

## LIND'S MISSION NOT CLOSED

### Special Envoy Instructed to Return to Mexico City if He Deems It Advisable.

### SITUATION NOW SAID TO BE "ENCOURAGING"

### Mexican Administration Disposed to Withdraw Some of Its Proposals, It Is Said.

By Associated Press. Washington, Aug. 28.—This was the Mexican situation in brief today:

Provisional Huerta has withdrawn his request for an exchange of ambassadors and asked that the present diplomatic status continue until after Mexican elections in October. By some that was interpreted as a concession.

Request for recognition as the "constitutional government ad interim," which was coupled with the proposal for an exchange of ambassadors was, however, interpreted by many officials as a practical reiteration of the original stand of the Huerta government.

Senior Gamboa, Mexican secretary for foreign affairs, pointed out that the demand of the United States for the elimination of Huerta would be met by a provision of the Mexican constitution which makes a provisional president ineligible to re-election. The Washington government, however, desires assurances more definite.

Lind Authorized to Remain. John Lind, President Wilson's envoy, was authorized to return to Mexico City from Vera Cruz. "In his discretion it seemed advisable." It is believed here that he will go and the negotiations over some of the disputed points, principally the retirement of Huerta, may be reopened.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan regarded the situation as "encouraging" and indicated they expected some change in the attitude at Mexico City, after the president's address before congress yesterday was digested.

United States Consular officers throughout Mexico were rounding up Americans advising them to leave Mexico and preparing means to aid them in doing so.

Major General Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, returned to Washington to take personal charge of any military measures to carry out the president's determination for strict neutrality.

Washington, Aug. 28.—John Lind was early today instructed to return from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, if in his discretion he deemed it advisable after President Wilson had received a message from him described as "very optimistic." While administration officials were silent as to the next move, the general understanding was that a way appeared to be open to the further discussion of disputed points, such as the elimination of Huerta.

After an early conference with Secretary Bryan and Chairman Bacon of the senate foreign relations committee, President Wilson let it be known he believed the situation in Mexico was encouraging. The president thinks things are changing in Mexico City and that something tangible will soon be known. There was no evidence here early today that the Huerta government had agreed to the American plan for peace but the disposition of the Mexican administration to withdraw some of its proposals has encouraged the belief in official circles that the president's message is having a good effect in Mexico. Should Mr. Lind deem it advisable to continue to Mexico City to continue in person the negotiations he is conducting from Vera Cruz by telegraph he has authority from Washington to do so. It is considered quite probable that he will do so.

U. S. Will Not Yield. Administration officials here today declared the United States would not yield on its demand that Victoriano Huerta, now provisional president of Mexico, should not be a candidate for the presidency in the regular election.

Secretary Bryan today announced that he had received a summary of the supplementary note of Federico Gamboa, Mexican secretary for foreign affairs, replying to the proposals of the United States for peace in the Mexican revolution, transmitted to the Mexican government by John Lind, President Wilson's special envoy. The supplementary note was sent to Mr. Lind at Vera Cruz on the night of August 25.

Senior Gamboa calls attention to a clause in the Mexican constitution which prohibits a provisional president from succeeding himself and charges that the United States was over-suspicious in thinking that Huerta would enter the race. Administration officials here, in answer to the point, declared that to apply that clause of the constitution to Huerta was in fact a recognition of Huerta as the constitutionally chosen provisional president of Mexico, a circumstance they consider contradicted by irregularities at the time Huerta assumed office.

Think Huerta Would Run. There is in the view of administration officials here, also no guarantee that Huerta does not intend resigning in favor of General Trevino or some other so that he might become a candidate.

## BAND OF NEGROES ATTACK OFFICERS

### Rescue Arrested Comrade and Later Resist Them with Guns.

### Special to The Gazette-News.

Yadkinville, Aug. 28.—One negro is dead, one other wounded, a township constable is badly bruised up and three negroes are under arrest following a mixup at a negro meeting near Huntsville, this county, Tuesday night.

Late Tuesday afternoon Constable J. E. Shugart received word that he was wanted down below Shacktown to make an arrest, and, taking his son Gurney, he started. He found that he was to arrest two negroes, Tom Hamlin and a Biting negro, for the theft of a coat from one Frank Warren earlier in the day. Procuring his warrant, Constable Shugart proceeded to the church where the negroes were holding forth. After placing Biting under arrest it seems that the Hamlin negro was organizing a crowd to rescue him and finally, with six comrades, made an attack on the constable and his son, demanding the prisoner.

