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U. S. ASKS HELP OF HEMISPHERE TO QUIET MEXICO

Uncle Sam Decides to Request Co-Operation of South and Central America in Pacifying Republic.

MEETING TO BE HELD THURSDAY

Envoys from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala to See Lansing.

CARRANZA SAYS HE RULES

BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The United States has decided to ask the co-operation of South and Central America in the next step to restore peace in Mexico. The ambassadors from Argentina, Brazil and Chile and the ministers from Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala have been asked to confer with Secretary Lansing here Thursday.

ITALIAN MULE TRANSPORT TRAIN supplying the artillery corps. The great number of American mules, bought in this country before the entrance of Italy into the war, are the backbone of the transportation service.



GERMANY WANTS BIG FLAGS PAINTED ON AMERICAN SHIPS

First Answer of Berlin to Wilson's Last Note Shows Kaiser Seeks to Avoid Attacking U. S. Craft.

WASHINGTON IS GRATIFIED

Imperial Government Says Colors Now Adorning Boats Hardly Large Enough.

GERARD TRANSMITS REQUEST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Germany's first response to the last American note on submarine warfare has come from the admiralty, which has requested that American ships have American flags painted on their sides in proportions large enough to be recognized at a distance by submarine commanders. Many American ships are painting the national colors on their sides now, but it is said they are painted too small.

Ambassador Gerard transmitted the request in a message. The dispatch brought out no comment in official quarters, but it was plain that evidence of a desire by Germany to avoid attacks on American ships was gratifying.

FOUR DIPLOMATIC NOTES RECEIVED

Three Communications from Great Britain and One from Germany Reach Washington.

ALL REFER TO SHIPPING RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Great Britain's supplemental note in reply to American representations on interference with neutral shipping reached the State department today and will be published in Wednesday morning newspapers with the note received last week on the same subject and a third note regarding detention of the American steamer Neches, which also arrived today.

Secretary Lansing said the supplemental note was a reply to caveat sent by the United States on July 17 declaring this government would not recognize the validity of prize court proceedings taken under restraints imposed by British law in derogation of the rights of American citizens under international law. The caveat was filed to avoid any misunderstanding as to the attitude of the United States toward the orders in council. Officials would not discuss the British communications. Objection had been made by the British authorities to publication of any parts until the notes have been released by arrangements between the governments.

New Principle in Neches Case.
The case of the American steamer Neches, which forms the basis of the third note, involves the right of a belligerent to seize goods originating in an enemy country or even in a neutral country adjacent to the enemy country and supposed to be subjected to its influence, but destined for another neutral country. Heretofore the broad principles of international law have regarded such goods as exempt from seizure, unless they were passing through the blockade line and so far the United States has declined to recognize an ally blockade of the North Sea. The supplemental note is understood to defend the British action in the Neches case.

Germany Answers Frey Note.
Germany's reply to the last American note on the sinking of the sailing ship, William P. Fry, by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, received here today, is understood to reiterate its contention that under the Prussian-American treaty of 1858 Germany may continue to destroy American ships carrying contraband if it pays for them.

Kaiser May Not Answer.
BERLIN, Aug. 2.—(By Wireless to Bayville.)—Among the news items prepared today by the Overseas News agency for transmission by wireless telegraph abroad was the following: "Notwithstanding reports to the contrary, the German government has not yet decided whether the American note regarding German submarine warfare will be answered. The government awaits the text of the announced American note to Great Britain before deciding what further steps will be taken."

Rumor Warsaw Is To Be Destroyed by Russ Causes Panic

WARSAW, July 31.—(via Petrograd and London, Aug. 2.)—The intimation that the Vistula line was to be abandoned by the Russians and the beginning of the removal of factories, government institutions and hospitals, created intense excitement among all classes of the population of the Polish capital.

It was feared that the military authorities might deem the city a military necessity and would destroy a great part of the city to prevent its use by the Germans as a base. Many wealthy residents left for the interior and many of those who remained sent their families out during the past fortnight.

The streets, which generally are thronged, became deserted. That period having passed with a realization that the city is to be spared, those remaining have taken up their normal trend of living.

German Army Takes Mitau, Capital of the Province of Courland

BERLIN, Aug. 2.—(via London.)—Mitau, the capital of the Russian province of Courland, twenty-five miles southeast of Riga, has been occupied by German troops, according to the official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

Northwest of Lomza, capital of the province of Lomza, seventy-two miles southwest of Suwalki, the statement adds, the German troops have reached the Narew river and are overcoming obstinate resistance on the part of the Russians.

