

THE WEATHER. Forecast for North Carolina: Showers and cooler Monday; Tuesday probably fair, warmer west portion.

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HUERTA REFUSES—WAR IS IMMINENT!



"President" Huerta Defies the United States.

PROGRAMME OF REPRISAL WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE UNITED STATES

Cabinet Meets This Morning at Ten Thirty and Definite Plans Will Be Made—President to Deliver Special Message to Congress Asking for Authority to Use Army and Navy in Enforcing Salute to "Old Glory"

Washington, April 19.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, provisional President of Mexico, flatly refused tonight to accede to the unconditional demands of the United States that he salute the American flag, and Congress will be asked by President Wilson tomorrow for authority to use armed forces to uphold the honor and dignity of the Nation.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in reparation for the arrest of American blue jackets at Tampico, on April 10, came to a close at 6 o'clock tonight, the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the Mexican dictator. The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply, unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute would be returned.

President Wilson at midnight was on his way to Washington from White Sulphur Springs, preparing to read a message to Congress in joint session as early as it can be arranged tomorrow. In the meantime American war fleets were moving down both coasts on their way to Mexican waters to carry out the President's plan for reprisal.

No Declaration of War. The crisis thus reached does not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against the government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will seek authority, however, to send armed forces into Mexico to seize first the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The President directed that a cabinet meeting be called for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow when final arrangements for a pacific blockade of Mexican ports and ports in the President's program will be deliberated. The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it possible, it was declared tonight on high authority, for the United States to further protect foreigners in that Republic and foreign government have been notified of the situation in this regard.

The President, it was declared, not only would ask Congress for authority to use the armed forces to uphold the honor of the nation, but also for an appropriation, a deficiency already having been created because of expensive naval operations in anticipation of Huerta's defiance of this government. The President probably will ask further that the Senate pass the volunteer act which already has passed the House providing for pressing into regular service the militia regiments in various States.

In preparation for the crisis that must be met, Senator Shively, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and Representative Flood, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, called meetings of these committees for tomorrow morning. Representative Flood, who is on his honeymoon, telephoned from New York that he would return immediately.

Bryan Issues Statement. Just before midnight Secretary Bryan issued this statement: "A little after 11 o'clock last night a brief dispatch came from Charge O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City saying that the President's demand of yesterday had been communicated to the foreign minister and was being carried by him to Gen. Huerta. The foreign minister asked O'Shaughnessy

whether, in case Gen. Huerta acceded to the demand, a protocol would be signed providing for a return of the salute. The following despatch was sent to Charge O'Shaughnessy, in substance: "President Wilson is out of the city. It is impossible to reach him before 8 A. M. tomorrow. Am certain that he would not consent to have you sign the protocol mentioned in your telegram. The salute should be fired without any agreement as to its return. The United States of America can be relied on, according to international custom and courtesy, to do its duty. The signing of the protocol would be objectionable, in addition to other reasons, because of the fact that it might be construed as recognition of the Huerta government, whereas the President has no intention of recognizing that government."

"Early this morning a dispatch was received from Charge O'Shaughnessy saying that Gen. Huerta was willing to accede to the demand of Admiral Mayo, providing a protocol was signed, and setting forth a copy of the proposed protocol. Charge O'Shaughnessy asked whether he was authorized to sign it. I communicated with President Wilson by telephone and at his direction sent a telegram to Mr. O'Shaughnessy of which the following is a paraphrase: 'Copy of your telegram of 8 P. M. last night was sent to the President with copy of my reply to the effect that a protocol would be objectionable. The President replied: "Your reply to O'Shaughnessy is exactly what I should have wished it to be. In no case should any concession of any kind, in detail or otherwise, be made."'

Wilson Objected to Protocol. "I talked with the President over the telephone when your telegram of 11 P. M. last night was received to the effect that Gen. Huerta had acceded to the demand but only on condition that you sign a protocol. He repeated most emphatically his objection to any protocol or agreement. He insists that the salute shall not be fired as a matter of contract or with any stipulation that it be returned by us. It must be fired in accordance with international custom, as an apology for the insult offered. Gen. Huerta must trust that the United States will live up to the requirements of international courtesy in returning his

salute when it shall have been fired. The proposed protocol is especially objectionable for it is so phrased that Gen. Huerta might construe it as recognition of his government, whereas the President has informed Gen. Huerta and the foreign governments that Gen. Huerta's government will not be recognized. Gen. Huerta's acceptance of the demand of Admiral Mayo must be unconditional, the details can be arranged directly with Admiral Mayo after Gen. Huerta announces that he will comply with that demand."

"Make Things Clear to Huerta. Further negotiations are unnecessary. It is expected that he accept at once, in order that the incident shall be closed."

"At 9 o'clock a telegram was received from Charge O'Shaughnessy, but it was not conclusive and stated that he would call at the foreign office at 6 o'clock for a final answer. "At 10 o'clock a telegram was received from Charge O'Shaughnessy conveying Gen. Huerta's final refusal. This was communicated to the President immediately by the telephone and he directed that a cabinet meeting be called for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. "Charge O'Shaughnessy's telegram in substance follows: "At 5:50 P. M. I called at the foreign office and was handed a note verbal by the minister for foreign affairs. The note states in substance that the government of Mexico is not disposed to accede to the unconditional demand of the government of the United States. It further states that the Mexican government is disposed to act according to the terms of the protocol which I have transmitted to you. I informed him that so far as this embassy is concerned the matter is closed, and that I immediately should inform my government that Gen. Huerta had refused definitely the demands of the government of the United States. A translation of the note will be cabled later. "The President will arrive at Washington at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. "Wilson's Ultimatum. The White House later made public a paraphrase of Secretary Bryan's



President Wilson Will Make the Next Move.

