

## MEXICO POLICY WAITS ON LIND

President's representative to Mexico will wait on Lind's views and sound sentiment.

### GOV. LIND REALLY UNOFFICIAL ENVOY

He will try to ascertain if assistance of U. S. is desired in getting dispute.

Washington, Aug. 5.—No announcement of policy or further steps will be taken by President Wilson in the Mexican situation until former Governor Lind of Minnesota, personal representative of the president arrives in Mexico City and familiarizes himself with conditions there.

This was made clear at the White House today. Mr. Lind carries instructions to talk informally with prominent Mexicans. Administration officials indicated that no steps toward a mediation policy would be attempted until after Mr. Lind had sounded out sentiment in Mexico and determined whether the assistance of the United States in adjusting the dispute would be received.

Mr. Lind will inform inquirers, on the authority of President Wilson, that only the government constitutionally set up will be recognized by the United States. This will involve the resignation of Provisional President Huerta in favor of the provisional president elected by the Mexican factions, the minister of foreign relations in conformity with the law of succession in Mexico.

It was pointed out in administration circles today that while Mr. Lind's position now is that of adviser to the American embassy, he will act in reality as an unofficial ambassador to be named ambassador when a stable government is organized and recognition is extended by the United States. Just what part Mr. Lind will take in peace negotiations is not made clear here, but there is every reason to believe that he will merely present the views of the American government to those who consult him and will not directly interfere with the progress of events if the Washington government finally decides to mediate the dispute.

Former Governor Lind of Minnesota, who is on his way to Mexico City at the direction of President Wilson to act as adviser to Charge Shaughnessy at the embassy there, may take passage from Galveston to Vera Cruz on the battleship New Hampshire, one of the ships of the gulf patrol, if he desires to do so. The navy department has not yet been asked to provide a ship, but is preparing on account of the demoralized condition of rail traffic on the overland route to Mexico.

While Mr. Lind goes without any credentials, he practically will exercise the functions of a de facto ambassador. Officials here await with much interest the tenor of the reception to Mr. Lind in the Mexican capital. Meanwhile, the Mexican situation, so far as the United States government is concerned, seems to be a waiting one.

Would Recognize State of War. Recognition of "a state of public war in Mexico" and of American neutrality between the "belligerents" was demanded in a resolution introduced today by Representative Stevens, democrat, of Texas. It would repeal the neutrality law prohibiting the exportation of arms to Mexico.

No action was taken today on the new resolution, which was referred to the rules committee. Another Stephens resolution, proposing a committee to attempt a settlement of Mexican affairs, also is pending there.

Brito Hearing Postponed. New Orleans, Aug. 5.—Hearing of habeas corpus proceedings in behalf of Emmanuel Castillo Brito, former governor of the Mexican state of Campeche and held here on charges of murder and robbery in Mexico, today were postponed until August 13. Brito was arrested on a request from the Huerta administration.

Henry Lane Wilson Ill. Crawfordsville, Ind., Aug. 5.—Henry Lane Wilson, who resigned yesterday as United States ambassador to Mexico, is suffering from overwork and nervous disorder, according to his son, John V. Wilson, who with his wife is spending the summer here. He said his father's condition was causing his mother much concern. The former ambassador probably will retire from active life and make his home in Indianapolis, according to the son.

No Surprise in Mexico. Mexico City, Aug. 5.—The acceptance of Ambassador Wilson's resignation did not cause any great surprise here, as it had been generally expected that his views would prevent his retention of the post.

Russian Military Aviators Are Dashed to Their Death. St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—Two Russian military aviators, Lieutenant Puskaroff and his mechanic, were killed when a wing of their aeroplane broke at a great altitude. The machine tumbled over and threw them out.

## IRREGULARITIES IN FREIGHT WEIGHING

Investigation Has Disclosed the Imposition of Unreasonable Charges.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 5.—Investigation of alleged irregularities and discrepancies in the weighing of freight has disclosed the imposition of unreasonable charges said to constitute as great a discrimination as would a difference of freight rates.

In a report of an investigation issued today the interstate commerce commission declares that "a majority of the track scales now in use should at once be rebuilt in order to obtain reasonably accurate results."

Sharp criticism of the methods of weighing such commodities as grain, coal and lumber is made, it being alleged that shippers almost invariably get the worst of the transaction.

