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## SUPREME HEAD SAYS CARRANZA

### DECLARES VILLA ACTING UNDER HIS ORDERS IN STOPPING COMMISSION.

Takes Stand That United States Must Recognize and Deal With Him in All Matters Concerning Foreign Relations.

Nogales, Mex., March 2.—Gen. Venustiano Carranza, supreme chief of the constitutionalists, today upheld the action of Gen. Villa in halting the commission investigating the death of the British subject, William S. Benton.

He took the stand that requests for any information regarding Benton's death should come to him as directing head of the revolution through the diplomatic agents of Great Britain. This had been explained as his stand in the matter in the last communication to the state department at Washington which had asked and been refused information about the Benton case.

In a statement issued by Ysador Fabela, acting secretary of foreign relations, Gen. Carranza's stand was given as follows:

"Gen. Villa has received orders from Mr. Carranza not to deal in business of an international character. In view of this order, Gen. Villa suspended all negotiations with the American and English representatives and suspended the pass for the commission to go from Juarez to view the body of Benton."

The Benton incident held all the attention of the constitutionalist commander-in-chief during the day. For the first time he summoned the entire membership of his provisional cabinet to consider the matter. It was understood that Carranza's previous stand in the Benton affair had been taken without discussion before the entire cabinet, although some of his individual advisers had been consulted.

It was said that there was a diversity of opinion in regard to the halting of the Benton investigation commission at El Paso. Gen. Carranza issued no statement throwing any new light on the matter.

Translations of the Associated Press dispatches from Washington dealing with the attitude of the Wilson administration were read with much interest.

It was said that no answer had been received from the state department at Washington to the last note sent through Frederick Simplic, consul a Nogales.

Gen. Alvaro Obregon, commander of the northwestern military zone, left tonight for Hermosillo.

It has been announced he will accompany Gen. Carranza into Chihuahua, which State is included in Obregon's command. Obregon, it was said, would conduct an expedition along the west coast to the south.

## STATE FARM WILL GO.

### Not Enough Convicts to Continue Cultivation of Land.

Anderson, March 1.—W. H. Glenn one of the directors of the State Penitentiary, declared today that because of the commuting of many life sentences by the governor, thereby enabling him to send the prisoners to the county roads throughout the State, the directors of the penitentiary will be forced to curtail the cultivation of the State farm at Hagood as the convict help decreases, and that the live stock, wagons, etc. would be sold as the usefulness decreases. Mr. Glenn says that only 75 convicts are on the farm now and that it requires between 160 and 170 men to keep up the cultivation of the usual 1,500 acres of land. Mr. Glenn says the matter of disposing of the stock not needed will be taken up and considered at the meeting of the board of directors, to be held on the second Wednesday in March.

## SIGN PEACE TREATY.

### Bryan and Paraguay's Minister Accept Pact.

Washington, March 3.—Secretary Bryan for the United States and Minister Velasquez of Paraguay yesterday signed a convention renewing for another period of five years the general arbitration treaty between the two countries.

The Chamber of Commerce moved its headquarters from the Osteen building, where it has been for the past two years, or since its organization, to the City National Bank building Tuesday, and is now situated on the second floor of the building, occupying two rooms on the southeast corner of the floor.

## MEXICANS WILL INVESTIGATE.

### CONSTITUTIONALISTS APPOINT COMMISSION TO INQUIRE INTO DEATH OF BENTON.

Gen. Carranza Maintains an Independent Attitude and Assumes All the Prerogatives of Legally Elected President.

Nogales, Mex., March 3.—A commission to investigate the Benton case was appointed tonight by Gen. Carranza. The decision was taken after a long session of the provisional cabinet. It was said the death of Juarez of the British subject, William S. Benton, had occupied virtually all the attention of Carranza and his advisers.

Members of the commission are Ramon Fraustro, constitutionalist military attorney general; Miguel Silva, physician and ex-governor of the State of Michoacan, and Miguel Lara, attorney and ex-governor of Hidalgo. These three men, it was explained, already are on their way to Juarez by way of El Paso, although they have not been advised of their mission there.

