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MARTIAL LAW ENFORCED IN AGUA PRIETA

Military Leaders of Sonora Republic Claim Carranza Faces Most Critical Secession of Career.

VILLA IS AGAIN ACTIVE

(By Associated Press)

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, April 15.—Martial law was proclaimed in Agua Prieta today in preparation for a possible attack by Carranza forces should the Mexican president's troops break through the barrier of soldiers, the new republic has stationed between here and the Chihuahua-Sonora boundary.

Carranza troops were reported at Casas Grandes, 200 miles from here, preparing to march into Sonora and toward this border port.

General J. M. Pina, commander of the first division of the Sonora army, was expected here at noon from Nacozari to complete arrangements for defending territory endangered by the Carranza expedition.

Arrange Conference.

General P. Elias Calles, commander in chief of the Sonora troops and acting head of the new republic, telegraphed yesterday he would arrive here this week to confer with local military officers on the defense.

Sonora leaders have described the Sonora secession as the most critical test President Carranza has faced. They said military success by federal agencies would make him stronger than ever, but declared success of the Sonora movement ultimately would cause the Mexican president's downfall, when the seceding state again would enter the national federation of states.

No Confirmation of Battle.

Official confirmation still was lacking today of the first reported battle between Carranza and Sonora soldiers at the Sinaloa frontier. The report was received both here and at Nogales.

Francisco Elias who has been asked to take charge of the new customs service for Sonora, said today that the recession of Sonora costs the central government more than \$1,000,000 in revenue monthly. Half of this amount went to the federal government from customs collections and the balance from state taxes. Of all taxes paid within a Mexican state half goes to the federal government and half to the state treasury.

Ready for Carranza.

Military authorities here said the state would have approximately 25,000 fully equipped and armed troops to meet any invasion by Carranza. They said Carranza has 10,000 troops in Chihuahua, but that reducing that number to send men to Sonora, would mean the rapid ascension of Francisco Villa to his former power and control of the adjoining state. Recent reports have said Villa is more active than he has been any time since last June.

The report from Mexico City that General Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the presidency of Mexico and Governor Benjamin Hill, his campaign manager, has fled from the capital greatly cheered their adherents here today. Both are residents of Sonora. Nothing direct from Obregon has been received in Sonora for several days, it was said.

Reid Hospital Graduate Is Married in New Hope To Man She Met in France

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader, in an answer to questions in the house of commons today regarding the release of Irish hunger strikers from Mount Joy prison, stated that they had not been unconditionally released.

This statement controverted reports received from Dublin last night.

Par Plus 113 Per Cent, Assessment Which Faces Wayne Co. Tax Payers

The injustice of the state tax law and the hardship it has worked in Wayne county is illustrated by two examples that just came to light.

A taxpayer, who gave in his building and loan stock, found that his assessment had been increased 113 per cent. In other words, he is paying taxes on 113 per cent more money than he really had in the association.

Another taxpayer, owning a block of steel stock, gave it to the assessor at its par value. He found that it had been assessed 113 per cent in addition. He is paying 113 per cent more than the par value of the stock and about that much more than its present market value.

The inequalities of the present law have aroused the wrath of the tax-payers generally. They believe it is unfair and should be radically revised.

County Church Quota Is \$183,487.03, Announced

Announcement that \$183,487.03 is to be raised in Wayne county for the financial campaign of the Inter-Church World Movement, was made by W. S. Stump, director, Thursday.

Of this sum, \$75,000 has already been raised by the Methodist churches.

The quotas reported to Stump by the congregational leaders of the different denominations of the county are: Friends, \$18,574; Disciples, \$12,000; United Brethren, \$3,126.84; New Light Christian, \$3,200; Baptists, \$15,000; Presbyterians, \$7,200; United Presbyterian, \$23,700. A total of \$25,686.19 is to be raised by a community committee from persons of the county not affiliated with any co-operating churches.

Bears His Cabinet Nicely

WASHINGTON, April 15.—President Wilson suffered no ill effects from his long session with the cabinet yesterday, it was said today at the White House. It was the first meeting of his official family he had attended since he was taken ill last fall.

White House officials thought the president's condition might permit him to enlarge his list of callers soon.