The commission has no authority under the law to issue an order correcting the evils disclosed; but it recommends that congress confer upon it powers: To fix points at which track scales shall be installed; to prescribe their standard; to test or supervise the testing and to supervise the operation of scales.

The American Railway association in compliance with suggestions of the commission will promulgate shortly weighing regulations.

## BURNED AND BRUISED IN HOTEL DESTRUCTION

Two Badly Hurt When Blue Mountain House Goes Up in Flames.

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 5.—The Blue Mountain house, at PenMar, on the Pennsylvania-Maryland line was destroyed by fire today, two guests being seriously injured.

The injured guests were E. F. Metzger and Malcolm Frank, of Norfolk, Va. The men were badly burned and bruised in attempting to escape.

The fire started at 5 a. m. in the main building, driving the guests to the lawns in scanty attire. Some of them were unable to save their belongings. The building was quickly destroyed.

The fire had its origin in the kitchen and quickly spread to adjoining rooms and hall thence to the elevator shafts and the floors above. There were 175 guests in the hotel.

Metzger and Frank, who are uncle and nephew, did not hear the alarm which aroused the sleeping guests. They found themselves surrounded by fire in their room on the fourth floor and in their frantic efforts to escape they fell through a trap door into a flame-swept hall and were seriously burned about the face and head.

The hotel was built by the Western Maryland Railroad company 25 years ago, and in its day was one of the best known mountain resort houses in the country. It was owned by a Hagerstown, Md., corporation. The loss is about \$250,000.

Lost Jewels and Clothing. Baltimore, Aug. 5.—About one half of the guests at the burned Blue Mountain house were Baltimoreans. A score of these, clad in garments of all descriptions, returned to the city on a morning train. So swift was the progress of the flames that none of the party was able to save any jewelry and clothing. It is estimated that more than \$15,000 worth jewelry was lost.

Wrappers, kimonos, and such formed the wearing apparel of most of the women who arrived here today. Hair was loosely knotted on their heads and in many cases straggling down their backs.

## SENATE CLASH ON CURRENCY

Sharp Skirmish Shows Democrats Are Far Apart on Question of Banking Reform Bill.

### HOKE SMITH FORCES OWEN OFF THE FLOOR

Banking Committee Chairman Silenced as He Attempts Reply to Attack from Hitchcock.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 5.—The first skirmish over currency legislation in the senate today served to accentuate the division of the opinion among democrats.

Senator Owen, chairman of the banking committee and sponsor for the administration bill in the upper chamber, was forced off the floor by Senator Hoke Smith, also a democrat, while he was attempting to reply to an attack on immediate legislation delivered by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, another democrat.

Senator Smith's point of order, that the tariff and not currency was before the senate, forced Mr. Owen to yield, but he announced he would reply to Mr. Hitchcock's speech later.

"Advocates of this bill at this time," said Senator Hitchcock, "evidently go on the theory that if a business disturbance is to result from a passage of the tariff bill, it can be cured by creating a banking disturbance to last a year or more."

Senator Owen expressed surprise at Senator Hitchcock's attitude of urging delay "without giving a single reason for his course."

"The bill presented," he added, "contains no new ideas. Every idea in it is as old as the hills."

He referred to the Bank of England as affording precedents for his bill, and had begun to speak of the approval of the bill by Prof. Charles F. Muller of Harvard university when Senator Hoke Smith's motion, the vice-president ruled him out of order. Democratic leaders were stirred by the clash.

## SEVENTEEN HURT; CARS LEFT TRACK

Central Railway Train, No. 4, Ran into Open Switch Near Savannah.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., Aug. 5.—Central railway train, No. 4, carrying sleeping cars from Atlanta, Birmingham, Augusta, Macon and other points was wrecked at 7 o'clock this morning at Oliver, 46 miles from Savannah.

It is believed the train ran into a defective or open switch and six cars went off the track. Seventeen passengers are reported injured, but none was fatally hurt. Most of the cars that were off the track were day coaches. The engine remained on the track but the tender was thrown off. The accident, happening on the main line, tied up traffic both in and out of Savannah. A wrecking crew was sent to the scene from Savannah and is now at work clearing the track. Doctors were also sent from this city. The exact cause of the wreck had not been determined at 10 o'clock.

