

MEXICO LAYING PLANS TO AVOID CIVIL WAR

General Gonzalez' Withdrawal From Contest for Presidency Regarded as Indication of Peaceful Policy.

CARRANZA FLEES TO HILLS

Obregon Allows Diplomatic Corps Fifteen Days to Declare Allegiance to New Regime.

Washington, May 17.—Pablo Gonzalez' withdrawal from the contest for the Presidency of Mexico, reported to the State Department, today, was regarded here as the best indication that leaders of the defacto government desired to eliminate the danger arising from political rivalry. Further evidence of coordinate action was seen in the announcement that Manuel Palaez to whom oil producers have paid tribute for several years, had been appointed chief of military operations in the State of Tamaulipas.

Restoration of wire communication with the Mexican capital brought from the American embassy long reports on the development. There was no word, however, as to the fate of Carranza who has fled to the hills near Jalapa, with revolutionary troops on his trail.

The official advices were summarized by the State Department as follows:

Trains Are Returned.

"The Mexico City press yesterday announced that trains captured from Carranza were being brought to Mexico City and that civilians who remained with the trains are being given every protection. The press stated that those who accompanied Carranza in his departure from the Mexican capital are being pursued by the revolutionary cavalry.

"A circular signed by Gen. Obregon has been published ordering a military parade to embrace 30,000 men as participants, at Mexico City May 24, as a demonstration of allegiance to the provisional President to be selected by the Mexican Congress on that date. The press stated that members of the Mexican diplomatic corps have been given fifteen days to declare their allegiance to the new regime.

Monterey, in the State of Nuevo Leon, having been turned over without resistance to the forces of Gens. Obregon and Gonzalez and all burned bridges between Nuevo Laredo and Mexico City having been restored, it was announced at Laredo Saturday that through passenger railroad service would be immediately resumed from the United States border to Mexico City.

Carranza in Flight.

El Paso, May 17.—Confirmation of the reported capture of twenty-four trains and other government munition and the flight of President Carranza by automobile with a great quantity of coins, was received today in a message from Gen. Obregon revolutionists here announced.

Gen. Obregon's message dated May 14, corroborated previously reported details of Carranza's dash to the mountains saying that before leaving the main body of his troops, Carranza ordered that the trains which carried the national archives should be burned, but that the revolutionary forces prevented the entire execution of the order.

Gens. Joaquin Amaro and Francisco Serrano, chief of staff, today left Irapuato, Guanajuato, with a cavalry division of 6,000 men for Mexico City, according to announcement made in Juarez by Col. H. I. Almada, chief of staff of Gen. Eugenio Martinez, commander of operations in Chihuahua.

The movement of 6,000 troops from Casas Grande to Juarez has already begun and 500 already have arrived in the latter town. Col. Almada said.

May Enter United States.

Mexico City, May 17.—(via Laredo Junction, May 17.)—(By the Associated Press.)—Occupation of Monterey, Victoria and Zacatecas by the liberal revolutionary forces was reported at headquarters of Gen. Gonzalez last night (Thursday). Gen. Humberto Barros entered Monterey. Gen. Juan Guerra took Victoria and Gen. Martin Triana captured Zacatecas, according to the reports.

HIDES SELLING LOWER THAN EVER, SHOES SELL HIGHER, WHAT'S ANSWER

San Francisco, May 18.—Hides are stored in California warehouses "by thousands," and are selling at decidedly lower prices than in 1919, according to an announcement made public by Mrs. Edward F. Scanlon, president of the local branch of the State Housewives' League, which organization has been investigating the leather industry in an effort to discover why shoe prices are high.

"Members of the league delegated to make this investigation have made a personal canvass of the leather of the (San Francisco) bay district and the findings are startling," Mrs. Scanlon said. "The finest grades of hides that brought 70 cents a pound in 1919 are selling today for 40 cents. We have made a careful study of the different elements that make up the retail price of shoes. We find that the labor cost of a pair of shoes never exceeds a dollar and eighty cents."

OMAHA STORES CUT PRICE 20-30 CENTS ON DOLLAR

Omaha, Neb., May 18.—Eight other smaller stores today joined the five large establishments which have announced reductions of from 20 to 30 per cent.

Large automobile dealers made reductions of \$250 on open and \$400 on closed car models.

