

GEN. CARRANZA PREPARING TO QUIT VERACRUZ

Recent Arrivals Report Vessels Being Held in Readiness to Transport Party to Matamoros, Tam.

BORDER POINT TO BE CHOSEN FOR STAY

Dissemination of News From Mexico City Visited With Heavy Penalties.

That General Venustiano Carranza, the chief of the Constitutionalists, and his principal lieutenants, who accompanied him to Veracruz, are making preparations to abandon the port in the near future, was the information brought to Mexico City yesterday by persons arriving from the port.

According to these persons, the Carrancistas who remain in Veracruz, are actively making preparations for their departure. Several small merchant steamers, belonging to Mexican companies, have been seized by General Carranza's supporters and have them ready in Veracruz harbor to sail at any moment.

May Go to Matamoros.

Exactly where General Carranza and his followers are planning to go has not been made public, but the persons quoted said that according to conversations in the port, the Carrancistas probably will make their way to Matamoros. Previously the Carrancistas were planning to go to Tampico, but when they were informed that Conventionist forces were preparing an attack on that place, they abandoned the plan.

From Matamoros General Carranza and his partisans, it is said, will proceed to one of the towns in the northern section of the republic, close to the American frontier, where the Constitutional chief will establish his headquarters.

Reasons for Proposed Move.

It is said that General Carranza decided to abandon Veracruz in view of the recent reverses suffered by his troops in various parts of the country. This decision was reached, it is stated in a conference which took place recently in Jalapa. This meeting was attended by the principal chiefs supporting General Carranza. Several of these, it is said by arrivals, declared in favor of continuing to resist the troops of the convention. In view of the reasons expressed by General Carranza, his brother, Jesus, General Heriberto Jara, post commander of the port and others, it was finally decided to withdraw from that part of the republic and go north, where the Carrancistas believe they will have better chances of continuing the struggle.

It is understood that the Carrancistas will not make another stand in the state of Veracruz, but will retire in the direction of the port as soon as the troops of the convention approach.

The principal Carrancista leaders, it is learned here, have left Veracruz. Those who departed recently were Lic. Luis Cabrera, Miguel Alarín, Lic. Marcelino Davalos, who since the departure of Lic. Isidro Fabela, has been in charge of the department of foreign affairs and several others. It is stated that these persons sailed from Veracruz a few days ago for Progreso, from where they probably will continue the trip to the United States.

Many of the employees of the various branches of the government who went to Veracruz with General Carranza, upon learning that the chief and his advisers are preparing to depart, have begun to make plans to return here. A great number of these employees already have returned to Orizaba and Cordoba, where they are awaiting for railroad traffic with Mexico City to be opened in order to come back here.

The travelers said that everything is quiet in the port of Veracruz, and that only a small number of Carrancista troops are now there. The majority of the forces were sent recently to Puebla to reinforce General Coss's command, which was defending Puebla. When these travelers left Veracruz, the Carrancistas there were hopeful that General Coss will be successful in holding Puebla.

The exact situation of the capital and other points in the interior is known to but few in Veracruz, because the Carrancistas have forbidden the local newspapers to publish any news from here and other parts of the republic. Post Commander Jara recently issued a decree threatening with heavy penalties those parties who spread reports of happenings here and in other towns of the republic. It is said that several persons who in the Cafe de Diligencias recently were speaking of the peaceful entrance of the troops of the north and south into the capital and the enthusiastic reception accorded General Francisco Villa and General Emiliano Zapata, were promptly arrested and sent to the San Juan de Ulua prison.

ORDER RESTORED IN PUEBLA BY THE CONVENTIONISTS

Business Resumes Normal Activity and Tranquility Prevails.—Loyalty of Residents Assured.

POLICE SERVICE IS BEING REORGANIZED

Amozoc, Reported Occupied by Carrancistas After Retreat, Said to Be Evacuated.

