

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.

Arrangements for the Carranza expedition. 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 Carranza expedition 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 Carranza 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 has been asked to take charge of the new customs service for Sonora, said today that the secession 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 laid 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 of Sonora, had been elected, 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

Miss Lottie Baker, of New Hope, Pa., a graduate of Reid hospital here, was a nurse in a hospital in France during the world war. Charles C. Stedman, of Muncie, Ind., was a doctor. They were strangers. Stedman was wounded in action at Chateau-Thierry. It happened that he was taken to the hospital where Miss Baker was on duty. It fell to her lot to care for him. A friendship sprang up between them, which progressed to love, and then to marriage. They agreed that the wedding should take place after their release from service. In time this came about, and the romance that had its inception in France culminated a few days ago in the marriage of Miss Baker and Stedman, the ceremony having been performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, at New Hope, in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The Rev. E. P. Huddle, of Phillipsburg, O., was the officiating minister. Mr. and Mrs. Stedman will reside in Muncie.

Herdich Is Employed To Examine Light Company

The bid of O. C. Herdich, expert accountant, for a thorough examination of the records and a complete report of the operations of the Electric Light Plant for the last four or five years, was accepted by the board of public works Thursday.

The board is limited to \$500 for the examination and this was specified. It may be necessary to go as far back as 1915 in the investigation, but when the report is completed the board will have an accurate check on the business of the Electric Light Plant, to be presented to the council and to the state commission.

Charge They Say False



Roger Babson (above) and George Creel.

Roger Babson, the famous statistician, and George Creel, formerly director of the United States bureau of information, assert that the senate investigating committee which charged that Creel turned over the Official Bulletin to Babson without pay, deliberately lied. The Official Bulletin, says Creel, was discontinued. Babson started another paper along the same lines, but the same opportunity was open to anyone else.

IRISH SATISFIED AT PRISONERS' RELEASE

(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. In other words, he is paying more than the par value of the stock and about that much more than its present market value.

County Church Quota Is \$183,487.03, Announced

Announcement that \$183,487.03 is to be raised by the 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, \$2,000; United Brethren, \$3,126.84; New Light Christian, \$3,200; Baptists, \$15,000; Presbyterians, \$7,200; United Presbyterians, \$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.

Detroit Moose Requested To Wear Rough Raiment

DETROIT, April 15.—Several thousand members of the Loyal Order of Moose donated overalls today pursuant to a resolution adopted last night calling upon 8,000 local members to wear rough-raiment 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 board and to 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 represents 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 attaches 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 transport "the nation's goods."

ALL ALLIES BLAMED FOR ATTACK OF JAPS

(By Associated Press)
VLADIVOSTOK, April 15.—All the allied nations are held responsible for the attack which yesterday ousted the Russian revolutionary government from control here, says a statement made public today by M. Medvedeff, head of the revolutionary regime.

In lodging a protest against the action of the Japanese, Medvedeff declares he 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.—A prodigal man 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.

A program of legislation calculated to effect this result will be brought before the convention for action at a later session. Mr. Sisson deplored intimations from Canada that export of pulp wood from private lands might be curtailed, hinting that retaliatory measures might be sought by Americans in the event of such action.

"Canadian industry must have coal," he said. "Common fairness indicates that access to raw materials needed should not be denied on either hand."

Pay Taxes, Get Exemptions, Warn County Officers

Some alacrity is being shown in payment of spring county taxes at the court house, according to Ed. Welner, treasurer, who has "no complaint to make but hopes those who have not paid will not leave it until the last minute to dash up." All taxes should be paid before the last of April, as May 3, the first Monday in May, is the last day.

Johnson May Come to G.O.P. Rally; Wasmuth Is to Attend

RADICALISM IS FOUND IN R. R. STRIKE

Agents of Department of Justice Announce That Foster, of Steel Strike Fame, is Active in Railroad Movement.

NOW WAIT FOR EFFECT

(By Associated Press)
Agents of the federal government Thursday in different sections of the country acted in the nation-wide railroad strike, which by holding up food supplies and coal, is making itself felt on industry. In Chicago John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yard Men's association, and other alleged leaders of the strike, were arrested on a charge of violating the Lever act and several more alleged leaders are being sought.

In New York, where food prices have been mounting, the first arrest was made by the government's "flying squadron" seeking food profiteers. A wholesale butter dealer was held on a charge of making unfair profits during the crisis.

Investigating Mail Delay. Federal agents also have announced they are investigating the delay of mail trains. Vigorous action will be taken, it is said, if this is found the law was violated.

Announcement by Attorney General Palmer that a communist influence was behind the strike, and that W. Z. Foster, leader of the late steel strike, was in the outlaws railroad movement, was followed today by denial by Foster that he had left Pittsburgh not more than once in the last four months. He said he would reply to "the statements made in Washington."

