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NOTHING MORE FROM HUERTA

Provisional President Regards
His Part of Communica-
tions With U. S. as
Finished.

CONFIDENT HE CAN
CARRY OUT PLANS

Early Severance of Relations
Between U. S. and Mexico
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evitable.

By Associated Press.

Mexico City, Nov. 17.—The report was revived today that General Huerta intends to resign on the convening of congress in regular session on Thursday. It was based on the alleged declaration of a member of the new chamber of deputies.

Mexico City, Nov. 17.—Severance of relations between the United States and Mexico at an early date is regarded here as inevitable in view of the continued declaration of Provisional President Huerta that he will not relinquish his office.

None of the newspapers, whether printed in English or Spanish, published today touching the situation and no indication was given in these of the intentions of Washington toward Mexico.

Whether the United States embassy is to remain or to be immediately withdrawn appears to be a matter of which Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American chargé d'affaires, himself is uncertain.

Staff Ready to Leave.

The staff of the embassy is ready to leave at a moment's notice and little surprise would be felt here, although much alarm would be caused, in case Mr. O'Shaughnessy and his establishment should take the evening train for Vera Cruz.

There was considerable gossip in political circles today of further changes in the Mexican cabinet. General Aureliano Blanquet, the minister of war, is said to have had a misunderstanding with President Huerta which may cause him to leave his post.

With the departure of Manuel Garza Aldape, late minister of the interior, foreigners here feel that the cabinet has lost one of its most level-headed members, an official whose moderation could be depended upon. His successor has not yet been chosen.

It was expected today that a further attempt would be made this afternoon to organize the senate, as Saturday's effort failed owing to the lack of a quorum. Unless the United States finds a means to bring about alteration of the present plans, the first regular meeting of the house will occur on Thursday.

Mexico City, Nov. 17.—Provisional President Huerta regards his part in the recent exchange of communications with the United States as finished. He expects to find no difficulty in consummating his plan to bring his new congress to full campaigns and carrying out his policies of pacification.

What further move may be taken at Washington is a question which neither move may be taken at Washington is a question which neither the Mexicans nor the foreigners here find an easy one to answer, but there was noticeable today an increasing expression of opinion that the United States would continue her hands off policy.

This was not a predominating belief, but those who expressed it pointed out that there was an element at Washington which would be contented to see the federal and constitutionalists play their own game to the finish, the recent taking of Juarez by the rebel forces being cited as perhaps an encouragement of such a disposition at Washington.

It was reported unofficially today that Chihuahua had been captured. The war department, however, has little information regarding the military operations, especially those in the north in which the rebels are said to be victorious.

The situation about Tampico, the center of the oil industry is described as acute. The rebels are urging the foreigners to cap their wells and to leave them as the rebels do not propose to leave an uninterrupted supply of fuel oil for the railroads nor to enable the government to derive revenue from that source.

Exodus of Foreigners.

The exodus of foreigners, especially Americans, continued today. The train to Vera Cruz was jammed. It was reported at the American embassy that no new instructions had been received.

Many American citizens who have reached here from southern towns in the interior of Mexico declare that the situation has now reached its most acute stage. A number of them are leaving for the United States.

WM. T. CRAWFORD DIED LAST NIGHT

Ex-Congressman and Attorney
of Waynesville Dies Sud-
denly at His Home.

Ex-Congressman William T. Crawford, aged 57 years, died very suddenly at his home in Waynesville about 9:30 o'clock last night. The deceased had been in ill health for more than a year, being a sufferer from stomach trouble and complications, but lately he had appeared much improved in health, and it is said to have remarked to friends last Friday that he felt better than he had for a long time. It was his plan to leave for Hot Springs, Ark., today for a month's treatment could be carried out. His sudden death came as a complete surprise to his hosts of friends in this and other sections of the country.

On Saturday, the deceased took a very active part in the bond election held in Waynesville and was apparently as well as ever. He did not complain of being ill, in fact, until shortly after 7 o'clock last night. While at the evening meal he said that he had a severe pain over his left eye and that he felt weak. A physician was called, and he was given all possible medical attention, but he continued to grow weaker, and at 9:30 the end came. All the members of his immediate family—wife, four sons and three daughters—were at his bedside at the time, with the exception of Hillary and Harry, who are students at the North Carolina A. and M. college. They arrived today from Raleigh.

