

PLEA TO MEXICO HAS NO HINT OF ARMY PRESSURE

Pan-American Appeal to Distressed Republic Calls on Leaders to Meet for Conference. OFFERS TO ACT AS MEDIATORS Chiefs Requested to Take Steps Toward Reconstruction of Country.

MOTIVES OF FRIENDLINESS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The Pan-American appeal to Mexico, now being delivered to the chiefs of factions and governors of states, was made public here tonight by the State department. Without even an intimation of armed intervention, it calls upon the leaders to meet somewhere in Mexico, on neutralized ground, in a conference, "to adopt the first steps necessary to the constitutional reconstruction of the country," and to issue a fall for immediate election. The services of the United States or any of the other Pan-American conferees are offered as intermediaries to arrange the meeting.

Text of Appeal.

The undersigned, the secretary of state of the United States, the ambassadors extraordinary and plenipotentiaries of Brazil, Chile and Argentina, and the envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary of Bolivia, Uruguay, and Guatemala, accredited to the government of the United States of America, acting severally and independently, unanimously send to you the following communication: "Inspired by the most sincere spirit of American fraternity and convinced that they rightly interpret the earnest wish of the entire continent, they have met informally at the suggestion of the secretary of state of the United States, to consider the Mexican situation so as to ascertain whether their friendly and disinterested help could be successfully employed to re-establish peace and constitutional order in our sister republic.

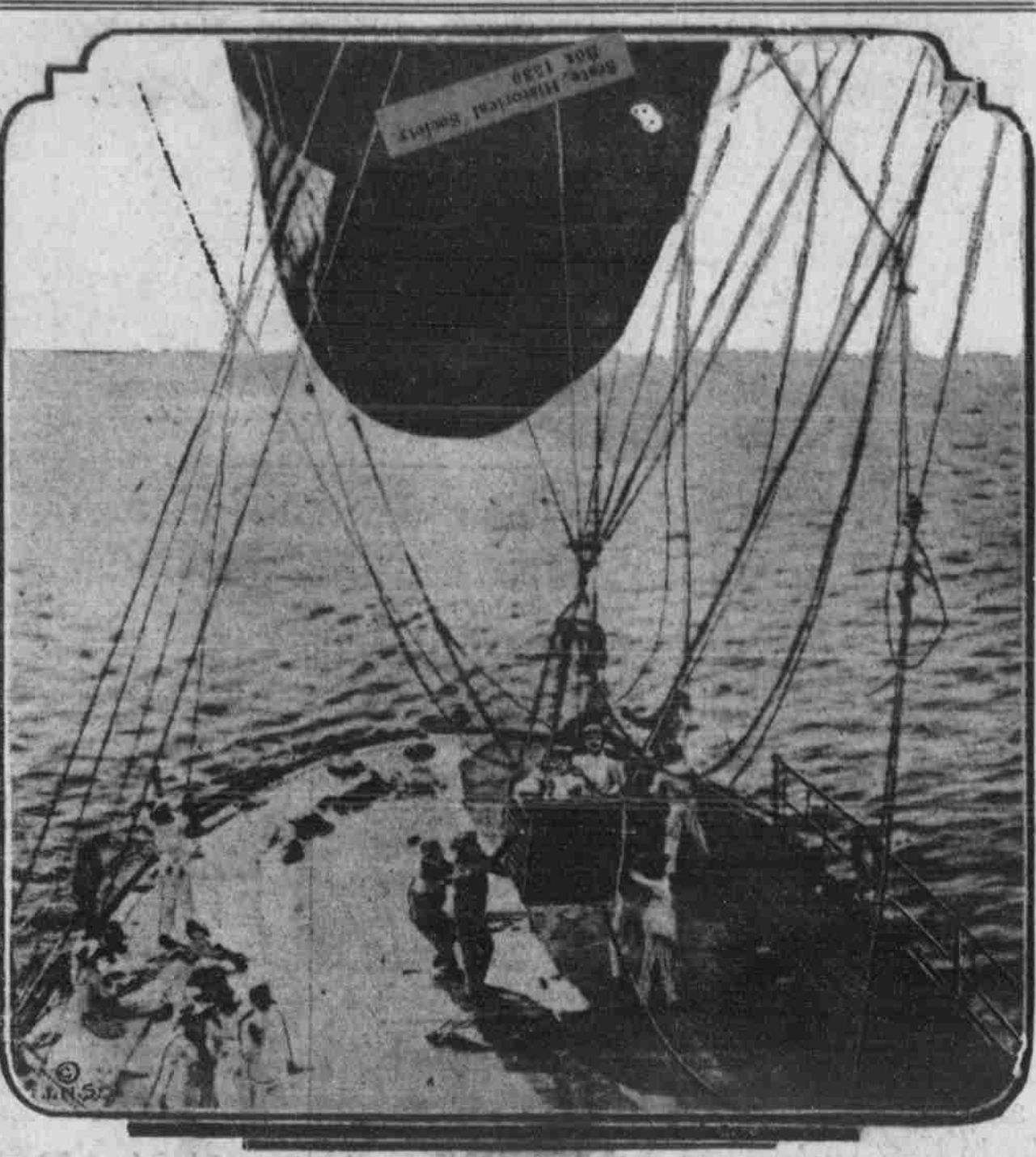
"In the heat of the frightful struggle, which for so long has steeped in blood, Mexican soil, many doubts may well have lost sight of the dissolving effects of the strife upon the most vital conditions of the national existence not only upon the life and liberty of the inhabitants, but on the prestige and security of the country.

