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THREE BRITISH CRUISERS SUNK.

German Submarines Take Another Heavy Toll of English Ships.

London, Sept. 22.—It is officially announced that three British cruisers have been sunk in the north sea by German submarines.

Jap Torpedo Boat Sunk.

Pekin, Sept. 21.—It is reported that a German cruiser has sunk a Japanese torpedo boat near Kiao Chau. There have been severe skirmishes on land with numerous casualties.

Servians Claim Victory.

Nish, Sept. 21.—The complete defeat of the Austrian invaders is officially announced today. The Servians and Montenegrins today began the bombardment of Sarajevo. The Servians took seven thousand prisoners and twelve guns in a battle with the Austrians near Krupani. The Austrians fled in great disorder. The Austrians were defeated at Shabatz with heavy losses.

Russians in Galicia.

Petrograd, Sept. 22.—Five forts around Jaroslav have been shattered, but eighteen are holding out against a terrific bombardment by Russian guns. Bombardment of Przemysl continued today.

Germans Resume Offensive.

Berlin, via. Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—The official statement today says the attacks by allies on the German lines are diminishing in strength, while the German offensive is growing stronger at all points. The Germans have captured the Heights of Craonne and the town of Nethany near Rheims. The allies are showing great bravery in meeting the German attacks.

Germans at Mons.

London, Sept. 22.—Gen. Von Bohn, the German commander, who has been sent to reinforce the western side of the Kaiser's forces, has established his headquarters at Mons.

Allies Confident of Victory.

Bordeaux, Sept. 22.—Minister of War Millerand announced today that the extreme right wing of the German army has given way. The French have completed their line, bringing a steel wall up against the German center. The allies are making constant progress in their forward and flank movements. The great battle now raging along the Oise and Aisne rivers will be known as the "battle of two rivers." The war department officials are confident that the allies will win in this great death grapple. Although the allies are making constant progress the conflict, which is being fought with unparalleled fury is expected to continue some days longer. The allies' left wing has arrived at Lassigny, ten miles west of Noyon. Four sisters of mercy who were caring for wounded French and German soldiers yesterday were killed by a German shell which exploded in the Cathedral of Rheims.

British at Tsing Tao.

Tokio, Sept. 22.—British troops that are reinforcing the Japanese attacking Tsing Tao, have been landed at Laoshan Bay.

French Use Big Guns.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Heavy guns from the Paris forts are being rushed to the front today to answer the bombardment of the monster twelve-inch German Howitzers. The allies continue their pressure against the right wing of the invaders. The general battle was resumed furiously this morning. The big guns will be used to shell the German position on the Graonne plateau, a position of enormous strength. Reports today state that the famous cathedral of Rheims, though somewhat damaged, has escaped complete destruction.

Reinforcements for Cracow.

Vienna, Sept. 22.—Heavy reinforcements, with supplies and ammunition, are being rushed to Cracow, the Austrian stronghold in western Galicia.

Intend to Hold Belgium.

Berlin, via. Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—The German troops will remain in Belgium until the end of the war. This was officially announced today, denying reports that preparations are being made to evacuate Brussels and Liege. It is stated that all Belgium, except Antwerp, is under German rule and will remain so.

Servians Capture Sarajevo.

London, Sept. 22.—A dispatch from Rome says the Servians and Montenegrins have occupied Sarajevo.

Food Scarce in Berlin.

Paris, Sept. 22.—It is reported that meat is nearly a dollar a pound in Berlin. The bakeries there are making bread with potatoes and barley.

Fighting in Belgium.

Antwerp, Sept. 22.—The Germans continue their severe bombardment of Termonde. They have also fortified Gembloux and between Wavre and Louvain.

All Along the Line.

Paris, Sept. 21.—3 P. M.—The Germans have taken the offensive along the whole front today but without any appreciable results, is officially announced. On the right bank of the Oise the Germans are giving ground before the French attack.

PLAYING PARTISAN POLITICS.

Republicans Fighting Democratic Program for Emergency Revenue.

Washington, Sept. 22.—By a strict party vote the ways and means committee today ordered a favorable report on the emergency revenue bills. The Republicans will file a minority report and fight the measure in the house.

HOUSING WELCOME FOR VILLA.