A store which made a 30 per cent reduction announced the cut would extend to its restaurants also. One of the concerns, which started with a 20 per cent cut, announced an additional reduction of 10 per cent.

Stores which are excepting from reduction articles like men's collars and others upon which the manufacturer fixes the price, have protested to the factories that two large concerns are cutting these 30 per cent along with the others.

PLANTS SCARCE IN NORTH CAROLINA

LaGrange, N. C., May 14, 1920. Mr. R. D. Clark, Manning, S. C.

Dear Sir:—Kindly advise me as to the outlook for a crop of tobacco in your section. Our crops in this section will be about fifty per cent off last year owing to scarcity of plants and if any plants can be had in your section, I will send a man or two after them at once. Please let me hear from you at once and oblige.

Yours truly,
J. E. Jones.

PROGRAM

District meeting of Woman's Missionary Society of Sumter District, May 21-22-23, 1920 at Kershaw.

Friday Evening 8:30

Devotional Service, Rev. R. M. DuBose.
Greetings from M. E. Adult Society, Mrs. C. N. Houser.
Greetings from Presbyterian Society, Mrs. I. R. Hayes.
Greetings from Baptist, Mrs. D. R. Fletcher.
Greetings from Junior M. E. Society, Miss Nancy Dempster.
Response—Miss Mamie Johnston.
Music.
Address.

Saturday Morning 9:30

Devotional Exercises.
Organization.
Message and report of District Society.
Music.
Our Literature, Publicity and Mission Study.
Report from Council Meeting—Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood.
Echoes from State Meeting—By Delegates.
Music.
Delegates Hour.
Playlet—"All in a Day's Work"—Kershaw Society.
Social Service.
Scurritt Training School.

Saturday Afternoon 4:30

Devotional—Mrs. Kirkwood.
Minutes of previous session Juniors Hour—Mrs. N. L. Andrews.
Playlet—"Garden of Children"—Oswego Society.
Music.
Young Peoples Hour.
Sunday Morning 11 O'Clock.
Address—Mrs. Jno. A. Rice.
Sunday Afternoon 4:30
Rally of Young Peoples and Children's Society.
Sunday Evening 8:30
Address—Mrs. Jno. A. Rice.

JORDAN

The 2nd. Quarterly Conference of the Jordan Circuit will be held at Oak Grove Methodist church May 28, all day services conducted by Dr. W. A. Massebann of Kingstree. It is desired that all officials be present and the half years report be in full.

WHAT OUR COUNTY FARMERS ARE DOING

Mr. H. K. Beatson has cut his cotton acreage about seventy acres and has planted corn and velvet beans instead. As Mr. Beatson has a silo and about seventy-five acres of Bermuda pasture he is very well fixed to raise stock. Mr. Beatson expects to fill his silo this fall and to feed beef cattle all winter. More livestock must be raised in Clarendon if we are going to fight the boll weevil successfully.

Quite a number of farmers are going to plant vetch next fall to use for pasture and also as a hay crop. Vetch will gather more nitrogen on its roots in cool weather than any other legume and makes just as good hay as alfalfa when cured properly. If anyone wanting to plant vetch next fall will notify me I will obtain the seed for them by ordering cooperatively.

Over twenty men signed up for the Bull Association at Davis Cross Roads and two of those men already had their own bulls. These men, when they found the Bull Association puts in the very best bulls obtainable immediately decided to discard the bulls they now have and to boost the bull association for twenty men can do more than one. These two men are J. M. Rowe and L. D. Sports. There are a number of men who are not joining the Bull Association because they have bulls of their own, but they don't have anything like the bulls that will be bought by the Association. Men don't let a bull that was sold to you unregistered but "entitled to registration" keep you out of a good movement like the Bull Association. Nine chances out of ten if they were entitled to registration they would be registered.

To those persons in Clarendon who purchased Excelsior Hog Powder several months ago for a cholera cure I want to say that the company has backed down on that claim. I have had some correspondence with the Excelsior Hog Powder Company who wrote me that they were very particular to instruct their salesmen not to represent it as a cholera cure. The salesmen who came through here, however, seemed to have forgotten about such instructions. I have sent a sample to Clemson College to have tested to find out whether it is a good hog powder and will publish in this column the results of the test as soon as I hear from the College. In the meantime do not let the Excelsior Hog Powder Company scare you into taking your shipment out of the depot, for they misrepresented their goods to you and until you find whether the hog powder is any good at all leave it where it is.