ILLINOIS TROOPS GUARD FACTORY IN KEWEEANEE

(By Associated Press)

KAWANEEN, Ill., April 15.—Two battalions of the eleventh Illinois infantry, strengthened by a machine gun company, patrolled the streets here today to prevent a recurrence of scattering disturbances which broke out yesterday between strikers and "loyal" employees of the Walworth manufacturing company.

ROTARY CLUB WILL ELECT OFFICERS NEXT TUESDAY

The annual election of officers will feature next Tuesday's meeting of the Richmond Rotary club. A complete board of directors, seven men, is elected. This board in turn appoints a president and vice president from among its own body and names a secretary treasurer from among the rest of the organization. Present plans are that the meeting will be held in the Arlington hotel.

DETROIT MOOSE REQUESTED TO WEAR ROUGH RAIMENT

DETROIT, April 15.—Several thousand members of the Loyalty Order of Moose donned overalls today pursuant to a resolution adopted last night calling upon 8,000 local members to wear rough-rament until prices of clothing decline. The resolution also endorsed a boycott on the use of potatoes, launched several days ago as a protest against high prices.

SHIP BOARD GIVES DATA ON OPERATION TO TRADE LEADERS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Data bearing on problems of the shipping board in its operation of and disposition to private ownership of the government's merchant marine was submitted today to business men of the country and chairman of congressional committees, who began a two days conference here with members of the board.

Two former chairmen of the board, Secretary of Interior Payne and Edward N. Hurley, of Chicago, were among those present. The men advising with the board represent the country's greatest commercial and industrial interests and among them being Julius Rosenwald, and Alexander Legg, of Chicago, and James A. Farrell of New York.

Chairmen of the senate committees on commerce and appropriations and the house committees on merchant marine and appropriations were invited to aid the board in solving the American merchant marine problem.

Particular importance attached to the point of view of the leaders of industries in the middle west officials of the board declared. There, it is said, people have not become accustomed to think of terms of ships and it is especially desired that they be awakened to the necessity for an American merchant marine to protect the nation's commerce.

Linked with the problem of operation by the board of its vessels is the question of placing the fleet in private hands. Complicating this question is the injunction granted by the district supreme court which forbids the board to sell the twenty-nine former German passenger liners which were taken over by the government during the war.

ALL ALLIES BLAMED FOR ATTACK OF JAPS

(By Associated Press)

VILADIVOSTOK, April 15.—All the allied nations are held responsible for the "tragic results" of the Japanese attack which yesterday ousted the Russian revolutionary government from control here, says a statement made public today by M. Medvedieff, head of the revolutionary regime.

In lodging a protest against the action of the Japanese, M. Medvedieff declares his addresses all the allies as intervention in Siberia was undertaken by them collectively, and he asserts responsibility for the consequences must be shared equally by them.

He asks allied diplomats to propose to the Japanese that all Russians under arrest be released, that all government buildings held by Japanese be evacuated, that the Japanese government explain yesterday's attack and offer an apology to the revolutionary government, that Japanese troops cease searching buildings here, and that arms taken forcibly from Russians be returned.

CONSERVE, WARNS PAPER BODY HEAD; ADVOCATES PROTECTION OF FORESTS FOR THE INDUSTRIES

NEW YORK, April 15.—Prodigal methods in American forests and paper mills have brought the industry and the consuming public face to face with an alarming paper shortage which can be remedied only by adoption of a comprehensive policy of forest protection. George W. Sisson, Jr., president of the American Paper and Pulp association, declared in his address before the association's annual convention here today.

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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, LEADER IN THE STEEL STRIKE, ARRESTED

CHICAGO, April 15.—John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, "the outlaw" organization, which started the nation-wide strike of railroad workers was arrested by federal agents who raided a meeting of the strikers here today. Grunau was arrested while he was addressing the meeting. Six others also were arrested.

The warrants were issued by United States Commissioner Mason, charging them with violating the Lever act. Warrants have been issued for several other alleged leaders in the insurgent railroad strike, it was said at the federal building.

Department of justice agents expect to arraign the men arrested today, before Commissioner Mason.

REPORTS CONDITIONS IMPROVED.

Reports from rail centers in the central west and on the Pacific coast to-day bore out assertions of railroad brotherhood and railway officials that the insurgent strike was dying out and that traffic conditions were improved materially.

In Ohio and Michigan thousands of men were idle as result of industrial tie-ups by stoppage of transportation.

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