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## WOULD REGARD INTERVENTION AT NACO AS A HOSTILE ACT

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### MAYTORENA'S MEN TO BLAME

### Says He Does Not Know That Rights of Americans Have Been Violated.

(By Associated Press.)  
VERA CRUZ, Dec. 12.—"If the United States employs force to stop the firing by Mexicans across the international boundary line at Naco it will be considered an unfriendly act, notwithstanding the friendly motives cloaking the act."

In this manner General Carranza made answer, in a statement to the Associated Press, to the formal notice served by the United States on both Provisional President Gutierrez and General Carranza that unless such firing ceased, force would be employed to protect American territory.

Carranza's reply to the American note, which is expected to reach Washington tomorrow, will repudiate responsibility for any shots that have crossed the line and clearly set forth that he and his government will regard intervention at Naco as a hostile act.

At no time since the receipt of Secretary Bryan's note calling attention to repeated wounding and killing of residents of the American town, has General Carranza appeared perturbed, but he has had long conferences with those close to him, and in framing his reply, it is said, he has been careful not to let himself remain in any uncertain light.

"General Hill, Constitutional commander of the forces at Naco, in the defensive," continued General Carranza, "and since his back was to the line it is difficult to see how he could be responsible for the firing. The fact is that Maytorena's men have been attacking, and therefore it appears reasonable that they, and only they, could have been to blame."

"As a matter of fact, I do not know that the rights of American citizens have been violated. It seems to me that it would be well for the state department to investigate this question in order to fix the responsibility."

"I remember similar instances at El Paso, when the Mexican forces were attacking there. In that case those shots were for the most part the impudent and curious individuals who flocked to witness the fighting as if it a spectacular show staged for their benefit."

"As to the use of force, of which Mr. Bryan talks, that is something the gravity of which I fear he does not fully appreciate. He says it would not mean an invasion of our territory, or a violation of our national sovereignty. It would, and moreover, it would certainly be an act directly against the Constitution, who now hold the town and in favor of the Villistas, who would be left free to continue their operations. It would be simply trying General Hill's hands and leaving Maytorena free."

"I sincerely hope that the good friendship of the American people towards the Mexican people will prevent the consummation of Secretary Bryan's threat."

## Request That Destroyers Be Sent to Canal Zone Immediately

### WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Colonel Goethals has requested that destroyers be sent to the canal zone immediately, it was learned tonight, but no specific explanation of the need for naval vessels there was included in the message.

Colonel Goethals, at a late hour, has given rise to some concern here, although no specific reports of neutrality violations have been received so far as known.

Reports of wireless interruption from Panama have led to the belief that colliers and warships were exchanging messages, which, if they have not otherwise been open to objection, have hindered commercial use of wireless to a considerable extent.

In view of Colonel Goethals' message, it is believed code messages have been picked up which disclosed that to some extent the waters of the zone have been made a base of operations by one or both of the allied fleets and that the governor wishes to establish a patrol which will prevent further violations of neutrality.

An unofficial report was in circulation tonight that the collier Lena, of the British auxiliary fleet, had made improper use of her wireless equipment by sending British navy code messages while within the three-mile limit. What steps Colonel Goethals may have already taken or contemplates beyond his request for destroyers is not known, however, and confirmation of the report as to the Lena was not obtainable.

### Governor's Body Reinterred.

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 12.—All that remained of the body of Peter Early, governor of Georgia a century ago, was removed from its grave in Green County today and reinterred at Greensboro, Ga., beside the governor's parents. The ashes of the governor's wife and small child were taken to Greensboro at the same time. The graves opened today were made in 1815.

### Revokes Passes For Crossing Line.

NACO, ARIZ., Dec. 12.—Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, commander of the United States troops here, tonight revoked all passes for crossing the international line. Later communication into Mexico was limited to press correspondents and freight teamsters.

General Bliss, it was stated, intended to break up efforts to both Mexican factions to send agents into Arizona for recruits and supplies.

Representatives of General Hill, commander of the Naco, Sonora, garrison, and of Governor Maytorena, whose forces are besieging the town, were refused passes into American territory.

The belligerents tonight continued exchanging fire. General Hill tonight placed two 75-millimeter Maxim guns in position.

### No Orders to Stop Firing.

NACO, ARIZ., Dec. 12.—Jess Maytorena, insurgent governor of Sonora, who has been besieging the Carranza garrison of Naco since September, issued a statement today declaring he had received no order from Provisional President Gutierrez to stop firing to prevent bullets striking in American territory. He is preparing for a final assault on Naco, Tuesday night.