Before Warsaw, the announcement says, the situation is unchanged.

COLONEL DESCLAUX, FRENCH PAYMASTER, IS DEGRADED

PARIS, Aug. 2.—Colonel Francois Desclaux, ex-paymaster general of the French army, who on March 27, was sentenced by a military court martial to seven years' solitary confinement after being convicted on the charge of stealing military stores, was degraded this morning at the military school without incident.

RUSSIAN ARMY IS ABANDONING POLISH SALIENT

Indirect News Indicates that Grand Duke is Withdrawing Forces from the Zone Around Warsaw.

RUSSIANS STILL HOLD CAPITAL

Germans Gain Some Ground in Region Between the Narew and Ohe Rivers.

EXPECT DIVERSION IN THE WEST

BULLETIN.
BERLIN, Aug. 2. (Via Wireless to Bayville, N. Y.)—The German empress, after traveling through East Prussia, accompanied by the crown princess has left Koenigsburg for Berlin.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—(11:53 a. m.)—No direct news from Warsaw has been received here today. While there are increasing indications that Grand Duke Nicholas is withdrawing his army from the Polish salient, there is evidence that the capital still is in possession of the Russians, since Petrograd correspondents of Warsaw papers were directed to send accounts of the Duma's opening for the issues of Monday morning.

That Russia has not entirely abandoned hope of a diversion in the west which may relieve the tremendous pressure exerted upon it by the Austro-German armies, is shown by the announcement from Petrograd that the German forces before Warsaw have been heavily reinforced from the west "thereby creating favorable conditions for active operations by our allies."

Heavy Fighting.
There has been heavy fighting on the Narew front, where the Germans have made some progress in the desperate battle which is raging between the Narew and Ohe rivers.

Latest reports from Vienna are that the Russians are retreating further east, pursuing German regiments having passed through Chelm.

The opening of the Russian Duma was before a brilliant assemblage. The ministers in their speeches did not attempt to minimize the gravity of the situation, but all agreed that Russian had not reached the end of its resources. The minister of war summed up in his views with the assertion that Russia perhaps would surrender Warsaw as Moscow was given up in 1812 in order to insure final victory.

On the western front artillery duels only marked the military operations.

French Official Report.
PARIS, Aug. 2.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a statement on the progress of hostilities, reading: "The evening of August 1 and the night of August 2 were marked by various infantry encounters.

"In the Artois district, after having repulsed several German attacks with hand grenades, we took possession of a section of a trench along the road between Ablain and Angres, to the north of the National Highway, running between Bethune and Arras.

"In the vicinity of Souchez, the firing has been going on with hand grenades and bombs, but it has brought no change on the front line either to one side or the other.

"In the Champagne district, along the front between Perthes and Beaucourt, there was fighting yesterday with mines, in which we had the advantage.

"Three and in the vicinity of St. Hubert, the Germans, after a spirited fight, in which bombs were used, made several attempts to launch attacks, but were repulsed.

"On the heights of the Meuse, between Les Eparges and the Calonne trench, there was a battle on August 1.

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SHIPPERS OF STOCK AND OFFICERS MEET

Sanitary Officials from Four States Confer in South Omaha Over Regulations.

KANSAS QUARANTINE LIFTED

To have the Bureau of Animal Industry, at Washington, in absolute control of the situation with sanitary commissions and boards of each stock growing state in the union furnishing inclusive reports of specific local conditions from time to time, all adhering to the decision of the national board, was in brief the plan offered by stock and sanitary representatives of four states at their joint meeting with the Nebraska Live Stock Sanitary board yesterday afternoon at the Exchange building in South Omaha.

Twenty-two men, stockmen, sanitary experts, officials and state veterinarians of Colorado, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska met in informal session and discussed in detail the stock situation as it now exists.

To the apparent unwillingness of the farmer and stockman to meet the proposition of eliminating hog cholera, coupled with the unsupervised sale of hog cholera serum, was attributed as the direct cause of the present epidemic of cholera among hogs. The progress of activities in eliminating the foot and mouth disease, that caused so many millions of dollars loss to stock raisers and farmers and expense to the states handling stock, was reviewed in detail and the mistakes of procedure decided to eliminate.

Kansas Quarantine Lifted.
A general discussion of live stock shipment conditions was held during the afternoon and it was decided to free the southern part of Kansas from the quarantine embargo for the foot and mouth disease, which has been in force against this section since the beginning of the epidemic. This will permit free shipment of stock to and from the entire state of Kansas hereafter.

