

## PLEA TO MEXICANS

JOINT PEACE APPEAL OF UNITED STATES AND LATIN-AMERICAN SENT TO THE LEADERS.

### GEN. CARRANZA MAY BALK

Task of Telegraphing Appeal a Big One—Rangers Execute Swift and Sure Border Justice on Prowling Bandits—More Than Score Killed.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The appeal of the United States and six Latin-American republics to Carranza and other Mexican leaders to settle their differences and agree on a provisional president was started on its way last night.

The task of telegraphing the appeal is a big one, inasmuch as it has to be sent to Carranza, Villa, Zapata, the governors of the states of Mexico, the principal military leaders in the field and leading citizens of the republic. The text of the appeal will not be given out for publication until all copies have been sent. When this will be state department officials would not venture to guess.

The appeal was prepared by Secretary of State Lansing and the diplomatic representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay and Guatemala and approved by President Wilson. It sets forth that conditions in Mexico, having continued several years without prospect of early abatement, warrant the United States and sister republics in making an urgent appeal that the various factions lay down their arms and endeavor by other means to restore peace. It is understood it proposes specifically:

1. That the factions appoint representatives to hold conferences and arrange for holding a convention.
2. That this convention select a provisional president and pledge him the support of the factions and elements represented.
3. That this provisional president will be recognized by the United States and the Latin-American republics which co-operated in the preparation of the appeal.

The state department has reason to believe Villa, Zapata and many of the governors of states, military commanders and prominent citizens will agree to the plan proposed. Present indications, however, are that Carranza will reject it.

The Mexican border situation continued to absorb attention in official quarters and was the subject of a conference between President Wilson and Assistant Secretary Breckenridge of the war department.

Later Mr. Breckenridge reiterated the statement that no more troops would be ordered to the border unless General Funston should request them. Persistent reports that armed Mexicans are crossing the border endeavoring to stir up trouble are regarded as significant, however, and a strict patrol is being kept.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 16.—Search for a band of about thirty Mexicans, some of them known to be direct from Mexico, proceeds in the mesquite brush about fifty miles north of Brownsville. Meanwhile 1,600 Infantrymen on patrol duty between Brownsville and Laredo, Tex., rangers and peace officers used a swift and effective type of border justice which rapidly ran down fugitive Mexicans of bad records who are accused of implication in raids of the last two weeks. Although the number of Mexicans killed in the raids is given officially as between fifteen and twenty, it is known that more have been killed. Several Mexicans have been shot while resisting arrest or trying to escape.

### RUSS WIN BIG NAVAL FIGHT

German Cruiser Reported Destroyed in Battle in Baltic Sea—Other Warships Damaged.

London, Aug. 16.—A German battle cruiser was destroyed and several other German warships severely damaged in a great naval battle with the Russian fleet in the Baltic sea near Oesel island, at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, according to news dispatches from Petrograd. It is asserted that, though the firing was terrific, the Russian fleet escaped any loss or serious injury.

Russian seaplanes again rendered invaluable assistance, it is declared. It is believed that the German objective was to bottle up the Russian fleet in the Gulf of Finland or the Gulf of Bothnia, but the seaplanes gave warning in time to prevent such an issue.

The location of the battle indicates that the Germans are trying desperately to assist their northern armies with supplies and reinforcements from the sea, but the Russian defensive action appears able to foil such a move.

#### Austrian Submarine Sunk.

Rome, Aug. 16.—The Austrian submarine U-3 has been sunk in the lower Adriatic, according to an official announcement on Friday. Twelve men of the crew were saved. The U-12 was sunk Wednesday.

Husband Shot; Woman Hangs Self. Beloit, Wis., Aug. 16.—On Wednesday night the husband of Mrs. George Horton in a fight with James Kaplanis was shot by Kaplanis and slightly hurt. Mrs. Horton hanged herself on Friday afternoon.

## POLAND MAY BE KINGDOM AGAIN



Whichever side wins in the world war, Poland seems likely to emerge from the struggle as an independent kingdom once more, for both Germany and Russia have virtually promised as much. The map shows the ancient kingdom of Poland and the way in which it was divided among the neighboring nations.

