

NEW HUERTA MOVE RENEWS WAR FEAR

U.S. Must Return Salute Simultaneously He Insists

CABINET OPPOSES HIS NEW DEMAND

Warships Will Now Proceed to Tampico, It is Declared.

Washington, D.C., April 17.—Huerta has parleyed again. He demands that his salute to the United States flag shall be returned simultaneously. This President Wilson is practically certain not to accept.

This latest hitch at the eleventh hour when officials here expected the situation was as good as closed, was disclosed in dispatches from Charge O'Shaughnessy. President Wilson discussed it with the cabinet. Administration officials said privately Huerta's counter proposition would not be accepted.

The development confirmed fears of those officials who expected Huerta would equivocate again. Any intention of recalling any ships of the fleet now bound to Tampico was abandoned and those close to the administration expected to see President Wilson's demand for an unqualified apology backed up.

Makes Apology Valueless. The text of Charge O'Shaughnessy's dispatches was not made public but it became known that Huerta's latest proposal was that as his guns fired their salute to the stars and stripes an apology for continued affronts to the United States, that the canon of the American fleet should reply to the Mexican salute gun for gun.

Officials here were ready to acknowledge Huerta's salute of 21 guns after it had been finished, with a return salute such as is prescribed in equal custom and precedent. That would merely be acknowledging an amiable honor, they say. But to return Huerta's salute gun for gun, they pointed out, would make the apology valueless.

Officials described Huerta's latest move as an act to preserve his own dignity before the Mexicans of that part of the country under his control. While President Wilson and the cabinet will decide what shall be done, the opinion is expressed freely in official circles that nothing but a complete apology and such a salute as the United States demands, would be accepted now.

New Play for Time? While Secretary Bryan when he took the latest dispatches before the president, said the situation was "construable" but not finished. While House officials said the details remaining in dispute did not affect the "heart of the matter," it developed that Huerta's counter-proposition for a simultaneous salute was regarded as another play for time which probably would not be countenanced.

All the latest dispatches were laid before the cabinet. Practically all the members of the official family agreed to be agreed that there should be no further temporizing. Officials feared that Rear Admiral Meyer's demand for a salute "which will be returned by this vessel." This was pointed out as clearing up all questions relative to an acknowledgment of Huerta's promised apology.

Daniels Praises Badger. Washington, April 17.—Secretary Daniels today praised the dispatch with which Rear Admiral Badger got the Atlantic fleet under way for Tampico.

"How soon," in substance was the message sent to Admiral Badger, "can you be ready to start for Mexico?"

A few minutes later the wireless on the flagship Arkansas in Hampton Roads was contacted to report that the fleet would be ready to sail in 12 hours.

"This," said Secretary Daniels, "was the voice of efficiency speaking through space." The order to sail went out Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday morning found the gray fighters in Hampton Roads and at noon following the two-starred flag of Admiral Badger on the Arkansas the ships slipped swiftly seaward to join sister ships, hurrying from other ports for the Mexican gulf.

REBEL TROOPS MOVING AGAINST GUADALAJARA

Oregon Leading Expedition Against the Second City Of Mexico.

Chihuahua, Mex., April 17.—General Obregon with several thousand rebel troops from southern Sonora is leading an expedition toward Guadalajara, state of Jalisco, the second city of Mexico.

By the time Obregon, moving from the west coast enters the state it is believed the last of the federals will have been cleared out of the Terreon district and Villa will be free to join the campaign against Guadalajara. General Carranza has reported to General Obregon that the federal retreat from San Pedro was a disorderly rout. General Villa is in San Pedro, directing the pursuit from there.

Against Mexican. Douglas, Ariz., April 17.—Mass meetings were held last night in two of the camps composing the municipality of Cananea, Sonora, by Mexican workmen who demanded that the Cananea, Sonora, by Mexican workmen who demanded that the Cananea Consolidated Copper company discharge Robert Hedges, foreman of the Capote mine, who had incurred their enmity. This report came from Naco, Ariz. A general strike and suspension of work is feared.

