

MEXICO CITY TAKEN

WASHINGTON ADVISED OF FALL OF CAPITAL.

AMERICANS REPORTED SAFE

Carranza May Be Forced to Stand Trial.—Fleeing General Responsible for Massacre.

Washington, D. C.—Official dispatches to the state department confirm reports that Mexico City has been taken by the revolutionists and that Carranza is in flight.

Revolutionary forces took quiet possession of Mexico City at noon, May 7, a message from Mexico City announced. Communication has been reopened with the American embassy and the information received indicated there was no disorder in connection with the taking over of possession of the city, nor was there anything of a disquieting nature regarding the safety of Americans or other foreigners.

"The embassy reported that troops constituting the advance contingent of General Pablo Gonzalez took control of the Mexican capital May 7," said the official statement. "This advance guard was under direct command of General Jacinto Trevino, who upon effecting possession of the city, issued a formal assurance of complete guarantees.

"A new chief of police and a military commander for Mexico City were appointed. General Oregon, on his way to Mexico City from the west while General Gonzalez was entering from the south, sent assurances to the American embassy on May 7, that there would be no disorders at Mexico City."

Carranza May Face Trial.
Agua Prieta, Sonora.—If Carranza succeeds in getting out of Mexico, the revolutionists will be pleased; if he is captured by the revolutionists he must stand trial in the courts for any misdeeds of which he may have been guilty while president. General P. Elias Calles announced here. He declared that as Mexico City is in the hands of the revolutionists, that a provisional president will be named to serve until the elections.

The revolutionists desire to acquire, through purchase or legal procedure, all big land holdings which will be taken over by the new government and opened for settlement under a plan similar to that used in the United States, according to General Calles.

Kills Prisoners Before Fleeing.
El Paso, Texas.—General Francisco Murguía, Carranza's military commander at Mexico City, before leaving the capital, which now is in complete possession of revolutionary forces, carried out a wholesale slaughter of political prisoners at San Lazaro, the military prison, according to a bulletin issued at revolutionary headquarters here. Fifteen Mexican generals were among those reported slaughtered. "The city was shocked over this bloody episode for the Carranza regime," the bulletin said.

Friends Cheer As Man Acquitted.
Alliance, Neb.—Lawrence H. Lackey, charged with first degree murder in connection with the death of his 7-year-old daughter, Pauline, who died of strychnine poisoning December 11, was acquitted by a jury after five hours and 15 minutes' deliberation. The trial was one of the most sensational in the history of western Nebraska.

When the verdict was read Lackey stepped quickly forward and shook hands with Judge Payne and thanked him, his face wreathed in smiles.

About 50 of his friends who had remained in the court room to await the verdict cheered loudly as the verdict was read.

Proclaims Truck Shipping Week.
Lincoln, Neb.—"National Ship by Truck Good Roads Week" has been proclaimed by Governor McKelvie for the period of May 17 to May 22, jointly with the governors of all the other states, in order to emphasize the practicability of promoting the ship-by-truck movement.

Owing to the present shortage of cars and other shipping facilities, it is pointed out by the governor that the importance of developing a more complete transportation system is important, in order that the entire burden may not fall upon the railroads.

Joe Stecher Wins.
Louisville, Ky.—Joe Stecher, world's champion, successfully defended his title here by throwing Yusif Hussane in two straight falls.

Attempt to Smuggle Arms in Caskets.
Douglas, Ariz.—The weight of a shipment of caskets, sent to Tucson, Ariz., from Los Angeles, resulted in discovery of 27,000 rounds of ammunition and the arrest of Ygnacio Soto, a Douglas merchant, charged with conspiracy to send ammunition into Mexico.

Five Dollar Wheat a Possibility.
St. Paul, Minn.—Wheat at \$5 or \$6 a bushel and bread at 25 cents a loaf is within the bounds of possibilities, Dean R. W. Thatcher of the University of Minnesota's agricultural department, declared here recently.

Methodists Oppose Irish Republic.
Des Moines, Ia.—The Methodist general conference here last week unanimously adopted a resolution urging congress to defeat all bills or resolutions aiming to recognize the republic of Ireland.

