

## GRAVE PROBLEMS ARISE IN MEXICO

Residents Of Southern Republic's Capital Fear Starvation And Pillage

### PRESIDENT ISSUES PROTEST

Wilson Abandons Frisco Trip To Stay On Job In Washington During Grave Times

Washington. — President Wilson faces one of the most serious and perplexing developments that has arisen in the Mexican situation. Mexico City is on the verge of starvation. General Obregon, the Carranza commander, refuses to permit an international relief committee, composed of wealthy members of the foreign colony, to succor the needy.

"Mexico needs no foreign aid," the general is reported to have said.

All merchants who closed their stores have been ordered to reopen under threat of punishment. Three hundred of them, Mexicans, have been imprisoned. The population is living in terror of another evacuation, since Obregon has announced he will not prevent looting or pillaging for food or money.

The Brazilian, British, Spanish and Italian ambassadors gave the state department pessimistic reports of the situation, which correspond to reports already received. The foreign diplomats suggested no solution.

#### Protest Sent Carranza

Secretary Bryan announced that he had telegraphed American Consul Stillman to lay the situation earnestly before General Carranza, so that General Obregon might be directed to accept aid proffered by foreign residents. Freight service is suspended between Mexico City and Vera Cruz and transportation facilities for relief purposes are being withheld by General Obregon on the ground of military necessity.

President Wilson was advised of all the facts. He has studied the various phases of the question closely. Should General Obregon continue to refuse outside aid, drastic measures may be necessary in the view of foreign diplomats who describe the situation as more intolerable than it has been since the revolutionary troubles began.

### MARSHALL REPRESENTS WILSON

Vice President Will Act As President's Personal Representation At San Francisco

Washington.—Vice President Marshall will go to San Francisco to represent President Wilson at the formal dedication of the Panama-Pacific exposition March 20. The president still hopes to visit the exposition later.

The vice president left for Cleveland, and later will go to Indianapolis before leaving for the coast. He had planned a trip to Arizona, but has abandoned this part of his journey. Assistant Secretary Philipps of the state department, chairman of the government exposition board, also left for San Francisco to take part in the exercises in honor of representatives of foreign governments.

President Wilson gave up his plans for going to the coast this month with reluctance, but decided he was needed in Washington to direct the negotiations for the protection of American interests during the war. He had received many invitations to speak in a number of states on the trip to and from San Francisco and may accept them later.

The vice president conferred with Secretary Bryan and Mr. Philipps, who discussed the trip with the president. The invitation to the vice president to represent the president at the exposition followed and he accepted.

Secretary Daniels stated that he intended to carry out his original plan to visit the Panama-Pacific exposition next July, making the trip on a warship via the Panama canal about July 1. There probably will be a number of distinguished guests in the secretary's party as it has been found that there is an available appropriation for their entertainment contained in one of the acts of the last congress.

#### Oklahoma Officials Impeached

Oklahoma City.—The house adopted, 88 to 6, the report of the investigating committee recommending the impeachment of A. P. Watson, state corporation commissioner. It is the second time within a week that the house has voted for the impeachment of a state official, the other being Insurance Commissioner Welch. In the investigation witnesses testified that Watson borrowed money from a number of railroad men with whom the commission had dealings and that he rode on passes.

### OIL KING ON STAND



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER

Remarkable photograph of John D. Rockefeller as he appeared on the stand while testifying before the federal commission on industrial relations.

### ENGLAND HITS AT GERMANY

PREMIER ASQUITH IN PARLIAMENT ANNOUNCES BLOCKADE OF GERMANY

England And France Will Attempt To Bar All Commerce Between Enemy And Rest Of World

London.—If the combined fleets of Great Britain and France can prevent it, no commodities of any kind except those now on the seas henceforth, until the conclusion of the war, shall reach or leave the shores of Germany.

This is England's answer to Germany's submarine blockade, and it is to be effective forthwith.

Premier Asquith, reading from a prepared statement, made this announcement in the house of commons at a session which will be historic. Studiously avoiding the terms "blockade" and "contraband"—for these words occur nowhere in the prepared statement—the premier explained that the allies considered themselves justified in attempting, and would attempt, to detain and take into port ships carrying goods of presumed enemy destination, ownership or origin.

The premier emphasized, however, that vessels and cargoes so seized were not necessarily liable to confiscation, and begged the patience of neutral countries in the face of a step likely to injure them.

He added that in making such a step the allies had done so in self-defense. "We are quite prepared," he went on, "to submit to the arbitration of neutral opinion, and still more to the verdict of impartial history, that in the circumstances in which we have been placed we have been moderate; we have abstained from things that we were provoked and tempted to do, and we have adopted a policy which commends itself to reason, to common sense and to justice."

Every member of the house not at the front in khaki, or unavoidably detained, was in his seat.

#### Lighted Bomb in Church

New York.—The discovery of an anarchistic plot aiming at the assassination of Andrew Carnegie, Cornelius Vanderbilt, John D. Rockefeller and his son, and other wealthy men, and the inauguration of a reign of terror and looting in New York City was announced by the police after they had arrested a man as he placed two bombs in St. Patrick's cathedral, where several hundred persons were worshipping. The sensational development was the culmination of months of work by detectives.

#### Many Entombed in Mine

Hinton, W. Va.—Rescue parties brought out alive ten men and recovered the bodies of nine victims of the explosion which entombed 182 miners in the Layland mines of the New River and Pocahontas Consolidated Coal company, seven miles from Quinlan. From all available sources, it was estimated that nearly 165 men still were in the mines. A crowd of anxious relatives of the entombed men stood around the entrance all day, but no bodies were allowed to be seen.

