

MEXICAN SITUATION BECOMES MORE WARLIKE

More Troops May Be Rushed to Gen. Funston

Midnight Conference of War Officials Follows Latest News From Vera Cruz-Huerta Complains to Envoys

Secretary Garrison Quits White House Wedding on Receipt of Confidential Advice From Funston—Troops Sufficient to Meet Any Attack or March on Mexico City May Be Sent to Vera Cruz.

It Is Reported That Oil Wells At Tampico Have Been Fired—Peace Envoys Would Not Comment on Huerta's Protest—War Department Confers With Three Governors Over Possible Movement of Militia.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 8.—The Mexican situation assumed a more warlike aspect today. Activities at the war department, which began last night on the receipt of long confidential advices from General Funston were renewed throughout the morning and were brought to the attention of President Wilson and the cabinet when the regular session began at 11 o'clock.

Every Precaution Taken. While this activity disclosed that every preparation was being made for possible eventualities, yet Secretary Garrison said just before entering the cabinet meeting that "no additional troop movements have been ordered."

May Convince Huerta. Meantime it was authoritatively learned from a source close to the mediators that they believe they will be able to persuade Huerta that the United States has not been violating the armistice, in spirit at least. Otherwise a stumbling block would be placed in their way which might render virtually useless further efforts at mediation.

Huerta's complaint, it was ascertained, reached the mediators, who are working in the utmost secrecy, day before yesterday and was presented at once to Secretary Bryan.

Mediators Non-Committal. The mediators themselves declined to comment in any way on the matter but it is known that they are proceeding with the peace plan as if nothing untoward had happened.

May Call Out Militia. It became known today that officials of the war department have been in long distance telephone communication with the governors of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio in an effort to determine how soon the militia organizations of those states could be mobilized and sent to the seaboard for shipment in transports. The department has been energetic in its efforts to make all preparations for possible mobilization of the national guard and the selection of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio as the states for whose militia arrangements were first to be made was taken as an indication that the department believes the militia in those states is best prepared for actual service.

In the theoretical organization of the militia the Pennsylvania and New York state forces each make up a full tactical division. They are the only states supplying a full division quota. Ohio combines with Michigan to fill a division and the other divisions are made up of several states each.

Wanted Oil Property Protected. The delegation of Tampico oil men who yesterday conferred with Secretary of the Navy Daniels today visited Secretary of State Bryan and urged measures for the protection of the oil properties in the disturbed section around Tampico.

The British ambassador also conferred with Secretary Bryan as to conditions at Tampico.

May Rush Troops to Vera Cruz. It has been learned on high authority that the war department had under consideration today reinforcement

ment of the command of General Funston at Vera Cruz to carry out any movement that might be necessary into the interior of Mexico. The question of placing a large force of Americans in Vera Cruz that would later be strong enough to defend that port against any attack or to undertake a possible campaign against Mexico City was laid before the president and his cabinet by Secretary of War Garrison.

Reinforcements Needed. War department officials, it was stated, decided that reinforcements were needed at Vera Cruz, at the late conference of Secretary Garrison and the general staff last night. The secretary and his advisers went over the entire military situation at Vera Cruz and other points in Mexico before reaching this decision.

Midnight Conference. Secretary Garrison called the conference after a cipher telegram from Vera Cruz had been delivered to him at the white house where he was attending the wedding of the president's daughter. He left the festivities hurriedly and summoned his aides to the war department.

Oil Wells Reported Fired. Among dispatches received was one which reported the firing of two oil wells at Tampico. The protection of American lives and property it was stated, was the prime motive behind the determination of army and navy officers that the American forces in Mexico should be reinforced.

No Troops Ordered Out Yet. Secretary Garrison declined to discuss the situation, nor would he comment on last night's conference further than to say that he laid before the conference a report from General Funston. In this report it was said, General Funston had embodied accounts brought to Vera Cruz by refugees arriving from Mexico City concerning the situation in the capital. Mr. Garrison would not reveal the character of these reports.

"All I can say is that no additional troop movements have been ordered," said Secretary Garrison, adding that he would make no prediction concerning possible future orders.

When Secretary Bryan left the cabinet meeting he said no reply had yet been formulated to the Huerta communication. Huerta, he stated, had raised the question as to whether the sending of the army to take the place of naval forces at Vera Cruz was a violation of the armistice.

Asked if the unusual activity of the war department last night and today signified any change of policy Mr. Bryan said that he could not discuss the affairs of the war department.

