

## ARMISTICE IS ASKED BY MEDIATORS AS STEP TOWARD PEACE

### EUROPE URGED TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON THE PRESIDENT

**No Final Statement of Concessions Has as Yet Been Made**

**ASK MODIFICATION OF U. S. ATTITUDE**

**Huerta Permits Foreigners To Depart But Refuses Them Escort**

Berlin, April 29.—The South American mediators have approached the European powers, it was learned in diplomatic circles today, with the request that those nations exert influence on President Wilson to have him make conditions which would render the success of the negotiations possible.

Washington, April 29.—An armistice in the difficulties between the United States and Mexico has been asked of this government and Gen. Huerta by the South American envoys who have undertaken to avert war through mediation. Ambassador Da Gama, of Brazil, today notified Secretary Bryan that this had been determined upon as the next step in the negotiations and that General Huerta also had been notified.

No suggestion has been made to this government looking to the selection of mediators representing any other governments than Brazil, Argentina and Chile in the settlement of difficulties with General Huerta in Mexico, Secretary of State Bryan declared today. He refused to say how far the steps toward mediation undertaken by the three South American diplomats have progressed.

The envoys were not ready to make any announcement. However, conjecture took a wide range as to the various plans they are likely to consider. One was that at the outset both sides might be asked to temporarily suspend aggressive military action. While this would not suspend ordinary military or naval preparations, yet it would hold in abeyance any decisive forward movement. While the envoys would make no comment upon this report, it was regarded as a reasonable preliminary step and one which probably would receive their attention. The report also persisted that one of the proposals likely to be considered was for a provisional commission form of gov-

ernment in Mexico, but this also the envoys advanced in their study of the entire field.

As a result of the conferences held by two of the envoys, Minister Nonn and Suarez with Secretary Bryan last night there is little doubt the mediators understand pretty clearly the tentative viewpoint of the United States. But it is understood that neither side has as yet submitted any written final statement of what they would or would not accede to, the way being left clear to canvass each side and seek gradually to bring them nearer together rather than to develop definite points of disagreement.

The morning session was expected to last until 1 o'clock with an afternoon session and a night session at 8:30 p. m.

Washington, April 29.—While scores of Americans continued their hurried exodus from Mexico and Brigadier General Funston's troops were landing to complete the occupation of Vera Cruz today, the representatives of three South American governments resumed the preliminaries of their attempt to steer the Mexican crisis into the ways of peace. No intimation of the tenor of their program has been revealed but it seemed probable that three or four days would intervene before the next move. Whether or not the exercise of the South American envoys' good offices would progress to the point of actual mediation was a matter of tremendous importance to be settled by later developments but a spirit of optimism over progress of the negotiations was apparent in executive quarters.

Gather Information.

The army and navy today continued to execute succeeding chapters in plans to meet any eventualities but interest in their movements was overshadowed by that evinced in the work of the representatives of the South American republics. The three peace-makers are gathering all possible information from both American and Mexican sources with the aim of reaching some middle ground from which they may project their next move which might include asking the Huerta and the Washington governments to set out terms on which they would proceed to mediation. If that line were followed, it was suggested, the diplomats speedily could develop whether solution of the situation by peaceful means were possible.

Rebels Neutral.

A report today that Carranza had Villa, the constitutionalist leader, had agreed to remain neutral in dealings between Huerta and the American government "so long as there was no invasion of their territory" was an encouraging development.

News that American Consul Schmitt and 116 other Americans who had been detained at Aguas Calientes by federal soldiers had been released and were safe in Mexico City on their way to Vera Cruz was a relieving feature of a tense situation created by previous reports that citi-

zens of the United States had been subjected to persecution.

Refugee Movement.

Refugees continued to arrive at Vera Cruz from the Huerta capital and special trains today were to pick up additional foreigners between Mexico City and the coast. The transport Hancock was sent from Vera Cruz to Puerto Mexico to take away refugees arriving from the interior by the Tehuantepec railroad.

Reports at the navy department today stated that Charles F. Simmons had been in Mexico City March 13 when he said he intended to sail for the United States early in April. This was the last information concerning the movements of Simmons or his associates. A radiogram from the steamer Oregonian off Key West late last night stated that she had a number of refugees aboard.

Wounded Improving.

Supplemental reports from Rear Admiral Badger today stated that wounded marines and bluejackets on the hospital ship Solace continued to gain and that critical cases appeared hopeful. Fifty-nine wounded still are under treatment.

News of the continued constitutionalist attack on Tampico was received at the navy department. Rear Admiral Mayo stated, however, that there did not seem to be any serious attempt to take the city. He said the number of constitutionalists was small and that they did not have any artillery.