Send Soldiers to Jersey City. Army officers notified Pennsylvania railroad officials that they would send soldiers to Jersey City to protect the freight sent to the army and that soldiers would man cars on which bodies of soldiers recently brought from France to Hoboken will be sent to their homes.

Meanwhile roads are actively combating the effects of the strike. In the far and central west conditions were reported returning to normal, while in the middle west and east, railroad officials professed to see a slight improvement in the passenger service, although admitting that the freight was still badly crippled.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—Federal officials today were watching for the effect upon the railroad strikers of the disclosure that the same railroad men who had been arrested in the steel strike were behind the present effort to tie up transportation facilities.

Reports from agents of the department of justice that William Z. Foster, a leader in the steel strike, Carl Brown, president of the American steel strike were behind the present effort to tie up transportation facilities.

After the cabinet meeting yesterday, at which this phase of the situation was discussed, the attitude of the government was understood to be that specific action through government agencies might be made unnecessary, when the disclosures were fully understood.

Stay Out if Possible. While the government has not adopted a hands-off policy, officials felt it would be better to have it settled if possible through the voluntary action of the men themselves than to institute legal proceedings at this time.

Nominations of the nine members of the railway labor board will be confirmed speedily, senate leaders said yesterday, unless good basis for operation of the men themselves is established by the time the nominations were brought forward. In many cases where strikers have voted to return to work, they have predicated this action on the proviso that their grievances be taken up by the board.

DAYTON, Ohio, April 15.—Three hundred switchmen employed in the Dayton railroad yards, who walked out last Friday, have all returned to work today. An official declared the situation again normal here. The break in the force of the strikers was made complete when the night employees of the Baltimore and Ohio yards reported for duty.

BOSTON, April 15.—A serious shortage of coal for New England's railroads and industries threatened today to necessitate early curtailment of all passenger schedules and a partial industrial shutdown. Coal stocks of the railroads were said to be sufficient for only four or five days of normal operations.

Industries suffered through confiscation by the railroads of commercial coal in transit, with no replenishment of their bins in sight.

COLUMBUS, O., April 15.—Action looking to a settlement of the railroad yardmen's strike may be taken today, officials of the newly organized Columbus yardmen's association predicted, as strikers met in executive session this morning. If the meeting, it was said, probably will last all day.

BOLSHEVIKI OPPOSED. LONDON, April 15.—The Bolsheviks are meeting with strong opposition in their attempt to penetrate the Crimean peninsula, it is indicated in an official statement on the soviet operations received from Moscow today.

INVITE BELGIANS. BRUSSELS, April 15.—The Italian government has invited Belgium to send representatives to the inter-allied conference about to be held at San Remo.

Railroad Strike Hits Country Hard



A. F. Whitney (upper left); John Grunau; stacks of parcel post mail piled in street in front of Chicago postoffice; crowd hanging on trolley leaving Hackensack, N. J., for the Fort Lee ferry, N. Y.

The pictures illustrate the outlaws railroad strike which is tying up the great traffic centers of the country. The strike started when John Grunau was replaced as conductor of a Milwaukee road train carrying workmen to Chicago. The walkout began as a protest against Grunau's removal.

A. F. Whitney of Chicago, vice president of the Brotherhood of Railroad trainmen, is a leader in the battle of the recognized unions to break the unauthorized strike. The upper picture shows how the strike has overwhelmed the parcel post division of the Chicago postoffice. Because of the express tie-up caused by the railroad strike packages formerly shipped by express are now being sent by mail.

LETVIA WANTS BIG SUM FROM RUSSIA

(By Associated Press)
KOVNO, Lithuania, April 15.—The Lettish legation here announced today that the peace conditions on which Lettvia is willing to declare peace with Soviet Russia, as set forth by the Lettish government. The terms comprise a number of important strategic guarantees, a war indemnity of a couple of billion rubles in gold, and the return of all railway material and bank securities which were carried off by the bolsheviks, or if this is impossible, compensation in the amount of one million rubles.

Lettvia further demands a portion of the gold reserve, which is to amount to 27 billion rubles, as an offset to taking over her portion of the Russian debt as it stood before Bolshevism came into power. The Lettish government also asked considerable railway and forest concessions.

Allied Council to Act On Frankfort Occupation

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, April 15.—The meeting of the supreme allied council at San Remo, says the Echo de Paris, will give particular attention to the occupation of Frankfort by French troops. Italy, the newspaper says, will submit to the council the compromise agreement it has reached with Jugoslavia by which it hopes to reach a settlement of the Adriatic question. Ratification of this agreement will be asked, it is said.

Elevator Operators In Gotham Threaten Strike

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, April 15.—A general strike of union elevator operators in New York appeared imminent today, according to union officials, because their demands for wage increases and an eight-hour day had been rejected by owners of apartment houses, office buildings and department stores. The union, which claims a membership of 17,000, will meet tonight to consider a strike proposal. The operators demand an increase from \$5 to \$10 a week, in addition to time and a half for overtime after eight hours work.