Other members on leaving the meeting said that it was understood that the entire question of dealing with the situation at Vera Cruz had been left in the hands of the war department. Several of the secretaries took the position that the United States was fully within its rights in any movement to reinforce the troops now in Vera Cruz.

Secretary Garrison said that the information coming to the war department from Mexico City was through refugee sources and that no official or diplomatic correspondence had been received bearing out the refugee reports.

Charge O'Shaughnessy conferred with Secretary Bryan and with Secretary Tumulty. He will not see President Wilson for a day or two.

Urgent representations were made by the state department today through the Brazilian embassy to the Huerta government seeking the release of Vice Consul John R. Silliman, who is reported held by the Mexican federals at Sattilo.

VERA CRUZ LIKES NEW GOVERNMENT

By Associated Press. Vera Cruz, May 8.—Local newspapers today publish prominently commendations of the American administration in the city. There is great commercial activity everywhere and this is a subject of much gratification to the natives.

The work of reorganization is going steadily forward. The quiet condition in Mexico City is restoring confidence and many Americans having interests in the capital are making short trips there to clean up their affairs. There is now no interrupted train service.

The military situation is unchanged and the troops are making themselves comfortable in the quarters they expect to occupy for sometime.

ROCKEFELLER AND OTHERS TO TESTIFY

By Associated Press. Washington, May 8.—William Rockefeller, George F. Baker and George McCullough Miller of New York, all directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, have been called to testify next Wednesday before the interstate commerce commission in its investigation of the New Haven road. Former President Mellon of the road, will be called later to tell of transactions between the railroad and the Billard Company.

It is probable that Timothy E. Burns, one time assistant to former President Mellon, will testify on Monday. E. D. Robbins, chief counsel of the New Haven, is expected to take the stand Tuesday.

Rockefeller in Georgia. New York, May 8.—William Rockefeller, it is understood here, is at Jekyll Island, Ga. Messrs. Baker and Miller were not at their offices today.

BODIES OF DEAD MARINES SOON TO ARRIVE

By Associated Press. Washington, May 8.—The armored cruiser Montana bearing the bodies of the 17 sailors and marines killed during the occupation of Vera Cruz is due to arrive in New York harbor about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Memorial services at which President Wilson will voice the tribute of the nation, will begin at the New York navy yard at 11 o'clock Monday morning. Arrangements for the services had not finally been completed early today.

The bodies will be landed at the Battery Sunday afternoon where they will be placed on caissons and lie in state until Monday morning. At 9 o'clock Monday a procession under military escort will march to the city hall and thence across Brooklyn bridge to the navy yard.

President Wilson will leave Washington by train Sunday night. Secretary of the Navy Daniels will leave on board the Mayflower at midnight tonight to join the Montana at sea and escort her to New York.

Livingston Heads T. P. A. By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., May 8.—W. A. Livingston of Charleston, was elected president of the South Carolina division, Travelers' Protective Association, in annual convention here today and the invitation of the Charleston post to hold the next convention in that city was accepted. Ten vice presidents, a board of directors and delegates to the national convention at Houston, were also elected.

The convention closes tonight with a smoker and banquet.

"LUCILE LOVE, THE GIRL OF MYSTERY"

Hundreds of people read this fascinating story in THE NEWS last Sunday and saw it reproduced in moving pictures this week. The Ottway, in Charlotte, was crowded to its capacity all during the day. Wednesday, until the last reel was run at night. Similar reports come in from theatres around the circuit.

The second installment of this great story appears in THE NEWS Sunday morning. Be sure to read it and look for it in the picture shows the week following. The places and dates that the picture appears will be announced on the page opposite the story, in Sunday Morning's CHARLOTTE NEWS.

All the Local, State and National news, live store news, and many other interesting features will be in THE NEWS Sunday morning. If you are not a regular reader of this paper you should know the circulation department today and have it sent to you.

HUERTASAYS U.S. IS VIOLATING ARMISTICE

Minister Ruiz Tells Mediators That American Troops Are Landing at Vera Cruz and Others Acts There are Breaking the Armistice.

Washington Officials Say Nothing But an Implied Suspension of Hostilities Has Been Reached—Varying Opinions of Conduct Possible During an Armistice.

By Associated Press. Mexico City, May 8.—Esteve Ruiz, acting minister of foreign relations, has complained to the South American mediators that American troops were landing at Vera Cruz and that other military preparations were in progress there, thus breaking the armistice.

In reply the South American mediators have wired, it is announced, that they will make representations regarding the matter to President Wilson.

