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Italian Government Ready to Make New Alliance—Capital of Mexico Has Been Isolated

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington, D. C.—Offers of large salaries to expert ordnance officers of the army by private manufacturers of war munitions for European belligerents have created such a serious problem in the war department that Secretary Garrison has called upon Attorney General Gregory for an opinion as to whether an army officer has an "inalienable right" to resign his commission in time of peace. Four resignations were accepted before the gravity of the situation was realized, but two others recently tendered are being held up pending the attorney general's decision and the formulation of a general policy by the department.

No News from Mexican Capital
Washington, D. C.—Anxiety increased in official quarters over the situation in Mexico City, with which the state department has been unable to communicate since June 18, when General Gonzales, the Carranza commander, cut the wires to Vera Cruz at Otumba, twenty-five miles east of the capital. Consular advices from Vera Cruz said the wires were down and it was improbable that communication would be restored before Gonzales entered the city. Vera Cruz dispatches to the Carranza agency here have insisted Gonzales was trying "to save the city from the horrors of attack," and had been ordered to exhaust every means to induce the Villa-Zapata troops to withdraw without resistance.

ITALY PROPOSES TO WITHDRAW

Fear of Revolution Induced Proposition from Government.
Berlin.—The special correspondent of the Tagliche Rundschau at Vienna telegraphs he has learned on excellent authority that Italy, realizing already the impossibility of making headway against Austria, has proposed to Austria that she would withdraw slowly from the region formerly offered to Italy as compensation in return for which Italy pledges herself to cease all military activity, except for the occupation of this territory. This proposal was made to Austria through neutral persons. Italy, the correspondent continues, is ready to make a new alliance after the war. The Italian government fears a revolution.

Berlin Celebrated Lemberg's Fall.
Berlin.—The news that Lemberg had been carried by Austrian and Hungarian troops was received with great jubilation in Berlin. Throngs crowded the public squares and the parks, flags were displayed, bands played patriotic airs, extra editions of the newspapers were shouted on the streets, and the church bells were rung. Everybody felt that another great step toward final victory had been gained.

Lansing Takes Oath of Office.
Washington.—The United States government has notified all foreign governments of the appointment of Robert Lansing to be secretary of state. Notice was also sent to all diplomatic and consular representatives of the United States in foreign countries. Mr. Lansing took the oath of office Thursday as the successor of William Jennings Bryan. High officials, diplomats and close personal friends were on hand to witness the ceremony and to extend their congratulations.

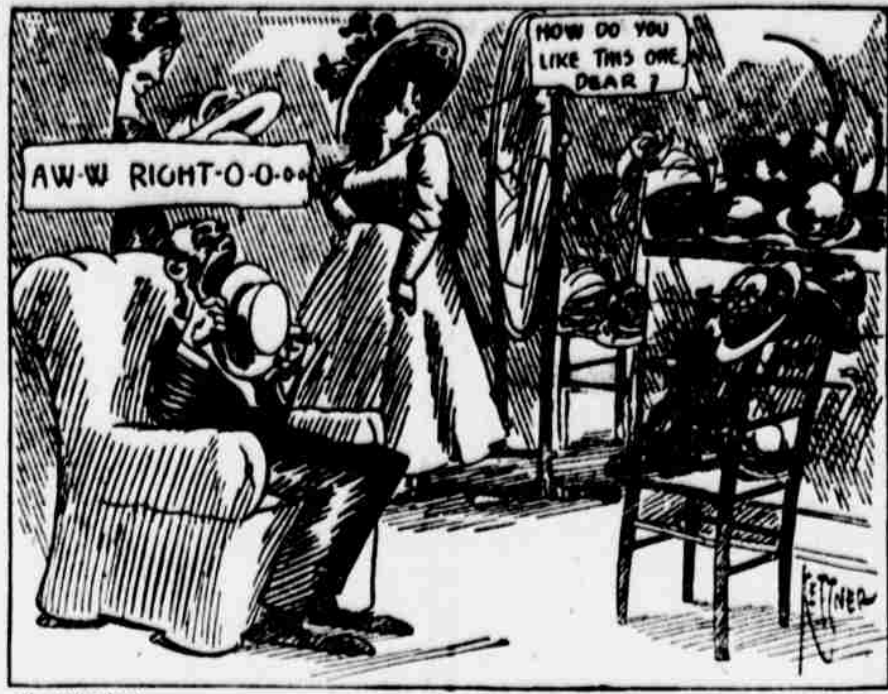
Crude Oil Fired by Lightning.
Cushing, Okla.—Thirty-one large oil tanks, containing more than 333,000 barrels of crude oil, were set on fire by lightning during a terrific electrical storm in the Cushing field. Attempts made to save some of the oil by puncturing the tanks to allow the oil to flow into containers were unsuccessful.

