

BRITAIN IN PROTEST

CARRANZA'S DECREE CONFISCATING OIL PROPERTIES IN MEXICO BRINGS COMPLAINT.

BRYAN WARNS CARRANZA

Secretary Declares Government Told Mexican Chief That Serious Consequences Would Follow Threatened Seizure of Wells.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Secretary of State Bryan announced on Friday that the United States government had warned General Carranza that "serious consequences would follow" threatened confiscation of foreign oil wells at Tampico.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, delivered to the state department a protest of the most emphatic character against General Carranza's decree confiscating oil properties in the Tampico district.

The British representations to the state department make it clear that the British government will not countenance the destruction of oil interests owned by British subjects at Tampico and the United States government was urged to take drastic action toward inducing Carranza to revoke his decree.

BRITAIN MAKES OFFER TO U. S.

Would Free Ships If Bond Is Given—Embassy Says Decision Must Rest With Prize Court.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Release on bond of ships detained in British prize courts will be permitted by the British government if the judge of the court is willing, according to a statement issued on Friday by the British embassy, which says:

"While they cannot give a pledge that all ships now in prize courts will be released on bail being offered, because the decision must rest with the judge, his majesty's government, in order to relieve a shortage of tonnage, are anxious to withdraw ships as little as possible from the carrying trade and will, therefore, not oppose release on bail of ships now in prize courts, if bail is offered. Only seven neutral vessels are at present in the prize court."

5,000 FRENCH ARE KILLED

Berlin Reports 5,200 French Captured and Huge Number Left Dead in Battle.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—German army headquarters announced on Friday that in the battle north of Soissons the French left 4,000 to 5,000 dead on the field and that the Germans captured 5,200 Frenchmen, 14 guns, six machine guns, several revolving guns and six towns and cleared the north bank of the Aisne river northeast of Soissons of all French troops. The battle was directed by General von Kluck and the emperor was present. Six towns were captured by the Germans.

WHOLE FAMILY IS LYNCHED

Two Women, Father and His Son, All Negroes, Are Killed at Monticello, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 18.—Dan Barber, his son Jesse and Barber's two married daughters, Eula and Ella Charles, negroes, were taken from the Jasper county jail at Monticello and lynched by 100 men. Their bodies were riddled with bullets. The lynchings resulted indirectly from a fight that recently occurred at Dan Barber's home, when J. P. Williams, chief of police, attempted to arrest him on a charge of selling whisky without a license.

WABASH TRAIN INTO DITCH

One Man Killed and Thirteen Passengers Injured in Wreck Near Runnells, Ia.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 18.—D. J. Robbe of St. Louis, Mo., was killed and 13 other passengers were injured in a wreck on the Wabash railroad near Runnells, Ia. Two sleeping cars on the rear end of train No. 1, from St. Louis to Des Moines, plunged down an embankment. The injured passengers were brought to Des Moines and taken to hospitals.

TWO MASKED MEN ROB BANK

Bandits Force Clerks into Vault at Jacksonville, Fla., and Get \$2,000.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 18.—Two masked men, armed with revolvers, forced two clerks of the American Trust and Savings bank here into a vault on Friday and escaped with \$2,000 in cash.

Famous Explorer Dead

London, Jan. 18.—Vice-Admiral Sir George Strong Nares, retired, a famous Arctic explorer, died here on Friday, aged eighty-four. Admiral Nares commanded an arctic expedition in 1875-76.

Steamer Is Wrecked

Port Louis, Manhattan Island, Jan. 18.—The steamer Canara, bound from Colombo, was wrecked a mile east of Cave Point Light on Thursday. Her mails and passengers were landed here.

ASKS 25,000 TROOPS

LODGE IN PLEA FOR MORE MEN AND SHIPS.

Senator Says "Our Means of Self Defense Are Either Inadequate or Wholly Lacking."

Washington, Jan. 17.—"Our means of self-defense are either woefully inadequate or wholly lacking," declared Senator Lodge of Massachusetts in a speech in the senate urging the addition of 25,000 men to the army and the strengthening of the navy. He would build scout cruisers, torpedo boats and battleships.

The senator quoted figures to show the regular army "is not much more than twice the size of the police force of the city of New York," and said:

"Surely it is not necessary to do more than repeat these figures to show the utter inadequacy of our regular army. The reserves which we have of soldiers who have served in the army and who are liable to be called back to the colors amount to 16 men. In other words, we have no reserves with which rapidly to enlarge the army if we were attacked."