CATTLE RUSTLERS CAUGHT

Nebraska Rancher, Alleged Leader of Gang, Arrested—Theft Has Been Going On for Several Years.

Mullen, Neb.—Jesse Ingram, formerly rancher of this vicinity, and confessed cattle rustler, and alleged member of a gang of organized rustlers, was brought back to this place, after having been pursued by officers through five states. He pleaded guilty to the charge before District Judge Westover.

For the past few years ranchmen in this section have been suffering cattle losses. Recently they became greater and an investigation was started. A check of the Burlington shipping records showed that Ingram had shipped more cattle than he had ever had in his possession while in this vicinity.

About this time Ingram fled the country, leaving a wife and baby, Rudolph Schmidt, a neighbor, confessed to having helped Ingram drive two carloads to Hecla, near here, for shipment.

Ingram was next heard from in Kansas City, but when authorities had reached there he had departed for Wyoming. Officials pursued him through the northwestern states, finally capturing him in Hardin, Mont.

Authorities here believe that Ingram was a member of an organized gang that has plied its trade in northwestern Nebraska for years.

LAWYER HEADS THIRD PARTY.

Efforts of Farmers and Workers of No Avail at Grand Island.

Grand Island, Neb.—Farmers opposing a lawyer for governor and insisting that a "laboring man" should be the nominee of the mass convention of farmers' and workmen's organizations held here, were overcome when Mayor A. G. Wray of York, Neb., member of the "committee of 48," was selected by a vote of 128 to 27 to lead the third party in Nebraska as its candidate for governor.

F. L. Bollen of Knox county was nominated for attorney general, this action causing expressions of discontent from the farmer members, who complained that two lawyers had been chosen while the farmers had been neglected. Balloting for lieutenant governor resulted in Robert Mousel of Cambridge, who withdrew from the race for governor, receiving ninety-five votes and O. E. Wood of Bethany fifty-five. The foregoing candidates are all that were selected by the convention.

Eight Killed in Wreck.
Portland, Ore.—Eight persons were killed and thirty-eight injured eight miles south of here when two electric trains on the West Side line of the Southern Pacific company collided head-on. Railroad officials said disregard of orders by the crew of the Portland-bound train led to the disaster.

The railway officials said the crews had orders to meet at Bertha, but the inbound train failed to stop there. The trains met a mile from Bertha station.

The inbound train was made up with the main passenger coach ahead of the smoker and combination car, and it was in this coach that most of the casualties occurred, every passenger in it being either killed or injured.

SLAYS WIFE AND SONS.
Iowa Man Crazy by Jealousy Commits Awful Crime and Escapes.

Webster City, Ia.—Angered because she had left him, Harvey Bensley shot and killed his wife and two small boys at their home here, and eluded the sheriff and his posse by riding to Iowa Falls in an automobile, where the trail was lost.

The bodies of Mrs. Bensley and the boys were found by the former's sister-in-law, who arrived on the scene in time to see Bensley leaving in haste. The bodies were wriggling in a great pool of blood.

Mrs. Bensley had not lived with her husband since last fall, he having spent the winter in Illinois.

Forgot Name of Wife He Slew.
Los Angeles, Cal.—"Bluebeard" Charles N. Harvey, who has confessed to the murder of four of his many wives, told District Attorney Woolven that he remembered having killed another woman he married in Tacoma, Wash., last spring. He has forgotten her name.

Soldiers Bill Delayed.
Washington, D. C.—After a series of informal conferences, democratic and republican members of the house agreed there was no prospect of enactment of soldier relief legislation before the forthcoming recess for the political conventions.

Representative Knutson of Minnesota, the republican whip, said that many members felt that the whole question should go over until after the November election.

National Railway Line Cut.
Laredo, Tex.—The National Railway of Mexico, the most important line connecting Mexico City with the American border, was cut by Mexican rebels at Lampazos, sixty miles south of the border.

Admits Two More Crimes.
Los Angeles, Cal.—Giving "a county official" as their authority, Los Angeles newspapers printed stories that James H. Watson, confessed murderer and alleged multi-burglar, admitted slaying two additional women.

