

THE WEATHER.

Generally fair today and Monday.

PEACE NO NEARER THAN A WEEK AGO

U. S. Officials Anxiously Await Outcome of Battle in Mexico City.

POLICY IS STILL THE SAME

State Department Denies That Intervention Has Been Decided Upon. Madero Appeals to President Taft.

"HANDS OFF"
Washington, February 16.—"Hands off" Mexico for the present was the decision of President Taft and cabinet reached at a prolonged session which lasted until the early hours of this morning.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The Diaz revolution in Mexico has now dragged out a full week; has resulted in great loss of life and enormous damage to property; has involved the United States in a great deal of expense through the dispatch of warships to Southern waters, for the purchase of large quantities of supplies for troops and the commissioning of transports.

Today was one of rumors and speculations and the State Department officials were kept busy denying that the administration had changed its policy regarding Mexico and was about to intervene.

With a degree of freedom quite undiplomatic, the reports of Ambassador Wilson and the American consuls in Mexico, even including caustic comment upon the conduct of the war, were given publicity, so that it is probable that if Congress should adopt any of the pending resolutions calling for the official correspondence regarding the Mexican revolution there would be little additional to what already has been given to the press by the State Department.

The day closed with officials here anxiously awaiting an outcome of the efforts to terminate the week-long battle through the good offices of Senator DeLaBarrá and the Spanish minister, Coloman y Coloman.

President Madero, as well as Gen. Diaz, is denied arms and ammunition from the United States. This necessity adds to the desperation of the Federal forces.

"ARMY" CAMPS IN WILMINGTON

Suffragettes, Tired of Body, But Stout of Heart, Reach Historic Jersey Town—Big Crowds Greet Weary Pilgrims

Burlington, N. J., Feb. 15.—Instead of crossing the Delaware in Pennsylvania at Trenton, the "on-to-Washington" army of suffragettes under the leadership of "General" Rosalie G. Jones, today hiked down the Jersey shore of the river and bivouacked in Burlington for the night.

After a grueling march of 18 miles over alternately bad roads and highways almost ankle-deep with mud and water, the weary but stout of heart members of the army retired early to night, for the Sabbath tomorrow will bring them no rest. Under the original plan the "hikers" were to have spent Sunday in resting at Bristol, Pa., but a change in arrangements brought them down the Jersey shore and they will march all day tomorrow to Philadelphia late Sunday afternoon.

Crowds greeted the weary pilgrims from many places along roads and one of the biggest receptions of the march was at Bordentown, seven miles from Trenton. A regiment of students from a military academy with a brass band at their head met the marchers outside the town. There was a brief conference and then the women under escort of the students and with the band at their head crashing out patriotic airs, marched bravely into the town and into the academy grounds.

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Fifteen hundred persons greeted the army as it entered Burlington and marched to a theatre in front of which "votes for women" speeches were delivered. There were some in the crowd who tried to have fun with the weary invaders, but "General" Jones and "Captain" Freeman soon had the entire assemblage applauding their arguments.

Early in the evening some of the privates in the army, despite their weariness, addressed a meeting in one of the theatres and also gave short talks on the street corners in the center of the town.

One of the incidents of the invasion of Wilmington was the delivery of a letter by Boy Scouts from the mayor of the town to "General" Jones. The letter extended to her and the army a welcome and the keys of the city. "It gives me great pleasure to assure you and your comrades in this historic march that a hearty welcome awaits you in the most historic town in New Jersey."

The letter read: "It will be an honor to write in the annals of the city the fact that you have made a visit to us on this occasion."

MADERO DEFIANT, WILL NOT RESIGN

Ignores the Efforts of Mexican Senate to Oust Him from the Presidency.

BIG GUNS STILL IN ACTION

U. S. Ambassador Wilson Escapes Death—Numerous Casualties Among Non-combatants—Americans Killed

Mexico City, February 15.—The proposition is under consideration by Madero and his ministers to declare a truce of from 12 to 24 hours. The matter has been referred to General Huerta, who has suspended hostilities until 11 o'clock, when his answer will be given. In the interim foreigners will be removed from the danger zone. It is also proposed to define a zone about the American embassy which will be respected. Diaz has agreed, provided the Federals accept this proposition.

While the Federal guns pounded the Diaz fortifications in the arsenal and the rebels sent back shell for shell, the Senate sat today and discussed the ousting of Madero from the Presidency. Confident of ultimately defeating Diaz, Madero defied the Senate and ignored the counsel of Francisco DeLaBarrá and other friends. He absolutely refused to resign, and did not take the trouble to make known his decision personally to the Senate.

