

CARRANZA'S FATE STILL IN DOUBT

Long Time Dictator From Mexico City Reported to Have Escaped Captors

WARSHIP SAILS WITH MARINES

Revolutionary Leaders Seeking Recognition of U. S.—Reconstruction Work Started

El Paso, Texas, May 11.—With the fate of President Carranza still in doubt, reports of a few minor engagements between federal rebel forces along the northeastern border of Mexico reached revolutionary headquarters today.

Carranza forces at Sabinas, Coahuila were routed by troops under Gen. Antonio Pruned and after the battle a train load of wounded federals was sent to Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, it was reported.

Fighting was said to be in progress at Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas, with the revolutionists attacking the town.

Eight hundred laborers and their families were reported as having gathered at Monclova, Coahuila where they were said to be seeking protection from the menace of Carranza forces operating in that region.

Reconstruction Begins.

Claiming the greater part of Mexico as their territory revolutionary agents here today began their share of the long task of reconstruction, which faces a country torn by war for an entire decade, is the first step, Roberto Pesqueira, revolutionary financial agent in the United States announced that he was making efforts to obtain individual contracts for Mexican laborers entering the United States, instead of the collective engagements that have hitherto prevailed. Senor Pesqueira charged that exorbitant fees were being charged by labor agents on both sides of the international line.

"We shall also try to eliminate passport frauds which are being practiced by private individuals here and in Juarez," Pesqueira said. "So far we have received the cordial cooperation of the American authorities in our efforts to establish better relations between the two countries."

Revolutionary agents in Washington were endeavoring to obtain permission of the United States Government to establish wireless communication between the radio station at Arlington, Va., and those in Shihuahua City and Mexico City, Pesqueira announced.

Before President Wilson.

Washington, May 11.—Official reports telling of the overthrow of President Carranza of Mexico were before President Wilson and his cabinet today but the new turn of events south of the border was understood to have been given only passing attention.

Dispatches from navy officers and state Department representatives have all indicated thus far that assurances of protection to Americans and other foreigners had been given by victorious leaders of the revolutionary forces, and there was nothing of an emergency nature in the situation, officials indicated, that called for action by the Washington Government.

The question of recognition of the new government apparently in process of formation in Mexico may arise soon. It was reported today that plans for asking recognition were being pressed before revolutionary leaders.

The fate of Carranza still remained in doubt. Official advices threw no light on his present whereabouts. He was variously reported, unofficially as a prisoner and as a fugitive after escaping from the hands of his captors.

A report tonight to revolutionary agents here, received in a roundabout way, told of the fight between a force sent out by Gen. Candido Aguilar son-in-law of Carranza, and Juan Merigo, commanding an escort of one of President Carranza's trains. Merigo was reported to have raised the flag of revolt and after engaging Aguilar near Cortoba, to have made his way southward to join Gen. Guadalupe Sanchez, a rebel leader.

The report added that Merigo and Sanchez were in pursuit of a force under Gen. Idericio Montes, one of the federal commanders said to have remained loyal to Carranza.

The superdreadnought Oklahoma was en route from New York to Key West tonight, but reports from Capt. Long, commanding destroyers now distributed along the east coast of Mexico, told of no disorder. The movement of the battleships was understood to be only an additional precautionary measure.

Understanding Is Belief. Revolutionary agents construed the selection of Juan Sanchez Azcona as minister of foreign affairs in the preliminary organization of the revolutionary government, a post left vacant when the organization was effected April 23, as further indication that Gen. Obregon and Gen. Pablo Gonzales formerly rival candidates for the presidency, had reached an understanding. Azcona was campaign manager for Gonzales.

CENSUS FIGURES AND CONGRESS

Washington, May 11.—The subject of cutting down Southern representation has again come up for consideration in a quiet way by members of congress as the returns from the various cities and towns of that section, as census figures are given out, indicate that several of the states of the South will add to their delegations in the house.