"We are also short of officers, and the instruction of the organized militia suffers woefully from the lack of officers available for that service."

"Yet we are doing nothing toward increasing our supply of officers, although we have the best military academy in the world ready to give instruction to any number of officers that we may need."

The worst naval deficiency just now is in scout cruisers, he said, and added:

"We have only three scout cruisers, I believe, to protect and give warning of the approach of a hostile fleet, for six thousand miles of coast on the Atlantic and Pacific."

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

New York, Jan. 14.—A 60-mile gale whirling up from the Florida coast lashed the northern Atlantic coast all night. In this city alone it caused the death of two persons, injuries to a dozen more and much property damage. More powerful blasts may be expected, according to the weather bureau, with the gale attacking the New England states. Incoming steamers reported severe battles with the storm.

Paris, Ill., Jan. 14.—Samuel Wagner, who won fame by wig-wagging at Altona Pass, Sherman's famous war message, "Hold the fort, I am coming," died here on Tuesday, aged seventy-three.

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—The German cruiser Bremen has arrived at Wilhelmshaven in a badly damaged condition, as a result of coming in contact with a mine, according to information received by Russia.

Paris, Jan. 14.—Emperor William is reported to be paying another visit to his army on French soil and is living at the chateau of a French member of the chamber of deputies in northern France.

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—The reported death of Grand Duke Alexander Michailovitch, brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, while fighting in Persia last week, was officially denied in Petrograd on Tuesday.

GOLD MEDALS FOR FOUR MEN

National Institute of Social Science Decorates Herrick, Carnegie, Burbank and Eugene Brieux.

New York, Jan. 15.—The National Institute of Social Science held its annual meeting here today and bestowed its gold medal on four men for their work in the interests of humanity. The men so honored are Myron T. Herrick, former American minister to France, who is now working in the interests of European noncombatants; Andrew Carnegie, for his deeds as peace advocate and philanthropist; Luther Burbank, the "plant wizard," and Eugene Brieux, the famous French dramatist. The principal address of the meeting was delivered by ex-President Taft.

SULTAN BOWS TO ITALY

Reported That King's Ultimatum to Turkey Brings Agreement to Settle Hodeida Clash.

Milan, Jan. 14.—Italy's demands for the solution of the Hodeida incident have been agreed on in bloc by the Sublime Porte. Turkey already has ordered the release of British Vice Consul Richardson, who was arrested in the Italian consulate at Hodeida, and has promised to punish the soldiers who broke into the consulate as well as to salute the Italian flag when it is again hoisted over the building.

Note in Sock Wins Husband

New York, Jan. 18.—Miss Jane Call arrived from Europe and left immediately for Atlanta, Ga., to deliver an engagement ring to a girl who put a note in the toe of a sock and won a British soldier.

Toledo Couple Found Dead

Toledo, O., Jan. 18.—Harry B. Butler and his housekeeper, Rudy Funder, were found dead on Friday morning at 38 South St. Clair street. Accidental asphyxiation is the verdict of the coroner.

KAISER WINS FIGHT

EMPEROR OF GERMANY DIRECTS RUSH AGAINST THE ALLIES.

CLEARED VREGNY OF ENEMY

Teutons Capture Fourteen Officers and 1,750 Men During the Battle—French Forced Across Aisne by Floods.

Berlin, Jan. 16 (by wireless).—Emperor William was present in person during the battle on the Vregny plain, northeast of Soissons, which resulted in that elevated ground being cleared of the French.

The battle is described in the German official statement as "a brilliant feat for our troops."

In this engagement the Germans claimed to have captured 14 French officers and 1,750 men.

"In the dunes near Neuport and southwest of Ypres," the official statement reads, "artillery combats are going on. The enemy directed an extremely strong fire on Westende, which they soon will have entirely destroyed. Their torpedo boats disappeared quickly as soon as they received our fire."

"In continuation of their activities of January 8, northeast of Soissons, our troops again made an attack on the heights of Vregny and cleared this elevated plain of the enemy."

"In a pouring rain and deeply sodden clay, trench after trench was taken by storm until after dark, and the enemy was driven back to the border of the elevated plain."

"The total results of the fight January 12 and 13 northeast of Soissons were 3,150 prisoners, eight heavy guns and much war material."

Within a two-hour motor ride of Paris Emperor William is directing a violent attack on the French line.

In their latest report the French claim to have stopped the German advance, but the battle is proceeding with heavy re-enforcements thrown in by both Germans and allies.

A definite defeat for either side at this point might force the reshaping of the battle all along the front.