### Second Warning Received.

EL PASO, TEXAS, Dec. 12.—A second warning from the Washington government to Governor Maytorena was received here today demanding that Maytorena withdraw immediately from the range of the American border town. It had been given verbally, it was understood, to one of Maytorena's agents at Washington.

### Pursuing Maytorena Force.

DOUGLAS, ARIZ., Dec. 12.—Two hundred and fifty Carranza cavalrymen left Agua Prieta today in pursuit of the Maytorena force which captured Fronteras last night. After the capture of Fronteras, 30 miles south of the border, the Maytorena troops are reported to have left today for Cuchuta.

### Threatening Windstorm Moving Northeastward

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A threatening windstorm, moving northeastward from the Texas coast tonight prompted the weather bureau to order warnings to shipping displayed along the Gulf coast and Atlantic coast from Brownsville to Washington.

Heavy rains with occasional snow surges and sharply falling temperatures are expected to accompany the disturbances eastward.

## Von Hindenburg, Genius of the War, and His Staff, Taken in Poland.



This is the first photograph of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, considered by military experts to be, with General Joffre of the French army, the greatest genius developed by the war,

taken since he has been in Poland. Despatches show that he has just captured Lodz, a city of 450,000 in Russian Poland. This is the third time he has driven his troops into Russian

Poland. It is the second time within a few weeks that he came near Warsaw, one of the greatest Russian cities. If he should succeed in taking it he will have dealt a severe blow to the

hopes of the Russians. Von Hindenburg was recently made field marshal by Kaiser Wilhelm for his success in the eastern war. He is shown in the center of the photograph.

## SHORT RECESS FOR SENATORS

### Democrats Determined to Speed Up Legislative Program to Avoid Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Members of the house of representatives will be called upon to take definite stands on national prohibition and woman suffrage as a result of action today by the rules committee. It was decided to report special rules for consideration of constitutional amendments on both subjects. Yea and nay notes will be required.

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## BRITISH WARSHIPS AND COLLIER MEET ON HIGH SEAS NEAR PANAMA

(By Associated Press.)  
PANAMA, Dec. 12.—It was persistently reported here today that six British warships met four British colliers yesterday on the high seas 50 miles south of Panama and coaled from them. It is believed locally these warships came from Australian waters one of them is even said to be the Australian battle cruiser Australia.

For several days there has been much wireless interference, and it is believed the colliers and the warships

have been in communication. Ships' captains reaching Balboa have reported the nearness of British colliers.

Six British colliers have called at Panama during the last few days. A British cruiser was said last night to have come close in to Balboa. She is supposed to have been trying to locate colliers.

A Japanese fleet is said to be off the Chilean coast and the British warships are believed to have called for the south to effect a junction.

## GERMAN OFFICER FOUND HIDING IN TRUNK ABOUT TO BE SHIPPED

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Dec. 12.—(4:32 p. m.)—A vigilant customs officer at Gravesend tonight captured a German army officer whom he found hiding in a huge trunk that was about to be shipped to Rotterdam. The trunk was going forward as ordinary merchandise on board the steamer Bataavier. The customs officer became suspicious and gave orders that the pad-

locks be broken. When the lid was removed a man later identified as a German officer was lifted out of the box. He was removed to Gravesend police station. Bedding, food and water were found in the trunk.

It was believed the officer escaped from one of the internment camps in England. It is supposed he was endeavoring to convey information to Germany.

## NATURALIZED AMERICAN ARRESTED; WILL BE TRIED BY COURTMARTIAL

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Dec. 12.—General police, says a dispatch to the Journal, have arrested a naturalized American named Muller who, it is alleged, organized an important German spy system with ramifications in Lyons and the principal cities of eastern France. Muller, the dispatch states, will be tried by courtmartial.

In this connection Mr. Daniels issued this statement: "If the appropriation bill had allowed the construction of six or more destroyers for the amount authorized, it would have been possible for the secretary of the navy to order seven destroyers instead of six and keep within the appropriation."

Secretary Daniels will ask congress for appropriate for destroyers this year as it is for submarines last year, when it made the appropriation read "eight or more submarines" for a given sum."

complications through an attempt to extradite a naturalized American citizen from Switzerland, a neutral country, to France.

Cruiser Dresden Stranded.  
BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 12.—One of the British warships engaged by the German warships off Falkland Islands and which took to flight, is stranded on the Argentine coast near the port of Gallegos.