A Statement. The foreign office has issued a statement thanking the mediators. It says: "The Mexican government, in view of the Carranzista refusal to suspend hostilities and the new landing of American troops and war material in Vera Cruz is much obliged for the prudence, impartiality and good will of the mediators."

Mediators Non-Committal. Washington, May 8.—Ambassador De Gama, of Brazil, and Ministers Naoch, of Argentina, and Suarez, of Chile, were assured that the news mediators would discuss the news emanating from Mexico City regarding the Huerta protest.

It was thought that the envoys would go to the state department to negotiate further regarding the protest.

When the United States would reply to the envoy's note was not made known. President Wilson is said to have been informed last night of the Huerta government's communication and it is expected that the subject would be considered at the cabinet meeting today.

Bryan Admits Complaint. Secretary of State Bryan admitted early today that this government had received a note from the South American mediators in which complaint is made by the Huerta government that American operations at Vera Cruz are in violation of the armistice.

Asked as to the details of the note Mr. Bryan said: "It simply sets forth what Huerta says. A reply to the note will be made."

No Formal Armistice. Officials point out that neither the United States nor General Huerta have yet entered into any formal armistice. What occurred was this: The mediators suggested that hostilities should be suspended during the period of negotiations. To this Secretary Bryan replied that it was assumed there would be a suspension of hostilities, except to repel attack.

General Huerta's answer was understood to be an acceptance but the exact terms have not been given out. Mr. Bryan has several times pointed out that this did not constitute a formal armistice but only an assumption that hostilities would be suspended except to resist aggression.

Article VII of the Hague convention, of which the United States and Mexico are signatories, provides specifically on troop movements pending mediation as follows: "Article VII. The acceptance of mediation cannot, unless there be an agreement to the contrary, have the effect of interrupting, delaying, or hindering mobilization or other measures, or preparations for war."

"If mediation occurs after the commencement of hostilities, it causes no interruption to the military operations in progress, unless there be an agreement to the contrary."

To what extent the present suspension at Vera Cruz operates under these rules appears therefore to depend largely on the construction of the informal understanding that it was assumed hostilities would be suspended except to repel attack.

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The Contract Closed Tuesday-- Transfer Made Today-- Last Issue of Chronicle To-day

The News Takes Over Subscription List, Advertising List, Associated Press Franchise and Chronicle Publication Entire.

RAIN MARRED VETERANS' PARADE

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., May 8.—Clouds hovered over the city today and threatened to interfere with the parade of United Confederate Veterans, one of the leading features of the twenty-fourth annual reunion now being held here, instead of trudging through the streets on foot as in previous parades, veterans today were supplied with automobiles and horses. While the innovation detracted from the picturesqueness of the spectacle, it was hoped fatalities, which have characterized former parades, would be avoided.

SAY ROCKEFELLER REFUSED TO CONFER

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., May 8.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., could have prevented the loss of life in Colorado by favoring settlement of the strike through a meeting of the operators and miners, according to a statement issued by the international executive board. The statement also declares that "there can be no turning back or turning aside. The sacrifices already made are too great."

The miners asked for a conference time after time, says the statement, and quit work only after they had been refused a hearing repeatedly.

The report on the general strike subject says: "We believe that we can better aid our gallant brothers in Colorado by remaining at work, thus insuring a financial way our fullest support to the men, women and children who have been long engaged in the great struggle in Colorado."

"Of course, if conditions in Colorado do not improve and if we do not receive the proper protection from the federal government, this policy may be changed."

"We call upon our membership everywhere to hold themselves in readiness to answer any call we may make upon them. You can rest assured that we are firmly resolved to carry out any move which we believe to be beneficial to the Colorado strike."

WOMEN'S CLUBS WANT CENSORSHIP FOR MODERN SONGS

Special to The News. Fayetteville, May 8.—The twelfth annual session of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs adjourned at 1:30 o'clock to meet next year in Goldsboro.

Delegates to the Biennial at Chicago were elected as follows: Mrs. R. R. Cotton, Mrs. T. W. Lingle, Mrs. W. T. Brock, Mrs. A. Fairbrother, Mrs. C. C. Hook, Mrs. B. F. Long, Alternates, Mesdames W. G. Rogers, R. F. Beasley, E. E. Moffitt, T. B. Reynolds, Miss Della Cline.