## U. S. SENDS WARSHIPS DESTROY MANY SHIPS

COMMANDER M'NAMEE AT VERA CRUZ WIRES FOR AID.

Situation in Mexico Takes Startling Turn That May Lead to Clash With U. S.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The situation in Mexico took a new and startling turn on Tuesday, and it is believed there is a strong probability a clash between the United States and Carranza is imminent.

The development of the day were:

1. Commander McNamee, in command of the naval forces of the east coast, reported that mobs in Vera Cruz were being incited to murder foreigners, and that the situation was extremely serious. He asked that two battleships be sent to him at once.

2. In response to his request, the battleships Louisiana and New Hampshire sailed last night from Newport, R. I., for Vera Cruz. The gunboat Marietta also has been ordered from Progresso to Vera Cruz. It is understood also that the gunboats Wheeling and Machias, which are on the Mexican coast, have been ordered there.

3. President Wilson has decided to cut short his vacation in Cornish, N. H., and return to Washington at once.

Washington, Aug. 11.—The United States and the six Latin-American countries represented in the Pan-American conference on Mexican affairs have agreed upon a definite policy for the settlement of the Mexican problem. This announcement was made by Secretary of State Lansing on Monday.

### SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Rome, Aug. 12.—Teutonic claims that the Italians had lost 200,000 men in the war against Austria are denounced as a "ridiculous canard" in an official statement issued by the war ministry.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 12.—Two trainmen were killed when the Pennsylvania railroad's fast passenger train running from St. Louis to New York went into an open switch and was wrecked near here.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The department of justice has approved the suggestion of District Attorney Charles A. Karch that further proceedings on the alleged election frauds in the Danville (Ill.) district be dropped.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The United States dispatched to Vienna a reply rejecting the Austro-Hungarian views contending that the selling of war munitions to allies is against the rules of neutrality.

Copenhagen, Aug. 13.—The Danish schooner Jason was burned at sea. Her crew was saved by the gunboat Absalon.

### \$10,000,000 LOSS BY STORM

Hurricane Sweeps Over Northern Part of Jamaica—Banana and Sugar Plantations Destroyed.

Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 16.—Damage estimated at \$10,000,000 was caused by a terrific hurricane that swept over the northeastern and northern coast of Jamaica Thursday night. Great banana plantations were completely destroyed. Sugar plantations suffered the same fate. So far as is known, there was no loss of life.

#### Marines Stop Disorder.

Washington, Aug. 14.—American marines were called upon Wednesday to put down some disorder in Port au Prince, Haiti. Admiral Caperton advised the navy department. No mention of casualties was made.

#### Wheat for Europe.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 14.—Three vessels departed from here, carrying 688,500 bushels of wheat to Europe. Forty thousand bushels went to Liverpool, 381,500 bushels went to Certe, France, and 267,000 bushels to London.

TURK, BRITISH AND GERMAN VESSELS SUNK.

Former Teuton Cruiser Breslau Torpedoed by British Subsea Craft—Goeben Damaged and Beached.

London, Aug. 13.—An Athens dispatch to the London Daily News says British submarines have entered the Black sea and torpedoed the Turkish cruiser which formerly was the Breslau, one transport and one gunboat.

London, Aug. 13.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Athens says that the Turkish cruiser Goeben, which was renamed the Sultan Selim after its sale by Germany to Turkey, has been torpedoed by an allied submarine near the Bosphorus. The crew, however, succeeded in running the warship aground in a creek, where workmen are now building a dike about it to enable repairs to be made.

Berlin, Aug. 13.—The German airships, which raided the east coast of England Monday night and early Tuesday morning, bombarded, with good results, warships on the Thames, the London docks, torpedo boats near Harwich, and buildings on the Humber, says an official communication issued by the admiralty.

The text of the official statement follows:

"The night of August 9-10 German airships attacked fortified places and harbors on the English east coast.

"In spite of a strong defense, British warships on the Thames and the London dock, torpedo boats near Harwich and important construction on the Humber were bombarded. It was observed that the results were good.

"The airships returned from the successful expedition."

### AUSTRIAN FLEET IS ACTIVE

Bombards Italian Railroad From Molfetta to Seno San Giorgio—Five Depots Burned by Shells.