"We cannot doubt, however, no one can doubt that in the presence of a sympathetic appeal from their brothers of America recalling to them these disastrous effects, asking them to save their motherland from an abyss no one can doubt, we repeat—that the patriotism of the men who lead or aid in any way the bloody strife will not remain unmoved; no one can doubt that each and everyone of them, measuring in his own conscience his share in this catastrophe of national misfortune and looking forward to his share in the glory of the pacification and reconstruction of the country will respond nobly and resolutely to this friendly appeal and give their best efforts to opening the way to some saving action.

"We, the undersigned, believe that if the men directing the armed movements in Mexico, whether political or military chiefs, should agree to meet, either in person or by delegates, far from the sound of cannon, and with no other inspiration save the thought of their afflicted land, there to exchange ideas and to determine the fate of the country— from such action would undoubtedly result the strong and unyielding agreement requisite to the creation of a provisional government, which should adopt the first steps necessary to the constitutional reconstruction of the country—and to issue the first and most essential of all, the immediate call to general elections.

"An adequate place within the Mexican

GOING UP FOR A PEEP AT THE ENEMY'S SHIPS—This remarkable photograph shows captive balloon on an Italian battleship about to ascend for reconnaissance purposes.



WAR DEPARTMENT RUSHES REGIMENT TO BROWNSVILLE

In Addition to Infantry, One Aeroplane and Two Batteries of Artillery Are Ordered to Border.

ARE ASKED FOR BY FUNSTON

Mexican Soldiers Cross the Boundary and Begin Slaughtering Cattle.

POSSES START AFTER THEM

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Late today the War department, at the request of Major General Funston, ordered one regiment of infantry from Texas City to Brownsville and also ordered one aeroplane, one battery of 4.7 guns and one battery of 4.7 howitzers to Brownsville from Fort Gill, Okla.

Major General Bell, commanding at Texas City, will select the infantry regiment; the commander at Fort Gill will choose the batteries. Although first reports today indicated no more forces would be sent to Brownsville, later developments evidently convinced General Funston of the need of more protection for the border line threatened by Mexican raiders.

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 14.—Mexican soldiers entered American territory fifteen miles west of Nogales today and began slaughtering cattle, according to a report from the Harrison ranch, on the border. Three automobiles loaded with armed men started for the scene soon after the report reached here.

Forming Secret Societies.

AUSTIN, Tex., Aug. 14.—Mexicans in Guadalupe, Hays and Gonzales counties are forming secret societies, which are a menace to the safety of Americans, according to F. C. Welner, manager of the state cotton warehouses, who yesterday returned from a trip to Seguin, where he was called to advise a group of farmers, who had received threatening letters.

"These Mexicans are organized by agitators from San Antonio," said Mr. Welner. "The agitators have one argument at all times: 'These lands are really ours and ought to be ours.' They say to the Mexicans, generally disappear after collecting dues from the members.