The deceased was counted among the section's most able attorneys and popular and successful politicians. He was a member of the North Carolina general assembly in 1884, 1885 and 1888. He studied law at the University of North Carolina in 1889 and 1890, receiving his admission to the bar in 1891. In 1890, his last year in law school, he was first elected to the house of representatives of the United States congress, defeating Judge H. G. Ewart of Hendersonville. His political career following this date was rather checkered.

In 1892 he was again given the nomination for congress by the democrats of the district, and defeated Judge Jeter C. Pritchard. At the next election he was defeated by Hon. Richmond Pearson. He did not enter the political arena again until 1899, when he was a candidate for congress against Mr. Pearson. The first election returns gave him the position, but the count was contested, the South Waynesville and Black Mountain precincts were thrown out and Mr. Pearson was seated in the spring of 1899. Mr. Crawford was re-nominated by the democrats of the district the same year by acclamation, but was defeated by Major J. M. Moody. His next candidacy was in 1906, when he defeated Hon. James J. Britt. His last fight for congress was made in 1908, when he was defeated by Hon. John G. Grant.

In addition to these political honors, Mr. Crawford was selected as a Cleveland elector from his district in 1888. While in congress he was a member of some of the most important committees, and during the financial upheaval of 1897 he was serving as a member of the committee on banking and currency. During the same year he was selected by Champ Clark and John Sharp Williams to deliver an address on currency, and this address was later embodied in the platform of the national organization for the campaign of 1898.

He was a man of remarkably keen intellect and sound principles. He was considered the most popular man ever sent from his district to congress, and his friends everywhere were numbered by the score. In private life he was equally popular and successful. From 1899 to 1907 he maintained a law partnership at Waynesville with Capt. W. J. Hannah. This partnership was dissolved when the latter went west. Outside of the period he engaged in the practice of law alone.

Funeral Arrangements.

The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church of Waynesville, of which the deceased was a member for a long number of years, a trustee for several years, and for a long time teacher of the Baraca class. The service will be conducted by the pastors of all the churches of the town. The pallbearers have not yet been selected. A large number of Asheville people will go over for the services and burial. Interment will be made at the Waynesville cemetery.

Fatal Accident.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 17.—L. B. Lancaster of Brunswick, Ga., was killed, P. P. Stewart and wife of Hopkins, Ga., fatally injured, and a number of others partially hurt near here late yesterday when they were swept from a flat-car on the Waycross & Southern railroad while on a night-seeing trip. As their train rounded a curve a low hanging tree limb swept the car, crushing its occupants to the ground.

FOR EXTENSION OF WATERWAYS

Noted Enthusiasts From
Throughout East Gather
for Deeper Waterways
Convention.

FIRST MEETING TO
BE HELD TOMORROW

Besides Speeches and Resolu-
tions to Be Considered
Entertainment Is
Planned.

By Associated Press.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 17.—United States senators, governors, mayors and noted waterways experts are assembling here for the Atlantic Deeper Waterways convention which opens tomorrow. J. Hampton Moore of Philadelphia, the president, arrived today. Governor Blease of South Carolina is expected this evening and by no means the other leaders, among whom are Governor Charles R. Miller of Delaware, Governor Park Trammell of Florida, Lieutenant Governor Frank E. Howe of Vermont, Sigo Meyers of Savannah, Ga., Representative J. Charles Linthicum of Maryland, Senator D. U. Fletcher of Florida, and the Florida delegation in congress led by Stephen Sparkman, chairman of the river and harbors committee of the house, former Representative Bennett of New York.

The first meeting convenes at 8 o'clock tomorrow.

Mayor Swearingin will welcome the guests for the city and Governor Trammell for the state. Besides the speeches and the resolutions to be considered there will be several entertainments, including a trip on the St. Johns river, visits to the ostrich farm, a river trip and luncheon for the women, when 40 launches and yachts will convey them to the yacht club and a luncheon at the board of trade.

Palatka, Fla., Nov. 17.—The sixth annual convention of the Mississippi to the Atlantic Inland Waterways association which is working for all legitimate harbor and river improvements met here today for a two day session. Senator D. U. Fletcher, the president, delivered the opening address. The torpedo boats, Thornton and Tingey, are anchored in the St. Johns river here and are attracting great attention. The destroyer Preston did not come fearing the channel was too shallow. Noted waterways men from all parts of the south are here.