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To Apply to All Stock.
This was especially to apply to demands for the tuberculin test for tuberculosis in cattle, the Mallien test for glanders in horses and the various serum vaccinations for cholera in swine.

At present varying regulations in different states makes the matter of interstate shipments often a perplexing problem.

Live stock men were invited to the conference, for there has been in the past more or less of a barrier between these shippers and the boards which restrict their operations.

The meeting was conducted in good spirit. With a view of arranging some definite plan, a further conference will be held to adopt regulations which will later be submitted to the boards of the various states for adoption, so that shippers may hereafter work on exact information.

Merger for Reciprocity.
Dr. J. H. Mercer, president of the Kansas Live Stock Sanitary board, opened the meeting at 1:30 o'clock with a strong argument for reciprocity between sanitary commissions of the different stock growing states in making their rules, regulations and embargoes on the importation and exportation of cattle of other states. Reviewing inconsistencies of the stringent regulations imposed by boards of different states while the foot and mouth disease was raging, he expressed all on the grounds that the sudden seriousness of the situation compelled hasty action, in most cases justifiable, but contended that, since the foot and mouth disease has now entirely disappeared, some action should be taken tending towards a uniformity of intra and interstate rules and regulations.

Not Single Germ Left.
"I feel safe in saying, as a man who has had a life's experience in handling stock and for several years connected with the sanitary board of the state of Kansas, that there is not one germ of the foot and mouth disease existing in the stock growing states of the country today.

"With such a condition existing, it is indicated a trace of eradication.

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VILLA CONFISCATES CHIHUAHUA STORES

He Tells Foreign Merchants They Have Been Stealing from People and Sends Them to Border.

DEFIES AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 2.—Reports brought here today were that General Francisco Villa, addressing a gathering of foreign merchants at Chihuahua City Saturday, said: "The American government can go to hell."

It is also reported that he confiscated a number of stores belonging to foreigners, took forty-two Mexican merchants to jail and in order to raise a forced loan, later executed six of them.

According to the reports brought here by merchants, General Villa stamped up and down the room where foreign and Mexican business men were assembled Saturday in the governor's palace and shook his fist in the faces of the thirty or forty present. Some of the foreigners were escorted to the meeting under guard.

Villa Uses Emphatic Language.
"I am going to take your business for the benefit of the state," he declared. "Your employees will remain here and conduct the business under the direction of my agents—you have been stealing from the people for yourselves.

"Tomorrow at noon a train will be ready to take you foreigners to the border. We are poor here and I will not send bread or water on the train. Meanwhile, you Americans and Germans and Frenchmen, my telegraph wires will be open to you and you can protest to your governments.

"If the American government does not like my action, it can go to hell. I have been fighting for twenty years and I am willing to fight as many years more."

The trade ended, it was said, with a general order for the confiscation of all stores in Chihuahua by the Villa government.

Among the foreign firms affected is the general supply store of Kelsens and Degman, the hardware business of Krakauer, Zork and Meyer; the jewelry store of E. H. Booth; the merchandise store of L. W. Thompson; the dry goods house of William Bunsow and half a dozen others.

The train which was to carry the merchants away was to leave for Chihuahua Sunday at 11 a. m. It had not arrived at the border up to noon today.

Big British Plant Seized.
Among the other plants taken over by the Villa government is the Jabonera cotton seed production company, said to be a British corporation representing an investment of about \$5,000,000. This company is known to have already paid a quarter of a million in loans to the Villa government.

The state treasurer of Chihuahua was ordered to place the state seal on the doors of all confiscated stores, according to reports which were received today. General Villa is alleged to have declared that if a seal was broken, the owner of the store would be shot.

It was in the face of these events that a second meeting of the merchants with General Villa was called for yesterday in the hope of securing a modification of the wholesale confiscation. The result of this meeting has not reached the border.

The mining men in Villa territory are to meet for the second time with General Villa today to hear the demand for a loan by Villa.

Deficit for July is Sixteen Millions

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Treasury reports for July, the first month of the new fiscal year, ran \$16,000,000 behind expenditures. A working balance of approximately \$100,000,000 is still available from all sources.

SHOOTS SELF AS WIFE AND HIRED MAN ARE LEAVING

SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Fremont Shelly committed suicide today by shooting. Domestic trouble was the immediate cause. He was one of the early settlers here. Saturday he was entering to discharge a hired man, but Mrs. Shelly objected. She and the hired man loaded up some of the furniture and as they were leaving the place today Shelly shot himself, causing almost instant death.