GOETHALS WILL TESTIFY AS TO TOLLS REPEAL

Expected to Favor Repeal—Summoned at Request of Senator Simmons.

Washington, April 17.—Colonel George Goethals has been summoned before the senate canal committee to testify on the economic feature of the Panama tolls exemption for coastwise vessels. He is expected to favor repeal. The colonel was asked to testify at the request of Senator Simmons but may not reach here before April 24, the day set for closing the hearings. In that event Senator Simmons will not ask for an extension of the hearings but will either request that Colonel Goethals' testimony be incorporated in the record or presented on the floor of the senate.

Senator Simmons was said to be crystallizing in his committee today for an amendment to the Sims repeal bill stipulating that the United States will give up its rights of sovereignty over the canal by repeal of the exemption. Supporters of that idea hope to win the president to that view.

Port De France, Martinique, April 17.—An earthquake occurred here early today. There was no serious damage.

REPORT SUBMITTED ON EARLY CLOSING

Merchants' Association Hears Good Report—Endorsement for Playgrounds.

A report was submitted at the all-members meeting of the Asheville Merchants' association last night by the committee which has been working for some time to promote the movement for earlier closing hours for stores and other business houses in the city, the hour to be 6 o'clock in the evening every day except Saturday and 9 o'clock in the evening on Saturdays. The report was to the effect that 70 merchants have agreed to the early closing and that the movement, beginning May 1, promises to be altogether successful. The following firms have signed the agreement since the last publication of a list was made: Charles H. Honess, Asheville Paint & Glass company, Felton brothers, Asheville Dry Goods company, Piedmont Electric company, E. E. Galer, J. A. Lenard and J. F. Sims. It was stated by the committee that the members of the Merchants' association have been asked to speak of the movement from their pulpits next Sunday morning, commending it to their congregations. This association has previously endorsed the movement and it is thought that such action now, as asked, will result in great good by securing the co-operation of the public. A committee from the city Baraca-Philatheta union will call on all merchants within the next few days who have not yet signed the agreement and urge favorable action. The association went on record last night as favoring greater facilities for playgrounds in the city and co-operation with the city government in securing such playgrounds was assured. Committees were appointed to confer with the city school and aldermanic boards relative to the matter. The discussion of the new Federal reserve bank system, which was set for last night, was postponed until a future date to allow the members to give the question fuller study. No other important business was transacted, although two new members were admitted, W. B. Nixon and the L. I. Alexander Optical company.

FEAR ARMED RESISTANCE FROM RAILWAY ROBBERS

Parent and Smith Take Refuge in Swamp After Running Fight.

Escanaba, Mich., April 17.—Fearing armed resistance from Joseph Parent and Clyde Smith, suspected of numerous railway station robberies, who late yesterday took refuge in a swamp near here after a running fight with the police, possees guarding the swamp planned to move cautiously today in efforts to capture the alleged bandits. When Police Chief Iverson attempted to arrest the men they fired at him and then fled. The police pursuit led through a hotel where more than 50 shots were fired and a panic created, to a lumber yard where a brief pitched battle ensued and finally to the swamp, where the shooting continued until the men disappeared. No one was injured.

CASE AGAINST WALTERS IS ALMOST COMPLETE

On Trial For Kidnaping Boy Who Is Claimed by Two Women.

Opelousas, La., April 17.—The state today was to attempt to complete its evidence against W. C. Walters, on the charge of kidnaping Robert Dunbar, five years old, and claimed by two women as their son. Walters, an itinerant, was arrested in Mississippi with the boy in his possession. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dunbar of Opelousas, identified him as their son who had disappeared in 1913. Later Julia Anderson of North Carolina, claimed him as her offspring and said that she had given him into Walters' possession. Among state witnesses is a Bertillon expert who is expected today to assist in unravelling by scientific methods the most identification mystery.

FLAMES CAUSE DEATHS OF 11

Sweep Through a New York Apartment House—Four Others Are Seriously Injured.

FIREMEN EFFECT MANY THRILLING RESCUES

Victims Are Caught Trying to Reach The Fire Escapes—Official Investigation To Be Held.

