

SIGNS OF PEACE APPEARS IN HORIZON OF MEXICO

Huerta Formally Announce Acceptance of Offer of Mediation by Republics of South America
ACTION OF REPUBLICS MAY BRING RESULTS

Washington, April 27.—Formal acceptance by the Huerta Government of the offer of Argentine, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of difficulty between the United States and Mexico was cabled to Spanish Ambassador Riano here tonight by Portillo y Rojas, Foreign Minister in the Huerta Cabinet.

Washington, April 27.—The tense-ness of the Mexican situation was distinctly relieved today when the representatives of Argentine, Brazil and Chile, supported by pressure from all Latin-America and from the foremost powers of Europe, concentrated their efforts toward a pacific adjustment of the crisis.

The success of the first steps toward mediation—the prompt acceptance by the United States and the announcement of the Spanish Ambassador that Huerta had accepted the tender of good offices—produced a feeling of distinct hope which was reflected not only in administration quarters, but in Congress, where "war talk" gave way to a spirit of conciliation.

ENVOYS HOLD CONFERENCES.

Throughout the day the three South American envoys, who have under-
taken the task of mediation, held frequent conferences to arrange the preliminaries of procedure. Pending the receipt of the formal acceptance by General Huerta, no proposals will be submitted to either the United States or to the Huerta Government. It also has been made plain that no conditions from either party as to the terms that will be acceptable as yet has been placed formally before the intermediaries. The President and Secretary Bryan were assured through two separate diplomatic sources that Huerta was ready to accept the tender of good offices and was drafting a formal acceptance. Pressure from Germany, Great Britain and France advising Huerta to accept the first steps toward mediation, and the approving attitude of Latin-American countries to the settlement of the controversy by Pan American diplomacy, emphasized the world-wide influences which are working to bring about peace.

CARING FOR REFUGEES.

Meanwhile the Navy and War Departments are continuing their efforts to care for refugees and perfecting the machinery of the army and navy for any unexpected turn in events.

Secretary Daniels announced he had telegraphed the full text of the mediation offer, and its acceptance by the United States to both Rear Admirals Badger and Howard, with instructions to have the commanders of all ships on the east and west coast spread the news throughout Mexico. By this Mr. Daniels hopes the feeling toward Americans may be alleviated and refugees enabled to depart without molestation.

Advices received through the British Embassy told of the completion of arrangements for the safe depart of Americans from Mexico City while the French Ambassador gave the State Department a message he had received from the French Legation stating that while there had been some anti-American manifestations in the Mexican capital, order now prevailed.

THINGS LOOK BETTER.

Secretary Bryan said he was able after receiving information through embassies and legations, to say that no Americans had been killed or injured since the crisis of the last two weeks began, and that, though many had been detained at Aguas Calientes, Cordoba, Orizaba, efforts were now being made to obtain their release.

"Things look very much better now," said Secretary Daniels during

the day. "We are getting Americans out of Mexico. That is the important thing now."

Consul Canada reported that a formal raising of the American flag occurred at Vera Cruz at 4 o'clock this afternoon with impressive ceremonies. "Secretary Bryan announced that the President's recent address to Congress and will full text of the correspondence between Argentina, Brazil and Chile had now reached all Central and South American capitals and that had it gotten to Montevideo, Uruguay, earlier the anti-American demonstration there would have been averted.

ACTION IS SIGNIFIED.

"The consensus of opinion in Latin-America," said a statement from the Pan-American Union here tonight, "seems to be that this action of Argentina, Brazil and Chile is, in many respects, the most significant and far-reaching event in the history of the American republics since the declaration of the Monroe Doctrine, and it is hoped that the press and people of the United States will try to curb the rising war spirit and give the mediating nations strong moral support in their efforts for peace."

While Secretary Bryan and government officials expressed distinct intention to discuss the mediation plan during its present stage, they said it had not reached the point of actual "proposals." The American Government simply has expressed formally its willingness to listen to my plan of intermediation which the representatives of Argentina, Brazil and Chile may formulate. Huerta informally has shown his readiness to give a listening ear to the peace plans of the South American envoys. When formal acceptance comes from Huerta, formal proposals will be made simultaneously to the American government and the Huerta administration.