After these things happened thick and fast, Hamlin is of powerful build and as the leader of the attacking party is supposed to be the one who struck Constable Shugart some hard blows, after which they secured the prisoner. As they went away Shugart fired on them, but the shot went wild.

This was early Tuesday night. Sheriff Poindexter, and Deputy Sheriff Wisman, with some special deputies, arrived on the scene shortly after midnight and soon several of the negroes were surrounded. In a pitched battle that followed one negro named Biting, was killed outright. It is not known whether the one killed was the one arrested for stealing the coat or not.

## GROWD EXPECTS THRILLS IN THE CAMINETTI CASE

### Defendant Indicates He Will Not Dispute Testimony of Lola Norris.

### By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Aug. 28.—The "thrills" were expected to be reached today in the trial of F. Drew Caminetti for violation of the Mann act, with the summoning to the witness stand of Marsha Warrington and Lola Norris, the Sacramento girls who accompanied Maury L. Diggs and Caminetti on their trip to Reno, Nev.

In anticipation of a rehearsal of the sensational stories told by these young women at the recent trial of Diggs, which resulted in his conviction, scores of the curious filled the court room today. Up to this time little interest had been manifested by the public in the Caminetti trial.

Before the advent of the two star witnesses in point of interest, the prosecution introduced the testimony of Reno police officers, a hotel clerk and Martin Beasley, one of Marsha Warrington, regarding the interruption of the party's sojourn in a Reno bungalow.

Whatever the testimony of Lola Norris might be, Caminetti has announced he will not dispute it. The prosecution has stated that it will attempt to prove that Miss Norris was pure until she met Caminetti, and that it was in Reno that she yielded after promise of marriage was made to her.

Thus far the wife, children and mother of Caminetti had not appeared in the court room.

## FOUR KILLED, OTHERS HURT WHEN STORE COLLAPSES

### By Associated Press.

Peterboro, Ont., Aug. 28.—Four persons or more were killed and several injured in the collapse today of the J. C. Turnbull company's store at George and Simcoe streets. Weakened by the walls due to alterations in progress caused the collapse. A hundred workmen, clerks and shoppers went down in the crash.

## HUERTA BARES TO TAX LARGE INCOMES MORE

### Full Text of Correspondence with Lind Is Made Public by Mexican Government.

### CALMNESS COUNSELED BY OFFICIAL ORGAN

### Huerta Claimed Laws Prevented His Taking Part in Election, but Resisted Interference.

By Associated Press. Mexico City, Aug. 28.—All the documents connected with John Lind's mission to Mexico City were published today in the Diario Oficial, the Mexican official organ, in their chronological order. They consist of the following:

1. The original instructions given to John Lind by President Wilson, which were quoted yesterday in the president's message to congress in Washington.

2. The reply to John Lind made by Federico Gamboa, Mexican secretary of state for foreign affairs, on August 16, which was made public in Washington yesterday contemporaneously with the president's message.

3. The second note presented by John Lind to Federico Gamboa on August 25.

4. The Mexican foreign secretary's reply to this dated August 26.

The two latter documents hitherto have not been made public in the United States. The documents are accompanied by an article under the caption, "Our Relations With the United States of America," which says:

"Since the strained relations existing between Mexico and the United States began, the ad interim government of the Mexican republic, with a full understanding of its obligations and the greatest possible spirit of conciliation to preserve the national decorum, which was in great danger of suffering a serious and transcendental affront had another line of conduct been adopted from that which was taken under the present circumstances."

"The strictly secret character of the negotiations which are still under way decided the Mexican government to withhold until today the publication as a whole of the correspondence exchanged between the two chancelleries."

"In view of the fact that the president of the United States of America has already submitted the case to the knowledge of congress in Washington, the constitutional ad interim government believes it to be its duty through its official organ to inform all the inhabitants of the republic of the state of these delicate negotiations."

"Purposely not a single comment is added because it believes that the documents are eloquent enough in themselves."

"It confines itself, therefore, to hoping for approval of its acts by the people whose destinies it temporarily guides and in recommending the greatest calm and discretion in order that the decorous and solemn course of the aforementioned negotiations may not be hindered."