Canonading was very spirited in the vicinity of Neuport and around Ypres. Belgian troops blew up southeast of Stuyveskerke the buildings on a farm which were serving the enemy as a depot for his munitions.

The continued food stage of the River Aisne has carried away several regular bridges as well as some temporary foot bridges which we threw across. The lines of communication of the allies were consequently made uncertain. Under these conditions we have established ourselves on the south bank of the river, in the region between Crouy and Misay, with bridge heads on the north bank in possession of the French.

GOV. BLEASE QUILTS OFFICE

Learns of Abandoned Impeachment Plan Just Before Filing His Resignation—Pardons 27.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 16.—Gov. Cole L. Blease, whose term of office expires January 19, filed his resignation on Thursday with the secretary of state after granting clemency to 27 convicts. The resignation, transmitted to the senate, was immediately accepted.

Lieutenant Governor Smith took the oath for the unexpired term. No reason for the governor's action was given in his resignation. It was stated that Governor Blease was told of a meeting of some members of the legislature Tuesday night when, according to reports, a proposal to institute impeachment proceedings against the governor was discussed, but was abandoned.

Bleuse continued to exercise pardoning power until the end of his administration, granting clemency in some cases just before he sent in his resignation. Last August Governor Blease was defeated in the senatorial primary.

U. S. SEIZES QUEEN'S GEMS

Two Eighteen-Carat Diamonds Taken Because Owner Failed to Declare Them.

New York, Jan. 16.—Treasury agents on Thursday seized from A. Anpikadjan, a resident of Constantinople now in this city, two egg-shaped diamonds weighing more than eighteen carats each and said to have been worn centuries ago by a queen of Egypt. The diamonds are said to be of great value, not only because of their size and quality, but because of their antiquity. Collector of the Port Dudley Field Malone directed the seizure of the jewels, which, it is claimed, Anpikadjan failed to declare to the customs officials when he arrived in the United States on October 13 last.

U. S. Battleship Damaged

Washington, Jan. 18.—The bridge gear, rails and decking of the United States battleship Kansas were swept away during a storm off Cape Hatteras. It will take 15 days to get the ship into commission again.

Immigration Bill Is Passed

Washington, Jan. 18.—The house on Friday adopted, by a vote of 227 to 96, the conference report on the Burnett immigration bill. The senate already had adopted the report. The bill will now go to the president.

WOULD KEEP WHEAT

LEAGUE ASKS WILSON TO PROHIBIT EXPORT OF GRAIN.

New York Woman Believes Embargo Would Keep Prices Normal—Grain Sold at \$1.45.

Washington, Jan. 17.—A telegram reached the White House from Mrs. Julian Heath of New York, of the Housewives' league, who said that speaking for 800,000 American homes, she urged President Wilson to embargo shipments of wheat abroad that the supply might be conserved to keep prices at normal in America.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—Cash No. 2 hard winter wheat sold on the board of trade at \$1.44 1/2 @ 1.44 3/4, but \$1.45 was bid for it at the close of the market. The No. 2 red variety was about 1/2 higher.

In spite of the fancy prices offered for wheat, the farmers refuse to sell more than limited quantities.

New York wired that export sales of grain from the United States probably would be a record for the season. The Armour Grain company reported the sales of 1,200,000 bushels of wheat lying in boats at Buffalo to the American commission for relief in Belgium.

New York export sales of wheat were 200,000 bushels. Chicago exporters had nothing to offer, though mills bought 135,000 bushels of cash wheat here.

RISKS LIFE TO SAVE PAINTING

St. Louis Millionaire Rescued, But Valuable Canvas Is Destroyed—\$10,000 Organ Destroyed.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14.—The palatial home of Jackson Johnson, millionaire president of the International Shoe company, at University City was destroyed by fire. Mr. Johnson, his wife, his son and his daughter were rescued by firemen when means of egress were cut off by the flames.

Among the valuables destroyed was the painting "Viscountess Melville" by Sir Thomas M. Lawrence, the celebrated English portrait artist. Mr. Johnson tried to enter the burning building to save the painting, but had to give up the attempt.

A \$10,000 organ, the Christmas gift of Mr. Johnson to his family, was destroyed, as were also rare oriental rugs and expensive pieces of imported furniture. Mr. Johnson estimated the loss at \$140,000 to \$200,000. The house contained 35 rooms.

80 TERRE HAUTE MEN GUILTY

Politicians Admit Vote Frauds in Federal Court—Mayor and Others File Demurrers.