Nothing was announced regarding the disappearance of Gustav Bauch, an American. It was said that no change had been made in Carranza's stand that the death of Benton, a Briton, should be taken up by the English government and not by Washington authorities.

George C. Carothers, American consular agent at Torreon, arrived today, but he said his mission was not connected with the Benton incident. It had been expected here that Mr. Carothers would be commissioned by the American state department to treat directly with Gen. Carranza.

The attitude of the Washington government in making no reply to Gen. Carranza's notes seemed to puzzle those surrounding the insurgent leader. No announcement was made regarding the state department's request for information about the disappearance of Gustav Bauch, an American, promised by Gen. Carranza at the time of his refusal to give information about Benton.

## JAMES PLEW EXECUTED.

### Murderer Hanged at Hartford, Connecticut—Woman Accomplice Gets Stay on Appeal.

Hartford, Conn., March 4.—Ten minutes and thirty-eight seconds were required to execute James Plew this morning. Plew was hanged for the murder of William Wakefield. Mrs. Beesie Wakefield, the paramour of the hanged man, whose appeal to the higher court yesterday prevented her execution with Plew, occupied a cell a hundred feet away apparently unmoved.

## SOCIETY IN SUMMERTON.

### Usual Pre-Lenten Gaities in Evidence in That Town.

Summerton, March 3.—The usual pre-lenten social activities have been in evidence during the past week in Summerton society. Complimentary to Miss Whaley of Charleston, who was the guest of Mrs. H. C. Mazzyk, Mrs. J. M. Plowden entertained at cards on Thursday evening. Five tables were arranged, at which auction and whist were played. After several Rubbers had been played, delightful refreshments in two courses were served.

On Monday evening Mrs. W. H. Anderson informally entertained a few friends. Auction was played, three tables having been made up. Quite an enjoyable feature of the evening was the music rendered by Mrs. Anderson on a piano player. Cake and wine were served.

Miss Mildred James was hostess on Friday evening to the Embroidery club. In honor of Washington, the embroidery feature was done away with, and contests appropriate to the celebration were engaged in. Miss Lucie Mood, whose verse on Washington received the greatest number of votes, was presented with a hatchet. Miss Anna Davis of Murlon was awarded a prize for guessing nearest to the number of cherries upon a tree in the room. After an hour or so thus pleasantly spent, Miss James served a delicious sweet course.

## NO RACE SUICIDE THIS.

### Tennessee Woman Gave Birth to Four Healthy Children.

Flatwood, Tenn., March 4.—Three girls and a boy were born last night to Mrs. Corbett Coplinger, the wife of a farmer near here. All are doing well. The babies are perfect in form and healthy.

## REBELS PLAN CAMPAIGN.

### CARRANZA PREPARING FOR ATTACK ON MEXICO CITY.

Large Army Will be Moved South to Get Between Torreon and Capital City and Both Federal Strongholds Will be Assaulted.

Douglas, Ariz., March 3.—An attack on Mexico City by 8,000 men striking from Tepic territory is the next move on the constitutionalist programme, according to announcement here tonight. Francisco Elias, border representative of the constitutionalists, who returned to Agua Prieta today after a conference with Gen. Carranza at Nogales, said the defection to the rebels of the federal gumbat Tampico had caused the rebel chief to drop his plans of concentration along the border and throw southward nearly half the rebel forces in the field.

Elias said the rebels were confident the gumbat Guerrero would follow the example of the Tampico, making the capture of Mazatlan and Guaymas a simple matter, the Gulf of California then would be open to navigation for the constitutionalists, giving them a great advantage in shifting their army 800 miles southward.

Aside from this the movement, if successful, would force withdrawal of the federal garrison of 12,000 men at Torreon, where they are reported strongly entrenched, because it would place the enemy between them and Mexico City. For this reason the new campaign here is thought to explain in some degree why constitutionalists in Chihuahua under Gen. Villa have been holding off, allowing the federals to fortify and provision Torreon against a siege.