SANTA CLAUS WILL BE GIVEN A CLEAR TRACK

Secretary Lane Sets Aside
Convenience of Department
For Such Purpose.

By Associated Press.

Washington, No. 17.—In an effort to speed the flying hoofs of Santa Claus reindeer, Secretary Lane of the interior department has set aside the convenience of his own branch of the government and issued orders that the children's patron saint was to be given as clear and unimpeded a track as possible. To bring this about, employees of the department were instructed to refrain from forwarding package mail to Washington or elsewhere during the 10 days preceding Christmas, except in emergency cases.

The importance of the order and the aid it will be to the postoffice department in handling the vast amount of package matter during the holiday rush is seen in the announcement that a vast amount of package mail always is in transit between the various offices of the department. Secretary Lane believes the business of the government will not suffer by the brief let-up in its transmission, while the benefits to be conferred in relieving the mails of the matter will be great. The department's letter mail will go forward as usual.

RAYMOND BURNS, ARTIST, IS MYSTERIOUSLY WOUNDED

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 17.—Raymond Burns, a young artist whose specialty has been painting western scenes, is in a serious condition in a Long Island hospital today as the result of a mysterious shooting. He was walking in a park at Richmond Hill, L. I., yesterday when a bullet fired by some person unseen lodged in his abdomen. He walked a quarter of a mile to his home and there collapsed. The police believe that some amateur sportsman who had been practicing revolver shooting in the park fired the bullet which struck Burns.

COAL INQUIRY IS UNDER WAY

Interstate Commission Starts
Investigation Into Practices
of Hard Coal Rail-
roads.

TO TRY TO FIND IF
ROADS OBSERVE LAWS

Probe Promises to Be Most
Sweeping Ever Conducted
Into Affairs of Anthra-
cite Roads.

By Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 17.—The first hearing in the investigation instituted by the interstate commerce commission into the rates and practices of the hard coal carrying roads was held here today before Commissioner John H. Marble.

The commission seeks chiefly to determine whether the railroads have been strictly observing the interstate commerce laws whether their freight rates on coal are reasonable, and whether there exists a community of interest among them that is detrimental to the independent shipper and the public in general.

The investigation consequently promises to be the most sweeping ever conducted by any government agency into the affairs of the anthracite railroads.

The witnesses under subpoena to testify were officials of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, but it was expected that the forefront of the session would be occupied in the introduction of documentary evidence, including a mass of official correspondence subpoenaed from the files of the railroads involved.

Silas H. Smith, of counsel for the commission, announced at the outset of the hearing that the operating departments of the railroads involved would be first investigated, with a view to bringing out the service rendered on the handling of coal from the mines to the market. It was agreed that the documentary evidence should be put into the record without reading at this time.

Commissioner Marble announced that several independent shippers had entered informal complaints and that the Plymouth Coal company, a competitor of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Coal company, had asked to intervene formally with the privilege of cross examining witnesses. This, the commissioner said, would be permitted.

Edward E. Kerwin, division superintendent of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, was the first witness. He produced operating schedules in connection with the transportation of coal on the Jersey Central.

500 PHYSICIANS ATTEND MEETING

Southern Medical Association
Holds First Sessions in
Lexington, Ky.

By Associated Press.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 17.—Five hundred physicians and surgeons from many states were here today for the first session of the Southern Medical Association's annual convention. Several allied organizations are to have meetings here during the association's convention.

The feature of today's session was an address by Dr. Oscar Dowling of the Louisiana state board of health, who declared that 17 to 20 per cent of non-premeditated childless marriages and 75 per cent of the sterility in married life was due to venereal infection.

Dr. Dowling suggested education for parenthood, regulation of marriage and prevention of reproduction by certain diseases as a means of establishing higher ideals in American family life. He asserted that society's attitude of silence over everything pertaining to sex was passing and that a single standard of morality for men and women was becoming a social principle.

Health officers of southern states were to discuss "milk" at their meeting this afternoon.

The first annual session held by southern medical women will take place tomorrow. The Southern Association of Railroad Surgeons will be organized during the week.

STRIKE ENDED ON THE S. P. R'Y

Railroad Yields to Demands of
Men to Meet Federated
Committee From
Unions.