Berne.—An Italian manufacturer, Signor Clerici, has given \$10,000 to be distributed in five rewards of \$2,000 each to the soldiers who capture the first five German or Austrian flags in battle. Similar patriotic offers are being made in many Italian towns.

Washington.—All Red Cross funds available for famine relief in Mexico have been exhausted and the society has issued another urgent appeal for foodstuffs and money. Twenty thousand persons were reported as practically starving in Guerrero.

Lincoln.—Roofs of houses, with holes drilled through them by the enormous hail stones during the storm at Holdrege, were photographed by R. R. Spafford, of the farm management survey of the state farm. The stones, as large as eggs, went through roofs, tore off the siding of buildings, and killed small stock and jack rabbits. Cattle were reported killed near Red Cloud. The family cat at one of the houses became frightened in the course of the half-hour storm and made a dash in the open for the barn. She was struck dead.

HEROES IN EVERYDAY LIFE



NATIONAL GUARDS CUT OUT

GREAT BRITAIN CLAIMS ORDER-IN-COUNCIL JUSTIFIED.

Nine Companies of Colorado Militia Dropped from Roll—President Sees No Prospect of Early Peace.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Great Britain, in a memorandum transmitted to the United States and just made public here and in London, recites at length its efforts to minimize inconvenience to neutral commerce resulting from the order-in-council against trade with Germany, Austria and Turkey, and asserts that American citizens have no just ground for complaint on account of the treatment accorded their cargoes. No attempt is made to answer the principles asserted in the American notes of March 1 protesting against the order-in-council and insisting upon the right of neutrals to carry on legitimate commerce with each other and to trade in non-contraband with civilians in belligerent countries. In transmitting the memorandum, Ambassador Page said it was "merely an explanation of concrete case and the regulations under which they are dealt with."

Sees No Prospect of Early Peace.

New York.—President Wilson does not see any prospect for an early peace in Europe. Thursday Col. E. M. House, his close friend and unofficial envoy to Europe, gave the president the result of his sojourn of several months in the principal capitals of Europe, where he talked intimately with the responsible officials of the German, British and French governments, and the information he imparted in the long walks and talks which they enjoyed reflected the ideas held by both diplomats and the military element in each of the countries at war.

NO LONGER IN NATIONAL GUARD

Nine Companies of Colorado State Militia Dropped from Roll.
Washington.—Nine companies of the Colorado state militia have been stricken from the list of national guard organizations recognized by the war department because of deficiencies in recruiting, organization and equipment. Several other companies were placed on probation pending their compliance with the requirements of the federal law. Those dropped from the list, five in the first regiment and four in the second, will have their arms and equipment withdrawn, and no longer will receive support from the federal government.

Washington.—After a score of years of litigation the suits growing out of the failure of the Capital National bank of Lincoln are again to be reviewed. The United States supreme court has ordered that four cases known as the Jones National bank, the Bank of Staplehurst, the Utica bank and Thomas Bailey against David Thompson, Charles E. Yates and others be restored to the supreme court docket for argument.