From July 13th to 23rd the Boy's Agricultural Short Course will be held at Clemson College and I want to urge all Club boys who possibly can to attend this short course. The short course will offer some special inducements this year in the matter of livestock judging and sports and pleasures as well as a splendid course of instruction in other lines. The course in livestock judging should especially interest boys in Clarendon for livestock judging the boll weevil and you can't begin to learn how to judge and raise livestock too young. The fee will probably not exceed \$12.00 for the entire course and a trip to this Clemson short course will be very pleasant and profitable. For further information write or see your county agent.

Mr. Herman F. Lion, representative of The South Carolina Development Board spent Monday in Manning and Summerton, explaining the objects and the workings of the Development Board, to a number of business men and farmers. This is something that all progressive South Carolinians should take an interest in for this Development Board is working for the good of the farmer especially, also the business men and the State as a whole. Their slogan is "Do It For South Carolina." South Carolina can become the most progressive and best developed state in the Union, but everybody in South Carolina must help. Don't leave it all to your neighbor to do but get busy yourself and make things hum here in Clarendon.

A. M. Musser,
County Agent.

Manning has one, if not the prettiest Court House lawns in the State, but some of our citizens don't seem to appreciate it, or else thoughtlessly, they will carry newspapers and mail out on the lawn to sit down and read, therefore some of them throw whatever they are reading down and allow the wind to mingle and blow it all over the lawn. People should have more consideration for the beauty of our Court House lawn than to throw trash on it.

We learn now that Turbeville like Pinewood has the moving fever—Sumter has made the people of that section a proposition which they are seriously considering, and it would not surprise us at all if they do not call an election for the purpose of voting themselves into Sumter county. The road from Turbeville to Manning is so terribly bad that they can scarcely travel it; and it's on account of the turn-pike Sumter has promised them that they may leave us.

REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA A BIG SUCCESS

The Redpath Chautauqua gave Manning a program last week that seemed to please everybody that attended, and that was by the majority of the people of Manning and the surrounding country. The big tent was pretty well filled every afternoon and night, especially so the last three nights, when extra seats had to be added in order to accommodate the crowd. The Chautauqua was a success in every respect, financially and otherwise.

Mr. W. S. Wright, better known as "Chautauqua Bill" deserves a great deal of credit for putting the Chautauqua on the booming road. Messrs Joe Davis, John Bagnal, Ed Reardon and others worked hard and faithfully before and after Mr. Wright came, but it seems that he put new life, hope and energy in the whole situation. Mr. Wright was only in town a short time until he had met practically everybody and was making friends as he went. No stranger ever made any more friends in such a short time as did Mr. Wright during his stay here. He paid a very high tribute to the town of Manning and the hospitality giving them while here. Mr. Wright stated on the stage the last night, that they had never been in a town or city where they were treated as generous and friendly as they were in Manning.

On the last night of the Chautauqua, the following committeemen were elected for next year's Chautauqua: Mr. Joe Davis, president, Mr. John Bagnal, Secretary and Treasurer and Mr. Ed Reardon, Publicity Manager. Chester Milton Stanford who gave the splendid lecture on "Vocational Guidance" gave me the following list of books, saying some one had requested him to hand to the librarian of Manning Library, hoping they might be purchased, placed in the library for public use, and send the list to The Times, hoping some of our good citizens will present them to their library.

Mrs. J. F. Bradham,
Librarian.

Books on Vocational Guidance:
Readings on Vocational Guidance, for parents and H. S. students—by Bloomfield.
Choosing a Profession, by Puffee, for boys and girls.
Choosing a Career by Marden, for H. S. boys and girls.
Vocational and Moral Guidance, for teachers and parents, by Davis.
Training for the Professions, for parents and H. S. students, by Brewster.

All the above may be secured from A. C. McClury & Co., Wabash Ave., Chicago. Also write U. S. Commissioners of Education, Washington, D. C., for free Vocational Pamphlets.