ARGUE FRANK CASE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Neither Side Likely to Ask for Postponement

TWO MOTIONS FILED

Judge Hill Would Be Loath to Consent to Postponement Even If Request Is Made by Both Sides of Case.

Atlanta, Ga., April 19.—Arguments on two motions which seek to prevent the execution of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder of fourteen-year-old Mary Phagan, are scheduled to be heard in Superior Court here Wednesday.

It was believed tonight that neither the prosecution or the defense would seek to have the arguments postponed on Wednesday. Judge Hill, of the Superior Court, has indicated that he was desirous of having the arguments proceed when they are called for Wednesday and that he would be loath to consent to a postponement.

One of the motions ask the annulment of the verdict returned against the young factory superintendent on the ground that both the defendant and his counsel were absent from the court room when the verdict was returned. This is held to have been in violation of the constitutional rights of the convicted man. Frank's absence was suggested by Judge Roan who presided at the trial. It was feared physical violence might be inflicted on the defendant in case a verdict of acquittal was returned.

The other motion asks a new trial on the claim of newly-discovered evidence, repudiation of portions of evidence given by witnesses at the trial, especially that reflecting on Frank's character, and methods used by persons connected with the prosecution in preparing the case. William J. Burns, the detective, who has been investigating the case at the instance of Frank's friends, has not yet made his report. He already has said he believed a new trial should be had, but has said nothing further regarding the guilt or innocence of the accused. His findings are expected before Wednesday and may be used as a supplement to the motion for a new trial.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Of the Battle of Atlanta in July—During Civil War. Atlanta, April 19.—Plans have assumed definite form here for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta, fought in the War between the States on July 22nd. It is planned to invite the Governors of the 31 States represented in the battle to attend together with their staffs. Detachments of militia from the State also will be asked to attend.

WILSON SPENDS A QUIET SUNDAY

President Detached Himself From Mexican Crisis.

HAS NOTHING TO SAY

When Messages Received That Huerta Had Refused to Fire Salute President Declined to Make Statement.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., April 19.—At 10 o'clock tonight this announcement was made from President Wilson's room at the hotel: "The President will have nothing to say on Mexico tonight."

This followed the receipt of long messages from Washington. The President stayed in his room and it is believed was occupied in preparing an address to be delivered in person tomorrow before a joint session of Congress.

The understanding here had been that favorable news would be given out. The President prepared to leave for Washington at 11:12 P. M. Spent Quiet Day. President Wilson detached himself almost completely from the Mexican

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HISTORICAL DATA ABOUT OLD MEXICO

Brief Summary of Conditions in Warring Nation

IMPORTANCE OF PORTS

Tampico and Vera Cruz, the Towns That May Be Seized by the United States, Only Ports of Entry on Atlantic.

(By Geo. F. Cochrane.) Since the latest trouble between this country and Mexico occurred, there has been quite a bit of interest in Mexican geography and he who could tell off hand the various facts, knowledge of which was desired by the crowd in which he might find himself, was looked upon as a man of parts.

The chief desire of the curious ones was information relative to Tampico—pronounced Tam-pe-ko, with the accent on the middle syllable—and Vera Cruz, the two seaports mostly concerned in the second Mexican row between Uncle Sam and the land of the ancient Aztecs.

Tampico is 225 miles distant from Mexico City, the capital, and Vera Cruz is 198 miles away. These two

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TRIAL TODAY ON MURDER CHARGE

Young Couple Alleged to Have Drowned Baby

GIRL IS FROM DURHAM

Woman Said to Have Confessed to Solicitor That She Pleaded With Lover Not to Drown Two-Month-Old Child.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 19.—Charged with the murder of a two-month-old baby, Clyde C. Clement, recently a student in a preparatory school here, and Miss Laura F. Pendleton will appear in the court of General Sessions here tomorrow for trial.

The young woman, in an alleged confession made public by Solicitor Albert E. Hill, charges that Clement dropped the baby from a bridge into a creek here on the night of January 30th, this year. She is represented as saying that she unwillingly consented to the drowning only after Clement had threatened to abandon her, if she did not agree to the death, and agreed to marry her if she acquiesced.

According to the reputed confession, Miss Pendleton pleaded with her lover the whole night previous to the killing, asking him to let the child live and, if he would not do that, to drown her also. The child is said to have been born in the Presbyterian hospital at Charlotte, N. C., where it was known as Virginia Caldwell. A young man giving his name as Caldwell and representing himself as the husband of the mother, is said to have settled the hospital bill.

Miss Pendleton's home is in Durham, N. C. Clement is the son of Robert C. Clement, a prominent merchant and planter.

SERIOUS UNDOY SHOOTING AFFAIR AT FAIRMONT.

Several Persons Shot; Two Negroes (Special Star Telegram.) Lumberton, N. C., April 19.—As the result of a negro row at Fairmont early this morning, Henry Jones is in jail for shooting Jim Bryant who shot Jones' wife, Bryant and Cullen Wallace. Bryant, who is also in jail, it is reported, went to Jones house last night and cursed everybody out. They were ordered away and left but returned early this morning and renewed their trade of abuse. After Bryant and Wallace had both taken a shot at the woman with pistols, the husband opened fire on Bryant with his breechloader, putting a load of No. 6 shot in the right thigh. The condition of the woman is serious. Wallace gave bond. Bryant and Wallace are said to have been drinking.

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