## NO IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS

### LITTLE HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM EITHER EASTERN OR WESTERN BATTLES

### RUSSIAN LOSSES REPORTED HEAVY

### Conflicting Claims of Advantage Are Made by the Opposing Forces.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—No important developments have been reported in the last 24 hours, either in the eastern or western battles, although fighting of a more or less violent character continues. Conflicting claims of advantage are made by the opposing forces.

As an offset of the Russian claim of having checked the advance of three of five German columns invading their territory, the Germans state today that their cavalry has repulsed the Russian horsemanship on the East Prussian frontier. In the North Prussian frontiers, the German operations are developing and that in South Poland the Russian attacks have been unsuccessful.

It is admitted in Berlin, however, that the Russian resistance in by no means broken, although, according to the German estimate in the battles preceding the evacuation of Lodz, the Russians lost 150,000 men, including 60,000 captured, while the German losses were light.

There is the same disparity between French and German accounts of the battles in Flanders. France, it is apparent from both sources, that the German advance is at least a partial success. The German accounts state that the Allies have been repulsed with heavy losses.

The general impression here is that the Allies, with artillery and additional infantry attacks, are preparing the way for a general offensive, but in doing so are meeting with stubborn resistance from the Germans, who are firmly established in entrenched positions. The advance, if it is possible, must therefore be slow.

The Serbians continue to claim success. The Austrians tried to stem defeat by sending a force from Belgrade southward against the Serbian right wing, but this army, like that retreating westward, suffered heavily.

The pope's plea for a Christian truce has failed, though a majority of the powers received it sympathetically. Serbia declares Russia would not consent to the truce as the Russian Christmas does not fall on the same day as that of the other countries.

Rumor persists that the German cruiser Dresden, one of the squadron which was defeated by the British squadron in the South Atlantic, either has been sunk or has sought refuge in a neutral port. There is no confirmation of this report and confidence that she will be caught is shown by the betting on Lloyd's, which was 25 to 3 that the Dresden would be rounded up by January 2.

### Resolution Voted Down.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Representative Gardner's demand for a hearing on his resolution for an investigation into the nation's military preparedness was voted down by the house rules committee by a straight party vote of 5 to 3, all Democrats voting against it.

## BIG SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES

### American Red Cross Sends 401 Cases Hospital Supplies and Clothing to Europe.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The American Red Cross today shipped 401 cases of hospital supplies and clothing for women and children to war stricken countries of Europe. France will receive 89 cases and an additional donation of 5,000,000 cigarettes. Germany will get 71 cases; Austria-Hungary 71 cases, and 20 bales of absorbent cotton and Belgium 159 cases.

Enclosing a check for \$100, Vice President Marshall wrote the Red Cross today: "I fear the calls for help at home and abroad are to be numerous and all-compelling, that many of us must curtail our pleasures at the behest of duty and that larger charity which spells love."

### Germany's Answer Not Satisfactory

### STOCKHOLM, (via London) Dec. 12.—Germany's answer to Sweden's request for an explanation of the laying of German mines which have destroyed three Swedish vessels, is considered far from satisfactory by the Swedish press, according to the Aftonbladet.

The answer denies that German ships laid mines Saturday or Sunday last but says nothing concerning previous days. It admits that, owing to the intention of Russia to establish a winter naval base, German mines were laid in the Aland Archipelago. "Later than Sunday," of which Sweden was notified Monday after the Swedish steamers were sunk.

### Immigrants From Europe Can Be Placed On Southern Farms

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Resolutions calling on the federal government and the Southern States for legislation to care for immigrants who seek refuge in this country after the European war were adopted tonight by the immigration conference called by the Southern Commercial Congress to consider the feasibility of distributing immigrants on farms in the South.

A committee was appointed to work out some practical plan of action. Dr. Clarence J. Owens, managing director of the Southern Commercial Congress, declared in an address that the future development of the South was measured in terms of an efficient industrial and agricultural immigration.

At the afternoon session of the congress Secretary of Labor Wilson predicted that many of the destitute immigrants who would come to the United States from Europe after the

war could be placed on Southern farms if proper efforts are made to secure them. He explained the efforts of the labor, postoffice and agricultural departments to bring together "the jobless man and the manless land."

J. J. DeKlinder, an expert of Dutch colonization, who recently came from Holland, said many Dutch and Belgian farmers ruined by the war were anxious to come to the United States. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida, president of the Southern Commercial Congress, presided at the sessions. Many Southern States were represented by officials.

The committee chosen to decide on a definite plan to encourage desirable immigration is composed of Dr. Owens, T. R. Preston, Chattanooga; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington, N. C.; M. V. Richards, industrial commissioner, Southern Railway, Washington; and Robert M. Mirson, a member of the South Carolina legislature.