Vienna, Aug. 16.—The Austrian fleet has bombarded the Italian Littoral railway from Molfetta to Seno San Giorgio, according to an official report issued here on Friday. At San Spirito the station and five depots were burned. At Bari the castle signal station and five factories were shelled. The population was panic-stricken. The Austrian vessels returned unharmed.

### STEAMER EASTLAND RIGHTED

Boat Which Capsized Three Weeks Ago Razed 75 Degrees—No Bodies Found.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—After 26 hours of lifting by huge cranes with the assistance of several powerful tugs, the Eastland, which capsized just three weeks ago, causing a loss of nearly a thousand lives, was slowly raised from the mud of the Chicago river on Friday until the steamer reached an angle of about seventy-five degrees. No bodies were found.

#### Wealthy Illinois Farmer Dies.

Aurora, Ill., Aug. 13.—Asher B. Havenhill, a wealthy farmer, widely known throughout northern Illinois, is dead at his home at Fox station, Ill., aged about eighty-five years. Mr. Havenhill built a chain of six lakes upon his country place, stocked with trout.

#### Train Hits Auto; One Dead.

Mason City, Ia., Aug. 16.—Minneapolis & St. Paul passenger train struck an automobile near here killing Miss Gladys Preston of Belmond, seriously injuring Carl Ganote of Poplar, Harold Rice and Mrs. L. V. Sharpe.

#### Jealous, Shoots Wife.

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Jealous, it is alleged, of a roomer in her home, Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery was shot by her husband, a wood finisher, on Friday. The couple had been separated for some time.

## CANCEL WAR ORDERS

CHICAGO BROKERS PUZZLED BY EUROPEAN MESSAGE TO AGENTS TO DISPOSE OF HOLDINGS.

### SELL AT VERY HEAVY LOSS

Action Gives Rise to Many Conjectures as to Cause of Sudden Change in Plans—Important News From Dardanelles Rumored.

London, Aug. 14.—Wide circulation was given on Thursday to a rumor that the government had received news of military successes closely affecting Russia. This rumor was based on the activity at rising prices of Russian securities on the stock exchange. Russian exchange dropped eight points to 136.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—The Chicago wheat pit—the "pulse" of the world's grain trade—closed on Thursday in feverish excitement following the cancellation by representatives of the allies of grain contracts aggregating over 2,000,000 bushels of wheat, recently bought for September shipment.

What word the European buyers received from abroad remained a mystery. It was of sufficient import, however, to cause the foreign buyers to surrender a profit of around ten cents a bushel, or over \$200,000 on the contracts canceled, so that they might be relieved of them.

Not only were cancellations reported by Chicago houses, but some of the seaboard exporters claimed to have closed out all open contracts, in one instance the United Kingdom buyer reselling at equal to 28 cents under what the same wheat would cost delivered in Liverpool. Canadian exporters also reported cancellations and three cargoes of Argentina corn were canceled by Italy. France also resold wheat in this country.

Whether the Dardanelles was on the verge of being forced, which would release Russian grains for European consumption, or whether there had been authoritative information that the wheat crop of Roumania had in some way become accessible to the allies, was a question much discussed by prominent grain men.

They professed to be "up in the air," although intensely interested in a press cablegram early in the day from London telling of wide circulation there of a rumor that the government had received news of "military successes closely affecting Russia."

### 2 HELD IN MACKLIN MURDER

Silas N. Eversole, Former Preacher, of Bristol, Ind., and Son Arrested.

Goshen, Ind., Aug. 14.—Silas N. Eversole, sixty years of age, a former Dunkirk preacher, and his son, S. Newton Eversole, both of whom live on a farm two and one-half miles north of Bristol, were taken into custody on Thursday by Sheriff Thomas as suspects in the Hazel Macklin murder case, which ever since October has been Indiana's greatest unsolved crime mystery.

The crime that shocked northern Indiana was discovered October 24, 1914, when the dead body of Hazel Macklin, a fifteen-year-old South Bend girl, was found in a vault in Island park. She had been strangled to death. It developed that the fifteen-year-old girl had gone to meet a man who replied to her advertisement for a position on a farm.

For two months a search was made, and then came the finding of the dead girl, strangled.

### SIX DIE IN EXCURSION CRASH

Freight Train Runs Into Cars Bearing Knights of Pythias Lodge Members as Storm Rages.