The Southern cities of Augusta, Macon, Jacksonville, Columbia, Knoxville, Tenn., and others in the South have shown considerable growth within the past ten years, and some of the larger ones, as Atlanta, Birmingham and others are still to be heard from as to what they have done. Enough has been shown, however, to indicate that the South will increase its number of representatives in congress, unless the Republicans hold the balance of power again and not only fail to seat new members but pass a bill to cut down the number already here. This latter plan would seem impossible, but it may not be so. The fact is, however, that the membership of the house will probably remain as it now is—435 members—admitting no more by the new census.

It is predicted that as a result of the new tabulation there will be many new members, the old membership numbering 386 before the new census increased this to 435.

A day or two ago Champ Clark, former speaker of the house, asked Republican members what they intended doing about this matter and said that already the hall of the house was far too small to accommodate the present number, and that if more were to be admitted it would be necessary to entirely rearrange the entire seating and acoustic accommodations for the various members.

Mr. Clark asked the Republicans point blank what plans they had up their sleeves for reducing the number of members, and if they intended to put such a plan in action. Of course there was no direct reply for very good reasons, but it is known for instance that if Georgia gets 13 members the house instead of 12, as at present, or Florida should be entitled to five instead of four, that a big howl will go up that that section already has more members than she is entitled to send here.

There is strong probability that both of these states will add another member, and in that case there must be a redistricting law passed by the respective legislatures.

It is believed also that Tennessee and Mississippi, as well as some of the other states in the South will increase their representation in the house, provided, of course, that if the figures show they are entitled to these increases and they knock at the doors of congress for admission a Republican majority—if the latter is then in power—does not keep them out.

PEEPLER'S MEDAL GOES TO A. ST. J. MCINTOSH

A St. John McIntosh, of New Zion Clarendon county, a senior law student of the University of South Carolina won the medal offered by former Attorney General Thomas H. Peoples in the medal contest Thursday night. Mr. McIntosh was the counsel for the defense and the supposed case was one involving an action by plaintiff to recover the amount of jewelry stolen from the defendant's boarding house. The case was argued by D. W. Robinson, Jr., and G. D. Oxner for the plaintiff and Mr. McIntosh, J. B. Crouch and J. R. Bryson for the defendants.

The case involved some strong legal points as was brought out in the arguments. Prof. J. Nelson Frierson of the law school presided and the judges were W. S. Nelson, Gordon Belson and Clark McCants. —Columbia Record.

WHAT OUR COUNTY FARMERS ARE DOING

Mr. J. H. Touchberry near Manning is getting a start with hogs. He has fenced in and planted a half acre of rape and has a fine stand. Mr. Touchberry prefers the Poland China hogs and now has five registered gilts. He also set out several acres of Bermuda grass last February which is growing nicely. We need more hogs to beat the boll weevil.

B. Walker Holladay has already started his campaign against the boll weevil. He planted about five acres of peanuts and he has an excellent stand. He has already had the weeder going and the crop is showing up fine, and as yet grass has given him no trouble. Mr. Holladay has just purchased some wire fencing with which he will fence in a piece of his best land and start a Bermuda pasture. That is the right thing to do for a farmer and a few briars and call it a pasture. Fencing will not make any swamp or briar patch a pasture, it takes good land and work to make good pastures, they don't just happen.

Mr. J. R. Eason is painting things red around his place, possibly he has become a Bolshevik but I don't think so for what he is doing is simply good business. And that is painting his buildings. He is painting his stables, tobacco barns and tenant houses. Painted buildings are a fine advertisement for a farmer and a farmer. They increase the price of the farm, they last longer and also tells all who see them that a business-like farmer is living there. We need more paint to make our county look more prosperous and business-like.

Mr. and Mrs. J. McD. McFaddin entertained Mr. E. R. Root of Cleveland, Ohio, at their home one day last week. Mr. Root is a son of A. I. Root, the man who understands and knows bees better than any other man in the work, and who put the bee business on the map in United States. Mr. Root is just finishing a tour of the United States. He has visited almost every state in the Union investigating every part of the country that is likely to prove a good bee country and upon completion of his tour of this country will also investigate like conditions throughout Europe and Asia and Africa. Mr. Root says that Mr. Warner, who has a large number of colonies on the J. McD. McFaddin place, has some of the best queens he has ever seen.