"As a testimonial of the respect in which the executive holds the legislative power of the republic, the secretary of foreign relations has already informed the standing committee of the congress of the union of states of this international question up to date."

"After giving in full Mr. Lind's original instructions and Senator Gamboa's reply of August 16, the government organ publishes Mr. Lind's second note of August 25 in reply to the suggestion of Senator Gamboa that the United States recognize the Huerta government and send an ambassador to Mexico, an ambassador to the United States, appointed by Huerta, to be recognized by the United States, in return. In regard to this Mr. Lind says:

"As to the course of action suggested by you to be taken by the United States, I may say that the president of the United States regards the question of the recognition of the de facto government, seeking recognition especially at a time of serious domestic disturbances, only of such course of action in the judgment of the United States as can alone lead to recognition in the future."

## INSURGENT MOVEMENT AMONG DEMOCRATIC SENATORS FORCES AGREEMENT TO IMPOSE A HEAVIER TAX.

### By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 28.—An insurgent movement among democratic senators that threatened to break party lines on the income tax was stopped by democratic leaders today by an agreement to revise the tariff bill so as to levy a heavier tax on the incomes from large fortunes.

The insurgent leaders began with a demand for a party conference and claimed the support of 27 democratic senators out of 59 in the senate in support of an increase in the tax. They finally agreed to withdraw their demand for a special caucus, but the question will be taken up in a party conference tomorrow or Saturday.

It is understood that democratic leaders have agreed to a revision of the income tax section so that the extra tax on incomes of more than \$100,000 would be five per cent with an increase reaching 10 per cent on incomes of a half million dollars. The bill as it now stands provides only three per cent tax above \$100,000. The present rates on incomes between \$20,000 and \$100,000 also will be increased.

The agreement to retreat the bill came after Senator Yardman left the party ranks and voted for Senator LaFollette's amendment to increase the rates and Senators Reed, Thompson and Ashurst had threatened to take similar action.

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## TO GET FUNDS MILITIA MUST COMPLY WITH LAW

### Federal Government Will Not Assist Regiments Not Properly Organized.

### By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Federal funds are not to be used after January 1 next for the organized militia of the states unless the citizen soldiery complies with the law which declares their organizations "shall be the same as that which is now or may hereafter be prescribed for the regular army of the United States."

This order was issued by the war department today. The law was passed several years ago, and Secretary Garrison expresses the belief that "a sufficient time has now elapsed to enable the states to more definitely conform in organization to the regular army."

"If at any time the number of companies in a complete regiment falls below twelve, exclusive of the machine gun company," says the order, "the deficiency must be replaced within six months or the regimental organization be considered as permanently abandoned."

This principle of replacing missing companies within six months applies alike to infantry, cavalry and artillery.

## Never Again, Wails Navy Lord, Seeking Easy Chair

### Secretary Daniels Rides from Navy Building to Capitol in Automobile Truck and Today He Is Decidedly Grouchy, but Not Badly Hurt.

### By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Secretary Joseph Daniels has tried out many naval craft since he deserted the editorial chair to direct the sea fighting forces of the nation, but he announced today that never again would he cruise in a navy yard automobile truck. He tried it yesterday. When he limped into his office today and gingerly seated himself, even the negro messenger who guards the door of the office of the secretary of the navy apprehensively looked forward to a bad day.

## N. Y. COUNSEL STILL AT WORK

### Jerome Seeking Authority for Getting Harry K. Thaw out of Prison Refuge.

### OTHER N. Y. LAWYERS CONTINUE EFFORTS

### Try to Persuade Magistrate to Withdraw Commitment On Which Fugitive Is Held.

### By Associated Press.

Sherbrooke, Que., Aug. 28.—Temporary legal inaction marked the efforts of New York state representatives here today to have Harry K. Thaw, player of Stanford White and fugitive from Matteawan, deported from Canada.

The court victory of his lawyers yesterday in quashing their own writ of habeas corpus and having him re-committed to jail, meant either that he would remain there until tried by the Kings bench, criminal side, in October, or that New York, outflanked to date in legal skirmishes, must make some new move looking to his liberation and seizure by the immigration authorities for deportation.

Representatives of New York state worked today along two lines. William Travers Jerome conferred with the attorney general of the province of Quebec, seeking some means of obtaining his authority for getting Thaw out of his cell. Other counsel for New York continued their efforts to persuade Alexis Dupuis, a magistrate, or justice of the peace, at Coaticook to withdraw the commitment which he issued after Thaw's arrest here 12 days ago and on which the fugitive is held in the Sherbrooke jail.