Fayetteville, N. C., May 8.—Three new officers of the General Federation of Women's Clubs were elected today as follows: First vice president, Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro; recording secretary, Mrs. A. C. Avery, of Morganton; Mrs. D. Y. Cooper, of Henderson, treasurer. The report of the committee on resolutions presented the Federation protest against sentiments expressed in the popular songs of the day and delegates to the biennial were instructed to present the resolution to that body. The use of the Star Spangled Banner as the national anthem was endorsed.

Dr. Ryan Reaches Puerto, Mexico. By Associated Press. Vera Cruz, May 8.—Dr. Edward Ryan, who was condemned to execution at Zatecas and later released, is reported to have arrived today without mishap at Puerto, Mexico.

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The reunion will be concluded this afternoon after the final business session of the United Confederate Veterans at which departmental officers will be elected to serve with General Bennett H. Young, of Louisville, who yesterday was re-elected commander in chief.

While the parade was forming rain began falling, driving many veterans to cover and drenching others. Thousands of spectators who already were crowded upon the downtown sidewalks scurried to nearby hotels and other public buildings. The gay decorations with which the business section of the city is adorned soon began to fade slightly as a result of the downpour.

After raining for about half an hour the showers apparently were ceasing, and formation of the parade was resumed.

"HINDRANCES TO NEGRO PROGRESS" DISCUSSED.

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., May 8.—"Hindrances to negro progress" was the general subject before the delegates of the Southern Sociological congress during the morning session of today's meetings. Lack of proper home life, living conditions in cities, religious conditions and the future of negroes as workers were discussed by able speakers.

At the afternoon meeting various phases of "the church and social service" constituted the program.

Tonight the sociological congress will meet in conjunction with the opening session of the national conference on charities and corrections.

Suffragette Gets Jail Sentence.

By Associated Press. Leeds, Eng., May 8.—Lillian Lenton, a suffragette, was sentenced today to a year's imprisonment for setting fire to Westfield House, Doncaster, in June last year.

Miss Lenton, while awaiting trial, was released after a hunger strike. She disappeared for almost a year but was re-arrested a few days ago as Brighton.

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By the purchase The News Publishing Company takes over the subscription list, advertising contracts, subscription contracts, the Associated Press franchise and the name of the Chronicle and its good will.

Today's issue of the Chronicle will be its last issue by, and under, the former ownership. After today the Chronicle and News become one, the issuance to be at The News Building, Church and Fourth streets.

Purchase of Import. The purchase of the Chronicle by The News is an epochal event in the history of The News. Having always commanded high prestige in the journalistic field of North Carolina, where it has been recognized as leader of the afternoon field, its prestige will be largely strengthened by the absorption of the Chronicle, which also represented commercial and social influence. The News, which has always had the largest circulation of any afternoon daily in the state, will be tremendously strengthened by the purchase of the Chronicle—the only other afternoon paper published in Charlotte.

The combined circulation of The News and Chronicle will give The News double the circulation of any other afternoon paper in the state and make it one of the greatest advertising mediums, therefore, in the state, reaching, as it will, every household of Greater Charlotte, Mecklenburg, and the contiguous territory.

The absorption of the Chronicle, thereby giving The News the entire afternoon field, adds zest to the efforts of all concerned with the paper to make The News newswier and better, if possible, than ever before; to hold the field with increased prestige and strength.

The News. The News was purchased by the News Publishing Company in 1895 from Wade H. Harris, founder, editor and owner. Mr. Harris becoming then associate editor of the Charlotte Observer under the late J. P. Caldwell.

W. C. Dowd, principal promoter of The News' purchase, was elected president and general manager. Under Mr. Dowd's direction the paper has grown from a smaller News to a larger News of many pages, issuing every day and on Sunday morning. Outgrowing its former place of habitation, The News built its present handsome home, to which it brings the Chronicle today.

The Chronicle. On May 3, 1905, the Evening Chronicle made its first appearance, being issued by the Observer Company, J. P. Caldwell and D. A. Tompkins founders. Howard A. Banks, who was associated for years with the Observer, was made editor of the Chronicle. He resigned to go with The News, and Wade H. Harris, present editor of the Observer, became editor of the Chronicle. He was followed by J. Paul Lucas, and he by Julian S. Miller.

The Chronicle has ever been conducted on a high plane. It was bright and newswy, and its make-up especially fine. These, and its other good qualities and good will, The News today adds unto its own excellencies, and henceforth goes into the afternoon field the largest and strongest afternoon paper in the Carolinas.

THE WEATHER. Forecast for North Carolina. Fair tonight and Saturday. Cooler tonight. Fresh westerly winds.