The Torreon attack, however, will be pushed, it was stated by Elias.

"There are plenty of troops in Chihuahua," he said. "Gen. Carranza will go into Chihuahua with only 700 men. Fifty would be enough."

It was announced here today that Gen. Carranza would be at Cananea tomorrow, at Naco tomorrow night, and at Agua Prieta Thursday. Agua Prieta has triumphal arches erected and bunting spread in honor of his coming.

## PLOT AGAINST VILLA.

### Reported That Huerta Has Offered \$150,000 for Assassination of Rebel Chief.

Juarez, Mex., March 4.—Col. Avila the commander of the constitutional forces here announced today that he had secured full proof that a plot had been hatched in El Paso to assassinate Gen. Villa. Col. Avila declares that Huerta sympathizers have raised a fund of \$150,000 which will be paid to anyone who kills Gen. Villa and escapes to claim the reward. Gen. Villa's bodyguard has doubled.

## SPINNERS BUY LONG STAPLE.

### 24 1/3 Cents for Egyptian Type Developed in Arizona by Department of Agriculture.

Washington, March 3.—A portion of the 2,100-bale 1913 crop of Arizona long staple cotton of the Egyptian type developed by the department of agriculture sold in Liverpool recently at 23 1/3 cents a pound, netting the Arizona growers 21 1/2 cents a pound at their shipping point in Salt River valley, it was announced today by Secretary Houston. This was taken to indicate that English spinners consider this cotton equal to the best grades produced in Egypt. A quantity sold to American spinners brought prices which make this a profitable crop for irrigated lands of the Southwest.

## REBATE CHARGES COLLAPSE.

### The Wolf of Wall Street Cannot Make Good Case Against Steel Trust.

Washington, March 4.—The charges made by David Lamar, the "Wolf of Wall Street," that the United States Steel Corporation received \$75,000,000 in illegal rebates from the railroads within the last six years collapsed today and the hearings were ended abruptly by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Hardin, when Lamar admitted that he had no documentary evidence to sustain his charges, other than what had already been made public by the Stanley investigating committee and the bureau of corporations.

It is understood that a number of the men backing the Harvin and Kendrick streets deal were in the city on Monday looking over the property. The men were said to have been northern capitalists.

## LEVER APPEALS FOR FARMER.

### URGES LIBERAL POLICY ON PART OF GOVERNMENT.

Opens House Debate by Explaining Importance of Agricultural Bill Which Carries Total Appropriation of \$19,000,000.

Washington, March 3.—A vigorous appeal for liberality on the part of the federal government in aiding the American farmer to meet the nation's increasing demand for food was made today by Representative Lever of South Carolina, opening the house debate on the agricultural appropriation bill, which carries about \$19,000,000. The measure was before the house all day and the debate will be resumed Thursday.

Discussion took a wide range, some of the speakers debating the bill, Representative Mondell of Wyoming criticizing the Mexican policy of the administration; Representative Collier of Mississippi arraiging interlocking directorates; Representative Sloan of Nebraska talking tariff from the Republican standpoint, and Representatives Borland and Shackelford of Missouri arguing over road development questions.

## FIRE CAUSES HEAVY LOSS.

### Destroys 4,600 Bales of Cotton and Several Freight Cars on the Waterfront.

New Orleans, March 4.—Two sheds of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation company on New Basin canal, between Howard and Robertson streets, containing 4,600 bales of cotton and several freight cars, were destroyed by fire early this morning, causing a loss estimated at \$250,000. The amount of insurance is not known.

Huge tufts of blazing cotton, blown by a northerly wind, threatened surrounding property and kept the firemen and volunteer squads busy extinguishing incipient fires on shingle roofs. Several schooners, laden with lumber, lying in the basin caught fire several times, but they were finally towed to a safe distance with slight losses.