## ATTORNEYS PUT CONLEY'S STORY TO SEVERE TEST

Witness Admits Contradictions in Narratives, but Insists Frank Killed Girl.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 5.—Counsel for the defendant resumed cross-examination of James Conley today in the trial of Leo M. Frank, charged with the murder of Mary Phagan. Attorney Rosser continued to ask questions apparently intended as a test of the negro's memory. The question referred to statements and affidavits made by the negro concerning his alleged knowledge of the murder.

## CARRIERS OFFER 20 PERCENT CUT

Proposition of Railroads to Corporation Commission Is Turned over to Governor Craig.

### PRINCIPAL CUT ON GRAIN AND PRODUCTS

All Three Zones Get Relatively the Same Reduction on Shipments from the West.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Aug. 5.—A scale of reduction averaging 20 per cent is offered by the railroads to the corporation commission in western products, principal reductions being on grain and grain products. These are the commodities received in greatest volume by shippers. The corporation commission this afternoon presented the report to Governor Craig and the council of state without recommendation saying they preferred to have the matter discussed by parties interested.

The commission asked for a reduction of 28 per cent on grain and grain products and got it. On flour in carload lots the commission wanted 33 1/3 per cent, and got 29. This means a saving of \$24 a car to the shipper. The commission asked for a reduction of 25 per cent in agricultural implements in less than car load lots and got 19. Hay in less than carload lots was reduced to \$1.20 a ton; by the carload \$12. A reduction on flour not in barrels amounts to \$24 a car. All three zones get relatively the same reduction, waterpoints and towns on the Virginia line, already having lower rates than other points.

Governor Craig indicated that he would take his own time about considering the matter.

## WHITE SLAVE CASE ON TRIAL

Maurice Diggs, Indicted with Caminetti, Faces Trial at San Francisco This Morning.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, Aug. 5.—The trial of Maurice Diggs of Sacramento, charged jointly with Drew Caminetti with violation of the Mann white slave law, was called today in the United States District court. The trial of Caminetti is to follow that of Diggs.

Both pleaded not guilty to the charge July 29. Diggs is specifically accused of having transported Martha Warrington from Sacramento, Cal., to Reno, Nev. Another indictment charges Diggs and his Sacramento attorney, Charles B. Norris, with conspiracy to suborn perjury in preparing his defense to the charge of white-slavery on which both Diggs and Caminetti were brought back to Sacramento from Reno.

Theodore Roche, president of the San Francisco police commission, appeared today as special prosecutor for the government, having been named by Attorney General McReynolds after former United States District Attorney J. L. McNab had resigned following his controversy with the attorney general over the latter's order to postpone action in the Diggs-Caminetti and Western Fuel company customs fraud cases.

## MCANENY ACCEPTS FUSION NOMINATION

Defeated for Mayorality by Mitchell He Runs for President of Aldermanic Board.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 5.—The fusion forces, who last week nominated an anti-Tammany ticket headed by John Purry Mitchell, collector of the port, were overjoyed today by the announcement of George McAneny, president of Manhattan borough that he will accept the fusion nomination for president of the board of Aldermen. Mr. McAneny was one of two candidates for the mayorality nomination defeated by Mr. Mitchell, and there has been some doubt as to his acceptance of a subordinate place on the ticket.

## GENERAL PORFIRIO DIAZ REMAINS IN FRANCE

By Associated Press. Paris, Aug. 5.—There is no truth in the report published in the United States that General Porfirio Diaz left Southampton on July 15 for Japan to meet his nephew, Felix Diaz, and accompany him back to Mexico. The former Mexican president is still in Paris.

## FORAKER SAYS MULHALL LIED

Former Senator Admits He Knew Lobbyist but Denies His Assertions of Influence.

### ANTI-TAFT MEETING MYTH, HE DECLARES

No Conference Held to Organize Opposition to His Nomination He Tells the Senators.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 5.—Congressional investigation of Martin M. Mulhall, of the story of the alleged lobbying activities for the National Association of Manufacturers took on a dual aspect today.

The special house committee began grinding on the thousands of letters already introduced before the senate committee and prepared to cross-examine Mulhall on his claims of influence with various representatives. The first part of the day was taken up with preliminary testimony by Louis Selbold of the New York World.