New York, April 17.—Flames that swept through a five story apartment house at 741 Eighth avenue today claimed eleven victims and resulted in the serious injury of four others. Ten bodies were taken from the theatrical boarding house that occupied half of the building. Only four could be identified, the others being charred beyond recognition. The identified dead are: William Wallace, 45 years old; Nellie Wallace, his wife; Mrs. Nellie Spencer, a cloak model; and Muriel Davis, three years old. Mrs. George C. Davis, internally hurt, died in a hospital. The injured are: Joseph Messer, Martin Welsh and Charles Burke. The fire started in a pile of waste in the basement of a five and ten cent store which occupied the ground floor of the building, spread rapidly up stairs, shutting off egress by them. There were no fire escapes in front of the building and the large number of dead and injured was due to the refusal of the panic stricken people to remain in the front windows where many were rescued by firemen. All of the dead and injured were taken from the rear rooms and halls where they were caught while attempting to reach the roof and fire escapes. One man was killed in trying to escape over roofs. In the hour the flames raged many thrilling rescues were made by firemen working from ladders in front and from windows of a nearby tenement building. Captain Smith, who was suspended by his feet from a window, prevented Louis Boylan from being dashed to death when a ladder broke on which he was crawling from the burning tenement. Captain Smith seized Boylan and held on to him until both could be dragged to safety. The proprietor of the rooming house, a negro janitor and several of the rescued occupants of rooms in the dwellings were summoned to appear today before an official investigator. Driven Out by Fire. Chicago, April 17.—More than 100 families were driven from their homes today by an early morning fire which damaged stables of the United States Express company and nearby flat buildings more than \$200,000. The fire broke out in the express company's stables and 100 horses perished.

EXECUTION OF FRANK CARTER OFF

Carrying Out Death Sentence At Least Delayed Many Months by Yesterday's Proceedings.

THE CASE MAY GO TO U. S. SUPREME COURT

In Event That New Trial Is Denied by Highest Tribunal of State of Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., April 17.—The execution of Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan, which had been set for noon today, will at least be delayed many months by the action of attorneys yesterday, in the opinion of legal authorities here. It was pointed out today that a tedious process of litigation which may include a decision by the Supreme court of the United States, will now be necessary before the last recourse to save the convicted factory superintendent's life has been exhausted. It was generally expected that of the two motions filed by Frank's attorneys in superior court yesterday, that asking a new trial on grounds of newly discovered evidence would be first pressed for action. If, after arguments on April 22 this motion is denied, appeal probably will be taken to the Supreme court of Georgia, which already has affirmed the lower court in denying a new trial on previously submitted evidence. In the event that a new trial is again denied by the highest tribunal of the state, it is believed the motion filed yesterday for annulment of the conviction will, if necessary, be carried to the Supreme court at Washington. This motion alleges that, in violation of the constitution of the United States, Judge L. S. Ross, who presided at Frank's trial, advised counsel for the defendant not to allow the prisoner to be present in court when the motion was returned. This action, the motion states was founded on fears that physical violence would result to Frank should he be acquitted. Attorneys for Frank were quoted today as saying that the report of William J. Burns, who investigated the murder at the instance of the prisoner's friends, probably would be placed in their hands before the hearing on April 22.

BANKRUPTCY CASE LITIGATION ENDED

Bank of Andrews Restrained From Carrying up Case of Cherokee Extract Co.

Further litigation in the bankruptcy case of the Cherokee Tanning Extract company, which was defended in the United States District court and Circuit Court of Appeals by the Bank of Andrews, has been stopped by an order of Judge Frank Carter of Superior court, according to information received here from Murphy. Judge Carter recently issued an order dismissing all state receivers in the case and restrained the bank, the funds of which are now held in trust, from carrying the case to the United States Supreme court on the ground that one trust fund should not be used in the protection of another. The properties of the Extract company are now in the hands of Vonnor L. Gudger, permanent receiver appointed by Judge James E. Boyd, and the affairs of the concern will be promptly settled up, it is stated. It is expected that a reorganization will follow this settlement and that the operations at the plant near Andrews will be resumed within the next few months. This case has been one of the most interesting in western North Carolina of late years, a question of jurisdiction arising between the state and United States courts. It was chiefly on this question of jurisdiction that the case was carried up, and it is understood that the Bank of Andrews had anticipated carrying it to the Supreme court for review before the order referred to was issued by Judge Carter.

