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AMERICAN SHIPS AGAIN ORDERED TO VERA CRUZ

Admiral Fletcher Again Sails for the Mexican Port—Oregon Reported to Have Evacuated City of Mexico—Carranza Denies Accusations Against Obregon.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—American Consul Silliman telegraphed from Vera Cruz today that he had been reliably informed that the evacuation of Mexico City by the forces of General Obregon began at 9 o'clock last night. Late today the cruiser Des Moines, en route to Vera Cruz, was ordered to return to Progreso, where there has been local trouble and friction over Carranza's export embargo.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—General Carranza has made a preliminary reply to the American representations, denying generally the existence of conditions in Mexico City which the United States has called upon him to improve.

In a statement made orally to American Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz, the Mexican chief denied that General Obregon, his commander in Mexico City, had prevented food from reaching the Mexican capital or that he had sent supplies away.

Meanwhile, however, orders went forward to Rear Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet at Guantanamo, to send two more battleships to Vera Cruz.

Left to Admiral
The selection of ships was left to Admiral Fletcher and shortly after noon today he reported what orders he had given. The Washington is the flagship of the cruiser squadron of the Atlantic fleet. She carries forty-one officers and 902 men and is commanded by Commander Edw. L. Beach. The Georgia is one of the first line battleships of the third division. She carries 49 officers and 864 men. The Washington is a little faster than the Georgia, and both ships starting today should be at Vera Cruz by Thursday night.

After the cabinet meeting today it was said that the sending of the additional warships to Vera Cruz was the only move contemplated at present. The entire Mexican situation was gone over.

No Army Movements

Secretary Daniels said the Washington and Georgia had no orders other than to proceed to that port at once. Secretary Garrison said no army movements were in contemplation. It was declared generally that the course of the United States depended upon the attitude of Carranza.

Secretary Daniels said the ships at Guantanamo had plenty of marines on board.

President Wilson today said Carranza had been called upon by the United States to protect foreigners in Mexico City. The president reiterated that the government had reported its views on what appeared to be the situation in Mexico City. He added that in all such situations it was necessary to discount reports a great deal because, he said, certain persons would like to have the United States intervene in Mexico, even if they had to manufacture the facts with which to base the intervention.

Not an Ultimatum
When the president was asked if (Continued on page two.)

SHIP PURCHASE BILL PASSED BY ITALY

ROME, March 9.—A bill which would authorize the state railways to purchase or charter steamers for the transportation of coal and other commodities of first necessity, was presented in parliament by the government. The measure is designed to counteract the effect of steadily increasing ocean freight rates.

RUSSIAN FLEET DESTROY TURKS NAVAL STATION

Czar's Warships Blow Up Black Sea Supply Yards—Russians Roll Up Left and Right Wings of German Army of Invasion in Poland—Only Center Holds Firm.

PETROGRAD, March 9, via London March 9.—The bombardment by the Russian fleet of Czenguldiak, on the south shore of the Black Sea, and the destruction of the docks there, as announced by the Russian naval authorities yesterday, constitutes a serious blow to the Turkish fleet, since it is from this point that the Turks hitherto have drawn their chief supplies of coal for the navy. It is reported semi-officially that in addition to silencing the batteries which defended the docks, the Russian fleet also destroyed the coal chutes.

Henderegi, 40 miles to the west, which is another coaling port, also was damaged.

Cruiser Slightly Injured
The only damage to the Russian fleet during the bombardment of Czenguldiak was a slight injury to the cruiser Almaz, which was struck by a six inch shell. Three soldiers were wounded. The cruisers were not damaged. With the evident intention of distracting the Russian advance into Turkish Armenia from Batum to the Valley of the Techoruk the Turks have started a movement in the vicinity of Khol, in northwestern Persia, to the west of Tabriz. The Russian authorities attach little importance to this move, believing the melting snows and swollen rivers in this region will impede the progress of the Turks and preclude the possibility of their turning the left flank of the Russian Caucasian army.

Dislodging Flanks
Efforts to dislodge the right and left flanks of the German forces operating in the Suwalki district of Northern Poland apparently are bringing some success, and only the German center, in the region of Simno seems to be holding firm in possession of the possessions recently gained in the advance from East Prussia. The German left flank is reported to have retired to positions in the region of Mariopol-Virsbalova and Eideunen. The right flank, reports from the front say, has retreated hastily 30 miles from Grodno toward Augustowo through bogs and forests.

Retreat of Germans
The retreat of the German right wing, which is now within eight miles of the frontier, is regarded as especially damaging to the Germans, since it severs the communications from German northern army with the army to the south, whose left wing is besieging Ossowetz. This second German army is thus left open to an attack from the rear by the Russian forces which are advancing between the Rawa river and Augustowo.

According to the Russian military authorities the Germans have perceived the menace of this situation and in consequence already have begun to move their heavy batteries from before Ossowetz. This is regarded as forecasting cessation of the bombardment of Ossowetz by the Germans and their retreat toward the border.