CIVIC LEAGUE

The meeting of the Civic League held Monday afternoon, May 17th heralded great results. All energy of the League has been focused on two great achievements, and the materialization of its efforts is in sight. With the generous cooperation of Weinberg Co., and the Manning Chautauqua association, the paving of the driveway on the school grounds is an assured fact. The League decided to select a committee of men to make the contract to handle this question.

The elimination of garbage is still being pushed with all vim and determination. The League is endeavoring to obtain a destructor to destroy this refuse. The inclination of the town to aid in this necessary work is encouraging indeed. The accomplishment of these two objects is essential to make Manning a "City Beautiful."

The Rook Tournament spoken of at the last meeting will be held in June. About the last of this month the League has planned to have a baseball game between the business men of the town and the High School boys. Messlames G. T. Floyd and F. H. Sauls were unanimously elected members of the League.

Although the next meeting will not be held until the third Monday in September, the work of the League during this period will not cease.

Respectfully submitted,
Irma Weinberg,
Sec. and Treasurer.

GREAT PICTURE FESTIVAL COMING TO MANNING

What promises to be the greatest entertainment ever offered to the people of Clarendon county and vicinity, will be staged at the Pastime Theatre, Manning, the second week of June. Mr. Rose, owner after recolonizing the entire house, and putting in a beautiful front, rivaling any theatre anywhere for a town this size, promises to offer the public, in the future the best motion picture produced for an early showing.

As a starter to his new policy, Mr. Rose has booked the three greatest motion pictures ever presented to the public to be shown during Festival week, June 14-16.

"Treasure Island" the immortal story of Robert Louis Stevenson.
"Man and Female" a Cecil B. De Mille production.
"Everywoman" the greatest woman picture ever filmed.

In addition to this program Mr. Rose will present many new novelties, including an orchestra.
This program is one that you cannot afford to miss.

"WE ARE LOST," FINAL WORDS OF CARRANZA

Believed That Deposed Chief Plans Escape by Sea.

Mexico City, May 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—"We are lost. Good-bye, gentlemen!" These were Carranza's final words before his flight from the besieged train in the early afternoon of May 14, while pausing momentarily before a crowd of terrified civilian refugees a few miles east of San Marcos, accompanied by a few intimates and guarded by what the special dispatches term "a very small cavalry force."

The fugitive President crossed the narrow valley through which the Mexican railway passes, stopped for a few moments to watch the Liberal revolutionary forces occupy the stalled trains, then disappeared among the mountains.

Heading Northeast.

It is believed that Carranza is heading northeast toward the coast by way of Cofre de Perote with the intention of boarding a steamer at some small port and escaping from the country. Judging from the list of captured officials and generals received Sunday at the headquarters in Mexico City of the Liberal revolutionary government, a few are accompanying Carranza. Among them are believed to be Luis Cabrera, secretary of the treasury; Gen. Juan Barragan, chief of staff; Gen. Francisco Murguia commander of the train guards. Gen. Francisco Urquiza, sub-secretary of war and Ygnacio Bonillas, former ambassador to the United States.

A motor truck load of gold coin, which the Carranza party attempted to carry off, broke down, the soldiers obtaining the major part of it.

Labor Leader Arrives

Washington, May 18.—Luis Marones labor leader of Mexico and known there as "the Gompers of Mexico," came here today as special commissioner of the defacto government.

Recent reports of the State Department, announcing plans for his visit, suggested the possibility of his appointment later as the chief diplomatic representative to the United States, Marones and his associates declined, however, to discuss this.

Dressed as a railway brakeman, Marones accompanied Alvaro Obregon from Mexico City when the latter was threatened with imprisonment.

Further indication that the defacto government was settling more firmly into power was contained in a summary of news in the Mexico City press sent by the American embassy to the State Department today. The State government of Yukatan and Campache have announced their support of the new government, and Villa, it was announced, was proceeding to the capital "without military escort."

Supervisor J. E. Kelly has been appointed by the Clarendon County Highway Commission as road engineer. This is an office created by the last legislature, and it carries an expenditure of \$400,000. Mr. Kelly will receive a salary of \$3,600 per year, but he has to pay an assistant out of this amount.

TO THE PENSIONERS OF CLARENDON COUNTY:

Owing to the apportionment of the funds allotted to this County and the vagueness of the law, it will be impossible to pay any pensions before after Monday the 24th day of May.