Mrs. Carrie Braddon near Manning knows how and makes very fine butter. I know, for I tasted about a pound of it and it is as good as the best creamery butter you can buy. The butter has a rich yellow color although no coloring matter is used, and is worked and seasoned just right. Butter-making seems to have become a lost art on too many farms. Too many farmers depend on the creamery for their butter. The farmers first rule should be "live at home" and by making their own butter is one way of helping to do that very thing. If more Clarendon farmers made butter as good as Mrs. Braddon does the Illinois and Michigan creameries would not do so much business in this county.

Mr. T. H. McFaddin of Gable has one of the two best crops of oats I have seen in the county this spring. Mr. J. H. Touchberry has the other. Both men planted the Fulghum variety. I think and they have a fine crop. The straw has good length, the stand is fine and the heads are very large and well filled. These if used right will make fine seed oats, and a number of sheaves should be kept to exhibit at the County and State Fairs this coming fall. We all want to advertise Clarendon as much as we can for advertising brings business, and business brings in money—if you run it right.

In the corridor of the Home Bank & Trust Company and in the County Agents office you will now find pictures of the ideal type of hogs. These are actual photographs of live hogs and not fancy pictures some artist has drawn. By looking at these pictures you can fix in your mind the ideal hog which you want to grow. Until you do get such an ideal or model fixed in your mind you will not grow any better hogs than you do now. The type of hogs shown in these pictures is the type the trade now wants and if you want to sell a large number of hogs at a good profit you must have the type the trade demands.

A. M. Musser, County Agent.

AUTHORITY FOR MINISTER

London, May 10.—Informing the house of commons today of the decision to appoint a Canadian minister to the United States, Mr. Bonar Law added that in the absence of the British ambassador, the Canadian minister would take charge of the whole embassy as the representative of the imperial government.

CHAUTAUQUA HAS STRONG PROGRAM

Mr. William Rainey Bennett, one of the best known inspirational lecturers in America, gave his great lecture last night, at the big Manning Redpath Chautauqua on the opening day, as the "Man Who Can." He thrilled and enthused his large audience, with his dynamic ideas, that sank in like a laundry iron. Mr. Bennett has been under Redpath management for over ten years, and has been repeated in Chautauquas as high as five times, has lectured in every state in the Union.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock Dr. Wm. A. Colledge, will give his latest lecture on "The Call of The New Era." Here is a man with a varied career. Dr. Colledge is one of America's foremost, educator, author, traveler and scholar. Spent three years in tropical Africa with Stanley, formerly head of Department of English at Armour Institute and now Educational Director of Redpath Bureau. During the war, was vice-director of savings Division of the Treasury Department, at Washington.

Tonight at 8:30 o'clock, the Great Lakes String Quartet, will render their program of Chamber Music, which represents the highest form of musical art, and the literature embodies the greatest efforts and is the result of the highest inspirations of the old masters. These young artists who served Uncle Sam at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, accompanied President and Mrs. Wilson and their two trips to Europe.

Thursday afternoon and evening Bohumir Kryl and his band will render two distinct programs. Kryl is without question the world's greatest cornetist and one of the three greatest band-directors living. At each concert Mr. Kryl will render solos on his wonder cornet. He will do what no other living man can do—play two octaves lower than the cornet is supposed to register.

Friday afternoon the prelude will be given by Misses La Sheck and Semple, in song and story, two talented young ladies, who have gained fame in the concert and dramatic field.

Following this prelude, Prof. Chester M. Sanford, will deliver his instructive lecture on vocational guidance on "Life's Loose Ends" or "Tragedies of The Misfit," a lecture especially for the young man and woman.

Friday night that great American comedy, "It Pays to Advertise" will be presented by a strictly New York cast. There is a snap, dash and action to this comedy that makes it one of the liveliest comedies that has ever been presented from the American stage.

Saturday afternoon it will be impossible to present the "Children's Parent" as advertised, owing to the inability of securing the children on account of their final school work for the year, but at that time, Miss Pierson the Story Hour Lady, will give a few readings.