RECREATION THEATER BURNED BY MILITANTS

Great Yarmouth, Eng., April 17.—The theater on the great recreation pier here was destroyed by fire today caused by the explosion of a bomb left under a seat by a militant suffragette. The explosion occurred at 4 o'clock this morning and a few moments later the theater at the end of the pier burst into flames. It was recently rebuilt at a cost of \$100,000.

DEADLOCK ARISES IN POLITICS OF PERU

Lima, Peru, April 17.—A deadlock has arisen between Peru political parties over the presidential election to choose a successor to the exiled President Billinghurst. Followers of Roberto E. Leguia, former vice president, today rejected proposals advanced by the Pierola party as a solution of the difficulties. The general public is pessimistic as to the outcome and commerce is suffering considerably.

WILSON-M'ADOO WEDDING MAY 7

President and Mrs. Wilson Announce Date of Marriage of Miss Eleanor Wilson.

WEDDING TO BE SMALL, IS ANNOUNCEMENT

Only Marshalls, Cabinet and Immediate Members of Two Families to Be Present.

Washington, April 17.—The president and Mrs. Wilson announced today that the wedding of their youngest daughter, Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, and Secretary McAdoo would take place on Thursday, May 7. The announcement from the White House giving the date of the wedding also said: "In accordance with the wishes of Miss Wilson and Mr. McAdoo the wedding will be very small, only the vice president and Mrs. Marshall, the cabinet and the immediate members of the two families are to be present."

JEALOUS HUSBAND, 52 YEARS OLD, SLAYS WIFE

First Threw Her Against Hot Stove—Then Attempts To Kill Himself.

Boonville, Ind., April 17.—Throwing his wife, Mary, 42 years old, against a hot stove in his home here today, William Folsom, 52 years old, formerly a prosperous farmer, fired two shots into her heart, killing her instantly. Then he inflicted three wounds in his own breast, none of which, doctors say, will prove fatal. The shooting occurred from the wife's denial of infidelity made to Folsom. It is said, and her refusal of his demand that she surrender her wedding ring. The Folsoms have ten children, from three to 25 years old.

BOUND BODIES FOUND IN DEBRIS OF BUILDING

Lumberman and Stenographer Murdered and Office Building Is Burned.

Geddes, S. D., April 17.—Bodies of W. H. Menzie, manager of the Farmers' Lumber yard here, which was burned last night, and his bookkeeper, Miss Blanche Signal, were found today in the debris of the yard office. Miss Signal's feet were tied with a wire and her hands wired behind her. Her skull had been crushed with a hammer, found nearby. Menzie's feet were wired together and a wire was found on one wrist, the other end was broken. His skull had been fractured. There is no clue and no known motive for the murder has been discovered. Mr. Menzie and Miss Signal were last seen alive when they went to the office about 8:30 last night to do some extra work. Miss Signal had agreed to meet her mother at 9 o'clock. The fire was discovered at 11:15 but had gained irresistible headway.

SULZER'S CASE IS NOT IN COURT OF APPEALS

Albany, N. Y., April 17.—Appeal in the mandamus proceedings against the state comptroller, through which William Sulzer hopes to have the United States Supreme court pass upon the validity of his impeachment, was submitted to the court of appeals today, in lengthy briefs.

CUTHRELL FANNED 13 CONSECUTIVE BATTERS

Charlotte, N. C., April 17.—Striking out 13 opposing batters in a six inning game with West Virginia University at Wake Forest yesterday afternoon, Cuthrell of the North Carolina Baptist hung up a record for consecutive strike outs for college ball in this section. If not the country over, by retiring 13 in order on three strikes, Wake Forest won the game 2 to 0.

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