Mexican bandit, who more than a year ago terrorized Bingham, Ut., killed six deputy sheriffs before his escape.

DOLLARHIDE TOLL ROAD PURCHASED BY COUNTY COURT

The Dollarhide toll road is a thing of the past. No longer will the California visitor to Oregon and the Oregon visitor to California be compelled to pay to leave and enter the state by wagon road, for the county court Monday purchased for \$1000 the Dollarhide toll road, and thereby effected a satisfactory settlement of the suit instituted against the county by the road owners.

The Dollarhide road was built in the early '50s and for sixty years has been in constant use. It was privately built in territorial days, and privately maintained since. A portion was purchased a year ago for the Pacific highway. The balance affords an outlet for some sixteen families residing in the mountains, besides will be used during the paving operations to be conducted by the state this summer on the Pacific highway.

The road is twelve miles long, contains many steep grades, but has done its share in the development of the county. It is the last toll road in southern Oregon.

CANNOT SEIZE NEUTRAL SHIPS SAYS PRIZE COURT

LONDON, March 8.—No belligerent government has a right to requisition a cargo belonging to a neutral government, according to a decree given out by the prize court today.

WILSON UNABLE TO ATTEND FAIR BECAUSE OF WAR

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Formal announcement that President Wilson will be unable to attend the Panama Pacific exposition at San Francisco reads:

"With very great reluctance, indeed, I feel myself obliged to say that my visit to San Francisco at this time is impossible, in view of the clear demands of public duty upon me."

"It is imperative that for the present at any rate I should remain in Washington in close touch with all sources of information as to the various matters with which the government has to deal. I could not go away with a clear conscience; I should feel that I was not performing my duties in the way the people expected with me."

"I am not only disappointed, I am sincerely grieved that this decision should be necessary. I had looked forward to my visit to the Panama exposition, not only with interest, but with keen pleasure. My interest in the exposition is very great. It seems to me have unusual significance and I have sincerely admired the indomitable energy and the clear intelligence with which the whole thing has been planned. My warmest best wishes go out to you. I shall still hope that this is a pleasure only postponed, not entirely foregone."

Vice President Marshall will represent President Wilson at the ceremonies on March 20.

CHARLES GALLOWAY AGAIN STATE TAX COMMISSIONER

SALEM, Ore., March 8.—By unanimous vote, Charles V. Galloway today was reappointed state tax commissioner by the Oregon board of tax commissioners.

MARTIN STAR WITNESS FOR OWN DEFENSE

Slayer of Game Warden Hubbard
Pleads Self-Defense—Voice Tinged
With Trace of Defiance—Admits
Making Sure Bullet Would Strike
Hubbard in Vital Spot.

After an argument over the legality of the game laws, Prosecutor Kelly Monday afternoon began the closing argument in the Martin case. The case is expected to go to the jury Tuesday morning.

Loris Martin, slayer of Game Warden A. S. Hubbard, took the witness stand in his own behalf this morning—the sixth day of the trial—and with replies to a dozen questions asked by his attorney gave a version of the great tragedy in his life. It was an impressive tale, for it was stripped of all details. For having the blood of a fellowman upon his hands Martin pleaded self-defense.

Gone was the air of patient resignation that has characterized the defendant throughout the trial. Gone was the fretful nervousness the prisoner betrayed as witness after witness spoke for and against him all last week. He took the stand with a confident air, and answered all questions in a loud voice tinged with a trace of defiance. The hillman, whom a character witness Saturday testified was too bashful to attend Sunday school among his own people, never lacked for a word, or hesitated with his response.

Denies Making Threats

Martin denied that he had made any threats against his victim, said that he fired the fatal shot because he thought his life was in great danger. said he was 43 years old, and identified a pair of shoes as belonging to him. That is the meat of his testimony. His attorney had forsworn any danger of a grueling cross-examination at the hands of the state, by asking only the simplest questions, hedged about by a maze of legal technicality.

"When you pulled the trigger of the rifle you made sure that he would strike Hubbard in a vital spot," asked Prosecutor Kelly.

"Certainly," was the ready and half defiant reply of the prisoner at the bar.

Martin denied that he aimed other than to strike the game warden in a vital spot, "calculating to hit him the body."

Says Hubbard Rushed Him

The defendant affirmed the contention of the defense that Hubbard "rushed" him. He appeared angry, the accused said, and three or four times reached for his pistol. On the fourth attempt he secured it. Martin testified that Hubbard had his pistol in his hand when he fired. If there was any remorse in his heart for his act he did not show it on the witness stand. The court sustained objections.

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SECTIONS OF VERTEBRAE REMOVED FROM SPINE

H. H. Lord of Brownboro, who was severely injured three weeks ago, when thrown from a wagon and dragged along the ground, was operated upon at the Sacred Heart hospital Monday and three crushed segments of the spinal column removed by Drs. Porter and Barber. Mr. Lord struck a stone and fractured his spinal column, and was picked up unconscious in which condition he remained for 36 hours, and has suffered acutely since. He rallied after the operation and a complete recovery is expected by the physicians.

Whooping It Up at 100 Miles an Hour

Dario Resta and Eddie Pullen Fighting It Out For First Place in the Vanderbilt Cup at the World's Fair.