Most of Thaw's distinguished Canadian counsel left town last night to recuperate after the rigors of their battles, and Thaw himself, content to stay in jail here, rather than take any chances of being deported either to Vermont, New Hampshire or New York by ill-advised liberty at this time, planned a quiet day in his cell.

Louis St. Laurent, the lawyer retained by the Thaw family to defend "Gentleman Roger" Thompson, who drove the automobile in which Thaw escaped, left Sherbrooke suddenly today for Quebec in an attempt to head off William Travers Jerome and Deputy Attorney-General Franklin Kennedy of New York, who went to Quebec yesterday in an endeavor to enlist the aid of Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of the province of Quebec, in their efforts to deport Thaw.

While Mr. St. Laurent is not the most prominent of the Thaw defenders, his home is in Quebec and he is the only one of the Thaw legal contingent who is a liberal in politics. Sir Lomer Gouin is a liberal. It is said Mr. St. Laurent received messages from prominent liberal politicians here urging Sir Gouin not to interfere in the case. Thaw devoted the day to letter writing. He also sent a number of long telegrams.

## SUPERSTITION CAUSED HIM TO WRECK HIS MACHINE

### By Associated Press.

Terre Haute, Ind., Aug. 28.—Fearful evil luck would follow him the rest of his days, if he ran over a cat that mangled his hand across the road in front of his speeding automobile, E. C. Brown of Oakland, Ill., ditched his car, containing five persons, near St. Mary-of-the-Woods, late yesterday. Brown's hands were severely lacerated; Miss Nadine Ewing of Louisville, Ky., received a broken arm, while Miss Bertha Walker and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cooper of Terre Haute were bruised and badly shaken up.

## FLAMES SWEEP THE IMPERATOR

## PALACE OF PEACE CEREMONIES BEGIN

### Feeling at The Hague over Limitation of Invitations to Affair.

### By Associated Press.

The Hague, Aug. 28.—The capital was gaily decorated today in honor of the ceremonies incident to the dedication of the Palace of Peace, Andrew Carnegie's magnificent gift home as a permanent court of arbitration. Many notable men, principally diplomats were here for other countries to attend the ceremonies.

The American minister to the Netherlands, Lloyd Bryce, and Mrs. Carnegie were also in attendance. Among the other Americans present was Oscar Straus of New York, a member of the permanent court of arbitration.

Brazil sent the warship "Benjamin Constant" to Amsterdam and her officers were in attendance upon the ceremonies of dedication. The Dutch tri-color, with the emblems of the House of Nassau, was displayed everywhere in the streets mingled with the festoons of evergreens and strings of tiny electric lamps.

Considerable feeling has been displayed over the strict limitation of invitations to the dedication, but the great hall will contain but 350 persons, and as the custody of the building is vested in the diplomatic corps at The Hague, their claim with that of the Dutch officials came first and monopolized all available room.

A garden party and reception has been arranged for tomorrow, however, to which 2000 invitations have been extended. At this reception the British minister will unveil the statue of Edward VII., and Mr. Carnegie will unveil the statue of Sir Randall Cremer, the great peace advocate.

The acceptance of the building by Minister of Foreign Affairs Swinderen on behalf of the diplomatic corps was his last official act.

## MUCH DEPENDING ON CLAYTON CASE DECISION

### Manner of Filling Senate Vacancies to 1021 Depends on the Outcome.

### By Associated Press.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Permission has been obtained by the friends of Henry D. Clayton, appointed Senator from Alabama by the governor of that state, to make additional arguments before the senate privileges and election committee, notwithstanding the elaborate presentation of his case to the committee last night by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, and R. B. Evans, legal adviser to Governor O'Neal.

The committee will take some time for consideration of the question inasmuch as the manner of filling every vacancy in the senate membership possibly as late as 1921 depends upon the outcome. Supporters of Mr. Clayton contend that under the new direct election amendment, vacancies in the terms of senators chosen at the time the amendment went into effect, must be filled by selection by the state legislatures and not by direct elections at the polls.

In the case of the term of Senator-elect Broussard of Louisiana, this would call for the legislature to fill a vacancy in his term of office should one occur before 1921, notwithstanding the people of the state will elect a successor to Senator Ransdell of Louisiana in 1918. They also contend the Maryland legislature must elect a senator to fill out the term of the late Senator Raynor, now occupied by appointment by Senator Jackson.