ADOPT GRAIN PLAN

MEANS FOR HANDLING WHEAT REACHED AT BIG MEETING.

COMMITTEE OF 47 TO BE NAMED

Will Handle Entire Crop of the Nation—Trading in Futures Also to Be Regulated by Board.

Chicago, Ill.—A committee of 47, representing all branches of grain production and marketing will be appointed to plan the handling of the wheat crop and to take action on the resumption of trading in wheat futures after May 31, when the wheat guaranty act expires, it was decided at a meeting of board of trade, representative grain dealers, millers, elevator men and bankers, called by Julius H. Barnes, former wheat director.

At the same time a committee of 16, composed of two representatives to be appointed by each of the eight exchanges where trades in futures have been handled, Chicago, Duluth, Minneapolis, Omaha, Toledo, Milwaukee, Kansas City and St. Louis, to make recommendations on the suggestions from all elements concerned and report its recommendations to the general committee, will take action.

A committee headed by Fred B. Wells of Minneapolis, was chosen to arrange for the organization of the committee, of which they will be members, with Mr. Wells as chairman.

Mr. Barnes, in an address, said there were "untold difficulties" in the suggestion of grain exchanges that the government invoke the embargo privileges of the Lever act, if necessary to prevent a pool of foreign governments from manipulating American wheat markets.

He said that inadequate inland transportation facilities offered a hazard to a return to an open market.

Several speakers said the transportation situation was serious.

C. H. Gustafson of Nebraska, head of the Farmers' union, said: "The car shortage is the most serious problem. Fifty per cent of the cars are not fit to handle grain with, and cars are in the east which should be in the west and southwest. From 10 to 20 per cent of the old crop is still on the farms unable to move and the new crop is coming on."

TORNADO TOLL BIG.

Oklahoma Town Wiped Out by Terrific Wind Storm.

Muskogee, Okla.—Relief workers who have returned to Muskogee from Pecos, Okla., a small town in Cherokee county, virtually wiped out by a tornado May 2, report that at least 60 persons were killed by the storm and more than 100 injured, many seriously. They told of difficulties encountered in locating and identifying the bodies and the great difficulty in removing the injured to this city. A deluge of rain accompanied the tornado, and the first relief party found the village a tangled mass of wreckage, with pools of water standing everywhere and mud shoe-top deep.

In some cases, several bodies were found among the ruins of one building, indicating whole families had been wiped out. The bodies were covered with mud. They were removed and piled in nooks and corners left untouched by the storm to await identification.

The area swept by the tornado was said by members of the rescue parties to be about three miles long and a mile wide.

Special Ceremonies on Flag Day.
Washington, D. C.—Orders that Flag day, June 14, be made a day of special ceremony to encourage friendly relations between the army and civilians were issued by Secretary Baker. Commanding officers were directed to offer as full participation as practicable by their commands in special programs arranged by communities adjacent to posts, camps or stations.

Police Car Kills One.
Omaha, Neb.—One person was killed and eight others injured, four probably seriously when a police patrol, traveling at a high rate of speed in response to an emergency call collided with an automobile.

Violent Storm in Colorado.
Greeley, Colo.—A tornado which struck the vicinity of Severance, sixteen miles northwest of Greeley, razed farm houses, killed live stock and wrecked telephone and telegraph lines. No loss of life has been reported. The path of the twister is described as 150 yards wide. In one place a barn was carried 300 feet and another farm the front porch of the house was carried away. The farmer's wife, working in the kitchen, was unharmed.

Sells Sugar at 15 Cents.
Albuquerque, N. M.—The Morning Journal has purchased 20,000 pounds of beet sugar and is selling it at 15 cents here. Sugar is now retailing here at 22 to 25 cents a pound.

Mutiny in Fiume.
Trieste.—A mutiny broke out in Fiume May 7, a fierce battle between the carabinieri and the Arditi developing. Twelve men were killed and fifty others wounded in the struggle. The troops involved were those of Gabriele D'Annunzio's forces.

RAILROADS SEEK RATE RAISE

Sum of \$1,017,000,000 Needed to Carry Out Provisions of Road Bill—Boost in Freight Proposed.