## CLIFTON LIQUOR BILL PASSES.

### House Passes Bill for Voting on Dispensary in Kershaw and Sumter.

Columbia, March 4.—The Clifton bill to authorize the holding of an election on the dispensary question in Sumter and Kershaw on the second Tuesday in June was passed by the house last night.

Mr. Dick, Mr. Epps and Mr. Belsler of Sumter made statements in regard to the bill and the tangle which resulted over the last dispensary election in their county. The result of the last dispensary election in Sumter has not yet been determined by the supreme court, to which it was appealed.

## LESS FEAR OF FLOOD.

### Weather Bureau Gives Out Snowfall Bulletin.

Washington, March 3.—Fears that today's springlike sunshine would bring floods to the Ohio valley and other snow-covered regions were modified tonight, when the weather bureau announced in a special snowfall bulletin that the warm wave extending eastward from the Middle West would not be sufficient to start a general thaw immediately. The depth of the snow in the Ohio drainage now ranges from eight to ten inches.

## HOBO ARMY HIKES.

### Fifteen Hundred Unemployed Start for Washington.

Oakland, Cal., March 4.—An army of 1,500 unemployed men left last night for a hike to Washington. One division of the army of nearly one thousand under "General" Charles Kelly is still here, refusing to march with Kelly. The other division is marching with William Thorne of the Industrial Workers of the World as leader.

## ASKS FOR INJUNCTION.

### Louisiana Official Fights Sugar Reduction.

Washington, March 3.—Attorney General Pleasant of Louisiana today formally applied to the supreme court for an injunction to postpone the operation of the 20 per cent differential on Cuban sugar under the law, pending litigation. The differential became effective on March 1.

## WORK TO REMOVE SNOW.

### THOUSANDS OF NEW YORK STREET CLEANERS TAKE UP TASK.

Trains Run Late, Though Tracks are Kept Open for Regular Service—Fresh Supplies of Food Short.

New York, March 3.—New York partly dug itself from under its deep blanket of snow and ice today and reestablished something like normal communication with the outside world.

Within the city 16,000 snow shovellers, 2,500 extra teams, the entire equipment of the street cleaning department, millions of gallons of water for thawing and flushing, about six hours of warm sunshine and the cooperation of many citizens and public service corporations made it possible on the trunk thoroughfares to regain a semblance of normal traffic. Little, however, could be done on the side streets.

Except in a few cases railroad tracks leading into the city were available for regular use, but trains continued to be late. The Lakewood-Atlantic City express, stalled for 26 hours in an 18 foot snow bank near Red Bank, N. J., returned with its 96 passengers to Jersey City today. Trolley car transportation was still badly crippled in suburban and rural districts.

Such perishable food supplies as milk, butter, eggs, fresh vegetables, and in some cases meat, were still in short supply, due to disorganized train service and interrupted street traffic. The same conditions still hampered coal deliveries.

The eight seagoing barges and their crews reported still in danger near Fire Island early today, tonight were proceeding to their destinations, seven of the barges having been picked up by tugs and the eighth by the United States revenue cutter Acushnet. No loss of life was reported.

## WINDING UP LEGISLATION.

### Gov. Pleas Veto Certain Items in Supply Bill and Speaker Smith Rules That Balance of Bill is Not Affected.

Columbia, March 4.—The governor returned to the house this morning with his veto, the act relating to negotiable instruments. No action was taken on the veto.

The house received a message in which the governor vetoed certain items in the county supply bill relating to Beaufort and Greenville counties. The message said that the governor did not intend to veto the entire county supply bill.

The message quoted a section of the constitution, which the message said, gave the chief executive the right to veto separate items of any bill without vetoing the whole of it.

Mr. Nicholson, of Greenwood, asked for a ruling from the chair on the question whether or not the vetoing of an item in the bill affected the whole bill. Speaker Smith ruled that, in his personal opinion, the vetoing of an item in the supply bill did not affect the entire bill.

On motion of Mr. Kibler the supply bill with the veto message was referred to the judiciary committee with instructions to report to the house at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

## CARRANZA ON BLACKLIST.

### His Refusal to Permit Prompt Investigation of Benton's Death Destroys Confidence in His Rectitude.

Washington, March 4.—Gen. Carranza has been placed on the "black list" by the American government alongside Victoriano Huerta.

