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## GERMANS HAMMERING AT RUSSIAN CENTER

### Slavs Are Being Steadily Pushed Backward In Terrific Attack On Kovno—Fighting Is Progressing Fiercely Along the Dardanelles and Turks Are Believed To Be Short of Ammunition—Serbia Refuses to Yield to Demands of Bulgaria

British artillery pouring a steady fire against the Turkish lines along a 200-yard front. In a desperate effort to check the attack, the Turks have delivered strong counter assaults, the statement said, but have not been able to withstand the British artillery and bayonet attacks.

In fierce charges against the Turks, British colonials captured a line of trenches on the slopes of Sari Bair, it was stated. A landing was also made at Sullabai and a strong foothold was gained on the cliffs in the Ari Burnu region. Six hundred prisoners were taken in the attack and the allied forces are now advancing toward Gaba Tepe. The French forces, co-operating with the British, advanced slightly.

Turks Lack Ammunition.

Athens, Aug. 14.—Despite optimistic statements from Constantinople, it was declared here today that Turkey's supply of ammunition is nearly exhausted as the result of the repeated attacks made by the allies against the Dardanelles. Private advices here report that diplomats of the central powers have renewed their efforts to obtain the consent of the Balkans for the passage of munitions from Germany.

Estimates received here place the number of wounded Turks now in Constantinople at 120,000.

French Bombard Jaffa.

Paris, Aug. 14.—A French cruiser destroyed the Wagner works at Jaffa, the ministry of marine announced today.

Jaffa is a town of Palestine, on the Mediterranean, 31 miles northwest of Jerusalem. The Wagner works there were destroyed because the Germans were manufacturing munitions for Turkey. Part of the works were also given over to building ships designed for an attack on the Suez canal.

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Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is developing a terrific attack against Kovno, the fortress on the northern extremity of the new Slav line, and there is no doubt here that it will fall soon. To the southeast, Field Marshal Von Mackensen is advancing slowly but surely upon Brest-Litovsk. He is dealing the Russian left flank heavy blows.

Military authorities here believe the present campaign will be completed within a few weeks. They do not expect the German armies to march against Petrograd, despite the fear of the allies that the czar's capital will be made the object of a continued offensive once Kovno, Vilna and Brest-Litovsk are in the hands of the Teutonic forces. The opinion of military circles here is that the Russians have already been dealt a blow from which they cannot recover before the allies are forced to accept peace.

The popular demand in Germany is for an offensive upon another front. They would like to see a new thrust against the French and British lines on the west.

It is accepted, however, that the eastern campaign will not be halted until the Kovno and Brest-Litovsk fortresses have fallen.

The capture of these strongholds will constitute the last phase of the offensive move. The fall of Warsaw left the Russians only Brest-Litovsk as a base for their field armies. If this fortress is captured then the forces of Grand Duke Nicholas will be scattered. They will be compelled to operate from separate bases and will be unable to concentrate effectively for an offensive of any strength. This will permit the transfer of great forces from the German and Austrian armies to other fronts.

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### MEXICANS STEAL CATTLE

Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 14.—Three hundred head of American cattle were stolen from the Harrison ranch nine miles east of here by Mexican soldiers today. During the "rustling" American cowboys and the raiders fought, but there were no casualties as the range was too long for accurate rifle work. Sheriff McKnight and a posse of 40 horsemen left here this afternoon determined to recover the cattle even if he has to cross the border into Mexico after them. American ranchers fear for their lives. No cavalry has been sent to protect them yet.

### Citizens Incensed Over Wanton Murder

Centralia, Wash., Aug. 14.—Feeling was intense today against Hiram Spangler, proprietor of a confectionery store at Vader, near here, who last night, in the presence of his four children, shot and killed his wife and then attempted suicide. The injury inflicted upon himself was superficial, however, and he was arrested by the town marshal and hurried to Centralia for fear that the angry citizens of the little town would wreak summary justice.

Mrs. Spangler was sitting in the store of her husband, surrounded by her children and talking to two women friends, when her husband walked up behind her, and placing a revolver to the back of her head, fired. Death was instantaneous. Spangler then fired at his own head, but he barely grazed the flesh on his cheek bone.