Normal conditions practically have been restored in the city of Puebla. Perfect order prevails in the town and the streets are being patrolled day and night by southern troops of the Conventionist forces until the police service is reorganized. Business, which was suspended during the last few weeks, when the town was besieged, has resumed its activities and no cases of robbery and violence have occurred there.

General Francisco Mendoza, the military commander there, has published a decree offering ample guarantees to all the residents and threatening with severe punishment those who commit robbery or disturb the public order.

Amozoc Evacuated.

Reports received from Puebla yesterday state that the Carrancistas who abandoned the town last Wednesday morning, have also evacuated Amozoc, where they retired, upon learning that Conventionist troops were moving on that place. The Carrancistas, divided in various bands are making their way toward the state of Veracruz.

Amozoc is nineteen kilometers to the east of Puebla and is a junction point of the Mexican Southern and Interoceanic, the Mexican Southern, after paralleling the Interoceanic to Amozoc turning toward the south-east while the Mexican Southern shifts to the northeast. Amozoc is thirty-six kilometers southeast of San Marcos where the Interoceanic crosses the main line of the Mexican railway.

Puebla Celebrates Victory.

Private messages received from Puebla here yesterday, state that the residents of that city engaged yesterday in celebrating the victory of the Conventionist troops. The Catholic population of the town is pleased with the attitude of the new authorities, because they allowed the churches, which remained closed during the Carrancista occupation, to be reopened for public worship. A high mass was held in the cathedral in the morning which was attended by numerous persons.

In the morning and the afternoon military bands played in the main plaza, as well as in Paseo Bravo and the Alameda. These concerts were well attended.

Information received here from other districts of Puebla is to the effect that tranquility and order prevails, and that the inhabitants of that state are loyal to the sovereign convention and provisional President Eulalio Gutierrez.

Owing to the fact that all government offices here were closed yesterday, no information has been received regarding the movements of Lieutenant Colonel Escalona, the Carrancista chief, who with 200 men, refused to recognize the provisional government in the town of Tlapalapa. General Esteban Marquez, the Puebla governor, was preparing to attack Colonel Escalona's men in case he continued refusing to acknowledge the convention.

WARNING REGARDING AUTOS REITERATED

Once more, General Jose Isabel Robles, minister of war and marine, has reminded all military chiefs, commanding troops here, that they are strictly forbidden from taking automobiles belonging to private parties, without being provided with an order signed by provisional President Gutierrez. The military order of the day of the local garrison, published yesterday, contains an item to this effect, as follows: "Absolutely, no person is authorized to take automobiles belonging to private parties, without express order of the provisional president of the republic."

SCENE NEAR NIEUPOORT ON BATTLE FRONT IN WAR RIDDEN BELGIUM



GOLF LINKS IN SAND DUNES OF BELGIUM

This does not look like a golf links, but that is what it is. It is in Belgium, and that accounts for it. The picture shows a section of the Lombartzyde course at Nieuport Bains, near Nieuport. Any sincere golfer who sees this picture will agree with the popular definition of what war is.

PETROLEUM AND COAL SUPPLIES DUE TO ARRIVE SOON

Consignments Purchased in United States on Way to this Capital.

About one hundred tank cars of crude petroleum to be used as fuel on the railways is due to arrive in this capital today, over the line of the Mexican Central, according to reliable information given out here yesterday. The arrival of such a quantity of fuel for the locomotives is considered of great importance, as lack of coal and oil is the great drawback which is being experienced at present to the reestablishment of full passenger and freight service over the various lines and the arrival here of staple articles from outlying points of the republic.

Oil and Coal Supplies Due.

Besides the oil which is expected to arrive here, it is said that many cars of coal from the United States already have left El Paso, Texas, on their journey southward to this capital and should arrive shortly, bringing the amount of fuel of both kinds on hand up to a considerable quantity. The coal and oil were purchased in the United States by the Conventionist authorities in charge of the railways, to the end that neither the public nor the administration should suffer for lack of communications through the paralyzation of the railways.

Lines in Operation.