Washington, D. C.—The nation's railroads will need an additional \$1,017,000,000 to bring their income to the 3 per cent basis provided in the transportation act.

Through the association of railway executives, the roads proposed to the interstate commerce commission that this sum be realized through increased freight charges, leaving the passenger rates at the present level.

The advances in freight rates proposed were:

Eastern roads—30.4 per cent to yield an advance in all revenues of 21.1 per cent.

Southern roads—30.9 per cent to provide 20.7 per cent larger revenue.

Western roads—23.9 per cent to advance all revenues 17 per cent.

Presentation of the figures marked the formal opening of the railroad rate case. While detailed statements submitted to the commission covered only the eastern lines, estimates of the needed increase of the western and southern groups accompanied the initial suggestions upon which the commission is to determine an entire new rate structure.

Net income of all of the country's railroads fell from \$1,056,000,000 in 1916 to \$510,000,000 last year, the railroads claim, while their investment has increased more than \$2,000,000,000. These figures were given to serve as a basis from which the commission could work in developing a scale of rates to meet the government guarantee.

An estimated valuation of \$20,616,000,000 was placed on the transportation system of the country by Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railway. While there has been an increase in operating expenses of 99.1 per cent since 1916, the roads' basis of revenues for the same period has been increased only 36.37 per cent, the executive statement declared, and the operating expenses of the lines now are 90 per cent of the revenue, against 69 per cent in 1916.

ALLOT GERMAN SHIPS.

Britain Gets Six Warships and Those Scuttled by the Enemy.

London.—Six former German warships, the Baden, Holzland, Posen, Rheinland, Westfalen and Nuremberg, and 124 submarines have been allocated to Great Britain, according to announcement in the house of commons. The United States will get the Ostfriesland and Frankfurt.

According to the announcement France has been awarded the Thüringen and Emden and 38 submarines; Japan will get the Oldenburg, Nassau and Augsburg, and Italy will receive seven submarines.

The ships scuttled at Scapa Flow, says the announcement, are to go to Great Britain.

Allocation of the remaining twelve light cruisers, 59 destroyers and 50 torpedo boats, the commoners were informed, depends on the selection made by France and Italy from the ships to be surrendered under the Austrian treaty.

Girl Given Ten Year Term.
St. Louis, Mo.—Ursula Broderick, 16 years old, who killed her stepfather, Joseph F. Woodcock, in their home here April 14, 1919, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury in juvenile court here, and her punishment fixed at 10 years in the Missouri penitentiary.

It was the girl's third trial for killing Woodcock, whom she shot to death. A continuance was ordered at the first trial on account of an error in the court's instructions to the jury. The second hearing resulted in a mistrial.

Mrs. Woodcock is also under indictment for her husband's death. Her trial will be held later.

May Hinder Paper Production.
Washington, D. C.—S. E. Thomson, business manager of the Chicago Tribune, told the senate committee investigating the news print paper shortage that legislation would not benefit the situation and would be likely to have a bad effect. The paper mills, he said, were being offered such high prices for wood pulp for use in other industries such as box board, card board and papers of other kinds, that any interference with the news print industry would only result in driving the manufacturers to make other and more profitable products.

Receives Offer of Mandate.
Washington, D. C.—The substance of the Turkish peace treaty and the request of the allied supreme council that the United States accept the mandate over Armenia were received at the State Department.

The request relating to Armenia will be referred to President Wilson for his decision. The attitude of the American government has been against accepting any mandates.

Start Paper Inquiry.
Washington, D. C.—Congressional investigation of the print paper shortage has been started by the sub-committees of the senate committee on manufacturers, headed by Senator Reed, democrat of Missouri. The committee's plans include inquiry into supplies, distribution and prices. Pending congressional action, assistance of the state department in the paper situation was invoked in connection with efforts to secure removal of restrictions on export from Canada of raw materials.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

The little Baptist church at Enders, with only a membership of sixteen, won the honors of being the first church in the state over the top with its new World movement quota. The church's apportionment was \$1,000, and its members subscribed a total of \$1,431 to the new world fund. The church never has had a pastor, but is just now erecting a new \$5,000 edifice for its Sunday school and preaching services.