The two women who were in the store ran out and summoned the town marshal.

Mrs. Spangler's mother, Mrs. George Dye, of Centralia, and another daughter arrived at Vader shortly after the tragedy. Their grief was pathetic. Spangler had evidently timed his deed to coincide with their arrival.

On account of Mrs. Spangler's popularity, and the deliberateness of the crime, the citizens of Vader were greatly angered and threats of lynching were heard on all sides. For this reason the town marshal hurried his prisoner to Centralia.

Neighbors say that Spangler has been mistreating his wife for some time.

### Businessmen Would Keep Track of Movers

An ordinance is being asked for by the business men of the city to provide for a record to be kept by the chief of police, showing the date of removal, place from which moved, and to which moved, as well as a record of all household goods and personal effects transported from one place to another in the city of Salem.

All information regarding the removal of these personal or household goods must be furnished by the person or persons owning or operating transportation facilities. The ordinance to be asked for also provides that this information must be given in weekly statements, on blanks furnished by the chief of police.

Another section of the ordinance to be asked for by the business men provides that it shall be unlawful for any one to give a fictitious name when buying or selling, or for the driver or owner of any transportation facilities, to not make such a statement in each and every case of removal of household or personal property.

This is being asked for for the protection of the business men.

### Prices Fluctuated In Wall Street Today

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New York, Aug. 14.—Prices fluctuated irregularly at the opening of the stock market today but "war stocks" soon became weak and sold at sharp recessions. There was renewed selling in crucible steel which was exceptionally weak during the first hour when it touched 70—a drop of eight points from yesterday—and the general market was affected, although many railroads remained firm. Chalmers declined sharply. There was rather heavy selling in all speculative stocks, but news that there was no news to account for the decline. The market appeared to be heavy, however, and the expected break in the "war stocks" quickly disclosed some of the large speculative holdings.

United States Steel was fractionally lower and was well taken on the decline. Some of the "war stocks" rallied partially at the end of the first hour and toward the close prices improved and the market had a better tone.

Reading was active on the late advance and the market generally showed fair gains from the day's low.

### MEXICAN LEADERS FOR PEACE

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 14.—Six Mexican governors today announced they would support any peace plans proposed by Secretary Lansing and the Latin American conferees. They are the governors of Durango, Coahuila, Guerrero, Tlaxcala, Sinaloa and Chihuahua. In furtherance of peace they declared they would repel with their military forces any invasion by Generals Villa or Carranza.

### THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair to night and Sunday; northwesterly winds.

### MEXICAN FLURRY RESULT OF PLOT TO FORCE WAR

White House Has Information That Americans Are Back of It

### PRESIDENT'S RETURN HOME CAUSED QUIET

It Is Possible That Interest Responsible Will Be Uncovered As Result

Washington, Aug. 14.—The recent Mexican flurry was a plot to stampede the United States into war, President Wilson has uncovered it, it was pointed out today that three hours after his arrival in Washington the excitement petered out.

The identity of the plotters is not public property yet, but an investigation is being made here and elsewhere to discover what interest was behind them.

The outstanding facts which became known today are:

When Secretary Lansing met the Latin American diplomats in New York and while the president was in Cornish, those in the plot felt that the time for action had arrived.

The border troubles were a part of the scheme. The White House knows that certain American interests have for years offered sums to border "bad men" to organize "armies" of Americans and Mexicans, lead them into Mexico and then turn back against the United States border, kill Americans and destroy property and make Americans believe that Mexicans were marching against this country.

The present trouble along the border has the earmarks of such a scheme. The interests behind the bandits engaged are regarded as being guilty of murder.

The White House knows the name of at least one prominent western man who has boasted for years that he had a standing offer of a great sum of money from certain American interests, possibly backed by foreigners, to organize a fake Mexican invasion.

Simultaneous with the border troubles, the plotters worked up the Vera Cruz scare. The White House has learned that foreigners were never endangered there, but somehow the plotters stamped a few of the less cool heads in the navy and warships were headed for "southern waters."

That there are certain American interests trying to involve the United States in war at any cost is regarded as being clearly proven by the recent flurry. If possible they will be uncovered. Intervention is as far away as ever.