The following list was given out yesterday by the railway authorities of lines which are in operation throughout the territory controlled by the Conventionists: Mexico, San Luis Potosi and Vanegas; Mexico and Ciudad Juarez, Irapuato and Guadalajara; Mexico, Toluca and Acambaro; Acambaro and Empalme de Gonzalez, Maravatitlan and Zitacuaro; Mexico and Joluitla (over the Interoceanic); Mexico and Puebla; Mexico and Beristain; Mexico and Pachuca (over the Hidalgo division); Ventoquipa, Tulancingo and Tortugas; Irapuato, Penjamo, Ajuno and Moralla; Jimenez, Parral and Santa Barbara; San Luis Potosi, Cardenas and Las Palmas; Torreon, Durango and Santiago Papatularo and Adrian and Rosario.

New Superintendent for South.

F. M. Saldana has been appointed general superintendent of the division of the south of the National lines. His jurisdiction is over the lines from Mexico to Puente de Ixtla (Interoceanic); from Mexico to Balsas (Central); from Mexico to Puebla (Interoceanic); from Puebla to Oaxaca (Mexican Southern); the Mexico City terminals and the lines from Mexico to Gonzalez and Acambaro, Gto. Later he will have jurisdiction over the line of the Interoceanic from Puebla to Jalapa and Veracruz as well as

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Official Reports on the Big War

ENGLAND

War Bulletin No. 182.

His Highness Hussein Kemal Pasha has accepted the throne of Egypt with title of Sultan. His Majesty the King has sent telegram to Sultan of Egypt assuring him of friendship and support of Great Britain and expressing confidence that with cooperation of Great Britain, Egyptian government and sultan will overcome all influences seeking to destroy independence of Egypt and wealth, liberty and happiness of people.

Admiralty issued denial of German official statements that English destroyers were sunk in recent operations in North Sea. No British warship of any kind was sunk. British casualties were five killed and fifteen wounded.

Naval situation has enabled British government to reduce rate insurance against war risks at sea on cargoes from two guineas to one and a half and on hulls from twenty shillings to fifteen shillings for single voyage and for three months voyage from forty to thirty.

Tonnage of British ships entered with cargoes in ports of United Kingdom during November over two and a half million. Decrease less than quarter of corresponding figures last year.—Communication from Foreign office, December 20, 1914.

GERMANY

German headquarters report of December 19.—On the west front yesterday there were a series of attacks of the enemy near Nieuport, Bixchoote and north of La Bassée; fighting is still continuing. West of Lens east of Albert and west of Noyon the enemy's attacks were repulsed.

On the East Prussian frontier to the west of Pillkallen an attack of Russian cavalry was repulsed.

In Poland the pursuit of the enemy is proceeding.—Bernstorff.

German legation, Mexico City, December 20.

FUNSTON PROMOTED TO MAJOR-GENERAL

Special to The Herald.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate today approved the promotion of General Frederick Funston to the rank of major-general, and his new commission will be signed by President Wilson tomorrow.

ELECTIONS AT THE AMERICAN CLUB

Considerable interest is being manifested in the election of officers of the American club. With two tickets in the field this year and some friendly campaigning being done by the active champions of each side, the contest is spirited and promises to be close.

GEN. VILLA EXPECTED TO REACH CAPITAL TOMORROW

Will Be Accompanied by Minister of War and Governor of Sinaloa.

General Francisco Villa, commander in chief of the troops supporting Provisional President Gutierrez and the convention, and General Jose Isabel Robles, minister of war and marine, will arrive in Mexico City tomorrow morning from Guadalajara, according to official messages received here yesterday.

Minister Robles recently went to Guadalajara to confer with General Villa on important military matters. The messages received here state that General Villa and the minister of war will start today from Guadalajara on their way to this city. During the short time that General Villa has been in the Jalisco capital, he has been the recipient of many demonstrations of sympathy and respect from the residents of that city.

Ing. Felipe Riveros, governor of the state of Sinaloa, who arrived in Guadalajara a few days ago, also is coming with General Villa and Minister Robles. Governor Riveros upon arriving here will confer with provisional President Gutierrez on matters regarding the Sinaloa government.