The apparent eleventh hour repentance of the constitutionalist leader in appointing a committee to investigate the death of William Benton, after demanding that all negotiations looking to a complete inquiry should be conducted through him alone, will fail to restore him to the good graces of the Washington administration, according to the opinion of high officials today. It is the general belief that an examination now, after such long delay, would be fruitless.

There is no indication, however, that the administration will abandon its policy of "watchful waiting."

## BIG COTTON FIRE.

### Forty Six Hundred Bales Burned in New Orleans.

New Orleans, March 4.—Two warehouse sheds of the Louisiana Railway and Navigation company, containing 4,600 bales of cotton and several freight cars were burned today. The loss is \$250,000.

## PRESIDENT ON EXEMPTION.

### WILL PERSONALLY ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS ON THURSDAY.

Will Point Out That Other Nations Will Question America's Disinterestedness Unless This Country Adheres Closely to Its Pacts.

Washington, March 3.—President Wilson will personally address a joint session of congress Thursday, advocating repeal of the clause in the Panama act which exempts American coastwise shipping from the payment of tolls.

White House officials today arranged with a majority leaders in the two houses for a joint session at 12:30 p. m. Thursday. The president has prepared a brief address in which he set forth his opinion that congress should reverse itself and keep the provisions of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which, he believes, were violated by the Panama canal act. The president holds that national honor is at stake and that European nations should not be allowed to believe treaties made by the American government are not adhered to both in letter and in spirit. The exemption clause, he pointed out, was passed on the assumption that while the Hay-Pauncefote treaty guarantees equal treatment to all nations in the matter of tolls, the document was to be interpreted as meaning all nations except the United States.

The president believes there should be no debatable ground on treaties once made. Originally he had not intended to deliver a message on this subject. He had conferred with senators and members of the house and sentiment in favor of the repeal appeared to him to be strong. Some leaders, however, were of the opinion that international phases of the situation should be emphasized in a communication from the president to congress to impress upon those who had voted for the exemption previously the necessity of changing their votes, regardless of any domestic question involved.

Since the tolls question was before congress last the president has told senators that Europeans generally were taking the view that the United States had violated the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

The governments of the world, he made it clear, were beginning to believe the United States was not sincere in construction of treaties.

The message to congress will open the fight in earnest. Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the inter-oceanic canal committee, is expected to oppose the president's view. Lately it has been said a majority of the committee would favor a repeal. The White House is confident the repeal will be passed, Republicans joining Democrats in making the change.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, discussed the Mexican situation with the president tonight, but White House officials said the canal tolls subject was not mentioned.

## RAILROADS PRESENT PETITION.

### Ask Inter-State Commerce Commission to Permit Continued Ownership of Steamship Lines.

Washington, March 4.—The Central of Georgia, Maryland-Delaware and Virginia, and Pennsylvania systems applied to the Interstate Commerce commission today for permission to continue their ownership of ferry car and steamship lines after July 1st, when the Panama Canal act becomes operative. These roads operate steamship lines on Lake Ontario, Chesapeake Bay and between Savannah, New York and Boston.

## ONE-STEP PARTY.

### Miss Holly Brown Entertained on Monday Evening for Her Guests.

Miss Holly Brown was the hostess at a one-step party on Monday evening in honor of her guests. Misses Emma McCreary of Asheville; Julia Witherspoon of Yorkville and Netta Cooper of Wiscacky. There were about twenty couples present and the evening was very pleasantly passed in dancing, delightful refreshments being served.

## AGAINST NEW DANCES.

### Massachusetts Legislators Plan Prohibition of Them.

Boston, March 3.—Modern dances were denounced by a legislative committee today at a hearing on a bill introduced by Representative L. R. Sullivan prohibiting specifically the tango, lame duck, Argentine, chicken dip, bunny hug and grizzly slide.

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