ELIMINATION OF HUERTA ESSENTIAL.

The attitude of the administration long has been established that the elimination of Huerta was an essential to any settlement of the Mexican problem. This view was reiterated as recently as Saturday at the White House when Senators and Representatives were consulted as to the proposals of good offices. But, while maintaining this view as to what would ultimately be essential to a real settlement, there has been no formal submission of such a condition to the envoys, now entrusted with the work of conciliation.

WORK OF REMOVING AMERICANS.

While the Latin-American envoys bent their energies today toward peace negotiations the War and Navy Department directed their attention to bringing Americans out of Mexico and to the transfer of the situation at Vera Cruz from the navy to the army with the expected arrival tonight of Brigadier General Funston and his army brigade. Throughout the day, in consular despatches to the State Department and in reports from naval commanders in Mexican waters, came reassuring messages as to American refugees. Arrangements were completed for getting all Americans out of Mexico City and Admiral Badger, from Vera Cruz, reported plans for resuming train service between Mexico City and Vera Cruz.

Refugees were reported safe at Tampico, Puerto Mexico and other east coast towns. Arrangements are being made to get them to Galveston. Admiral Howard, of the West coast, reported the Mexican Cayenne on the way to San Diego with refugees from Ensenada.

AMERICANS HELD AT AGUAS

AMERICAN FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT VERA CRUZ

Stars and Stripes Raised Over Division Headquarters Accompanied by Salute and Dress Parade—Rebels Said to Be Gaining Ground While More Friendly Feeling Displayed Toward Americans

Vera Cruz, April 27.—With all ceremony, the firing of a salute and dress parade, the American flag was raised today over the division headquarters of Rear Admiral Frank F. Fletcher. Over the customs house of flag has been flying since the landing of the American forces but until now there had been no ceremony indicating the formal occupation of Vera Cruz.

The transports with Brigadier General Funston's command aboard were off the port late today, but there has been no indication that the military forces will be sent ashore at this time. If the army lands, the bluejackets now on duty here will go aboard their ships, but the marines will be left for land service.

AMERICANS EXPELLED.

Five Americans who arrived by train from Mexico City today, were expelled by General Huerta. They had been arrested at Pachuca for no known cause. They are Dr. Hoskins, R. Chaffin, J. Punston, G. G. Smith and Mr. Maddox. Dr. Hoskins was subjected to rougher treatment than the others because his pockets were found to contain papers indicating that he had once served as surgeon in the United States Army of Volunteers. These men were sent to the capital from Pachuca and Huerta ordered them to leave the country.

TO CHANGE PUBLIC OPINION.

The more friendly attitude displayed in the capital toward foreigners in the last day or two was explained when it was learned from refugees that Rebel supporters in Mexico City had taken steps to change public opinion. They circulated handbills calling upon the people to protect Americans and denouncing Huerta as the cause of the landing of the American naval forces at Vera Cruz and also as the author of inflammatory statements published in Mexico City.

DISAPPROVAL OF HUERTA.

In the handbills the people were called upon to join in a big parade in

CALIENTES.

Partial lists of Americans held at Aguas Calientes were forwarded by Consul Canada at Vera Cruz, but he was unable to give any information as to those held at Orizaba. The Japanese Ambassador at a conference with Secretary Bryan, secured permission for Japanese leaving Mexico to take refuge in the United States, although this will necessitate a suspension of the immigration laws. Refugees from the east coast continued to reach Vera Cruz in various vessels.

War talk in Congress was supplanted by a spirit of conciliation pending the mediation negotiations. There were surface outbreaks in the House mostly along political lines, but the under-current of gossip which last week had grown into a formidable sentiment for extreme measures almost disappeared during the day's session of the House.

No war measures have been drafted yet on the various committees and no special meetings of the Foreign Affairs and Foreign Relations Committees have been called to consider any new phases of the situation.