### NOTABLES TO ATTEND WATER POWER MEETING HELD IN PORTLAND

Members of Cabinet and of Congress Scheduled to Make Addresses

At a recent meeting of the Oregon delegates elected by the last legislature to represent this state at the forthcoming water power congress, to be held in Portland, September 21, 22 and 23, a tentative program was arranged. Governor Withycombe, who is ex-officio chairman of the Oregon delegation, today issued invitations to the following men, requesting their participation in the program. The subjects upon which they have been asked to speak are written after each name. Representatives of the various points of view in the western water power question, so far as possible, have been asked for expressions of their opinions, it being the desire of the conference to develop the several sides of the case.

It is the present plan that a day or a day and a half shall be devoted to the reading of papers and hearing addresses. During the balance of the conference there will be opportunity for expression of opinion from the distinguished persons who are delegated to the conference and for others to speak.

In preparing a partial program the Oregon delegations feels it desirable to have a basis upon which to work when the conference assembles, when it will be possible for the conference as a whole to enlarge this program through its committees as it sees fit.

Hon. J. C. Halston, Spokane, "Water Power and Its Relation to National Development."

Hon. Sempel H. Piles, Seattle, "State Ownership of Water."

Hon. Reed Smoot, Provo, Utah, "Federal Tax on Water Powers."

Hon. John D. Works, Los Angeles, Cal.

Hon. Geo. E. Chamberlain, Portland, Ore.

Hon. John H. Roemer, Chicago, Ill.

Hon. Frank H. Short, Fresno, Cal.

"The Constitutional Aspects of the Ferries Bill."

Hon. William E. Borah, Boise, Idaho.

Hon. Wesley O. Jones, North Yakima, Wash.

Hon. Oscar W. Underwood, Birmingham, Ala.

Hon. Henry D. Pierce, Seattle, Wash.

Hon. David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture.

Hon. Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior.

Hon. Lindley M. Garrison, secretary of war, "Navigable Stream Water Power Legislation."

James Marr, which went 21 to 10, 21 to 20 won by Marr, and 21 to 17. The leaders of the list are Bishop, Gingrich, Ben Williams, McFuire, Staley and H. V. Compton.

### Handball Champions Biff Their Way To Head of Y. M. C. A. List

Three exciting games of handball, pulled off at the Y. M. C. A. last night, made as many changes in the standing of the participants and furnished sport and amusement for those present.

Chauncy Bishop is now undisputed champion of the city by reason of his defeat of O. B. Gingrich, who went down before the Bishop attack by two games, both of which ended 21 to 20. Ben Williams climbed another notch higher when he defeated Dr. McIntire 21 to 10 and 21 to 11. Dr. McIntire was out of form and did not play his usual steady game.

L. H. Compton won two games from

### JOINT PEACE APPEAL WILL BE LAST WORD

General Carranza, Defiant Faction Leader, Is Addressed In Friendly Tone—How He Will Receive Suggestions Is Matter of Conjecture—Rumor Comes From Texas That Rebel Leader Would Conquer United States—Situation On Border Is Anything But Satisfactory

Washington, Aug. 14.—General Carranza today received the last word from his neighbors in the way of a friendly suggestion of peace.

The appeal signed by representatives of the Latin American powers and Secretary of State Lansing has been delivered to him at Vera Cruz. Upon the "first chief" alone largely depends the hope of the Pan-American powers for a conference between the warring Mexican factions which may result in the establishment of a new government capable of maintaining order.

While Carranza has been defiant and uncompromising, and his almost belligerent attitude has not made officials overly optimistic, the administration still thinks there is a chance that he will respond to the peace appeal. He is expected to make some counter proposal and this perhaps may serve as an entering wedge leading to an agreement between the factions.

The appeal of the Pan-American powers for peace in Mexico was sent to Spanish to Generals Carranza, Villa and Zapata. Copies in English and Spanish were forwarded to the governors of the Mexican states, military and civil authorities and to diplomatic representatives in Mexico City during the night.

Foreign Interests.

