

## PROPAGANDA TO DEFEND MEXICO IN U. S. BARED

One Paper Advocates Spending Million Pesos to Subsidize American Journals and Writers.

Washington, July 5.—Reported attempts by the Mexican government to purchase the support of American newspapers for spreading Mexican propaganda, in connection with a recent defense of Mexican policy towards American oil operators issued by Gen. Carranza, have been called to the attention of the State department. The situation is being watched by officials here. The Monterey, Mexico, office of the Carranza administration, first to call public attention to it, said in discussing the advisability of a propaganda campaign in the United States:

### Call It Grave Question.

"Our chancellor should know all the details of this grave question; should sound all opinions and direct an active press campaign in the United States; this last is of the utmost importance. Not 1,000 or 100,000, but 1,000,000 pesos, if it is necessary, should be spent in purchasing Yankee newspapers (there are those who will not refuse the business) so that they will defend us and in subsidizing writers of some prestige who will translate the arguments which our chancellor will give them. It is necessary to pre-empt the very bosom of the United States a great part of public opinion in our favor, taking advantage, in order to do this, of the political divisions between democrats and republicans."

### Enforce Mexican Law.

General Aguilar, just before he sailed for Europe, said that "the only order issued has been that the Mexican law be enforced."

It was pointed out here that General Aguilar must have referred to article 27 of the Mexican constitution and the decrees of President Carranza to make effective that law. In official circles it was said this law declared:

"In the nation is vested legal ownership of petroleum, and 'only Mexicans by birth or naturalization have the right to acquire ownership in lands, or to obtain franchises to develop mineral fuels in the republic of Mexico.'"

### Beneficiary Brotherhood

#### Fund to Go Beyond Limit

Denver, July 5.—Louisville, Ky., Houston, Tex., and Savannah, Ga., are leading contenders for the next triennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, now in session here.

Election of officers and selection of the next meeting place will take place early next week.

Resolutions were passed Saturday that allow the beneficiary fund to go indefinitely beyond the former limit of \$1,000,000. The recent influenza epidemic cut into the fund to such an extent that it became necessary to remove the limit.

Adjournment is expected about July 15.

### Germans Ready to Discuss Turning Over Commodities

Paris, July 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Baron Kurt von Lersner, of the German peace delegation, has sent a note from Versailles saying that German experts are prepared to meet those of the allies for consideration of questions involved in turning over to the allied countries the coal, dyestuffs, shipbuilding materials and other commodities specified in the peace treaty.

The note also expressed the desire to discuss at the same time or at an earlier date the agreement regarding occupation of the left bank of the Rhine. Baron von Lersner says the Germans signed this convention with the understanding that they would be given an opportunity to discuss it.

### Women Labor Problem.

London.—According to the latest report of the Charity Organization society more than 1,500,000 have been made idle in textile and other industries by the return of soldiers and at least 500,000 are receiving out-of-work allowances.

OFFICERS AND CREW WHICH WILL BRING BRITISH DIRIGIBLE FROM ENGLAND—Officers and crew of the giant British dirigible R-34 photographed at base of the R-34 in East Fortune, England. In the back row, from left to right: Captain Coombs, Lieutenant Commander Lansdowne, United States navy; Lieutenant Durant, wireless operator; Captain Greenhard, first officer; Major Pritchard, Lieutenant Shutter. Front row, left to right: Major Cooke, navigator; Colonel Hunt, commanding officer at East Fortune, and Major Scott, commander of the R-34.



Crew of British dirigible R-34

## Destroyer Trailing Exhausted Dirigible

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here have been called out and are held in readiness to go to Montauk Point in motor trucks. There is plenty of gasoline and 200,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas at Montauk Point.

In his message to the R-34, Colonel Lucas said that the Chatham field was too small and that there was no force of men available there or at Boston to assist in the R-34's proposed landing.

A wireless message from the R-34 relayed here from Boston indicated the high power radio set was out of commission. It read:

"High power" off except on half kilowatt set.

Officers feared this mishap might make it difficult for naval craft to locate the dirigible in the dark.

Capt. C. T. Craven, director of American naval aviation here, left for Boston as the dirigible may be forced to land at Chatham.

The dirigible R-34 will put in at Boston to re-fuel and will proceed to Roosevelt field here Sunday, according to a message from Commander Scott, dated at 11:04 p. m. and relayed to Mineola by the naval department of communications at Boston. The message requested that the dirigible be kept informed as to weather changes through the commandant of the first naval district at Boston.

### Message From Dirigible.

Halifax, N. S., July 5.—The following message from the British dirigible R-34 was relayed here from Partridge Island:

"Rush help. Making for Boston from Bay of Fundy at 23 knots. Come quickly. Gasoline giving out. Send ship."

Captain Hose, senior naval officer here, who received the message, ordered the Barrington radio station to broadcast it in order to bring help as speedily as possible.

### Germans Expected to Ratify Peace Treaty on Monday

London, July 5.—The German cabinet discussed this morning the questions of ratification of the peace treaty and future diplomatic service, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch received by way of Copenhagen. The German national assembly, this dispatch says, will ratify the treaty Monday and Dr. Mueller will outline the government's future foreign policy.