The fighting in the streets today was as savage as on any other day of the week's battle. The American embassy again came directly within the line of fire and the American ambassador, Henry Lane Wilson had a narrow escape from a rifle bullet which whistled close to his head within the embassy. Shortly before 5 o'clock the German legation was struck by a shell.

There were numerous casualties among non-combatants. A strange fatality seemed to have followed R. M. Meredith, of Leroy, Ohio. He was slightly wounded two days ago while passing through the streets. Today a shell crashed into Porters Hotel and killed him. Sydney Sutherland, correspondent of a Salt Lake newspaper, but a resident of Mexico City, was killed by the same shell.

The situation in Mexico City, apart from its terrifying aspect, is a remarkable one. Friends of President Madero fully expected his resignation, but as the day wore along he became fixed in his determination to retain his position. To the Spanish minister, Senator Coloman, he said: "I will not resign. I was elected by the people. I am the constituted President. I will die before I resign."

More than a quorum of Senators was present at the meeting, which took place in the Chamber of Deputies instead of the Senate chamber of the National Palace. Discussion lasted a long time and a great crowd surrounded the building. The scene was almost identical with that when Congress met to consider the advisability of bringing about the resignation of former President Diaz.

Mexican attorneys say the Senate has not power to force the President to resign. Joint action of the two houses practically is impossible. It is also considered questionable whether any action of the Senate (Continued on Page 8.)

FAREWELL DINNER GIVEN 'UNCLE JOE'

Numerous Notables Attend Feast of Fun and Tribute of Affection

THE BANQUET A NOTABLE ONE

President Taft, Chief Justice White and Other Talk of Former Speaker of the House—Features of Programme.

Washington, Feb. 15.—President Taft, cabinet officials, Chief Justice White, members of both Houses of Congress, past, present, and prospective, and a host of other political and personal friends of Representative Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, former Speaker of the House, featured the programme and guest list of the farewell dinner to him tonight.

The dinner was held for approximately 500 guests. It was a feast of fun and a tribute of affection. The programme abounded with novel features, merrily announced by the toastmaster, Representative J. Hampton Moore, of Pennsylvania.

When the guests assembled they found at each table a souvenir programme with a poetical tribute assigned, but written by Representative Moore. The storms may come, the winds may blow, the saplings and the pines may fall, but tempered to the sun and the snow, the sturdy oak survives them all.

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TAFT SPEAKS AT SHERMAN SERVICE

President Pays High Tribute to Memory of Late Vice-President.

EXERCISES IN THE SENATE

Taft Sets Aside Precedent of Many Years Standing—Cham Clark Speaks for House—Hundreds Attend Services.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The memory of the late Vice President, James S. Sherman, was honored in Washington today by services in the Senate Chamber, at the capital. Abandoning legislative work for the day, the Senate and House by special order gave up their sessions to the memorial exercises, joined in by President Taft, the cabinet, the Supreme Court, and prominent members of the diplomatic corps.

The unusual scene of the President addressing the Senate and the presence of diplomats and high officials in the chamber attracted hundreds to the galleries. High tribute to the fairness and capacity of Mr. Sherman was paid by Senator Gallinger, to whom he had confided his fears of being forced to retire from the Vice President's chair before the end of his term.

"In victory he was not offensively jubilant; in defeat he was not utterly cast down. He appeared equal to both extremes of fortune, clearly realizing with his optimistic philosophy the astounding swiftness with which situations change in this rapid age."

"He loved politics; he correctly thought that he could be engaged in nothing more useful to his country and became a partisan on principle. He was an influential and leading member of the House during the controversies that took place over the question whether it should be permitted to do business or should be at the mercy of the minority.

"We have celebrated the memorial of a modest American, a disinterested patriot, an able statesman and a noble man."

In the private galleries with Mrs. Richard and Thomas M. Sherman, accompanied by their wives; Mrs. Joseph DeLong and Mrs. L. P. Moore, both of the latter sisters of Mrs. Sherman, and her brother, Sherman Babcock.

W. F. C., 22; U. N. C., 21

GEN. CASTRO A FREE MAN

Federal Judge Sustains Habeas Corpus Writ in Venezuelan's Behalf and Overrules Immigration Authorities

FOR CONFEDERATE WIDOWS

Senate Passes Bill for Home Unanimously—Mr. Kellum's Committee Does Fine Work—Proceedings Yesterday

New York, Feb. 15.—Cipriano Castro is free to come and go in this country at will. Judge Ward, in the Federal District Court this afternoon sustained the writ of habeas corpus in his behalf, overruling the immigration authorities.