At a convention at Grand Island of delegates from the Non-Partisan League, State Federation of Labor, several farmer organizations and labor unions of Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont and other cities of the state, it was voted to place Mayor A. G. Wray of Nebraska by petition; F. L. Bollen of Knox county for attorney general and Robert Mousel of Cambridge for lieutenant governor.

Damage to graded roads and bridges of Holt county caused by floods the past month will amount to more than \$50,000, according to the estimate of the county board of supervisors. Few bridges were washed away, but the approaches to nearly all of the river bridges on the Elkhorn are gone.

Creditors' claims against Clyde M. Trotter, North Platte automobile dealer, missing since January, were \$129,194.08, it was established at a meeting of creditors called by W. V. Hoagland, referee in bankruptcy. Trotter's assets collected from his garage are \$39,331.90.

A league for women voters was organized at Springfield last week, Sarpy county being the first in the state to formulate such a body of women. The league plans to enroll every woman in Sarpy county before the state meeting is held, June 12, 13 and 14.

The total rainfall for Holt county during April was 9.22 inches, according to the government gauge at O'Neill, or a total of nearly 59 billion cubic feet of water for the county, as the area of the county is 2,640 square miles.

Government officials have instituted legal proceedings against two Omaha retail grocers for alleged hoarding of sugar in violation of the Lever act. These merchants were among those whose sugar was confiscated recently.

Nearly 600 people attended a power farming contest staged at Hay Springs under the auspices of the Sheridan county farm bureau. Eight outfits competed for honors. The scoring was made on the tractor, plow and driver.

Nebraska churches contributed more than \$2,000,000 to the Interchurch World Movement campaign, which ended last Friday and many churches have not yet reported to state headquarters at Omaha.

Lodges Nos. 19 and 54, A. F. and A. M., of Lincoln, are planning to construct a new \$500,000 Masonic Temple in the Capital City. Plans for the structure have been approved by the two lodges.

The 100-acre farm of Carl and Paul Vog, located near Beatrice, who reside in Germany and are alien enemies of the United States, has been seized by federal officials. The land is valued at \$250 an acre.

The highest price paid for a large acreage in Stanton county was paid when F. J. Parr sold 400 acres near Stanton for \$250 an acre.

Owen D. Kratzer has established a weekly newspaper at Virginia, Gage county. The name of the new publication is the Virginian.

Sidney business men have subscribed a budget of more than \$7,000 to put a baseball team in the field to represent the city.

A squad of seventeen inmates of the state penitentiary were put to work on the S. Y. A. highway, near Seward, the past week.

The new sewer system being installed at Franklin is being pushed rapidly and will be completed by July 1.

Fire completely destroyed three buildings in the business district of Shickley, causing a loss of about \$20,000.

A community club has been organized at Phillips, Hamilton county.

Carnival companies have been prohibited from showing in York county by the county board.

To supervise the expenditure of \$34,000 given by Fremont to the Y. W. C. A., a citizen's committee has been organized to work with association officers.

Paying a man \$800 for a case of bootleg whisky at the Missouri Pacific station in Auburn, a well known Verdon man found the bottles full of old tea. He complained to the sheriff that he had been "robbed by an unmasked bandit."

Scout troops over the state are planning to observe National Boy Scout Week, May 30 to June 6.

Manderson Lehr Post No. 162, American Legion of Albion, has gone on record favoring the four-fold soldier relief legislation now pending in congress.

Close to \$1,000,000 will be spent for Baptist activities in Nebraska as a result of the New World movement. A whirlwind canvass is being made in every Baptist church in the state in an effort to clean up Nebraska's quota in the drive.

Madeline Wilcox of Burr carried off high honors, both oral and written, at the state spelling contest held at Lincoln, successfully spelling every word in a text prepared by R. W. Eaton of Omaha. Sixty-seven contestants, representing thirty-eight Nebraska counties were entered. Other winners were Clarence Heider of Hampton, Crede Baker of Weeping Water, George Hayden of Ruskin, Mary Johnson of Fordyce, Julia Kosteen of Richardson county, and Ruby Nelson of Phelps county. The Lincoln Commercial club furnished cash prizes.