Italy Will Harvest Big Wheat Crop.
Washington.—Italy will harvest 29,396,000 more bushels of wheat this year than in 1914, according to a forecast of crop conditions cabled the department of agriculture by the international institute of agriculture in Rome. Italy's wheat yield is estimated at 202,093,000 bushels for 1915, as against 172,697,000 bushels in 1914. No yearly comparisons are given for other grains, but it is estimated that Italy's rye crop this year will total 4,724,000 bushels; barley, 9,136,000, and oats, 31,033,000.

Providing for Promotions.
Washington, D. C.—Yearly promotions for more than 12,000 postal employees in different parts of the country will be authorized by the postoffice department, July 1, despite the failure of congress at its last session to pass the postal appropriation bill. First Assistant Postmaster General Roper announces that an unexpended balance in the funds of his office would be utilized to provide for the promotion of postmasters, clerks and carriers, who, under the salary classification law, are entitled to advancement.

GERMANS DECLARE LOSS OF LEMBERG FATAL BLOW

Seven British Reservists Arrested in New York—Carranza Refuses to Treat with Villa.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. London.—The Russians have lost Lemberg. They occupied the Galician capital early in September and held it continuously until Tuesday, when the combined Austro-German forces compelled them to retreat from the city, which is only sixty-odd miles due west from the nearest point of the Russian frontier. Whether the fall of Lemberg means that the Russian army operating south of it in southeast Galicia is effectively cut off from the army to the north stretching across Poland to the Baltic can not yet be stated. The newspapers of both Vienna and Berlin say this is the case and that the Russian arms received a blow from which they can not recover.

Refuses to Deal with Villa.

Washington.—General Carranza has informed the United States government that under no circumstances will he treat with General Villa; that he will not compromise with his opponents, and that he will continue his plan to crush his enemies by military campaign. President Wilson has received a long report on General Carranza, views as given in informal conversation with an American consular officer at Vera Cruz. He found in it little hope for a reconciliation of differences as between the Mexican factions.

VIOLATING NEUTRALITY LAW.

Seven Men Enlisted for English Service Arrested at New York.
New York.—Seven men who are alleged to have enlisted at San Francisco as British reservists were arrested here by special agents of the department of justice. The men were en route to England. According to Assistant United States District Attorney Roger B. Wood an investigation of alleged breaches of the neutrality law of the United States is now in progress in San Francisco. The men arrested here, he asserted, were wanted as witnesses. An order for their arrest was issued by a federal judge.

Descendants of William Hurry.

Lincoln, Neb.—Six direct descendants of William Hurry, who pulled the rope that rang the liberty bell proclaiming to the world the signing of the declaration of independence July 4, 1776, will be guests of the Lincoln Commercial club July 9, the date that the bell tops in Lincoln on its way from Philadelphia to the exposition in San Francisco. They are Mrs. Herbert J. Thompson, seven generations removed by direct lineal descent from William Hurry, and her five sons, Alexander, Arthur, Alfred, George and Reid, all residents of Palmyra, Otco county.

Los Angeles.—Several deaths are reported at Calexico, a town on the Mexican boundary line, as a result of an earthquake. Fires are said to have started in several places. The telegraph and telephone wires were put out of commission. The high school at Brawley, a few miles north of El Centro, is said to have been destroyed by the shock. Considerable damage was reported at El Centro, but no fires occurred there. Electric wires were broken, throwing the town into darkness. Buildings were severely shaken.

Grandfather Clause Unconstitutional.

Washington.—The Oklahoma constitutional "grandfather clause" restricting the negro vote, has been annulled as unconstitutional by the supreme court. The court held that Oklahoma had not meant to provide a literacy test for its voters, if the restriction as to those qualified to vote in 1866 was illegal, and hence struck down that test, although holding that standing alone such a test was constitutional. The decision was unanimous.