That several European governments were interviewed as to the Mexican peace plan was confirmed today. While they took no part in the negotiations no objection was raised and if the peace efforts are successful the European powers interested will file claims for property losses with any new government that is established.

Secretary Lansing today said the Mexican appeal would probably be made public next week. The delay in delivering the great number of copies to various officials and authorities will prevent earlier publication of the document.

General Funston today reported that clashes along the border were now becoming fewer. The outbreaks are largely local and the situation is generally improved.

The battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana are due in Guantanamo Sunday where they will probably remain, ready to answer any call for reinforcements that may come from Vera Cruz.

May Not Be Delivered.

Whether General Carranza will permit the delivery of the peace appeal to his various commanders was a question before the administration officials today. It was necessary to cable the communication via Vera Cruz who sent the "first chief" could easily hold it up. The state department does not know

that Carranza would do this, but such action would cause no surprise here.

The question is regarded as important in official circles. Secretary Lansing and the Latin American envoys are hopeful that Carranza will respond willingly to the appeal and that his response will prove an effective influence with his most powerful lieutenants. It is also believed that should Carranza's lieutenants consent to peace conferences with other factions they could compel the "first chief" to acquiesce. Therefore, if Carranza prevents delivery of the peace appeal to his aids, other means of reaching them will be imperative. How this will be done is not clear and the state department will not discuss the problem until it is actually presented.

The appeal had cleared from the telegraph room of the state department this afternoon and should reach the various leaders within a day unless interfered with.

Meetings Delayed.

Secretary Lansing would not say when the next conference with the Latin American envoys will be held. It is believed further meetings will be delayed, however, until the conferees have received some indication of the attitude taken by the different factions toward the appeal.

Officials were beginning to suspect this afternoon that the troubles along the border may be of American rather than Mexican manufacture. It is believed that outlaws of the border are taking advantage of the confused situation, but difficulties from such sources can be quickly suppressed, it is believed, unless the bandits are receiving encouragement from powerful interests.

Points of the Appeal.

It was learned on good authority today that the peace appeal to Mexico covers the following points:

One—That when the United States on June 2 urged the restoration of peace in Mexico, it spoke for foreign nations as well as for itself.

Two—To prove its unselfish aims, the United States asked the Latin American powers to co-operate in bringing about peace.

Three—Believing that the masses of Mexico are not interested in the rivalries of the various leaders, the United States and Latin American powers urge the masses to inaugurate a peace movement.

Four—The Mexican people are urged to establish a constitutional government.

Five—The Pan-American conferees will recognize such a government and give it their moral support.

Six—As Mexico's next friends, the conferees confidently expect a favorable reply within a stated period.

### American Takes Consulate.

Washington, Aug. 14.—American Consul Douglas Jenkins has taken over the British consulate at Riga, the Baltic port threatened by the Germans, the state department was advised today.

### Oregon School Exhibit in Educational Palace at the Fair Attracts Attention

Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 14.—General Carranza modestly plans to conquer from the United States the territory lost by Mexico in 1847, if a statement of Manuel Rincón to Sheriff Van of Cameron county and Captain Anderson, of the Twelfth infantry is to be believed. Rincón said he was forced to join the band of Mexican raiders who terrorized the border early this week.

"The attack upon the Norris ranch Sunday was for the purpose of getting tools to remove rails and wreck a train," said Rincón. "The object of this was to block the railroad line so reinforcements could not be brought up to the Rio Grande."

At Nolan, Rincón said, the leader of the Mexicans took a paper from his pocket and read to his followers a declaration that the purpose of the expedition was to reclaim the land taken from Mexico. It was ordered in the name of Carranza, the officer said.

Half of the party came from Mexico, according to Rincón.

With the strong border patrol now on duty the situation in this region is believed to be under control. Only one band of raiders is believed to still be intact.

Washington, Aug. 14.—General Funston today reported that Carranzista soldiers were with the Mexican bandits on the border, but expressed the opinion that General Carranza had not authorized their participation in raids upon American property. The raiders included 25 Texas-Mexicans, Funston's report to the war office said. Most of them have been driven into Mexico.

The gunboat Sacramento with the Brazilian and Guatemalan ministers aboard is expected to reach New Orleans tonight from Vera Cruz.

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