Mexico City Planning a Monster Reception for Fighting Man. Mexico City, Sept. 22.—Plans have been completed for a monster reception in honor of Gen. Villa when he enters the city Thursday with ninety delegates to the convention to choose a provisional president. One hundred and thirty million dollars of the new constitutional currency was put into circulation today. Eight hundred Mexican refugees sailed from Vera Cruz for the United States today.

NOT ON WAREHOUSE PAPER.

New Revenue Bill Will Lay No Tax on Receipts for Cotton.

Washington, Sept. 21.—No clause of the new revenue bill can be interpreted so as to include warehouse receipts covering cotton. Oscar Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, said this afternoon. As the tax imposed during the war with Spain included cotton receipts many feared that the assessment would be made in the revenue bill introduced today. The bill was constructed with the idea of not levying any further burden on the cotton industry.

After looking over the bill carefully today several members of congress failed to find any item to which exception could be taken or which is discriminatory.

OPPOSED TO SCHEME.

Congressmen Against Burleson's Economy Plan.

Washington, Sept. 21.—That members of congress generally do not propose to stand for the plan of Postmaster General Burleson to abolish the present rural free delivery service and to substitute therefor the contract system, as proposed by him, became evident here today when half a dozen or more members were asked what they thought about the matter. That such a procedure would give rise to much dissatisfaction in various ways by a change from the present methods to that proposed was denied by none.

TURKISH AMBASSADOR GOING.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The Turkish ambassador has notified President Wilson that he will leave the United States within a fortnight, not having altered the views he recently expressed in an interview.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has ordered the wireless station at Siasconset, Mass., closed at noon tomorrow, because of the refusal of the company to submit to government censorship.

VILLA WITHDRAWS SUPPORT.

DENONCES CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HEADED BY CARRANZA.

Former Lieutenant Formally Asserts His Independence of Leader and Establishes Himself as Head of State of Chihuahua—Sonora also in Arms Against Carranza.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 23.—Gen. Francisco Villa, dominant leader in northern Mexico, tonight denounced the central government headed by Venustiano Carranza and formally announced his independence.

This placed the State of Chihuahua in open revolt against the party in power at Mexico City as well as Sonora, the next border State to the west, where Gov. Maytorena previously had proclaimed his independence of the constitutional party as represented by Carranza.

DISAVOWS LEADER.

Villa Informs Carranza His Men Won't Participate in General Convention.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Gen. Villa has telegraphed Gen. Carranza disavowing the latter as first chief of the constitutional army in charge of the executive power in Mexico. This was announced in a telegram from Gen. Carranza tonight to the constitutionalist agency here.

Gen. Villa at the same time announced that neither he nor his delegates would participate in the national convention called for October 1 at Mexico City to nominate a provisional president.

The exchange of telegrams resulted from Gen. Carranza's order to suspend railroad communication between Aguas Calientes and Torreon until he could learn whether or not Gen. Obregon, commander of the division of the northeast, was held under arrest by Villa.

After receiving a long message from Carranza, Rafael Zubaran, head of the constitutionalist agency at the Mexican embassy, gave out a statement in which he said:

"Contrary to Villa's denial that he had arrested Gen. Obregon, the latest official reports from Mexico City today make clear that he is still being held in the territory controlled by Villa's forces. In view of this unjustifiable act on Villa's part, Carranza took precautionary measures to protect the railroads, giving orders to discontinue temporarily service to the north of Aguas Calientes. Thereupon Villa asked the first chief for an immediate explanation of this act. Carranza answered that before he would vouchsafe an explanation, he demanded on Villa's part an explanation of Villa's conduct in unwarrantably holding Gen. Obregon.

"Instead of giving to Carranza a satisfactory explanation, Villa informed the first chief that he had given orders to halt Obregon at Torreon, and that the forces under Villa's command would not be represented at the national convention to be held in Mexico City October 1. In conclusion Villa said he no longer recognized Carranza as the first chief of the constitutionalists."

This sudden break between the two foremost factors in Mexico's politics caused a profound sensation here. Secretary Bryan would make no comment and White House officials were silent.

It was generally understood, however, that President Wilson, who has set no date for the departure of American forces from Vera Cruz, probably would delay the evacuation until the controversy was adjusted.

Official reports from various points in Mexico today had pictured the situation as ominous.