## GREECE PREPARES TO AID ENTENTE

Important Council Meeting Held In The Royal Palace In Athens To Discuss War Measures

### DARDANELLES GIVING WAY

Sultan And Turkish Government Ready To Flee Capital Of European Branch Of Empire

Paris.—A Temps dispatch from Athens says that immediately after a cabinet meeting, the crown prince was summoned to the palace and held a session under the presidency of King Constantine. The session deliberated on the question whether Greece should act in the present crisis. Parliament has been summoned to meet after the council has finished its deliberations.

#### Bombarding Dardanelles

London.—The allied fleet bombarded and reduced to silence the forts of Dardanus, Hamidieh and Tchemerlik, on the Asiatic side of the inside Dardanelles. The telegraph station at Bezikia also was demolished.

The bombardment was carried out by nine ships, which advanced two miles up the straits.

The operations in the Dardanelles were resumed when the Triumph, Ocean and Albon entered the straits and attacked fort No. 8 and the batteries at White Cliff. The fire was returned by the forts and also by field guns and howitzers.

An air reconnaissance made by naval seaplanes in the evening brought the report that several new gun positions had been prepared by the enemy, but that no guns were erected in them. The seaplanes also located surface mines.

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The operations at the entrance of the straits, already reported, have resulted in the destruction of nineteen guns, ranging from 6 to 11 inches, eleven guns below 6 inches, four Nordenfiet guns and two searchlights. The magazines of forts 5 and 3 also have been demolished.

A further report received states that on Tuesday the Canopus, Swiftsure and Cornwallis engaged fort No. 8. A heavy fire was opened on them by fort No. 9, together with field batteries and howitzers. Fort No. 9 was damaged and ceased firing at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and, although three ships were hit, the casualty was one slightly wounded.

Seaplane reconnaissance was impossible owing to the weather; the mine-sweeping operations were continued throughout the day. The attack progresses.

The Russian cruiser Askold has joined the allied fleet off the Dardanelles.

### WILL IGNORE NEUTRALS

England Has Decided To Ignore Rights Of Neutral Powers On The High Seas

London.—The order-in-council putting the English declaration against German commerce into effect, it is stated authoritatively, will explain details of the admiralty's retaliatory plan.

The exact date of the order has not been decided on, but it probably will be published in a few days.

England has not prepared an answer to the American proposals regarding the withdrawal of the submarine blockade and the continuance of food movements to the German civil population. The publication of the text of the American note and Germany's reply in the London papers has attracted wide attention.

The English view, which undoubtedly will be embodied in the note to the American government, is that the suggestion propose that England shall virtually forego the strength of her position due to her superior navy. England feels that Germany is trying to have the neutral states perform duties for her which she could possibly carry out had she a superior navy.

#### Congress Gives President Power

Washington.—By unanimous vote the senate adopted, with amendments, a substitute for the joint resolution passed earlier in the house enlarging the power of the president to prevent infringements of American neutrality by vessels leaving ports of the United States with men or supplies for belligerent warships. Under present conditions, in case the neutrality of the United States is being, or is likely to be, violated. The only remedy which the president has is the preventive power of the president.

### SPRINGS SENSATION



MRS. RICHARD P. STEGLER

The wife of the German-American reservist, who had taken out his first citizenship papers in the United States and was arrested as a spy to England. Mrs. Stegler is claimed by an Atlanta policeman as his daughter and denied as the wife of a former Atlanta bar tender. Her appeal to President Wilson has caused an investigation, after which she was arrested in New York for an alleged attack on a chauffeur.

### WILSON STANDS FOR RIGHTS

PRESIDENT AND CABINET HELD IMPORTANT CONFERENCE ANENT ATTITUDE

Government Declares Britain Has Openly Defied American Rights On The High Seas

Washington.—While President Wilson indicated that the United States would inquire of Great Britain and France as to how they propose to carry out their announced determination to prohibit commercial intercourse by sea with Germany, such action, it was stated later, probably would be deferred until replies were received from Great Britain and Germany to the American proposals looking to a cessation of submarine warfare on merchant ships and unrestricted passage of foodstuffs to civilian populations.

The president made clear his belief that while the conditions of war might have changed, no nation had a right to change the rules of war. From this it was inferred that the American government would insist on a position frequently expressed by its officials, that whatever might be the violations of the customs of war as between belligerents, this could not affect the status of international law as between the United States and countries with which she is at peace.

### RUSSIANS ARE GAINING

Muscovite Successes Are Reported All Along The Russian Border

London.—Except in the central Beskid pass of the Carpathians, where fierce Austrian attacks have moderated somewhat, the Russians are on the offensive along the whole length of their extremely long line from the Baltic to the Rumanian border. Apparently they have definitely disposed of the German and Austrian attempts to outflank their two extreme wings and are moving slowly westward. After retiring to the Dniester river, the Russians again have crossed into Bukovina and unofficially are reported to be back in Czernowitz.

### WIRE FLASHES.

#### Memorial To Mrs. Wilson

A bill incorporating the Ellen Wilson Memorial Home in the District of Columbia, the association for constructing model homes on a plan urged by the late Mrs. Wilson, wife of the president, passed the senate.

#### Portuguese President Assailed

Representatives of the Democratic party of Portugal at a meeting in Lisbon under the presidency of Mancel Monteiro, former foreign minister, adopted a motion characterizing the president of the republic and other government officials as outlaws. A heated discussion of the political situation preceded adoption of the motion.

#### Canadian Troops in England

Four thousand Canadian troops have reached the British Isles on the steamers Megantic, Southland and Mis-sanable. They left Halifax Feb. 22.

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"Nope," he said, "Dud's not gone far. He's just a per capita in our midst. The census-tellers come around and figure out what's the per capita use of whisky, corn, coal oil and such things. Well, Dud's just one of them census per capita."

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