FRUSTRATES A PLOT

UNITED STATES TAKES HAND IN REVOLUTIONARY MOVE

NEED FLOUR FOR THE ARMY

Villa Gives Order to Refuse Sales to Civilians—Denies Any Harm to American Trade

Western Newspaper Union News Service. El Paso, Tex.—General Victoriano Huerta, former dictator of Mexico arrived here Sunday accompanied by several well known Mexicans. Upon his arrival federal officials who accompanied by United States cavalrymen had met the party at Newman, N. M., escorted General Huerta to the federal building for a conference.

Formal charges were filed against Huerta and Orozco on instructions from the United States district attorney at San Antonio charging them with conspiracy to incite a revolution against a friendly country.

The accused were taken before George Oliver, United States commissioner, and their bond approved and their hearing fixed for Thursday.

Denies Harming American Trade

Washington, D. C.—England's denial that she has harmed American trade will not be accepted by the United States. Issue will be taken with the assertions in the British note. In addition, the United States will call the British foreign office's attention to the fact that the reply evades the main point—the right of neutral nations to carry on their trade with each other unmolested by any belligerent. It is expected that Secretary of State Lansing will begin preparing the reply note at once.

FLOUR NEEDED FOR THE ARMY

Villa Gives Orders Not to Sell to Civilians

Douglas, Ariz.—All flour mill owners in Sonora, Mexico, have been notified by the Villa authorities not to sell flour to civilians under any circumstances, as it will be needed for the army. Because of these orders farmers are said to be making their own flour in primitive stone mills and have ceased selling to the mills. Grain crops surrounding many towns and villages are going to ruin because of lack of labor to harvest them.

Laborers in southern Moctezuma and northern Sahuaripa districts are refusing to accept issues of war script demanding wheat in payment of wages.

Want Workers in Harvest Fields

Washington.—War orders from Europe, the prospective record-breaking crop of wheat now being harvested and heavy yields of other grains are creating a new demand for labor, according to indications at the government employment office in the department of labor. Requests for workers are coming from many manufacturers and farmers throughout the country and from state labor commissioners. Oklahoma is said to need from 16,000 to 18,000 harvest hands, and Kansas 35,000. An Oregon association has applied for 1,000 berry pickers.

Told to Keep Out of Mexico.

London.—The official press bureau has issued the following statement: "In view of the existing state of affairs in Mexico, the secretary for foreign affairs (Sir Edward Grey) desires to warn British subjects against visiting that country unless absolutely obliged to do so by imperative necessity."

To Float New French Loan.

New York.—J. P. Morgan & Co. announce that arrangements have been made by them and the Rothschilds of Paris for the flotation in this country of a new French loan, the amount of which it was impossible to state at present, secured by high grade railway bonds lodged with the Morgar firm.

Washington.—Official notice of France's decision to withhold passports hereafter from Americans of German origin has reached the state department. Officials refused to comment but it was understood they were examining treaties to determine what course to take.

St. Louis, Mo.—Senator Stone of Missouri has selected a solid silver flower basket, standing three feet high, as the wedding gift from the Missouri congressional delegation to Miss Genevieve Clark, daughter of Speaker Champ Clark of the national house of representatives.

Washington.—Another warning to Americans against going to British ports without passports or other identification papers has been received at the state department from Ambassador Page at London.

Chicago, Ill.—Taking the lead in action which it is estimated will throw 150,000 men out of employment in this city, the Edward Hines Lumber company, the largest in Chicago, announces that it will close its twenty yards. The company employs 10,000 men. The Illinois Brick company will be the next to cease operations. The crisis is due to the rejection of arbitration by the carpenters who have been on strike for nearly two months. The building material men say that they have been operating at a loss during the strike.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A farmers' union has been organized at Murdock.

The southwest Nebraska fair will be held at Maywood in October.

President Wilson has appointed F. G. Covar as postmaster at Schuyler.

The Fairbury summer normal school has just closed a three weeks' term.

Edith Yost, a twenty-year-old Wyoming girl, suicided by taking poison.

According to returns of the assessor there are 1,093 pianos in York county. Seward will not celebrate July 4th, but instead will have a grand barbecue August 11th.