The senate committee, having finished with Mulhall, began hearing some of the men referred to in his correspondence. Former Senator Foraker was the first and he generally denied Mulhall's claims of influence with him.

Chairman Overman today notified former Representative Charles E. Littlefield of Maine that the committee would be glad to hear any statement he desired to make. Mulhall claimed him as one of the friends of the National Association of Manufacturers in many fights before committees of congress. Littlefield recently wrote Senator Overman from Switzerland asking for a hearing and denying many of Mulhall's charges.

Union Pacific Reorganization. Foraker explained his connection with the sale of the Union Pacific railroad to a reorganization committee in 1897 which was brought into the lobby by investigation by David Lamar. Lamar testified that Foraker, through influence in Washington, took a leading part in the deal, at Lamar's solicitation. Foraker testified that at the time of the reorganization the Union Pacific owed the United States \$30,000,000 and one proposal was that the government receive only part of that figure in the case except in an effort to show that the government got the whole sum.

Foraker said he had known Mulhall since 1883, when he (Foraker) was a candidate for governor of Ohio. He did not know how active Mulhall was in his behalf in that campaign.

"I don't remember that I ever asked him to work for me and I don't know that I asked him not to," he said. Foraker denied that he ever favored any legislation wanted by the National Association of Manufacturers or that he talked with Mulhall about legislation in Washington. He said he frequently talked to men in the capitol, however, in those days about legislation.

"Before we got so good as we are now," he said, "I thought it was all right to answer questions. Of course I never had any idea that these conversations were to be made the basis of reports by some lobbyists."

Foraker flatly denied Mulhall's testimony of a conference at which many leading republicans opposed the nomination of Taft gathered at Foraker's house to discuss plans for concerted opposition.

"No such conference was held at my house or elsewhere," said the former senator.

Discussing the list of public men called as those whom the National Association of Manufacturers had "no difficulty in reaching and influencing for business, political or sympathetic reasons," Mr. Selbold testified before the house committee he had no purpose of implying any "moral obliquity" or "legislative impropriety" to the men mentioned.

"The basis for this list," said Mr. Selbold, "was the Mulhall letter, his personal narrative, and statements he made to me."

He told the committee that 400 or 500 new letters had been discovered within the last two or three days in which Representative Fairchild of New York was mentioned.

## M'ADOO HUNTS FOR EVIDENCE

### A MISCONCEPTION AS TO NAVAL BASE

Says London Press Concerning Reports of British Bermuda Intentions.

By Associated Press. London, Aug. 5.—The Washington reports of Great Britain's intention to establish a naval base in Bermuda are regarded by the London press as reflecting a misconception in America of the admiralty's plans.

It is admitted that the British squadron at Bermuda will be increased to four armored cruisers with a rear admiral in command, and a dock yard and coaling station will be established. It is declared, however, that this is merely to remedy a mistake that was made under Admiral Fisher's regime and for the very natural purpose of affording greater protection to British shipping which makes use of the Panama canal.

Under Lord Fisher's naval redistribution scheme a number of ships that had for many years been stationed at Bermuda were recalled to home waters. The four cruisers which will now be sent there will not be on permanent station, it is said, but will return home every summer for maneuvers.

The Daily Telegraph, in comment upon reports that the new plans were aimed at the Monroe doctrine, recalls that Bermuda was burned before the Monroe doctrine existed and that it became a coaling station for the royal navy in regular use as early as 1869.

## SOCIALISTS ARE URGED TO SUE SEATTLE CITY

Victor Berger Says They Should Recover from Loss by Riots.

By Associated Press. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 5.—Victor Berger, former congressman from Wisconsin, delivering an address on scientific socialism to a large audience last night, touched on the recent riots here briefly, saying that the Seattle socialists were not law-abiding citizens if they did not sue the city to recover the value of their property that was destroyed by the mob. He warned those who encouraged mob violence that their own property would not be safe when "the other fellows" began rioting.

"The red flag stands for international brotherhood," he said. "You should respect and love it. The American flag stands for the first experiment in political democracy. You should respect and love it."