The Mexican discussion in the House took a wide range, Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, arraigned Consul General Canada and Huerta for making what he said were exaggerated official reports of occurrences in Mexico, calculated to in-crease public sentiment.

order to show disapproval of Huerta's attitude and to indicate their own friendliness towards Americans. The parade took place Saturday. The fact that it was permitted by Huerta was construed as an indication of the weakening of his power.

The Rebels are said to have been gaining ground in the territory close to Mexico City. Four hundred Federals wounded were brought into the capital on Friday from nearby points. Where the battle was fought the refugees did not know.

ADDITIONAL FIGHTING FORCES TO VERA CRUZ.

Galveston, Tex., April 27.—The note of peace sounded in the mediation negotiations proposed by the three South American republics to solve the Mexican trouble found no echo here today in the hurried preparations to embark an additional force to Vera Cruz.

All day long the quartermaster's department rushed the work of refitting the freighter San Marcos into an army transport and tonight the steamer was loaded with supplies and ready to sail early tomorrow with a troop of the Sixth Cavalry and several batteries of the Fourth Field Artillery. Three hundred and forty artillery and cavalrymen were ready at Texas City tonight to board the San Marcos.

With the sixteen mountain guns that were sent away on the Satalia yesterday and the batteries sailing tomorrow there will be nearly a regiment of artillery ready to take the field at Vera Cruz within the week.

While Brigadier General G. G. Davis, in command of the army here, would give no intimation of plans for moving troops, it was reported that artillery was being given preference over cavalry in the dispatch of men to Vera Cruz. There are now 300,000 rations at Vera Cruz with additional supplies going on the San Marcos. Colonel Kranthaus, of the quartermaster's department, said tonight that the army had an additional three months' supply in Calixtón ready for shipment. Tents, blankets and other camp equipment are also in storage here.

Saturday's Games.

Slyvan swamped Burlington last Saturday at The Piedmont Park by a score of fourteen to two. The chief features of the game were the pitching of Murchison for Slyvan.

In the afternoon the two teams played another game with a score of three to three, the game being forfeited to Burlington. The feature of the game was the pitching of "Red" Fowler.

No Break in Accepted Policy of Administration That Elimination of Huerta Must Be Included in Any Proposition That Will Prove Acceptable to the United States—As Yet There Has Been No Final Proposal—Government Officials Are Hopeful.

Nelse O'Shaughnessy will now begin to train himself to get along without Huerta's kisses.—The Greensboro News.

We shall see Mexico with peace and happiness, if we have to break every greaser's head, first.—Greensboro News.

Remember the Maine? You will presently when your are licking "R." stamps on your bank checks.—Greensboro News.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

The Commencement at the Graded School Commenced Sunday—Will Last Through Week.

Good Exercises.

The Burlington Graded School Commencement which began Sunday night with the Baccalaureate sermon preached at the Methodist Church by Dr. S. B. Turrentine, president Greensboro College for Women will continue during the week. The sermon Sunday night was a masterpiece of literature, delivered from the sacred desk by an orator who knew how to interest an audience. The chief aim was the keeping of the religious life no matter what vocation the graduating class might enter. The speaker very beautifully illustrated his discourse by quoting from a number of literary authorities. Dr. Fleming was very fortunate in securing the services of so great a speaker for this occasion.

Monday evening was known as "Contest Evening." The scripture lesson of the evening was read by Rev. John Benner's Bible, followed by a chorus, Twilight Dreams, Master Odgen Crowson read a paper on Oral Hygiene, which was the best selection from a number of papers read at a preliminary hearing. The prize was given by the Tuesday A. F. M. Club. The following young ladies read papers entitled "Articles on Burlington" and contested for the prize offered by the Chamber of Commerce: Misses Kathleen Strickler, Minnie Mary Ellis, Vivian Steele, Lucy Brown and Rosa Brannock. The prize was won by Miss Strickler. A scriptural reading for the "Buck" prize followed. The prize was given by Rev. M. W. Buck, pastor of the Baptist Church. Those who contested were: Minnie Mary Ellis, Lucy Brown and Martha Page. The prize was given to Miss Page. A duo was rendered by Misses Nina Ingle and Jennie Malone. The Annual Debate for the John Benner's Bible Medal was a very warm contest. The query: Resolved, "That for American Cities Municipal Ownership of Public Service Corporation, which furnish Water, Light and Transportation, is preferable to Private Ownership." The speakers on the affirmative were C. B. Way and Miss Nina Ingle; negative, David Curtis and Hobart Steele. The negative won the query and the medal was awarded to David Curtis. The different essays and debate speeches of the evening were all excellent.