WHEELS WERE TURNING
WITHIN 30 MINUTES

Termination of Strike Resulted
From Proposal Made by
Federal Board of
Mediation.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 17.—The Southern Pacific, Atlantic system, trainmen and engineers' strike in Texas and Louisiana was ended today when the railroad yielded to the demands of the men to meet a federal committee of the four unions in the controversy. The men were ordered to resume work immediately and within thirty minutes after the announcement the idle wheels in the local yards began turning.

Announcement of the settlement was made by General Manager W. G. VanVleet, of the Sunset-Central lines here, and was confirmed by the federated committee of the strikes. It was also announced that official statements of details would be available from both sides about noon.

Mediation Proposal Accepted.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The termination of the strike was brought about by the railroad and its employees accepting the proposal of the federal board of mediation and conciliation that the railroad meet the committee of the four unions. This proposal was sent from here last night by the board and stipulated that in event of refusal by either party the question should go before the federal board for an attempt at settlement.

Word of the settlement of the strike was received by President Wilson, who has been much interested because of the position transportation lines along the Mexican border occupy in relation to any movement of the border patrol to enforce neutrality in the Mexican rebellion.

Textile Firemen Strike.

Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 17.—The union firemen in the textile mills in this city went on strike today. In pursuance of their vote yesterday to strike unless their demand for an eight-hour day was granted the men went to the mills this morning, started the fires and then walked out. The strikers number about 450.

Should the strike be long continued it is believed the mills, employing 35,000 operatives, would be forced to shut down, owing to the law which prohibits the operation of a manufacturing establishment for more than one week without licensed firemen.

The firemen have heretofore worked 12 hours a day and seven days a week. Before voting to strike the union rejected a compromise offer from the manufacturers of a 60-hour week with two days off in seven.

KING FERDINAND'S ABDICATION LIKELY

Ruler of Bulgaria Passing
Through Crisis—Son Would
Succeed Him.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—King Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, who arrived today in Coburg, is passing through such a crisis, in Coburg and Berlin, that his abdication of the throne in favor of his son is possible and even probable.

The king is residing incognito at the palace in Coburg. He spent this morning in prayer at the graves of his ancestors.

Austrian statesmen are doing their utmost to discourage his proposed surrender of the throne, because they consider the young Crown Prince Boris likely to be influenced by the element friendly to Russia.

King Ferdinand at the same time is receiving little encouragement in Germany. Emperor William and the German government have expressed themselves openly as friendly to Greece. It is understood that when King Ferdinand expressed a desire to come to Berlin he was given an intimation that such a visit would be useless.

Ferdinand is the youngest son of the late Prince Augustus of Saxony, Coburg-Gotha and was elected Prince of Bulgaria on July 7, 1887. He declared his faith in 1893 and was recognized by the powers. Bulgarian legislation here has issued a denial of the reports that he intends to quit the throne, but the denial is regarded here as merely perfunctory.

EMBASSY NOT TO BE CLOSED

SUFFRAGISTS ASK
PRESIDENT'S HELP

Delegation Requests Him to
Make Woman's Suffrage a
National Question.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Sixty-five suffragists from New Jersey visited the executive offices at the White House today and though they had no previous engagement were promptly received by President Wilson.

"We came to ask you to make suffrage a national question," Mrs. E. F. Feickert, head of the delegation, told the president, "and we would like you to include in your annual message support for the constitutional amendment now pending to grant to women the right to vote."

"We would like also if you would use your efforts to have the committee on rules in the house appoint a woman suffrage committee to push consideration of the amendment now pending in the senate and on which we would like to see an early vote."

"I was just talking the other day," returned the president, "with some gentlemen from the house about the appointment of a committee and we have the matter under consideration."

"Oh, thank you," chorused the women.

Mrs. Abram Van Winkle of Newark, president of the Women's Political union of New Jersey, told the president it was a function of that organization to enlist the working women of the state in suffrage and appealed to him to advance the cause.

A California woman who had been waiting to shake hands with the president slipped into the line.

"I voted for you, Mr. Wilson," she said proudly.

The suffragists wore no regalia or colors when they were received by the president, but as they left the White House flags and pennants were brought out as they prepared to storn the two houses of congress.

SECOND WEEK OF LABOR CONVENTION IS BEGUN

Less Strenuous Program
Faced—Socialist Delegates
Hear Speeches.

By Associated Press.