The corner stone of the new manual training school at Peru normal will be laid July 5.

The Oxford school will purchase the baseball park and convert it into a high school athletic grounds.

An increase of \$808,022 is shown in the Lincoln bank clearings for last week, over the same period last year.

The State Sunday School Convention at Broken Bow last week was the largest of its kind ever held in the state.

Fairbury will establish a rock pile for the benefit of Weary Willies who attempt to make that city a stopping place.

The national convention of the Farmers' Union will be held in Lincoln for four days beginning September 6th.

Martial airs and patriotic music were barred from Lincoln schools during the past year as a result of the European war.

The cold, damp weather has cut the prospective watermelon crop to an alarming degree, and growers look for a big shortage.

Ericson is now an incorporated village. Messrs. Foulk, Heston, Larson, Hardesty and Pierce were named as village trustees.

A large force of men has been employed at the work of grading the seedling mile of the Lincoln highway, west of Kearney.

Harry M. Pratt, who has been connected with the Lincoln fire department for over twenty-one years, will be retired on a pension.

Scott Wall of Fremont thinks he has the most diminutive horse on earth. It stands 22 x 32 inches, is fully developed and four years old.

A. L. Caviness, for fifteen years Superintendent of the Fairbury schools will go to Kearney as head of the city schools at that place.

Seven carloads of horses, including a few mules were purchased by a Tecumseh firm at a sale last week at the state fair grounds in Lincoln.

Mayor Madgett of Hastings is determined to stop "punch board" gambling and merchants have been notified to discontinue their use.

The corner stone of the new \$10,000 library building at Broken Bow was laid last week, under the auspices of the Masonic grand lodge.

George Rosentrater, a farmer living southwest of Callaway, may die of injuries sustained when he became entangled in the belt of a gasoline engine.

Entry blanks for the Better Babies contest at the Nebraska state fair will be mailed on request by the secretary of the Nebraska state board of agriculture.

Insurance companies carrying hail risks in the five counties in the southwest part of the state that were hit by the heavy storm of June 17 believe they will be called upon to pay to the farmers about half a million dollars.

The Tecumseh school board has secured the services of Clarence Weber as agricultural instructor in the high school for next year. Weber is a graduate of the Tecumseh high school and also of the agricultural college at Lincoln.

A hundred and twelve officers of the Nebraska national guard, with the officers of the school of instruction, were banqueted at the Lincoln Commercial club Friday noon, as part of the entertainment provided for the visitors at the annual camp of instruction in Lincoln this year.

Mrs. Frank Shanecraft, of Lincoln, held a burglar whom she caught in her lurch car until a policeman arrived and "toted" him off to the station.

Roy Harling, a Beaver Crossing young man, was "done" for \$50 in a confidence game by an affable stranger with whom he struck up an acquaintance at Lincoln.

Spontaneous combustion from alfalfa in the barn of W. M. Clayton of West Beatrice started a fire which destroyed the structure, together with a considerable amount of implements, hay and grain. One horse perished.

Seven farmers of the Diller vicinity marketed over 4,500 bushels of wheat the first part of last week.

D. C. Berry, former county treasurer of Lancaster county, and widely known throughout the state, was seriously if not fatally shot by a burglar who invaded his bungalow in West Palm Beach, Fla.

The officers of the Johnson County Good Roads association have decided to give a number of prizes for the best kept mile of road within a distance of five miles in any direction from the limits of the city of Tecumseh.

Miss Freda Ramsey, daughter of Dr. F. P. Ramsay, of the University of Omaha, died at Santa Barbara, Cal., Sunday, as the result of being thrown from a horse.

The attendance at the summer sessions of the state normal schools is very good this year, as far as has been reported to State Superintendent Thomas.

The various church organizations at Fremont will join in a union revival during the month of January, next. The meetings will be held in a tabernacle under charge of Reverend Reyburn of Iowa.