Managers Adopt Summary Code.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 14.—Carranza soldiers, it was learned today, temporarily took possession of Island No. 10 in the Rio Grande for a short time, while the Mexican raiding party was in the neighborhood. This island is large, containing pasture for considerable stock. American residents of the vicinity, which is near Rio Grande City, 100 miles above here, were mystified by the actions of the Mexican soldiers. The latter finally withdrew from the island.

Peace officers and rangers have adopted a summary code of handling suspected Mexicans. At Fort Brown here the following report was turned in, made by peace officers to an army patrol officer on duty at a small station north of Brownsville:

"We met two Mexicans. They tried

Blast Furnaces to Resume Operation

SHARON, Pa., Aug. 14.—Activity such as this region has not known in seven years is shown by blast furnace interests, due to the increasing demand for pig iron. The statement was made today that furnaces which have long been idle would be placed in operation before October 1. Superintendent J. S. Robbins of the Clair Furnace company received orders to repair the plant without delay, and President George S. Boyd of the Valley Metal and Iron company, announced the Alice furnace would be placed in operation as soon as possible. Two blast furnaces at Middlesex are being repaired and the Hall furnace of the Republic Iron and Steel company also is being made ready for work, while an additional furnace of the Shenango Furnace company, it is expected, will be blown in next week.

Mexican Generals in Five States Repudiate Carranza and Villa

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 14.—The military commanders of the states of Sinaloa, Tepic, Chihuahua, Guerrero and, it is believed, Durango, have refused to recognize the authority of either Villa or Carranza, according to authoritative advice here today.

Raiders Steal Cattle.

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 14.—With twenty armed men, Sheriff W. A. McKnight left here today for Harrison's ranch, nine miles east of Nogales. Mexican raiders were reported to have crossed the international boundary and driven 300 head of cattle into Mexico. Nogales citizens began arming themselves, saying they feared a raid close by.

MUNGER FUNERAL IS HELD IN OMAHA

Body is Then Taken to Fremont for Interment, Where Burial Services Are Held.

MASONIC FUNERAL AT GRAVE

Funeral services for the late Judge William Henry Munger yesterday morning brought a large concourse of friends to the family residence at 1824 South Twenty-second avenue. The house was filled with beautiful floral tributes sent from far and wide, and they were piled in profusion around the casket. Telegrams and letters of condolence from colleagues on the bench and prominent men all over the United States were received by the family. As a neighbor of days of old, Rev. Dr. Egan of the Congregational church of Fremont officiated, and the funeral party left for Fremont by train shortly before noon.

At the home here simple ceremonies were confined to a song rendered by Walter B. Dale, prayer and a brief sermon, in which Dr. Egan characterized the good heartedness and honesty, and conscientious devotion to duty, that had marked his rise from lowly beginnings to eminence. He lamented that plans for returning from the bench in October next, and to resume with his wife their residence in Fremont had not been permitted to materialize, but said that Mrs. Munger would now by herself make her home

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Allies Debark Large Number of Troops on Gallipoli Peninsula

PARIS, Aug. 14.—An official communication on the situation at the Dardanelles, given by the French war office this afternoon reads: "On the Gallipoli peninsula British forces, since August 6, have been debarking successfully at a point near the Bay of Suvla on the west side of the peninsula. They have made progress at a point further to the south in the vicinity of Gaba Tepe. Here, after some severe fighting, these forces were successful in gaining a footing on the slope of the height of Sari Bair. They took more than 500 prisoners and captured nine machine guns. The operations at this point continue to progress.

"At the south end of the peninsula the efforts of the Turks to penetrate our lines all resulted in failure. On August 7 we made some slight progress. Since this date the activity of the French front has consisted mainly in artillery fighting, with marked advantage for our batteries.

Austria Prepares Raid on Serbia to Relieve Turkey

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Recent dispatches from the Balkans have stated that the Austrians have assembled a force of 50,000 men near Orsova for the purpose of cutting their way through Serbia to relieve Turkey.

THREE BUSHELS OF JEWELS AND PURSES

Large Quantity of Small Pieces of Personal Property Found on Upper Deck of Eastland.

WRECKED SHIP ON EVEN KEEL

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Three bushels of jewels, purses and other small pieces of personal property which belonged to victims of the Eastland disaster were recovered when the ship, just three weeks after the catastrophe, was restored to even keel today. The property was found on the upper decks, which were the first available to search.