Admiral Mayo has arranged for the 120 American refugees now at Cervantes to work their way down the river to La Barra, where they will find a haven on the United States war vessels.

The superdreadnought New York, flagship of the new special service squadron, took on coal at Hampton Roads yesterday and resumed her run for Mexican waters today. She carried a number of marines.

Vera Cruz, April 29.—Anxiety in Vera Cruz as to friends and relatives in the interior has been greatly relieved by the events of yesterday which show that the Mexican authorities are permitting Americans to come down to the coast. Today the American colony here, which is growing steadily, settled down to await news from Puerto Mexico, of the arrival of three train loads of refugees from Mexico City which the Huerta officials promised Commander Tweedie of the British cruiser Essex would be dispatched from the capital last night. The route from the capital to Puerto Mexico, is long and roundabout, and it is not expected that the trains will reach the coast before next Friday. Rear Admiral Badger will have a vessel at Puerto Mexico, to meet the refugees. He probably will not send a warship as this might arouse anti-American feeling in a town which up to the present time has been entirely quiet. The passenger boats available here for the trip to Puerto Mexico, have limited wireless equipment consequently the arrival of the refugee trains together with the names of those on board may not be learned until the steamer returns to Vera Cruz. If the refugee trains are filling to capacity, as they probably will be, it is estimated that 800 persons will be conveyed to Puerto Mexico. It is impossible in Vera Cruz to determine how many Americans this would leave in the capital.

Way Cleared.

The release by General Gustavo Maas, the federal commander outside of Vera Cruz, of the hundred refugees who were brought in from Soledad yesterday by Commander Tweedie, clears the territory between Vera Cruz and Mexico City and the direct line of communication of all Americans with the exception of a few scattered families whose whereabouts are not known.

The Soledad refugees are enthusiastic in praise of Commander Tweedie, whose determined stand they believe alone saved them from probable death or at least prolonged suffering. On being released from the penitentiary at Soledad where they had been confined as a protection against the mob the refugees were handed over to a Mexican major who had no instructions as to what to do with them. A train bound for Mexico City passed by them but they were not permitted to board it.

After waiting for hours in the blazing sun, Commander Tweedie's train steamed into sight bound for Vera Cruz. Several refugees approached the British officer and told of their plight.

"You need not worry," Commander Tweedie answered. "This train will not leave without you."

Commander Tweedie calmly insisted that he be permitted to take the Americans with him to Vera Cruz and he refused to listen to the Mexican officers' protest that he had no authority in the matter. The Mexican officer finally backed down to the city.

### SINCLAIR AND WIFE ARRESTED

**Making Demonstration in Front of Rockefeller Offices In Protest Against Strike.**

**THREE OTHER WOMEN ALSO IN CUSTODY**

**Distinguished Socialist Says He Was Doing No Harm—Wife Has Been Released.**

New York, April 29.—Upton Sinclair, his wife and three women were arrested today after a demonstration in front of the offices of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in the Standard Oil building. They had come to protest against the Colorado strike. A woman who said she was a socialist, invaded the outer offices of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. in the Standard Oil building today and sought to interview him with reference to the coal miners strike in Colorado.

Mr. Rockefeller's secretary told her that he was busy at a conference. The woman carried an American flag into the offices and described herself as Mrs. Belle N. Silverman. She was joined on the sidewalk by Upton Sinclair, who wore a bit of crepe on his arm in pursuance of a plan announced at a socialist mass meeting last night where it was agreed that "indignities" should be inflicted in front of the Standard Oil building as a protest against the sacrifice of lives in Colorado. Mrs. Silverman and Sinclair were the first to arrive on the scene.

Mrs. Silverman sought to place this message before the younger Rockefeller: "I am an American citizen, standing at your door, waiting for just a word with you. Will you grant me this request? My question will be brief and to the point."

The prisoners were taken to the Old Slip police station where Mrs. Sinclair was released. The other women, who were placed in cells pending their arraignment in court, said they were Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman, an English suffragette, who has once been in jail with Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst; Mrs. Margaret Remington Chatter; and Mrs. Donie Lietner. All had been arrested on the sidewalk in front of 26 Broadway.

"I wasn't doing a thing but walking up and down in the street with a piece of crepe on my arm," said Sinclair. "A policeman stopped me and said that if I did not stop walking I would have to go along with him. I told the policeman I did not see any reason why I should stop walking and he promptly placed me and my associate under arrest."