CARRANZA ARMY IN MEXICO CITY

Reported Recapture of Capital Friday Night is Confirmed by Dispatch from Silliman.

PEOPLE ARE NEAR STARVATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Official confirmation of the recapture of Mexico City by Carranza's army under General Gonzalez, reached the State department today from American Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz.

A message to the American Red Cross from Mexico City says there have been cases of death and collapse from starvation in the capital. The Red Cross message was from Charles J. O'Connor, the society's relief agent at Mexico City. "Prices are prohibitive," it said. "There is practically no corn in the city. Authentic cases of death and collapse from starvation. Some people are eating leaves, grass, weeds, dead horses and mules."

Battle Friday Night.
Consul Silliman's message said Mexico City was occupied by the Gonzalez forces Friday night "on urgent orders of General Carranza and aided."

"A severe fight occurred Friday afternoon at a point east of Guadalupe. Director of the telegraph states telegraph communication is expected by Sunday afternoon at the latest. Communication with Tula, via Pachuca, and is being pushed northward. Occupation of Zacatecas by Obregon's forces confirmed. It is stated that General Gonzalez is going directly into Mexico City instead of lingering as before, and it is expected that communication will be restored at once. It also is expected that Carranza will move his entire government to Mexico City during August."

Cotton Crop is Four Million Bales Short

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—This year's equivalent 500-pound bales, compared cotton crop will be approximately 11,970,007 with 15,145,000 bales last year. That estimate, unofficially calculated, is based on the government's condition report issued today and official figures or acreage and normal yield. Whether the crop will be greater or less depends upon growing conditions from now until picking time. The condition of the growing cotton crop of July 23, was 75.3 per cent of a normal.

The Day's War News

FRENCH INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE has submitted a further report on alleged violations of the accepted rules of warfare by German troops.

TWO BRITISH STEAMERS, the *Clinton* and the *Pulitzer*, are reported today to have been sunk by German submarines.

GERMANY HAS NOT yet decided whether the American note regarding submarine warfare will be answered, says a message received from Berlin by wireless. It is awaiting the text of the next communication to Great Britain to determine what course it will pursue.

THERE HAS BEEN no important fighting on the Gallipoli peninsula for two weeks. Reports from Athens say that a serious fire in Constantinople has destroyed 3,000 buildings, including a military hospital.

ITALIAN AUTHORITIES, according to a late estimate, have in their possession something over 17,000 Austrian prisoners.

STOP OFF IN OMAHA THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST

The Nebraska Businessmen's Outing association is sojourning here this week. Omaha is glad to offer its hospitality as a place where business and pleasure can be well and profitably combined.

Hexamer Hopes for Victory for Kaiser on Seas, Land and Air

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Hope of victory for German and Austrian arms "on the seas, on land and in the air," was voiced here today at the opening of the eighth biennial convention of the National German-American alliance by Dr. C. J. Hexamer of Philadelphia, president of the organization. The sessions will continue four days and will be held jointly with the German-American League of California.

About 95 delegates registered, representing more than 2,000,000 members in the United States and territories. Dr. Hexamer's reference to the European war was made in the course of his address, after speeches of welcome by representatives of the city and state.

"Germany is fighting today for the principle which will bring world peace nearer to us than all the efforts of pacifists and dreamers," Dr. Hexamer said. "Germany is fighting for the principle of the open sea on the oceans as well as on land. If this principle were to receive general recognition many of the causes for future wars would be eliminated.

"Therefore, hail and victory to German and Austrian arms on the seas, on land and in the air."

"The purpose of this alliance, especially since August, 1914, has been to promote friendly relations between Germany and the United States and it is the hope of German-Americans that those friendly relations may never be disturbed."

Reports on the affairs of the organization were made from every state, the District of Columbia and the territory of Hawaii. All business of the convention is conducted in German.

Milwaukee, Wis., and Omaha, Neb., appeared at the session today as leading candidates for 1917 convention.

Three Million Russians Are Held Prisoners of War

BERLIN, Aug. 2.—(By Wireless to Bayville.)—The German war ministry furnishes in connection with the first anniversary of the war interesting figures relating to the successes of the central powers, says the Overseas News agency.

"Germany and Austria-Hungary occupy 25,000 square kilometers in Belgium, 21,000 in France, 130,000 in Russia and 10,000 in French Alsace.