Rumor Teamsters' Strike in St. Louis May Be Settled

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 14.—The two largest transfer companies that are affected by the strike of teamsters said today that they would try to operate their wagons with nonunion men before Monday.

The teamsters of four other firms, a total of 100 men, joined the strike today. Postoffice inspectors today notified the union leaders that there must be no interference with the transportation of mail between St. Louis and East St. Louis.

Chicago City Pay Roll is Held Up

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Salaries of 17,000 city employees, aggregating approximately \$2,000,000 a month, were held up today by Percy Colvin, president of the city commission, as a reprisal for the action of City Treasurer Sergel in refusing to pay the salaries of seven special men employed in the civil commission work.

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PLAN FOR ATTACK ON SUEZ FAILURE

German Plan at Jaffa Preparing a Secret Expedition is Destroyed by the French.

HOUSES IN CITY NOT DAMAGED

PARIS, Aug. 14.—A plan for an attack on the Suez canal is said by the ministry of marine today to have been detected and thwarted. Announcement was made in the following statement:

"On August 12, after warning had been given to the governor of Jaffa and time given for the evacuation of the vicinity, a French cruiser bombarded and destroyed the principal buildings of the shops of the German firm of Wagner Bros., which were making arms and ammunition and constructing boats destined for an attack on the Suez canal. The houses in the vicinity were not damaged."

Jaffa, in southern Palestine, Adamic Turkey, is about 100 miles northeast of Port Said, at the Mediterranean end of the Suez canal. In Jaffa is a large foundry owned by Wagner Brothers.

The French marine ministry's communications leaves in doubt the nature of the expedition said to have been planned against the canal. It would be obviously impossible to construct a naval force of sufficient strength to cope with the warships of Great Britain and France in those waters and it might be inferred that small vessels were being built for a raid, depending on secrecy and speed for the success of the adventure.

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GROCERY STORE.—My best one will cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000; sales for 1914 were over \$50,000; profit, after paying property \$1,400 per year was over \$6,000. It is a wonder some live wire does not snap this up; store has been owned by one man over twenty years.

The Day's War News

GERMAN FORCES are continuing their rapid eastward march from Warsaw and exerting increasing pressure on both the north and south wings of the Russian army. The situation is causing the question to be raised in capitals of the entente allies whether Grand Duke Nicholas' forces will be able to hold their second line of defense with Brest-Litovsk as its center.

GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT shows that Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces have swung northward to a line drawn from Radosyn to Vladiva, pressing closer to the Brest-Litovsk stronghold, which is about thirty-five miles north of Vladiva. Austro-German forces already had occupied Radosyn.

GERMAN CROWN PRINCE continues pounding at the French Hussar in the Argonne. Paris reports an attack last night along the entire front in the Marle-Therese sector, which was repulsed with perceptible losses to the Germans. Berlin declares progress was made by the Germans near Maritzberg, in the Argonne region.

BRITISH STEAMER CAIRO and a fishing smack have been sunk by German submarines.

FRENCH MINISTRY OF MARINE announced that a threatened raid on the Suez canal had been frustrated through the bombardment by a French cruiser of German shops in Jaffa.

RUSSIANS DECLARE THE LINE WILL HOLD

Assert Brest-Litovsk Front Will Stand Firm Against the Teutons.

PETROGRAD STILL CONFIDENT

PETROGRAD, Aug. 14.—(Via London.)—The new positions occupied by the Germans and Austrians were outlined with approximate accuracy on good authority today, for the first time since the fall of Warsaw. The line starting from the vicinity of Osowetz, near the Prussian border, opposite the Masurian lakes region, curves to the south and east, running through Sokolow, Siedlce, Lukow, Ostrow and Vladova.

The concentration of Austro-German forces in the direction of the fortress of Brest-Litovsk is proceeding along three roads, running to that point from Minsk, from Lukow and Vladova. The invaders are still between forty and fifty miles from Brest-Litovsk and are meeting with strenuous opposition at every step of their advance.

According to Russian military observers, in the near future the original plan of retirement from the Vistula line will be accomplished and Brest-Litovsk, although not yet in the sphere of activity, will assume its function as one end of the Russian line. In Petrograd the opinion is expressed with confidence that the advance of the Austrians and Germans will be checked on this line.