BOUNTIFUL PROMISE FROM WESTERN CANADA

Average Increase of Acreage in Wheat Over 22 Per Cent.

Province.	Wheat Acreage Increase.
Saskatchewan	25 per cent
Alberta	32 1/2 per cent
Manitoba	15 per cent
Average for prairies.....	22 1/2 per cent

The growth of the crop during the past week was very satisfactory. Rain fell in many places during the early part of the week, followed by warmer weather, which has been most beneficial to the grain. Breaking and summer-fallowing were well under way, and conditions generally were most promising.

The following reports have been received by the department from the various centers: Denholm—A little rain needed in the northern part to start late grain; remainder of district plenty of moisture. Davidson—Ideal growing weather; a few farmers harrowing grain to conserve moisture by breaking crust formed since last rain. North Battleford to Prince Albert—Good growing weather; crops looking well. Slight damage near North Battleford from cutworms; recent rains beneficial. Kindersley—Crops looking fine and prospects good; plenty of moisture, with prospects of more rain. Every slough in this country is full. Prince Albert—Crops in fair condition, though cutworms and light frosts have done damage in some sections. Have had moderate quantity of rain.

Owing to prompt marketing of the harvest of 1914, the farmers were enabled to devote more time than usual to cultivation in the autumn, under conditions which were decidedly favorable, and that, combined with the opportunities for soil preparation presented by an early spring this year, has resulted in the seeding of a wheat area estimated at twenty-five per cent greater than last year. Areas sown to oats and flax may be less than last year, because of the concentration upon the wheat in greater demand for export. Wheat seeding was completed eight days earlier than the average, under almost ideal conditions.

Alberta.

"Prospects excellent. Abundant moisture throughout the province, following rain. Area thirty to thirty-five per cent greater. Crop generally two weeks earlier."

Attention is drawn to the fact that the land has not been in such fine condition to work for years; neither has there been as much moisture as there was last autumn. This was protected during the winter by a little more than the average snowfall, which remained on the land, not being removed by the warm chinook winds, as is usually the case. There never has been a more optimistic feeling than exists today, judging by the information received from various parts of the province. We feel justified in saying that the crop never went in under more favorable circumstances; weather splendid and land particularly well worked.

While it is true that the acreage will be greatly increased, it is pleasing to learn that despite the high price of feed, the receipts of milk and cream at the dairies continue to keep up, and that the output of the creameries has increased in quantity.

One of the most encouraging things in last year's work was the increase of practically thirty per cent in the output of cream and butter south of Calgary.

Manitoba.

Owing to the exceptionally early harvest last year and favorable fall weather, a much larger acreage of land was prepared than usual, and partly for the same reason and the prospects of high prices for all kinds of grain, farmers took more pains in the preparation of land, so that the spring opened up with 1,235,000 acres of fully prepared land above the previous year. Seeding was general by the 7th of April, some days in advance of the average. Since that time the weather has been exceptionally favorable for the sowing of wheat, and the farmers have taken full advantage of it. Much of the crop is now above the surface. There has been a very general and liberal rainfall; this will hasten the germination of the recently sown wheat, and will prevent the soil from drifting off the later sown crop. The area sown in wheat is fully 15 per cent greater than last year.

To sum up the agricultural situation generally, the Department of Agriculture says: "The area is larger than usual, the land has been well prepared, and the wheat has been sown at the right time; not so early as to run the risk of being killed off by frost, but sufficiently early to insure its ripening in the fall."—Advertisement.

Interesting Comparison.

"It beats all how luck does play favorites," remarked Farmer Cortnessel. "I jes' been to see Ezra Hankins."

"How's he gettin' along since he hurt his foot?"

"He's purty glum. The doctor charged him a hundred dollars fur cuttin' his foot off. An' when the railroad cut Uncle Jake's foot the company paid him six hundred in cash. Maybe these great corporations ain't as graspin' as some people says."

But a poet doesn't necessarily dwell in an attic for the sake of the view.

Let's remember the kind acts of others, but forget our own!