Seattle, Nov. 17.—The American Federation of Labor today began its second week's session with a less strenuous program of social entertainment before the delegates and promise of completion of business before next Saturday noon. Committee reports were in order today.

Socialist delegates to the convention held a mass meeting last night and made speeches, saying that the trade union movement without political action must fail.

J. Mahlon Barnes, of Philadelphia, delegate of the International Clear Makers' union, presided at the socialist meeting, and the speakers were Councilman Fred Wheeler, of Los Angeles; Max Hayes, of Cleveland; of the International Typographical union; Duncan McDonald of Springfield, Ill., of the United Mine Workers; and Joseph Cannon of the Western Federation of Miners.

McDonald described conditions in the Colorado coal strike district, and Cannon appealed for aid for the Michigan copper miners.

Friends of John Mitchell are booming for his presidency of the federation provided Samuel Gompers does not desire to succeed himself. If Mr. Gompers decides to retire he will be offered the editorship of the American Federationist and a pension equivalent to his present salary, it is said.

TURKEYS POSSIBLE AT 15 CENTS PER POUND

By Associated Press.

Boston, Nov. 17.—Turkeys at 15 cents a pound are possible if the right methods of raising them are used, Dr. Charles P. Higgins, pathologist for the Dominion of Canada, said in a lecture at the Harvard Medical school yesterday.

The disease of black head has been the cause more than anything else of the scarcity of turkeys," he said. "They can be raised at a small cost and marketed profitably at 15 cents a pound. To raise turkeys successfully, they should be hatched by artificial means and should be kept away from ordinary fowls."

Wilson Does Not Yet Regard
Mexican Situation So
Critical as to Require
This.

MAIN CIRCUMSTANCES
ARE SAME, HE SAYS

Late Developments Have Not
Impaired Confidence in
Ultimate Solution of
Problem.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson does not regard the Mexican situation as having reached any such critical stage as to require the closing of the American embassy.

Discussing reports to that effect today, he said Charge O'Shaughnessy neither had been given his pass "to nor been told to come back. While details as to persons had changed, yet the main circumstances remained substantially the same as when the president previously expressed a favorable view of the situation.

Summing up the status of affairs, the president indicated that while the personal attitude of General Huerta might have changed, the circumstances upon which the American government bases its conviction that Huerta's elimination is inevitable, have not changed at all.

"The mills of the Gods grind slowly," expressed the slow and steady purposes being pursued.

It was made plain at the White House that the peremptory resignation of Minister Alade did not affect materially the American plan, as it was pointed out that no scheme that this government might have could very well depend on the permanency of any member of the Huerta cabinet.

The president made it plain that the changes in the situation, though they appeared kaleidoscopic in detail, had not impaired confidence here in the ultimate solution of the problem by peaceful means.

No Mediation Offered.

Official denial was made at the White House to a report that Pan-American mediation was contemplated, and it was reiterated that no mediation of any kind had been offered to either faction. South American nations, it was stated, had been informed in the same way as European nations and have expressed in the main their desire to support the American policy. Brazil in particular, in not having recognized the Huerta government previously, is regarded as especially friendly to the American policy.

Secretary Bryan has ordered an investigation of the executions at Juarez, but thus far has been unable to reconcile conflicting reports.

Washington Silent.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Secretary Bryan was at his office early today reading over night dispatches in the Mexican situation from Charge O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City. The secretary was non-committal about the situation, declining to indicate what the next move would be or how soon developments might be expected.

Reports that the American embassy would be closed and Charge O'Shaughnessy withdrawn were persistent again today but no confirmation was obtainable, high officials being reluctant to discuss any phase of the report. Forced resignation of Minister Manuel Garza Aldape was regarded with deep interest.

ASK PRESIDENT TO SAVE WOMAN FROM HANGING

Connecticut Woman's Union
Trying to Prevent Execu-
tion of Mrs. Wakefield.

By Associated Press.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 17.—The Fair Haven Women's Political union, through its president, Mrs. Sarah Devlin, sent a letter to President Wilson yesterday requesting him to use his influence to save Mrs. Beale J. Wakefield from hanging next March for the murder of her husband.

A mass meeting to protest against the hanging will be held here Wednesday night under the auspices of the women's political union. Governor Baldwin is receiving many letters daily urging him to intercede.

If Mrs. Wakefield's sentence is carried out she will be the first woman to be hanged in Connecticut since Colonial days.