Columbus, O., Aug. 14.—Six lives were lost on Thursday in a collision of a freight train on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroad with a special train carrying the Knights of Pythias lodge of Mount Sterling on the return from an outing at Cedar Point. More than a score were injured. The crash occurred at Orient during a torrential rainstorm.

The dead were Margaret Sollars, Logan Holler, Thornie Neff, Thad Mitchell, Fred Gearhart and Carl Reichelsdorfer. Several of the injured, most of whom are in Columbus hospitals, may not recover.

Titusville, Pa., Aug. 14.—Train No. 66 on the Pennsylvania railway, known as the Pittsburgh and Buffalo flyer, jumped the track half a mile west of this city on Thursday. The engine and two passenger coaches went into the ditch, and, according to reports received here, seven persons were injured.

#### British Ship Jacona Sunk.

Dundee, Scotland, Aug. 16.—The British steamer Jacona, 2,969 tons, was sunk by a submarine Friday morning. The captain and nine members of the crew were landed a few hours later.

#### French Buy Illinois Horses.

Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 16.—Buyers are securing horses for the French government in central Illinois, an order for 10,000 head having been received on Friday for immediate shipment.

## "MOTOR MADNESS" AT FAIR

Outside of Lincoln, San Francisco Only Other City in the Country Where This Will Be Seen.

Only two cities in the United States will have the opportunity to see "Motor Madness," the new attraction recently imported from abroad. These two cities will be Lincoln, Neb., and San Francisco, Cal. Visitors to the Nebraska state fair will get to see the attraction. A circular steel rail twenty feet in diameter is suspended by ropes about twenty-five feet above the ground. On this steel rail two motorcyclists pursue each other. To the motorcyclists ropes are attached and at the end of each rope a woman hangs by the teeth. This attraction is one of the most unusual that can be seen this year. Owing to the fact that the managers of "Motor Madness" are to begin their engagement at San Francisco soon after the Nebraska state fair the management induced them to stop off in Lincoln. As soon as the Nebraska state fair closes the attraction will be hustled to the San Francisco exposition.

A squad of federal food inspectors with assistants from the state commissions of Iowa and Nebraska and city officials from Omaha and Council Bluffs are co-operating in the examination of all milk and cream shipped from Iowa to Nebraska or in the opposite direction. The step is the first to be taken by federal and state authorities in an effort to work hand in hand in a clean-milk campaign. It was brought about after city authorities had suggested such a plan and after agreements had been reached by the state and national department heads. National food inspectors credit Omaha with better milk than any large city in the country, due largely, it is said, to the health and sanitary authorities.

The reason that hog cholera is more prevalent in the latter part of the summer and fall is that farmers are exchanging work during harvesting and threshing, and do not take precautions against carrying the germs that produces hog cholera from infected to clean premises. It is not a good plan to thresh in hog lots or allow hogs to run to straw stacks. If cholera exists in the neighborhood, some of the help may come from an infected farm and leave infection, which will be picked up by the pigs.—College of Agriculture.

The date book at the College of Agriculture shows that three weeks in November and four weeks in February have not been selected by communities for the holding of local agricultural short courses. The speakers are furnished by the Extension Service, and the choice of the program is left almost entirely to the wishes of the community. Additional information may be obtained from the Extension Service, University Farm, Lincoln.

The state board of control has abandoned the idea of furnishing number plates for use next year in Nebraska. Arrangements cannot be made by the board to install machinery without considerable delay, and as a result Secretary of State Pool will continue to purchase the plates of factories in the east.

The state board which has in charge the buying of bonds and the investment of the state's money, met recently and bought a number of bonds of school districts. School District 13, Greeley county, \$1,000; District 1, Logan, \$4,000; District 21, Seward, \$3,500; District 66, Sioux, \$550; and District 63, Morrill, \$20,000.

Attorney General Reed has decided that the State Board of Equalization has the right to raise or lower assessed valuation as reported by county assessors if it is done by classes. He holds no individual assessments can be changed, this being up to the county boards.

Superintendent R. D. Mirtz of Red Cloud was at the office of the state superintendent last week preparing to enter upon his duties as high school inspector, a position to which he was appointed some time ago.