During the day Paul Fuller, who has had personal conferences with both Villa and Carranza for the Washington government, reported at length to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. Mr. Fuller is understood to have explained to Carranza that the American government desired to see a provisional government set up which would be recognized by all factions and only such a government would be accorded recognition.

Well informed officials seemed to think the cause of the rupture between Carranza and Villa was Villa's disapproval of Carranza's system of representation for the national convention. Villa opposes Carranza's candidacy.

Just what the American government would do in the present emergency was not clear tonight. Some officials were confident the friction would not result in a second revolution because of the strength of Villa's army. They thought a compromise might be arranged and it was not certain whether the United States would interpose its influence or wait developments.

Villa agents today sent several cartloads of war munitions, as well as troops, to assist Gov. Maytorena of Sonora, who is in open revolt against Carranza. This was followed later, according to reports received here by the sending of 500,000 pesos in Villa

paper currency to Maytorena officials. This money, it was said, was being placed in circulation to absorb the Carranza issue.

Gen. Obregon, a Carranza adherent who heads the northwestern military zone, of which Sonora is a part, remained at Chihuahua City, a prisoner at Villa's headquarters.

All available troops under Villa's command were rushed tonight to meet what was reported as a strong force of Carranza troops, moving north from Zacatecas. Even the two brigades which were sent on an overland march into Sonora to assist the Maytorena revolt were recalled hurriedly. They passed through Juarez tonight on their way back to Chihuahua City, Villa's capital.

CALLS MEN TOGETHER.

Carranza Mobilizing Troops Loyal to Him.

Brownsville, Texas, Sept. 23.—General mobilization of troops in northern Mexico loyal to Gen. Carranza is under way at Monterey, according to reports current in Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, tonight.

ANSWER TO CARRANZA.

Holding of Obregon Villa's Reply.

Eagle, Pass, Texas, Sept. 23.—Gen. Villa has ordered the detention at Torreon of Gen. Obregon, now on his way to Mexico City, according to information reaching the border today. This, it is declared, was Villa's reply to Gen. Carranza's demands for an explanation as to the breach between Villa and Obregon, which was thought to have been smoothed over. Obregon set out from the north for the federal capital yesterday to report to the first chief in person.

It could not be learned here tonight whether Obregon had yet reached Torreon.

ARRESTS IN CAPITAL.

Bonilla and Number of Others in Penitentiary.

Mexico City, Sept. 23.—Manuel Bonilla, minister of communication in the cabinet of President Madero, and a number of other persons were arrested yesterday and incarcerated in the penitentiary. No reason for the arrests was made public.

MARINES QUELL RIOT.

Americans Preserve Order at Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, Sept. 23.—American marines tonight quickly put down an incipient riot here. A group of constitutionalists who had entered the city were requested by the patrols to move on. They refused to obey the command and then were forced to comply.

A crowd gathered and offensive remarks were hurled at the Americans. Immediately marines under Capt. Hooker moved into the midst of the throng and scattered it.

DIAZ AT NEW ORLEANS.

Newspew of Former Dictator Traveling Incognito.

New Orleans, Sept. 23.—Gen. Felix Diaz, accompanied by several of his close friends and political associates, arrived here tonight. He is traveling incognito and declined to see reporters. Francisco Carbajal, former provisional president of Mexico, left here hurriedly tonight for San Antonio, Texas.

WAR IN MEXICO RENEWED.

Conflict Between Carranza and Villa Promises Bloody Fighting.

El Paso, Sept. 24.—The announcement of the long threatened break between Villa and Carranza has come. Villa has proclaimed independence and declared war.

This break will probably be followed by the bloodiest fighting that has yet occurred in Mexico. The troops of both Villa and Carranza are already moving to the battle field. Carranza's army is being sent north from Zacatecas, while Villa has been gathering forces in Chihuahua and Torreon for several weeks.

The break between the two leaders was the result of Villa's demand that the vast estates be divided among the peons. Carranza is making no move in this direction.

Another firm which has sent orders here to buy cotton is the Cleveland Hardware Company of Cleveland, Ohio. This company has placed an order here for one bale through the Rowland Buggy Company.

The Ohio Trust company of Cincinnati has placed an order here for one bale through Heaton's Pharmacy.

Mr. J. K. Crosswell has placed an order with the Commercial Savings Bank for six bales of cotton, having received orders from dealers to purchase that many bales.

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