President Sends Message To R. Sullivan's Widow

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, April 15.—Messages of sympathy from public officials and men prominent in public and political life throughout the country poured into the home of Roger C. Sullivan, Democratic leader, who died yesterday of bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning. Mr. Sullivan is survived by a widow and three children. President Wilson today sent the following telegram to Mrs. Roger Sullivan: "You have my deepest and warmest sympathy. I shall never forget what a good friend your husband was to me."

Robert Underwood Johnson Leaves Paris for Rome Post

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, April 15.—Robert Underwood Johnson, the new American minister to Italy, will leave Paris today for Rome. He is not going to San Remo, having received no instructions to represent the United States at the interallied conference.

STRIKE HEAD ARRESTED BY FEDERAL MEN

Grunau, of Chicago, Taken as He Addresses Meeting—End of Crisis Seen as Men Return to Work.

PENNSY IS RESUMING

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, April 15.—John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, "the outlaws" 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 today bore out assertions of railroad brotherhood and railway officials that the insurgent strike was doing out and that traffic conditions were improved materially. In Ohio and Michigan thousands of men were idle as a result of industrial tie-ups by stoppage of transportation.

Strikers were reported to be returning to work in a number of cities and in Chicago, where the unauthorized walkout had its origin, brotherhood officials said the backbone of the strike was broken.

Switchmen employed in the Chicago terminal of the Rock Island system, firemen and engineers on the Pennsylvania railroad and groups of strikers on the Soo Line and other roads voted to end the walkout in Chicago and were returning to their jobs today. Freight conditions, the railroads announced, were being restored rapidly to nearly normal and embargoes were lifted by several roads.

Deny Radical Charge. The insurgent leaders, however, continued their claims that the position of the strikers remained unshaken and denied charges of Attorney General Palmer that radical influences were behind the strike.

Reports from Ohio cities told of industrial plants, steel mills and coal mines closed at many centers, throwing 100,000 workers out of employment. Efforts to break the strike on all roads at Columbus were being made.

In Michigan the industrial situation was regarded as serious and 150,000 men, mostly in Detroit, were reported idle. Strikers in Toledo voted not to affiliate with the insurgent union and that was believed to have paved the way for a settlement of the walkout.

Return in 50 Cities. Brotherhood officials announced at Cleveland that 500 men voted to return today and that all the strikers employed by the Erie railroad and 40 per cent of the men employed in the Collinwood yard of the New York Central were at work. Brotherhood of railway trainmen officers gave out a list of telegraphic reports received there naming more than 50 cities in which strikers had resumed work.

All switchmen on strike at Dayton were reported to have voted to go back today. In the far west traffic was much improved and 500 men voted to return to work. Trains which had been stalled at various points in California and Arizona were moving again.

Wellesley Girls To Do Domestic Service Work

(By Associated Press)
WELLESLEY, Mass., April 15.—Wellesley college girls today took steps to overcome the shortage of domestic servants and laborer, with reluctant high wages. Squads of undergraduates volunteered to care for the college grounds and to act as servants in the college dining room. The student laborers will receive 30 cents an hour and a smaller wage will be paid those who serve as dining room attendants.

Miss Ethel Clark, Head Of Co. Service Bureau, Resigns

Miss S. Ethel Clark, who for the past two years has been general secretary of the Wayne County Social Service bureau, presented her resignation to the directors of the bureau at the monthly meeting at the Y. M. C. A., Thursday noon.

Miss Clark has accepted a position as supervisor of Public Outdoor Poor Relief, of the state board of charities. Miss Clark has conducted the work of the bureau in an energetic and efficient manner during her term of service. No successor has as yet been selected.

REMOVE OIL EMBARGO.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, April 15.—Governmental purchase and distribution of all oils used in France will come to an end on April 23, and all restrictions on commerce in oils will be lifted on that date. During 1919 France used 80,000,000 gallons of gasoline and a similar amount of illuminating and lubricating oils, of which American oil companies furnished 80 per cent.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau, probably tonight and Friday; warmer in south and east portions; colder Friday.

Yesterday's Temperatures. Maximum 50 Minimum 26 Today's Temperature Noon 60 For Wayne County, by William E. Moore—Showers, possibly thunder showers tonight and Friday. Colder Friday or Friday night.

General Conditions.—The cold wave is now passed and it is considerably warmer in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys. The Rocky Mountain storm is approaching, preceded by showers and warmer weather. It will be followed by colder weather. During the past 36 hours, killing frost has appeared in Atlanta, Ga. Light frost in Northern Florida was evident. Over the west spring weather prevails, with a temperature of 66 in Colorado. It is getting colder in the northwest, however.