Indianapolis, Jan. 14.—Admitting that they had participated in the alleged conspiracy to corrupt the election of November 3, 1914, in Terre Haute, 80 of 114 men under arrest pleaded guilty before Judge Anderson in the United States district court here on Tuesday. Sentence was not passed. Mayor Roberts, Circuit Judge Redman, Sheriff Shea and others who were represented by Representative A. C. Stanley of Kentucky filed demurrers to the indictment. Arguments on the demurrers will be made January 20. J. Edward Holler, who until a few days ago was chief of police of Terre Haute, and John F. Nugent, former night chief of police, were among those who pleaded guilty.

6 ACTRESSES HURT IN CRASH

Young Women on Way to Theatrical Benefit in Auto Injured by Car at Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—Six young woman performers who were on their way to a theatrical benefit for orphans in the Masonic temple were injured when an automobile in which they were riding was struck and partly wrecked in a collision with a street car at North Clark and West Huron streets. Those injured are: Miss Kate Mullinie, Miss Margaret Stevenson, Miss Clara Eldridge, Miss Mary Mullinie, Miss Lucille Farrell and Miss Evelyn Dare.

REWARDS BRITISH GENERALS

At Request of General Joffre, President Poincare Gives Insignia of Legion of Honor to Two.

Paris, Jan. 14.—President Poincare on his latest trip to the front invested the British generals, Sir Douglas-Haig and Smith-Dorrien, with the insignia of grand officers of the Legion of Honor. These were conferred at the special request of General Joffre.

To Veto Immigration Bill

Washington, Jan. 14.—While declining to say so in specific terms, President Wilson again made it clear that he will veto the immigration bill. He is as strongly opposed to the literacy test as ever.

Dynamites Saloon

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 16.—Because he had been refused a drink, Clarence Quarrels, colored, threw a stick of dynamite into a negro saloon at Ninth and Madison streets. The explosion which followed injured ten negroes.

To Continue Coal Strike

Columbus, O., Jan. 16.—The United Mine Workers of Ohio unanimously adopted a resolution declaring for the continuance of the coal strike in eastern Ohio and offering the miners their moral and financial support.

WANT VALUE SHOWN

IS PURPOSE OF MEASURE INTRODUCED IN SENATE.

DETAILS OF PRINTING BILL

Bates Would Provide Hundred Thousand Dollars for Erection of Plant Near Capitol.

Lincoln.—By introducing a bill providing for the taxation of all franchises at their actual value, Senator Quinby of Douglas has laid the foundation for what probably will be one of the hardest fights of the session. The measure sets forth that the assessor shall determine the market value of all outstanding stocks and bonds, deduct the value of the tangible property therefrom and that the difference shall be the taxable value of the franchise.

The bill further provides that each corporation affected shall file with the county treasurer a full statement of its financial condition, including the value of its tangible property, and that the assessor shall have power to compel such filing.

Printing Plant Bill

One hundred thousand dollars is the amount of an appropriation for the establishment of a state printing plant, proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Bates. This measure creates a state printing commission consisting of the governor, secretary of state and the state printing commissioner appointed by the governor. It empowers the commission to act with the Board of Control in purchasing a site and erecting buildings thereon, as near as possible to the capitol building in Lincoln. The plant thus established, under the terms of the bill, will do all printing for state offices, departments and institutions, for boards and societies operating under state control and for the legislature when it is in session. The commission is to be the judge of what printing may be necessary for each office, institution or organization. State institutions now possessing printing plants may continue to operate them if the commission deems it advisable. No private work of any kind is to be done at the state plant, and penalties are specified for infractions of this rule.

Relief Food Transported Free

Foodstuffs may be sent to Belgian sufferers through the postoffice department and express companies without charge, according to an official announcement to Governor Morehead from the national committee at New York. The telegram states that a shipment of provisions and clothing should leave the metropolis every other day, if the needs of the hour are met in the stricken country. The national committee recommends chartering a regular line of steamers, so that the work may be put on a permanent basis.

Wants Joint Support

Regan of Platte has introduced a bill to provide for joint construction and support of bridges over the Platte river by the counties on either side thereof. The cost and maintenance charges shall be divided between the counties which the bridge may touch on the basis of the assessed valuation of the two counties.

Douglas Men Get Chairmanships

Richmond of Douglas drew the chairmanship of the house committee on cities and towns and Howard of the same county the chairmanship of the committee on labor. Norton of Polk was made chairman of the finance committee and Parrott of Nemaha of the judiciary committee.