Tuesday night a musical will be given, in charge of Miss Lois Renbow, music teacher.

Wednesday night will be Senior Reception Night.

Thursday night, Class Night, at which time exercises will be rendered by the graduating class.

Friday night the graduating address will be delivered by J. Moore McConnell, professor of History, in Davidson College.

Lowie-Summers. Mr. Early Lowe and Miss Annie Summers were married Sunday by Rev. W. J. Hackrey at the Methodist parsonage. Mr. Lowe is a resident of Route 5, but is now connected with the Hub Milling Co., at Altamahaw. He is a brother of Mr. J. A. Lowe the carrier of Burlington Route 1. Miss Summers is a very popular young lady of the Altamahaw Route 1 section. She has been teaching for some time and has made many friends in the school room.

Death of Myzell Edith Capps. April 19th the death angel entered the home of Mr. P. A. Capps and bore little Myzell Edith to her eternal home. She was one year, four months and sixteen days of age. We cannot know why God called her home. We loved little Myzell, but God oved her better than we. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. E. Swain. He gave us something to listen to in his sermon. He always makes us think we ought to live better than we are living.

Mr. Capps wishes to thank the good friends for their help and sympathy they rendered him in the death of his child.

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Death of a Baby. On Tuesday, the 21st of April, 1914, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Bright and took their little son to his Heavenly Home. He was 1 year, 11 months and 12 days old. He was a sweet little boy and loved by all who knew him. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Bethel M. E. Church on the 23rd. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Tuttle.

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Coble's Township Sunday School Convention.

Coble's Township Sunday School Convention will convene in Friendship Church, Sunday, May 10th, commencing at 10:00 a. m., with the following program:

Devotional Exercises conducted by Rev. A. B. Kendall.

Music.

The Boys in the Sunday School, and the Boys out of the Sunday School, by Rev. A. B. Kendall.

Music.

Where the Money Goes, L. W. Holt.

Music.

The Importance of the Sunday School as an Educational Factor, Willie L. Kinney.

Music.

Organized Class Work, John H. Vernon.

Music.

Business Session.

Music.

Rev. C. Brown Cox.

H. M. Neese, President.

Dr. Fleming Called to New England.

We understand that Dr. Fleming has received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Christian Church of one of the large cities in New England, and that he has accepted the call and will enter upon the work as pastor just as soon as he can close up his work here. The church has been anxious for Dr. Fleming for several months, but he felt he ought not to give up the work here until the close of the school year.

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Lutheran Synod Here Next Week.

The North Carolina Lutheran Synod, embracing most of the Lutheran churches in this state will convene here for five days commencing next Wednesday, May 6. The president of the Synod is Rev. M. M. Kinard, D. D. of Salisbury, and Rev. George H. Cox, D. D. of Spencer, is chairman of the committee on examinations. Three young men are to be ordained after standing the examinations. These include G. H. Parks, of Organ church, and L. Thomas, of Christiansa, Rowan County, and W. G. Cobb, Jr., at Frisden, Guilford County.

Bridal Couple Here on Visit.

Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Hayes arrived here Thursday evening from Goldsboro to spend ten days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hayes. They were married in Goldsboro Wednesday evening at ten o'clock at the home of the bride, who was Miss Sarah Casey, a popular young woman of that place. Mr. Hayes is in the employ of the Southern Railway between Durham and Goldsboro.

One of the many sad things about this conflict is that it made it necessary for Huerta and O'Shaughnessy to part.—Greensboro News.

It is a Vera Cruzial moment for the well known friendship between the people of the United States and those of Mexico.—Greensboro News.

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