CELEBRATE MASS FOR BIRTHDAY OF CZAR

Allies' Dead Remembered and Collection Made for Belgian Destitute.

A solemn high mass, to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of Czar Nicolas II of Russia, took place yesterday morning in the church of Notre Dame de Lourdes in Calle de Bolivar. The mass was arranged by the Russian colony in the capital, W. Wendhausen and M. N. Pischansky having charge of the program and invitations.

The diplomats representing the Allies were present, and occupied places of prominence in the church. After the mass prayers for the repose of the souls of the allies' dead, who lost their lives during the war, were celebrated.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, four little girls, dressed in the colors of England, France, Russia and Belgium took up an offering from among those present, the sum to be devoted to caring for the Belgian families left destitute by the war. More than \$400 was contributed.

BATTLE DEVELOPS ON NEW FRONT IN RUSSIAN POLAND

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg Advances Russians Retiring Across Bzura River, Destroying Bridges

GERMANS 30 MILES FROM WARSAW

Allies' Advance in Western Field of Operations Progresses Slowly, Wet Ground Retarding Movement in Flanders

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army, which is advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and Pilica rivers, and which on Friday occupied Lowicz, on Saturday reached the new Russian positions along the Bzura and southward to the Rawka, with the result that another big battle is developing.

The Russians have retired across the Bzura river and southward to the Rawka with the result that another big battle is developing.

Retreating across the Bzura river, the Russians destroyed all the bridges behind them and two German detachments which followed them over a burned bridge were attacked and are said to have been annihilated. Fifty survivors were taken prisoners.

Thirty Miles From Warsaw.

This is only the beginning of the great battle for Warsaw from which the German forces are now only thirty miles away. Field Marshal von Hindenburg expects strong resistance from the Russians who are continuing their operations against East Prussia and by counter attacks attempting to throw off the Austro-German attacks in Galicia.

The sortie of Austrian troops from the besieged fortress of Przemyśl according to the Russian official statement failed utterly and prisoners and guns were captured by the Russians.

Operations of Allies in West.

The offensive movement of the Allies in the western theater of war is being carried out under siege warfare conditions and is being stubbornly opposed by the Germans in Flanders. Little ground has been gained and that at a considerable cost despite the fact that the Allies along the coast have the assistance of warships which are bombarding the German positions continually.

From the Belgium border south, to the river Oise the advance of the Allies has been more marked in view of the fact that the ground has not been so wet and therefore the condition of the country has not acted to the same degree in impeding operations.

Along the Aisne and in the Champagne district the French artillery has been keeping the Germans on the move but in the Argonne forest, the Germans, who are now on the offensive claim to have made a slight advance.

Experts Anticipate Delay.

It is the general opinion of military men here that some time must elapse before the Allies can expect to make any marked progress. Besides being in strongly fortified positions, the Germans possess more machine guns than the Allies and these have proved practically indispensable in connection with meeting infantry movements.

The Servian and Montenegrin armies again have joined hands after the general defeat of the Austrians in Serbia and are making progress in a second advance on Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia.

German View of Victory.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—(By wireless to Sayville, L. I.)—The statement issued today by the official press bureau says: "Although certain observers still affect the belief that the German victory in the east will insure against the danger of a Russian invasion of Germany for all time, it is beginning to be realized, that the victory, as complete as it was, is not synonymous with the utter destruction of the Russian hosts and that much remains to be done.

"There are still no details available regarding the action."

Dixmude Reported Captured.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 20.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch says that the Germans have evacuated Dixmude but that the report that the Allies had taken Middelkerke is untrue.

Middelkerke is four miles north northeast of Nieuport. Dixmude is nine miles south of Nieuport.

Kaiser Returns to the Front.

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 20.—A Reuters dispatch from Amsterdam says that the German emperor has recovered from his recent illness and has returned to the front.

Collection for the Belgians.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 20.—Belgian Day was celebrated today and

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