Following the story hour work, the Woodland Male Quartet, will feature songs and stories of the woodland in special costumes.

The night program will close the big week's festivities, by the Woodland Male Quartet followed by "Reno" king of magic, who is the best known magician living. Thirty-five years before the public on both continents, twenty-five years with Redpath. This will be a big "Joy Night Program" for young and old.

JORDAN NEWS

Jordan May 11.—The Rev. W. A. Betts of Olanta spent the week with Rev. W. S. Myers and preached several fine sermons on Sunday at Bethlehem and Jordan.

Miss Lucile Honck of North spent last week with her sister, Miss Ruby Honck who is a teacher in Jordan school.

Mrs. S. A. Merritt has returned from a visit to her brother in Sumter hospital who has been very ill.

Mr. Cousar and sister, Mrs. Thomas of Bennettsville have returned to their homes after visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Thompson is spending this week in Olanta her former home and as a representative to the Kingstree Sunday School Conference which is in session there this week.

Misses Alma Felder of Silver and Grace Clark of Santee were visitors in their relatives, Miss Richmond's home last week.

Mrs. Ellis of Blenheim who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. S. Cottigiam has returned to her home. Mrs. M. W. Melton and son Robert of Carolina were visitors here this week-end.

Mr. Davis of Manning is visiting his son Mr. Maynard Davis.

The Second Quarterly Conference of Jordan Circuit will be held at Oak Grove Methodist church May 28th on Friday all day session. Dinner on the grounds. Dr. W. A. Wassenaar (the Presiding Elder) is to hold the Conference and do the preaching. Every church on the circuit is expected to have the half year's reports in full; as this is earnestly desired by the Conference. All officers of each church are urged to be present as business of importance concerning each one will be attended to at this time. Everybody is invited to attend each session.

AMERICAN GUNS READY TO SHOOT

Four Hundred Mexicans Prepare to Defend Border Town

Brownsville, Texas, May 11.—Four hundred armed men, including federal soldiers and customs and immigration guards of the Matamoros garrison were standing behind embankments and in trenches south and west of Matamoros late today prepared to defend the Mexican city against threatened attack by a revolutionary power whose strength was not known. The rebels on the west were reported to have captured all railroad and river towns between Mier, about 100 miles west of Matamoros and the latter place.

Gen. Rafael Columga, commander of the federal garrison, was reported to have said yesterday that if a "recognized commander" with a force of any size approached he would surrender, but that if the approaching force proved to be in command of "some bandit" he would fight to the last. Matamoros citizens have urged him to surrender the town and avoid bloodshed.

The international bridge and ferry lines were closed to traffic at noon today following a brief skirmish between rebels and federals on the south side of Matamoros. American soldiers with machine guns were stationed at the Brownsville end of the bridge.

COMMITTEE SAYS PALMER GETS VOTE

Atlanta, May 11.—Resolutions declaring that Attorney General Palmer won a plurality of delegates to the Democratic state convention in the recent Georgia presidential primary and that under the rules of the primary he is entitled to the Georgia delegates to the national convention were adopted here today by the subcommittee of the state Democratic executive committee which authorized the primary.

The resolutions were signed by all members of the subcommittee, it was announced except J. J. Flynt chairman who stated the subcommittee should declare the result of the primary but should not go further than show on the face of the returns which candidate received a plurality of the votes in the state convention which meets here May 18 to elect delegates to San Francisco.

B. M. Blackburn speaking for Thos. E. Watson of Thomson, Ga. insisted that the subcommittee was making itself liable to contempt of court in its action as a result of a restraining order obtained yesterday by Mr. Watson. Several members of the committee replied that the court's order did not prohibit the action.

Mr. Watson, who ran second in the primary, and United States Senator Hoke Smith who ran third declined to present evidence to the subcommittee in several primary contests they had filed. These contests are expected to go before the state convention.

The resolutions adopted by the subcommittee announced that Palmer won 55 counties with 148 delegates in the state convention, Watson 56 with 132 delegates, and Smith 43, with 104 delegates.