## CRAIG ASKED TO PARDON OLDHAM AND HATCH

Brother of Rand Opposes Extending Clemency to the Convicted Hazers.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Aug. 5.—L. J. Merrimon of Wilmington and others appeared before Governor Craig today and asked for a pardon for W. L. Merrimon, R. W. Oldham and A. C. Hatch of Mt. Olive, convicted in Orange county of manslaughter in connection with the death of young Billy Rand at the university and sentenced three months. Oscar R. Rand, brother of the deceased is opposed to granting the pardon on the ground that the sentence was light and that pardon would practically nullify the judgment. Sentences would expire Thursday and pardon to restore citizenship would have to be made at once.

The governor said he would confer this afternoon with Solicitor Gattis and announce his decision tomorrow.

## SEVERAL COAST RESORTS ARE SWEEPED BY STORM

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., Aug. 5.—One of the severest electrical and wind storms of the summer swept the Norfolk seaside resorts last night including Virginia Beach, Cape Henry, Ocean View and Willoughby Beach. The wind reached a velocity of between 40 and 65 miles an hour and it seemed for a time as though the roofs of houses might be carried away. Rain fell in torrents. The wind did much damage to growing crops in that rucking belt, corn in particular suffering.

## Bank Examiner at Work Trying to Sustain Charge of Plot to Slump Bonds.

### CONGRESS WOULD LIKE TO GET AT THE FACTS

Treasury Secretary Is Preparing Himself for Expected Demands for Proof of Assertion.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 5.—Secretary McAdoo is conducting a quiet investigation to obtain evidence to sustain his charge that the recent sharp decline of United States two per cent bonds was due "almost wholly to what appears to be a campaign waged with every indication of concerted action on the part of a number of influential New York city banks to cause apprehension and uneasiness about these bonds in order to help them in their efforts to defeat the currency bill."

National Bank Examiner Starek in New York city for several days has been collecting data concerning purchases and sales of the two per cent bonds by the big banks of New York with the purpose of determining, it is understood, whether there has been any unusual transactions in those securities. This move was induced, it is believed, by the attacks upon the secretary for expressing the opinion of a probable concerted effort in New York to depress the two per cent bonds and demands for his proof.

Resolutions to investigate the situation are pending in congress and it is thought the secretary is preparing himself for the inquiry if it is ordered. Starek's report has not yet reached Washington.

## MAN FATALLY WOUNDED BY NEW YORK GANGSTERS

Lured to Coffee House and Shot Down by Four Gunmen.

By Associated Press. New York, Aug. 5.—William Lustig, a young man of whom the police know little except that he comes from a respectable family and who has a brother who is a process served attached to the district attorney's office, is dying in Bellevue hospital today, the victim of assassins whose work recall the gunmen's methods in the Herman Rothenthal murder more than a year ago.

Lustig is believed to have been lured to "Humpty" Jackson's coffee house by a woman last night. The couple had just taken a seat at a table when the woman suddenly left and Lustig started after her. He found his exit barred by four men with revolvers gleaming. They all fired and three of the four shots took effect.

A big black touring car whose motor was being started just as the shooting occurred provided means of escape for the gunmen, and they were speeding away before the policemen on nearby posts could reach the scene. "The gunmen threw their revolvers into the street."

The police have no clue to the identity of the men, nor any knowledge of what led up to the mysterious shooting.

## FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO NEGRO SCHOOLS

Bureau of Education and Phelps-Stokes Fund Trustees Investigate Higher Institutions.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 5.—The United States bureau of education, in co-operation with the trustees of the Phelps-Stokes fund today announced that it is making a study of private and higher schools for negroes. A report of the equipment of the different schools for negroes. A report of the equipment of the different schools, their work and their place in the educational system with which they are connected will be published later.

The Phelps-Stokes fund is the residuary estate, amounting to about one million dollars, bequeathed by Miss Caroline Phelps-Stokes of New York, for various philanthropic purposes among which is the education of negroes. Gifts have been made to the University of Virginia, University of Georgia and the Peabody college in Nashville, Tenn., for the maintenance of fellowships and research work in the field of negro education. A number of smaller sums also have been given for related purposes.

Secretary at Washington. By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 5.—Secretary Daniels returned today from a three weeks trip during which he visited Pacific coast navy yards and stations and fulfilled a number of speaking engagements.