### Commissioner Appointed.

Paris, July 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Col. William Haskell has been appointed high commissioner for the four great powers, United States, Great Britain, France and Italy, in Armenia. He will have entire charge of all economic questions, with most extended powers, reporting to the council at Paris. All relief organizations in Constantinople, and the provinces throughout Turkey will report to him.

## OFFICERS COME BACK AS PLAIN YANK TROOPS

3,348 Casuals Surprised Upon Learning They Had Not Been Assigned to First-Class Accommodations.

New York, July 5.—Receiving sudden orders to return on the Levathan, 3,348 casual officers were surprised to find that they had been assigned to troops' quarters instead of first-class accommodations, as prescribed by army regulations, and would have to eat their meals standing up like enlisted men.

Col. Robert S. Knox of the regular army, troops commander aboard the vessel, showed an order issued at the port of embarkation in France stating that the war department had decided to use the Levathan on the trip to transport first-class personnel to relieve congestion of first-class passengers in France awaiting their return home.

### Million Dollars Saved.

Stating that it had taken this step because of the desire of the officers for an early return, the department announced that the sudden release from duty of so many officers had resulted in a surplus of approximately 21,000 first-class passengers over the space available up to July 20. A saving of \$1,000,000 would also be made by the change, according to an estimate of one officer.

Maj. Gen. David C. Shanks, commander of the port of embarkation at Hoboken, returned on the vessel from an inspection of the Brest port. The 59th Pioneer infantry, which had its nucleus in the old First National Guard of Delaware, was commanded by Col. J. W. Reed of Wilmington. The unit went overseas last September. Companies B, C and D were left in Paris to continue work on the Pershing stadium, just outside Paris.

## Tries to Enlist Because of Popularity With the Girls

Columbus Man Says Women Fairly Surround Him Since Father Made Him Present of \$55,000; Would Join Cavalry to Keep From Being "Vamped."

Men who are enlisting at the local army recruiting station in response to the call to the colors for the new peace time army are actuated by a wide variety of motives, not only in their decision to enlist, but also in the selection of that particular part of the world and the service in which they desire to serve.

Fred Hillford of Columbus, Neb., for instance, chose to go to the Mexican border that he might serve in the cavalry, because he is a lover of horses.

Hillford drove up to the local recruiting station yesterday afternoon in a new and resplendent high-powered touring car. He announced his intention of enlisting, and during his physical examination explained his reason.

A week ago his father had given him \$55,000, he said. The burden of so much money, which he did not know what to do with, was one reason for his enlisting.

He was single, 34 years old, but had never been so very popular with the women in his home town until

a week ago, he said, when he received the fortune from his father. Now he was fairly surrounded with girls, he said, who practiced all their charms in an endeavor to win his heart.

The fear of being vamped was another reason for his enlisting, he told recruiting officers, and as he possessed nice brown eyes, wavy hair, and even teeth and \$55,000, the officers were inclined to believe he might be telling the truth.

He had once been a breeder of racing horses, he loved horses, and if he could get into the cavalry, get his money safely invested and be free from women, all would be well, he declared.

A slight physical defect made it necessary for him to return to Columbus for treatment by the family physician, before he could enlist, but he promised to be back shortly and join the colors.

Diligent recruiting officers are praying that the charms of the fair Columbus maidens will not prove too alluring.

General Foulis Returns. Brig. Gen. Benjamin W. Foulis of the American army air service, who had spent 20 months in France organizing the American air forces, was among a group of returning brigadier generals which included Lesly J. McNair, Briant H. Wells and William Wood.

Rear Admiral S. S. Robinson, who

had been serving on the naval armistice commission, returned to go to his new post as commandant at the Boston navy yard.

Four deaths occurred during the voyage. Privts. Walter Orchid of Silver, Tex., and Edward Breeding of Indianapolis dying from tuberculosis; Carl Ham of Covington, Ga., heart disease, and Corp. Clarence Cook of Lyons, Ga., broncho-pneumonia.

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## NO NATIONS ARE BANKRUPT, SAYS OSCAR T. CROSBY

Conditions in Europe Not as Bad as Those Faced by the South After the Civil War.

New York, July 5.—Conditions in Europe are not as bad as those faced by the South after the Civil war, Oscar T. Crosby, former assistant treasurer of the United States and for two years chairman of the inter-allied council on war purchases and finances, declared upon his arrival from Europe on the transport Mount Vernon. None of the European nations are bankrupt, he said, though they will need encouragement to return to normal conditions.

America should aid, he asserted, in adjustment of the financial problems, but he urged that European countries be allowed to solve their own internal difficulties. These problems, he said, were of greater importance to Europe than all foreign obligations.

Germany, said Mr. Crosby, eventually would reach a stable form of government if the people were given opportunity to solve their political troubles.

In speaking of Russia, Mr. Crosby said he opposed intervention.

### Jugo-Slavs Received.

Paris, July 5.—Premier Clemenceau has received a delegation of Jugo-Slavs, among them being Stoyan Protitch, Jugo-Slav premier, and M. Trumbitch, president of the Jugo-Slav committee in Paris. They presented questions relating to the economical and financial position of Jugo-Slavia.

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