J. T. Stukes,
A. J. Richbourg,
Members Pension Board.

KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL

Selma, Fla., May 18.—Andrew Mullens, wholesale grocery merchant, shot and killed Carl Ward, his brother-in-law, president of the Ward Motor Company today, in the doorway of the Dallas county courthouse. The shooting followed immediately a decision by Judge B. M. Miller awarding custody of Carl Ward, Jr., to Mrs. Alice Mullens, his maternal grandmother.

GOSNELL TRIAL ENDS IN NO VERDICT, CASE STILL IN THE COURT

Greenville S. C., May 17.—After a deliberation of fifteen hours a general sessions court jury failed today to agree on a verdict in the case of the state against Jake Gosnell, deputy collector of internal revenue, charged with the murder of Sheriff Hendrix Rector, July 4, 1919, and Circuit Judge F. J. Mauldin, at 10:30 ordered a mistrial.

STATE CONVENTION TO CONVENE TODAY

Executive Committee Adopts Several Resolutions

SUFFRAGE QUESTION UP

Want Austrian System to Apply Only to Incorporated Municipalities.

Columbia, May 18.—Milledge Bonham, of Anderson, as temporary chairman and former Governor John C. Sheppard, as permanent chairman of the State Democratic State Convention here tomorrow, were selected tonight by party leaders.

Columbia, May 18.—Adoption of resolutions requesting the State Democratic convention, which convenes here at noon tomorrow, to memorialize the General Assembly to amend the law so as to provide that the Australian ballot system shall apply only to incorporated municipalities and rewrite the rules disallowing the executive committee to hear protests from recall elections in towns and cities operating under the commission form of government were the principal things done by the new State Democratic executive committee, which met here tonight at the call of the retiring chairman, ex-Governor John Gary Evans.

The suffrage matter was referred to by the chairman, who said that a committee of South Carolina suffragists, headed by Mrs. Julian Salley of Aiken, president of the South Carolina Equal Suffrage League, had decided not to appear before the committee, but will present their cause to the whole convention tomorrow. There are a large number of suffrage leaders in town tonight and they intend to storm the convention in an effort to have a rule adopted providing that they will be allowed to participate in the Democratic primary elections, should the necessary number of States ratify the Susan B. Anthony amendment before the elections.

Suffrage Question Up

While there was no open discussion of the suffrage question in the committee, there was much talk in the lobbies of the hotels among the delegates, and the majority opinion prevails that any effort to have the suffrage question decided favorably to the sponsors of the movement will fail.

There was much skirmishing among the suffragists to have one of their number, as a compliment to the women, designated as a delegate to the national convention at San Francisco. Mrs. W. C. Cathcart, of Columbia, one of the leaders of the movement, was mentioned as a candidate for this coveted honor.

There was a movement on foot tonight to have James F. Byrnes, of Aiken, Congressman from the Second district, elected temporary chairman of the convention and deliver the keynote speech, and Thomas P. Cothran, of Greenville, Speaker of the House of Representatives as permanent chairman. There was much sentiment in favor of Mr. Byrnes particularly as Speaker Gillette, of the national House, refused to allow the South Carolina Congressman a few days ago to continue with his speech which was reported to be an exhortation of the Republican party.

As ex-Governor Evans, of Spartanburg, has announced that he will not offer for reelection for chairman of the State executive committee, the candidacy of Ashley C. Tobias, Jr., of Columbia, secretary of the body, has a well defined impetus. Speaker Cothran's name has been mentioned for this position and he probably will be nominated. He stated last night that, while he is not a candidate, if elected he will accept it.

Three of "Big Four"

It appears certain tonight that Senator Smith, Governor Cooper and ex-Governor Manning will be three of the "big four" delegates at large to be elected to the national convention. There is an uncertainty as to the other member, but the names of L. D. Jennings, mayor of Sumter; ex-Senator W. P. Pollock, of Cheraw; R. Godwyn Rhett, of Charleston; LeRoy Springs, of Lancaster and ex-Governor Evans are being mentioned.

No opposition to the reelection of ex-Governor Evans as national committeeman from South Carolina has been manifested since Senator Dial withdrew from the race several days ago.