Taking the stand that a plurality can not control the state convention despite the primary rules, made by the subcommittee, supporters of Watson and Smith have predicted a lively contest in the convention itself. Prior to that date the committee is due to appear on May 14 to answer to the restraining order issued yesterday.

ATTACKS LEVER LAW

St. Louis, May 11.—Wholesale grocers were advised by Edgar Watkins of Atlanta, Ga., general counsel of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association, to disregard the Lever food and fuel control act in the sales of sugar, in his annual report at today's session of the organization's convention here. "The sugar situation has been before you almost constantly" the report said "The department of justice has given you no definite or consistent advice but has left you in a state of constant uncertainty. The price fixing provision of the Lever act is in my opinion, void.

"The war is ended and officials and wholesale grocers should act accordingly.

TRIAL OF GOSNELL WELL UNDER WAY

Taking of Testimony Begins in Greenville.

JURY SOON SECURED

State Introduces Three Witnesses During First Day—Eye Witness on Stand.

Greenville, May 11.—Charged with the murder of Sheriff Hendrix Rector on July 4, 1919, Jake Gosnell, federal revenue agent, was placed on trial this morning in the court of general session which convened yesterday. The jury was secured by noon, and the afternoon session of the court was devoted to the beginning of state testimony. It is generally expected that the case will last until the latter part of the week.

The following jury was selected in the case: C. B. Martin, foreman; P. W. Shockley, Herman McManaway, E. E. Gary, A. H. Wells, Frances J. Beatty, Sloan Black, T. D. Davis, J. M. Hughes Robert Bailey Charles Manly, Lafayette Talley.

The state at the outset introduced as witnesses W. B. Kellar, friend of Gosnell and eye witness of the killing and Dr. W. C. Black, who performed two autopsies upon Rector's body.

Dr. Black testified that in his opinion, the bullet which entered Rector's body two and one-half inches posterior, to the rear of the auxiliary line between the sixth and seventh ribs was the first shot fired by Gosnell. The state is endeavoring to prove that the bullet was fired when Rector had his back partially turned toward Gosnell.

Kellar related simply the details of the tragedy, which occurred in Briscoes garage on court street. His testimony was virtually the same as that given by him at the inquest. He asserted that while Gosnell's car was being repaired, Rector walked in and passing Gosnell, greeted him.

Gosnell did not return the greeting. Rector told him he did not care whether he spoke or not. Gosnell replied that he did not care to have any words with Rector, and Rector, then, according to the witness cursed Gosnell, making an unmentionable reflection upon Gosnell's mother. Gosnell rose from a sitting posture behind his automobile and began firing at Rector.

J. H. Allison coroner for Greenville county, testified that he and Rector were members of a small group of men who were celebrating the holiday by drinking blockade beverages in the garage office on the morning of the killing. The sheriff, he said, stepped out of the office door into the main building where he ran upon Gosnell. He said Rector had taken one drink with him and the others.

WILL PAY BIG REWARD FOR NEWS OF SLAYER

Macon, Ga., May 11.—Rewards totalling more than \$400 were voluntarily contributed here late this afternoon for apprehension of the person who Sunday afternoon murdered Mrs. W. M. Bairman, widow of a former associate editor of the Macon Telegraph. Governor Dorsey's attention will be officially called to the crime tomorrow and it is expected that he will offer \$300 reward.

Persons familiar with the case believe that if the rewards are big enough some one will surrender the guilty one to the authorities.

The arrest of a negro at Vahlsta today in connection with the case attracted some attention here. The negro had been an ex-convict, according to information reaching the sheriff's office here, and had just come from Macon on a freight train when arrested. The negro is still being held and probably will be brought to this city to be put through a rigid examination. Mrs. Bairman was slain while out for her daily walk of eight miles last Sunday afternoon. She always took the Holtan road. Her body was found a short distance from the road, in a little ravine and she apparently had been carried there by the slayer. The knife with which the crime was committed has not been found.

The Civic League will meet at the Court House Monday afternoon at four o'clock. This will be the last meeting until September, so please everybody be present, for there will be several important business matters to be discussed.