ALLIED AIR ATTACK ON OSTEND

LONDON, March 9.—Obstinate fighting marks the battles along the eastern front on the continent, with the Germans slowly withdrawing from the River Niemen in the direction of their own East Prussian frontier. At the same time the new offensive movement against Warsaw and on the Pilica evidently has not as yet developed into the great engagement which has been expected in this locality.

I Aged 10 1/2 Years in 4 Hours

—Mrs. Resta, Wife of Vanderbilt Cup Winner

For First Time in Automobile Race History One Man, Dario Resta, Won Both Grand Prix and Vanderbilt Cup in Succession—Victor Drove a Peugeot, Making But One Stop in Race for Gas—His Time in Vanderbilt, 296 Miles, Was 4:27:37.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—"I aged ten years during the four hours my husband was speeding to victory—that is the story of the race to me. A fearful vigil!"

With terror greater than pride, Mrs. Mary Resta, 29-year-old bride of Dario Resta, winner of both the Grand Prix and the Vanderbilt Cup races, told of how her husband's laurels had left a scar upon her heart.

Refusing to watch him drive, Mrs. Resta had covered throughout the whole afternoon in a theater box, oblivious to her surroundings, while the intrepid Italian was demonstrating his track mastery over a score of speed kings.

"I have never seen my husband race," she said after the ordeal when Resta had hurried to her side. "I am terribly afraid. I have never wanted him to race. It is not the thought of speed that unnerves me. I have often driven with Mr. Resta at an 80 and 90-mile clip. But if I should be on the course and something should happen—"

A shudder punctuated her confession.

"I suppose it is because we have been married but a short time. Perhaps in time I shall take a more sensible view of racing. But now—well, it is something I can hardly bring myself to think about. Dario, you know, has told me about two times he has already gone into the ditch at a rate of 80 miles an hour."

Resta, patting his wife's hand reassuringly, admitted that her pleas would probably take him out of the speed game within the year. The forthcoming Venice, Cal., and Indianapolis races, he allowed it to be inferred, might terminate his brilliant speedway career. And that inference brought a quick, flashing smile to the eyes of his bride.

NO REPLIES RECEIVED TO AMERICAN PROTEST

WASHINGTON, March 9.—So far, no formal replies have been received from France and Great Britain as to the inquiries by the United States to the means the allies intend to pursue in holding up cargoes destined to their enemies. President Wilson said today he had been informed unofficially that the order in council was to have been issued by Great Britain yesterday.

WILLARD OFF FOR CUBA TO MEET JACK JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES, March 9.—Jess Willard, the heavyweight pugilist, left here today for Havana, Cuba, to meet Jack Johnson in a battle for the world's championship April 3. While here Willard kept up in small measure the training he began at El Paso for the battle which was to have taken place at Juarez, Mex.

USED CARTRIDGE TO SMUGGLE OPIUM

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Mrs. Mary Resta and Her Husband, Dario Resta, Photographed One Hour After Winning the Vanderbilt Cup Race

ROUGH WORK AT INDIANA POLLS BY POLITICIANS TOLD

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 9.—Frank C. Dalley, United States district attorney, in his opening statement today at the trial of Don Roberts, mayor of Terra Haute, and the 27 others charged with conspiracy to corrupt the election of November 3, 1914, in Terra Haute, told how the government contends false registrations were made, of alleged slugging and rough work at the polls, and of the manner of collecting, and the amount of the so-called "slush fund" and discussed the government's right to interfere in the election.

Mayor Roberts, the government's counsel asserted, called a meeting of his "hand-picked election inspectors and told them that no one had a right to touch the voting machines except the inspectors and that when a man entered for voting, the inspectors should do the work."

Roberts also demonstrated on a voting machine in the manner in which a vote would not be registered, and often times, Mr. Dalley said, the inspectors would pull down the democratic lever, forcing the voter to vote that ticket. If the voter protested vigorously the inspector would permit him to vote again, thus pairing the votes and leaving both uncounted, according to the lawyer.

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PRESENT RATES DUE TO RESULTS OF OLD RATE WAR

CHICAGO, March 9.—E. B. Boyd, chairman of the Western trunk lines committee, testified as a grain traffic expert at the interstate commerce commission hearing today that the forty-one western railroads, which are asking for freight rate increases are now required to carry grain and grain products between certain western points at rates much lower than the rate prevailing in eastern territory.

Mr. Boyd presented figures purporting to show that the increases asked were in equalization with the rates on the same commodities in other parts of the country.

"The present low and inadequate rates are the result of the old rate wars which the railroads fought before the interstate commerce commission was created," said Mr. Boyd.

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WASHINGTON, March 9.—The Carranza agency issued a statement claiming that Monterey has been captured by Carranza forces with many prisoners and a large amount of war supplies.

THAW ON TRIAL FOR PLOTTING TO ESCAPE ASYLUM

Prosecution Claims Thaw Insane at Time of Flight, But Competent to Defeat Ends of Justice—Technical Evidence Presented—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw Likely to Appear for Husband

NEW YORK, March 9.—The actual trial of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, and five co-defendants for conspiring to effect Thaw's escape from the state hospital at Matteawan, was begun in the supreme court here today. Deputy District Attorney Franklin Kennedy outlined the case of the state and several witnesses gave testimony of a technical nature.