Bill to Aid Blind

A bill appropriating \$2,000 as the nucleus of a fund for the aid and relief of the blind outside state institutions has been presented by Representative Mockett. It is intended to assist blind persons in finding employment, and in other ways to aid them.

Senate Cuts Committees

This senate's session will transact its business with but twenty-seven standing committees, whereas the 1913 senate had forty-two standing committees.

Would Abolish Death Penalty

Abolishment of capital punishment or the death penalty is the end sought in a bill introduced by Quinby of Douglas.

Want Torrens System

A bill introduced in the senate by Shumway of Dixon provides for installation of the Torrens land registration system in this state.

Anti-Loan Shark Bill

To take the place of the anti-loan shark bill, passed two years ago, Representative Lundgren of Douglas county has introduced a new measure which makes it illegal to charge more than 1 1/2 per cent per month interest on chattel loans and requires dealers in that line of business to take out licenses, paying a fee of \$100. The secretary of state is authorized to appoint inspectors in each county to see that the law is complied with. Dealers must file bond with the secretary of state in the sum of \$5,000.

WOULD BENEFIT SMALL TOWNS

Crinklaw's Amendment to Female Labor Law May Settle Difficulties.

The female labor law, in so far as it applies to the villages and towns and cities under 5,000 population, will be a dead letter if the bill introduced by Crinklaw of Antelope runs the legislative gauntlet. The measure would settle the difficulties the Nebraska Telephone Co. and the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co. have been having for the past two years in the employment of female operators in the one-person exchanges of the state.

Restaurants and laundries in a number of the smaller towns and cities would also be benefited by the bill. This has been a source of much trouble during the past two years.

Although defeated two years ago, another sterilization bill has bobbed up in both houses of the legislature.

In the senate the measure was introduced by Senator Shumway, while in the house it is fathered by Representative Stebbins. The bill in the senate provides for a board of physicians to have charge of administration of the law. Sterilization is to be practiced upon state wards only upon consent of relatives of the inmate.

An innovation for the legislature will be a record of the votes of members on measures before the committee, as well as in the main bodies.

This will enable the public to keep pretty close tab on their members. When a bill is reported from a committee it will show how each member voted on it in the committee.

Omaha senators want a new state house. They say the present structure is a disgrace to such a prosperous state as Nebraska, and that we should feel ashamed of it.

Even Douglas county has a court house which is a far better building for a state house than this one, said one senator from Douglas.

On account of the cutting off of many committee clerkships in the house it has been necessary for some of the committees which have in previous sessions had a clerk to provide one for themselves and the committee on roads selected Representative Dalby of Gage county to act as clerk to the committee.

Anti-discrimination in fire insurance and cyclone insurance rates is provided for in the Howell bill introduced in the senate. The measure gives the power of rate regulation over to the state insurance commission and arms that body with sufficient authority to carry out its provisions.

It is reported that the railroad companies of Nebraska will not hire counsel to represent them at this legislature, as they did two years ago, but will depend upon themselves and their paid advertisements to bring results when bills for railroad legislation come before the lawmakers.

Douglas county's delegation, or a part of it, are sponsor of a bill for a prize fight commission of five which shall have jurisdiction and control over all boxing matches held within the state and all associations which shall cater to amusements of this kind shall pay a license to the state.

With a record of some fifty-six employees named by the employees' committee of the state senate two years ago, in the first fifteen days of the session, the employees' committee this year has no great problem to face in holding the employees down to fifty to start with.

Representative Norton believes that this session he will be able to pass his bill for the recall of all public officials. This will be his third effort to induce the legislature to give the people an opportunity to vote on recall.

The senate has stood pat on the right of any member to introduce any bill he saw fit, virtually turning down the resolution of Senator Beal of Custer for a committee for the elimination of all duplicate bills.

An attempt will be made to change the 8 o'clock closing law by the present legislature. Anderson of Phelps has introduced a bill changing the closing time of saloons to six o'clock instead of 8 o'clock.

Representative Hostetter of Buffalo county does not believe in the giving of tips. He has submitted a bill to the house providing a penalty of \$10 to \$100 fine for giving or accepting a tip.

On the first day for introducing bills the house established a record. But twenty-one bills were introduced, as against ninety-eight on the first day two years ago. Not in a quarter of a century has the number of bills introduced been cut down so.

Howell of Douglas has introduced a bill to consolidate South Omaha and other small cities around Omaha, with the latter. The bill provides for consolidation under act of the legislature without a vote on the proposition.