The state banking board has approved the application of the Tecumseh National bank of Tecumseh for change to a state bank, to be known as the Tecumseh State bank, with a capital of \$50,000.

Despite a loss of 25 per cent of the crop by hail, Red Willow county will harvest its banner wheat crop. This was the statement of former State Senator Cordell, who was a state house caller last week.

State Superintendent Thomas has received notice of a school consolidation in an entire township in Scottsbluff county and the consolidation of the school district of the town of Papillon with a school district in the county adjoining town.

The town of Bridgeport has registered \$25,000 of bonds voted for the construction of a new school building. The bonds have been registered by the state auditor and the state will buy them.

## COURSE IS NEUTRAL

U. S. SAYS IT HAS PERFECT RIGHT TO SELL MUNITIONS.

### NATION'S PLEA IS REJECTED

Austro-Hungary Told in Friendly Way America Only Doing What Other Countries Have Done.

Washington.—The United States government, in its reply to the recent Austro-Hungarian note, declaring that transportation of war munitions from the United States to Austrian enemies was conducted on such a scale as to be "not in consonance with the definition of neutrality," flatly rejects the views set forth by that country.

Though friendly in tone, the note denies the Austro-Hungarian contentions and recalls that that country and Germany furnished munitions of war to Great Britain for the Boer war when England's enemies could not import such supplies.

It insisted that the American government is pursuing a strictly neutral course and adhering to a principle upon which it would depend for munitions in the markets of the world in case it should be attacked by a foreign power.

Attention is directed to the fact that Austria-Hungary and Germany before the war produced a great surplus of war munitions and sold them throughout the world, "especially to belligerents," and that "never during that period did either of them suggest or apply the principle now advocated by the imperial and royal government."

#### Date for Sacking Town Set.

San Antonio, Tex.—After a conference August 14 by General Frederick Funston, commanding the southern department, with a committee headed by Congressman John Garner, General Funston announced that he believed the committee had thoroughly established its contention that the disorder in the Rio Grande valley had been fostered by constitutional Mexican authorities. Affidavits were submitted to the War department to the effect that a date had actually been set by the Mexicans for the sacking of Brownsville. General Funston candidly admitted that up to the time of the conference held with the committee, he did not believe the outlawry in the valley was receiving its backing from the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

But upon representation of a mass of evidence he said he was convinced the committee possessed information which warranted prompt action.

Submitting further alleged proof of a report that General Nafarrate, the Carranza commander at Matamoros, had boasted that when the time came he "would plant the Mexican flag on top of the Brownsville postoffice," affidavits were shown General Funston.

#### Famine Reported in Haiti.

Washington.—Famine has followed in the wake of the Haitian revolution and the American Red Cross headed an appeal for aid for suffering natives of the island republic.

A report from Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the American forces in Haiti, declared there is considerable suffering in Port au Prince. He asked for Red Cross aid, stating that there had been at least one death from starvation. The Red Cross at once turned over \$1,000 to the Navy department, which was telegraphed to Admiral Caperton for relief work. If necessary a Red Cross representative will be sent to the island.

#### U. S. Army Needs Officers.

Plattsburgh, N. Y.—The United States has plenty of material for a volunteer army of 1,250,000 men and all that is now needed are plans for utilizing it, Major General Leonard Wood declared here in a statement as to the preparedness of the nation for war. The chief need, he said, was officers, and he advocated training students in their junior and senior years along the same lines as now are being used at the military camp of instruction here.

#### Austrian to Be Poland's King.

London.—The coronation of Archduke Charles Stephen of Austria as king of Poland will take place in the Warsaw cathedral, according to the Times Petrograd correspondent, who adds that a proclamation naming the new king on the authority of Germany and Austria is expected to be issued shortly.

#### Quarrel Over Killing of Bear

Kemmerer, Wyo.—A quarrel over a dead bear cub led to the killing of Albert Pfeiffer, a camp-mover, by John Kitchin, a shepherd, at a remote camp in the mountains northwest of here. Kitchin claims that he acted in self-defense.

#### Get Every Cent of Relief Fund.

Chicago.—Eastland sufferers will receive all of the \$475,000 raised for them. This is the first time in the history of relief enterprises that every cent has gone to the beneficiaries.