Mr. Kennedy said it was the contention of the state that Thaw was insane at the time of his flight; that it would still constitute a menace to the public safety to allow him at large, but that notwithstanding these facts, by reason of his "peculiar form of insanity," competent to conspire to defeat the administration of justice.

None of the witnesses examined during the forenoon session was cross-examined.

Court Room Crowded

The courtroom was crowded. There were as many women as men. Thaw's mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw; his sister, Mrs. George L. Carnegie, and his half-brother, Josiah Thaw, occupied seats near him.

After Mr. Kennedy concluded, John B. Stanchfield, for the defense, made motions to dismiss the indictment on the ground that the alleged facts were not sufficient to constitute a crime, and there was nothing to show that Thaw knew there was anything wrong in escaping. The motions were denied.

It was announced today by an official of the district attorney's office that in all probability Evelyn Nesbit Thaw would appear as a witness in Thaw's behalf in his present trial.

Wife May Testify

In previous cases affecting Thaw's liberty, Evelyn Thaw has appeared against him. Yesterday attaches from the district attorney's office called on Mrs. Thaw with subpoenas.

She was quoted as saying: "I am tired of this case. I think Harry is being persecuted, and if I take any interest whatever in it, it would be to do what I can for him. I think he has been confined long enough, and if his lawyers want me, I will do anything I can for him."

TROUBLES BESET GRAND OPERA TROUPE

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—New troubles today beset the National Grand Opera company which closed its engagement here prematurely Sunday night. An application for a receiver for the company was filed in the superior court today by Dr. Camillo Barsotti of San Francisco because of the failure of Mario Lombardi, the impresario of the company to pay a note for \$12,375 loaned him by two of his countrymen here in 1911 when Lombardi produced unprofitable opera.

Lombardi today pleaded not guilty to a complaint by one of his chorus because of unpaid wages.

NOT GUILTY IS JURY VERDICT IN MARTIN CASE

Eloquent Closing Arguments by Attorney A. E. Reames for Defense, Followed by County Attorney Kelly for Prosecution—Judge Reads 5000 Words Instruction to Jury.

The jury in the Loris Martin case at 2:50 this afternoon returned a verdict of not guilty, after five hours' deliberation.

Sympathizers of Martin in the courtroom at the time of the returning of the verdict clapped their hands and were ordered out by the court. The defendant was visibly affected and shook hands in joy with relatives and friends. The following composed the jury: George Lyman, Gold Hill, farmer; B. M. Clute, Applegate, farmer; John Mitchell, Meadows, farmer; W. L. Van Houten, Gold Hill, farmer; J. C. Godlove, Perrydale, farmer; G. W. Ross, Talent, farmer; E. F. Jacobs, Talent, farmer; W. E. Stahler, Central Point, retired; W. A. Stratton, Talent, farmer; Ray E. Wilson, Medford, farmer; Fred J. Fick, Jacksonville, merchant.

The closing arguments were made Tuesday morning in the trial of Loris Martin accused of the murder of Game Warden A. S. Hubbard, and the deliberations of the jury began at 10:30 o'clock. Judge F. M. Calkins from the bench read a 5000 word prepared instructions covering every legal phase of what the court referred to as an eventual case in the history of the community, and the state of Oregon.

Three Verdicts

Three forms of verdict were given the jury, second degree murder, the highest possible punishment given by the state statutes, manslaughter, and acquittal. The court in its instructions said that the gist of the defense lay in whether Martin believed from the manner of Hubbard that his life was in danger, and that he shot in self defense under the belief that his life was in great danger. The reading of the instructions occupied half an hour. They seemed favorable to the defense.

Pronounced Own Fate

"Loris Martin pronounced there on the trail that December day, after he shot Hubbard, his own fate. 'There he lies, he did me dirt—I'll spend the rest of my life in the penitentiary. I might as well blow my brains out,' were his first words after the tragedy. I submit to you gentlemen of the jury, were they the words of a man who shot in self defense. The firing of the bullet was the climax of four years of hate that this defendant had nursed in his heart against Hubbard.

"I ask this jury to hold no prejudice against game wardens. The laws they enforce were made by you. They should be upheld the same as you would uphold any other law. A wife may wait for the game warden's home coming, the same as a wife waits for the home coming of any other citizen; he is just as much a hero in the eyes of his children as any other man. Counsel for the defense would have you believe that this tragedy was an accident—it was murder (Attorney Reames at this juncture asked that the last be stricken from the records and was sustained.)

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GREY VOUCHES FOR INTEGRITY OF CHINA

LONDON, March 9.—Speaking in the house of commons this afternoon in reply to a question Foreign Secretary Grey said he had no doubt but that Japan would observe the treaty of 1905 under the terms where the Japanese and Great Britain guaranteed the integrity and the independence of China, together with equal commercial opportunities to all nations.

MORE FACTION FIGHTING IN MEXICO

MARCH 7 the Villistas captured Alameda after a fight lasting two hours. The Carranza forces are reported to be in full retreat toward Nuevo Laredo. Piedras Negras was being evacuated on the eighth. All documents and customs house books have been moved to the American side.