"Prisoners of war taken in Galicia now in German camps and hospitals, or employed as workers, total 335,899; men captured in the campaign last week and on their way to camp number 130,000; prisoners in Austria-Hungary number 938,543, making a grand total of 1,364,442."

"Prisoners taken in Russia and now in Germany total 7,500 officers and 730,000 noncommissioned officers and privates; in Austria 2,190 officers and 610,000 noncommissioned officers and privates, total 5,390 officers and 1,230,000 men.

"German collecting stations received up to the middle of June 5,543 captured field guns and 1,256 machine guns. Many field pieces were not delivered to these nations, but were kept with the troops and are being used against their former owners. While exact figures are not available, it is estimated that nearly 8,000 guns and 2,000 machine guns have been captured."

Rural Auto Mail Delivery Begins

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Two hundred and eight automobile rural delivery routes, distributed over eight states, went into operation today. This means that approximately 11,460 miles of rural post roads will be traversed six days a week during August by automobile.

In all 366 motor routes have been authorized. Two experimental routes were put into operation at Quarryville, Pa., July 1. Other authorizations include eighty-three routes, effective October 1. The routes vary in length from a fifty-mile minimum to sixty-four miles, and will be operated from nine to twelve months a year.

Claims He Is Master.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—With official confirmation of the recapture of Mexico City, General Carranza today cabled his agency here a detailed review of the military situation in Mexico to show the extent of the territory under domination of his forces.

General Obregon, he says, is in possession of Zacatecas and Aguas Calientes and is repairing the railway line to reopen communication with Tampico.

General Gonzalez, now having occupied Mexico City, is to immediately repair the railroad to Queretaro and continue pushing north.

General Irujo, now being in complete control of the state of Sinaloa, General Carranza says, will immediately start into Sonora, hitherto one of the Villa strongholds. Communication between Mazatlan on the Pacific side, Guadalupe, the second largest city in Mexico, and Irapuato has been restored. Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and the greater portion of Coahuila are now in control of General Trevino's troops and all the railways, General Carranza says, are in running order. Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco, Chiapas, and Vera Cruz are normal.

Controls Most of Country.

From this General Carranza cabled: "You will see the constitutional government controls the greater part of the country. It only expects not to be interrupted, so that it may accomplish a definite work of peace and reconstruction of the republic."

Official advice to the United States said General Carranza was expecting to move the seat of government from Vera Cruz to Mexico City in August. Some sort of a request for recognition is expected to follow. Other advice today said General Villa was retreating north, abandoning Torreon, and establishing headquarters at Chihuahua City.

Villa Forces Defeated.
General Obregon, according to State department dispatches, today reached Coahuila, and began efforts to open the railroad to Mexico City. His forces took possession of San Luis Potosi July 15, which Villa's troops evacuated two days before.

The Piedras Negras district is reported in control of Villa forces.

Villa Leaves Torreon.
The State department has unofficial reports that General Villa abandoned Torreon, established headquarters at Chihuahua and ordered Americans there to leave. Nothing official has been received.

Advices concerning Paul Hudson, an American editor of the Mexican Herald, say he was held a prisoner in the Herald building as late as July 25, when Zapata followers were operating his press, printing his paper, El Renovador.

"It is presumed, however," the department's dispatch says, "that upon the entry of Carranza forces into Mexico City, the Brazilian minister was able to obtain the release of Mr. Hudson and his staff."

Child Electrocutted.

BOONE, Ia., Aug. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Alexander, 4-year-old son of George Duncan, interurban employe, was electrocuted yesterday when he grasped an electric wire, broken by a severe storm.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity fair, with rising tendency.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	67
6 a. m.	67
7 a. m.	67
8 a. m.	67
9 a. m.	68
10 a. m.	68
11 a. m.	68
12 m.	68
1 p. m.	68
2 p. m.	68
3 p. m.	68
4 p. m.	68
5 p. m.	68
6 p. m.	68
7 p. m.	68
8 p. m.	68
9 p. m.	68
10 p. m.	68
11 p. m.	68
12 m.	68

Comparative Local Record.	
1915.	1914.
Highest yesterday	72
Lowest yesterday	56
Mean temperature	66
Precipitation	.00

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:
Normal temperature..... 70
Deficiency for the day..... 12
Total deficiency since March 1..... 28
Normal precipitation..... .18 inch
Excess for the day..... .00 inch
Total rainfall since March 1..... .18 inches
Excess since March 1..... 1.18 inches
Deficiency for year period, 1915, 2.56 inches
Deficiency for year period, 1914, 2.56 inches

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