A committee composed of Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska, Prof. J. A. Rice of the State University and Paul F. Good of Lincoln will choose one Rhodes scholar from Nebraska this fall. The scholarship is good for three years in Oxford university beginning October, 1921. Anyone desiring to become a candidate should consult the authorities of his college or university.

Thomas Morris, believed to have been the oldest white man in the United States, died May 1, at the home of Charles Mitten, ranchman, eight miles northeast of Ansley. He was 129 years old, having been born in Berren, North Wales, January 15, 1794. He came to this country in 1871, locating at Streator, Ill., and moved to Custer county, Nebraska, in 1888.

Warning that fake oil lease promoters are busy fleecing Nebraska people, and that reliable information upon any oil prospects within the state may be obtained from state authorities for the asking is voiced in a statement issued at Lincoln by Professor Condra of the University of Nebraska.

The supplemental acts of the legislature passed since 1913, will not be printed, the finance department of the state deciding after opening bids that the state could not afford to incur the expense necessary because of the cost at this time.

Edgar Taylor of Norfolk sold to Steeder Brothers of Wesley, Ia., Uneda Orion Sensation, a Duroc Jersey boar, for the sum of \$10,000, believed to be the highest price ever paid for a hog in Nebraska.

Following an alleged assault upon a small boy committed by one of their number the entire gang of colored section laborers was run out of Lakeside by an enraged crowd of farmers and townspeople.

During the past month over \$200 has been paid out by the county clerk at Beatrice in bounties for wolf scalps. C. Perkey, farmer, near Filley, brought nine live wolves in the past week.

Arthur S. Churchill, 76 years old, former attorney general of Nebraska, died at a hospital at Omaha. Mr. Churchill was a staunch republican, a member of the G. A. R. and of the Masonic lodge.

Because he had asked exemption from the draft on the ground that he was an alien enemy, C. L. Knicker of Syracuse was denied citizenship by District Judge Begley at Nebraska City.

Permission has been given the Hamilton County Farmers' Telephone association by the State Railway Commission to increase the rates of its several exchanges 25 cents a month.

Three Fremont business men have volunteered to serve as scoutmasters for three troops of Boy Scouts, to give the Fremont organization first-class rating with the national council.

School teachers of Dodge county are helping County Agent Houser make a survey of all cattle, mules, horses and hogs in the county as a part of the "Better Sires" campaign.

State Auditor Marsh reports that the delay in issuing liability insurance vouchers to pay losses sustained last year has been delayed because of the lack of help in his office.

Grand army men in Nebraska are rejoicing over the passage of the Fuller bill in congress allowing a \$50 per month pension to all civil war veterans who saw service.

The R. E. Searle Aero company of Ogallala has sold its second airplane this spring, the latest purchaser being Chas. Cone and Harry Bradenkamp of Lexington.

The balance in the state treasury increased the past month from \$3,126,638.62 March 31 to \$3,182,075.45, according to a report issued by State Treasurer Cropley.

Telephone poles have all been removed from Franklin streets, and all wires put underground. The move is part of the city campaign to beautify the streets.

The \$250,000 bond issue to enlarge the public library at Omaha was defeated at the recent primary.

The city council of Auburn has decided to proceed with the paving program which involves 22 blocks.

Indications are that Holt county will have the biggest hay crop this year in the history of the county. Holt is the leading hay producing county in the state.

Boone county citizens were severely shocked when John Buchanan, 30, shot and killed Mrs. Chapman, 78, and then killed himself at the Buchanan farm near Albion. The slayer is believed to have been mentally deranged.

The Lincoln Aero club is promoting an all-Nebraska air derby and definite plans are to be made soon.

From Omaha to Fremont in twenty-one minutes, a distance of thirty-seven miles, was made by an airplane the other day, piloted by C. J. Rebins of Fremont.

The state department of irrigation has approved a project to irrigate a 400-acre tract in Rock county from Rock creek. The water will be carried by a flume a mile long. It is the first irrigation project in the county.