Castro has been out on bail for some time pending a decision in the case. The government bitterly opposed the entrance of the former Venezuelan President on the ground that he was an undesirable, in that he refused to answer certain questions concerning the internal affairs of Venezuela and the murder of General Parades, a political opponent.

The special board of inquiry at Ellis Island first refused him admittance, a decision which was affirmed by the Department of Commerce and Labor. General Castro then carried his case into the courts.

Sustaining the writ, Judge Ward said: "Aliens have the right to enter the United States except so far as the right is restricted by our statutes."

The court points out that Castro's case falls within the class of persons convicted, or who admit having been convicted of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude, and continues: "Congress has required in respect to this particular class of aliens proof of a specified kind and no other, viz: either a conviction in the country where the crime was committed or an admission by the alien. There is no pretense of any conviction and I think ordinary proof is not sufficient.

General Castro said tonight that whatever else he might do he planned to be in Washington for the inauguration on March 4th.

LITTLE PROGRESS IN LEGISLATURE

Present Session of N. C. General Assembly Compared With Others.

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Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 15.—With 39 of the 60 days of the North Carolina General Assembly behind them, the legislators find themselves with considerably less business disposed of comparatively, than on this day of the session two years ago.

Numbers of members have been expressing the hope that the Assembly could adjourn by March 4th, to attend the inauguration but it is conceded now that there can be no adjournment this side of March 8th and several days thereafter may be required to wind up the work.

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The House passed the Senate bill placing \$5,000 at the disposal of the Corporation Commission for litigation before the Inter-State Commerce Commission against freight discriminations against North Carolina.

The Senate and House passed great numbers of private and public local bills clearing the calendars, none of the bills being of more than local interest.

Mr. Bellamy introduced in the Senate today bills to allow convicts sentenced to work on the roads a deduction of time for good behavior, and authorizing commissioners of counties to provide for destitute families of such convicts. He also introduced a bill to fix compensation of county commissioners of New Hanover and remits sums paid out in excess by error.

House—29th Day

OUTLINES

Many distinguished personages attended the farewell banquet given to "Uncle Joe" Cannon in Washington last night.

The memory of the late Vice President Sherman was honored yesterday by services in the Senate chamber at the capital, both houses participating. President Taft held two conferences last night with his cabinet, discussing the Mexican situation and Madero's telegram asking that intervention be held off.

Judge Sessions, in the Federal Court at Detroit, yesterday imposed a fine ranging from one dollar to \$1,000 on the defendants convicted in the trial of the bath tub trust.

KINSTON ENTERPRISES.

All Prosperous and Real Estate is Active.—(Special Star Correspondent.) Kinston, N. C., Feb. 11.—Before the first of the Spring two new manufacturing enterprises will be added to the rapidly growing list of Kinston industries, and enlargement of an existing manufactory will be made, afflicting total cost of many thousands of dollars.

The Caswell Cotton Mills here, one of the most modern and best equipped plants of medium size in the South, is to be doubled in dimensions of building and in capacity, according to a statement made by the directors yesterday.

A feature of the reports of committees was the one Chairman Kellum, of the Committee on Private and Local Bills, in which he presented for introduction seven new bills drafted by his committee to include the legislation asked for in bills introduced by numerous members for their respective localities and on varying subjects. This compiling work is being done by Chairman Kellum and his committee in the interest of economy to the State and time to the Legislature.

New York, Feb. 15.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house and trust companies for the week five days, shows that they hold \$8,946,900 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$889,550 from last week.

A. & M. LOST TO TRINITY.

Score 22 to 18 at Raleigh Last Night. (Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 15.—In one of the most exciting and closely contested basketball games of the season, A. & M. lost tonight to Trinity College by the score of 22 to 18. The features of the game were the brilliant work of Terry at center for the Techs, and the playing of Phillips and Jeffrey for A. & M. and Siler and White for Trinity.

Goals from field by Phillips 1; Terry 4, Sumner 1, Mason 1, Siler 2, White 2, Cherry 2, Brinn 1; goals from foul, Siler 3, Sumner 4. Attendance 1,100.

Baptists Win Exciting Basketball Contest from Carolina Quint. (Special Star Telegram.) Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 15.—In a hard fought game of basketball here tonight Wake Forest College defeated the University of North Carolina by the score of 22 to 21. When time was called the score was 20 to 20 and the time had to be extended five minutes to untie the score. The University's coach refereed the game.

Williams of Hartford: Protect game in Hartford.

Majette: Provide for uniform plan of examination and certification of public school teachers throughout the State.

Rodman: Providing a good road.