Naval Action Described. Related details of the recent naval action at the entrance of the gulf of Varna, show that the Germans with nine ships of the line and twelve cruisers drew up in battle formation. A fleet of trawlers, preceding the warships, cleared away mines.

The Russian defenders estimated that the Germans opened fire with one-fifth of their strength. Meanwhile Russian hydro-aeroplanes bombarded the trawlers and warships.

The trawlers eventually were driven off. Two of the German warships damaged were torpedo boats, the other a cruiser. They struck mines and apparently were injured severely.

The council of ministers has approved the project for the utilization of prisoners of war and foreign laborers for the manufacture of war supplies. Chinese, Koreans and Persians are to be employed. The council also approved the plan of the minister of education for opening certain universities to women, in the medical, scientific and legal branches.

Russians Abandoning Bialystok.

BIALYSTOK, Aug. 14.—(Via Petrograd.)—The equipment and supplies of factories and stores are being removed from this city, which is fifty-five miles east of Lomza. Many inhabitants are departing, although the civil government, state and private banks, the postal and telegraph services are still in operation.

The roads leading to this city from the west and northwest are lined with endless processions of refugees with their wagons. Many peasants in the Lomza, Ostrow and Malkin districts have departed hurriedly.

PREPARING FOR DRIVE THROUGH RUSSIAN CENTER

German Now Hold Front About Fifty Miles in Width on Line Sixty Miles East of the City of Warsaw.

FOUR TOWNS ARE CAPTURED

Enveloping Movement to the North Along the River Dvina Also Continues.

PETROGRAD REPORTS CHECK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—The American consul at Riga has taken over the British interests there. Ambassador Marjoe so reported today from Petrograd, but gave no explanation.

BERLIN, Aug. 14.—(Via London.)

The forces of Field Marshal Von Mackensen, pursuing the retreating Russians from the south, have reached the line of the high road leading from Radosyn to Widlow, it was officially announced by German army headquarters today.

LONDON, Aug. 14.—Steady progress for the forces of Prince Leopold of Bavaria eastward from Warsaw is taken here to indicate that the Germans are now massing their main movements on a drive through the Russian center and the continuance of the enveloping effort in the north along the Dvina. Both Petrograd and Berlin agree that the Germans have occupied the towns of Sokolow, Siedlce and Lukow, forming a German front about sixty miles east of Warsaw and fifty miles wide.

This is more than half way to Brest-Litovsk, which Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian commander-in-chief, hoped to make the new center of his defense. It is now regarded as probable that this point will be abandoned.

Petrograd Reports Check.

Petrograd claims that the Germans have been checked between Posenowetz and Dvinsk, Berlin, however, does not concede this. For the moment the intensity of the fighting is giving way to a respite as the fighting forces to avoid the enveloping net and the rapid advance of the Germans to gather the full fruits of the fall of Warsaw.

The outcome of these movements probably will be indicated within a few days whether Grand Duke Nicholas will be able to resume the offensive along the new front or will concentrate his energies in rear guard fighting during a slow retirement.

German correspondents accompanying the invading armies say the Russians are following the tactics of the Napoleonic campaign laying waste the country which they abandon.

Operations in the western field have virtually been halted, except for occasional local trench skirmishes.

War clouds continue to gather over the Balkans. A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam reports that Germany is preparing for eventualities by transporting 40,000 troops from Warsaw to the Serbian frontier.

Reports from the east coast say that the Zepplin which participated in the raid of Thursday were plainly visible. Crowds gathered on the balconies of hotels and watched the aerial battle, in which the dirigibles were driven off by British airplanes after having been first attacked by anti-aircraft guns.

Mr. Taft Starts On Trip Through West

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—William H. Taft leaves New York today on a western trip, to be absent until October 5. He will stop first at Rockville, Ind., and will then go to St. Louis for a two days' stay and to address the Chamber of Commerce there. He will speak before the American Bar association in Salt Lake City, and then proceed to San Francisco to act as president of the National convention and to address the Red Cross conference. On September 3 he will speak before the American Bankers' association at Seattle, and will leave San Francisco September 18 to return to New York by way of the Panama canal.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 P. M. Sunday: Fair, probably partly cloudy; not much change in temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Table with 2 columns: Hours and Degree. Shows temperature fluctuations from 58 to 81 degrees.

Comparative Local Record:

Table with 2 columns: Date and Temperature. Shows historical temperature data for 1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900.