It is figured that five seats will fall vacant before 1918 and will be filled according to the decision of the senate, acting upon the suggestion of the committee on privileges and elections in the Clayton case.

## FAVORED BY MURPHY

### Endorses Suggestion of Comiskey That Baseball Rules Be Revised Next Winter.

### By Associated Press.

## Fire Breaks Out on Great Steamship With 1131 Sleeping Passengers on Board.

### STAMPEDE CHECKS FIGHTING OF FIRE

### Crew Make Desperate Effort to Rescue Two Comrades, Who Are Suffocated, However.

### By Associated Press.

New York, Aug. 28.—The steamship Imperator, largest vessel afloat, was swept by fire today as she lay at her dock in Hoboken, with her crew and 1131 stowage passengers aboard.

Second Officer Cobrick, who led the crew into the hold to fight the flames, was cut off from the men, enveloped in a cloud of smoke and suffocated. His body was found an hour afterwards, untouched by fire and brought ashore.

A season, identity not yet determined, one of the party who went down with Cobrick into the bowels of the vessel, also perished.

A fleet of fire fighting craft augmented by apparatus on shore surrounded the ship and proceeded to pour water into her hold. When the fire was checked at 8 o'clock the great vessel had listed fifteen degrees.

The small army in the steerage, aroused from their sleep by the crackling of flames rushed panic-stricken for the pier, where most of them spent the rest of the night huddled in discomfort at the shore end of the pier.

None of the steerage passengers had been inspected by the customs or health authorities. Because of this, armed guards surrounded them. The immigration authorities rushed them to Ellis island at the earliest possible moment this forenoon.

### Passengers Asleep.

New York, Aug. 28.—The great ship was dark with all on board asleep except the officers on watch when smoke ascending from the provision room was discovered simultaneously by a seaman on deck watch, and a petty officer on the bridge. Almost at the same moment the crackling of flames was heard in the steerage quarters.

A quiet alarm was sounded. Commodore Russor, commander-in-chief of the vessel, was among the first to respond. The crew of 1130 men were in their places within a minute. The complex fire fighting apparatus of the vessel was set in motion. Every compartment was ordered closed, except those which it was necessary to leave open for the steerage passengers to get ashore.

Passengers Stampede. The stampede of steerage passengers toward the deck checked for a moment the fight against the flames. Ships officers and hundreds of the crew, lined up in two columns along the route to safety, guided the terror-stricken men and women to the pier. With the ship clear, the entire force turned its hand to extinguishing the flames. For three-quarters of an hour they fought the fire with only the Imperator's own apparatus. Then despairing of success, the Hoboken fire department was notified and a general alarm was sounded.

In the first sharp skirmish with the flames, Second Officer Herman Gobrecht and Seaman Otto Strunts, caught in the withering breath of a belch of flames, were cut off from the door by which they had entered. Their companions were driven back to open air. Although they stormed the flames again and again, the wall of smoke kept them from rescuing Gobrecht and Strunts. When the fire was checked their bodies were found and taken ashore. Gobrecht and Strunts, like the rest of the fire fighting force, were equipped with smoke mask, hose and ropes which served as guide lines.

The wisp of smoke curling into the second cabin when the flames were first discovered had by this time grown into a cloud. Through this cloud the Hoboken firemen rushed, dragging their hose. The dining saloon of the second cabin suffered the greatest damage from the smoke and the firemen's passage. The handsome appointments of the saloon were wreck when the smoke cleared away.

### Fire Gained Headway.

Despite the reinforcement of the firemen, the flames gained headway. A tug, steaming slowly down the river, roused the water front with its siren. Fire boats from New York, a fleet of tugs and another battery of fire engines from Hoboken rushed to the pier. A heavy cloud of smoke swung lazily over the vessel and settled down on the floating nearby, were held in readiness to tow the ship out to mid-stream as the flames threatened momentarily at their height to destroy her. Preparations were made to cut the line's moorings when the fire boats began pumping water into the hold.

With 50 streams playing hundreds of tons of water on the fire every minute the flames finally were controlled and the vessel began to list. At 8 o'clock there were only two streams on the blaze and it was practically extinguished.

It was said that the Imperator's sailing tomorrow might have to be continued on page four.