### PAUSE COMES IN STRIKE WAR

**Downpour of Rain Drives the Strikers to Cover—Violence Is Suspended Throughout the Zone.**

**FEDERAL TROOPS ARE NOW IN CANON CITY**

**Confidence Is Expressed That Federal Troops Will Be Able to Control the Situation.**

Denver, April 29.—Violence in the strike zones of Colorado came to an end shortly after midnight when a downpour of rain drove to cover striking miners who were attacking the Walsen mine near Walsenburg, the only point in Colorado where actual violence obtained, and today dawned with the prospect at least of peace between the warring industrial factions. Federal troops from Fort D. A. Russell, Cheyenne, Wyo., arrived in Colorado early today and troops from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, were expected to reach the state before night. The soldiers from Wyoming went to Canon City, and the troops from Kansas probably will go to Trinidad.

The situation in the northern district became quiet yesterday when the strikers ran out of ammunition and their supply could not be replenished, and upon the arrival of the state troops there.

In official circles here and among the union leaders there was expression of confidence that the federal troops would control the situation. Governor Ammons, however, reiterated his determination not to withdraw any of the state troops from localities which will not be amply protected by the federal soldiers.

President Wilson's proclamation gives the strikers, "gunmen" and others until tomorrow to return to their various abodes peacefully and to cease all acts of lawlessness. From that moment all violators of law and order must answer to the federal government.

In Trinidad today the situation was quiet.

### LITTLE HOPE FOR MINERS

**STEAMER IS LOST; 20 BELIEVED DEAD**

**BENJAMIN NOBLE FOUNDERS OF DULUTH—NOT A MAN REACHED SHORE.**

**A TRUE BILL AGAINST PAUL CONWELL FOUND**

**Is Charged With Murder of J. H. Taylor, Lee Street Groceryman.**

Duluth, Minn., April 29.—The steamer Benjamin Noble is lost off Duluth and 20 men are believed dead. Wreckage was found on Park Point. Life savers are unable to launch a boat because of the high seas. Not a man reached shore so far as known.

Duluth, Minn., April 29.—The Taylor murder proved to be one of the most mysterious ever known in the county, and officers searched for many weeks without finding any satisfactory evidence or clues pointing to anyone. It was thought that a burglar who had entered the store was surprised by Mr. Taylor after which the two struggled with the result that Mr. Taylor was killed.

Conwell was arrested by the local authorities a few days after the murder on a minor charge. It was learned that the Alamance county authorities wanted him on the roads and he was sent there. About the time his term there was up the local authorities brought him back to Greensboro, having secured evidence which they thought pointed to him as the guilty party.

**178 STILL BURIED IN WRECKED SHAFT**

**Sixty-Seven of the Miners Entombed by Blast at Eccles, West, Va. Are Taken Out Alive.**

**MANY OF RESCUED BURNED SEVERELY**

**Explosion Followed by Flames—Governor Hatfield Is Directing The Rescue Work.**

Eccles, W. Va., April 29.—Eight bodies have been recovered from shaft No. 6 of the New River Collieries company, which with shaft No. 5 was wrecked by an explosion yesterday. Sixty seven men were taken out alive. There are no more men in No. 6. One hundred and seventy eight are buried in No. 5 and officers of the company expressed the opinion this morning that none would escape.

Efforts at Rescue

A rescue party was dropped down shaft No. 5 soon after 8 o'clock and got within 129 feet of the bottom. There the progress of the cage was stopped by broken and twisted timbers and a heavy fall of earth. Work was commenced clearing away the debris and it was thought the bottom could be reached this afternoon.

No gas was detected on this level and mining experts expressed the belief the mine was not then on fire.

Governor H. D. Hatfield of West Virginia is in charge of the relief work, while Earl Henry, chief of the state department of mines, and H. C. Bayles, general manager of the col.

### STEAMSHIP ERROLL NOT IN PERILOUS POSITION

**May Be Floated at High Tide—Crew Refuses to Leave The Vessel.**

**Coupon Fight Postponed.**

Washington, April 29.—The proposed prohibitive tax to stop the practice of lending gift coupons with cigars, cigars and tobacco, along with gifts and tobacco attachments, it was announced today, has been postponed by the house ways and means committee until next December.

### JAPAN WOULD NOT ACT FOR HUERTA

**Declined to Carry On Diplomatic Affairs With The United States.**

Washington, April 29.—The Japanese government, it has developed, was asked and declined to act for the Huerta administration through its diplomatic representatives in Washington and its consuls in the United States prior to Mexico's application to Spain to perform this mission, which was accepted.

### REYNOLDS AT FOREST CITY

**Special to The Gazette-News.**

Forest City, April 29.—Bob Reynolds, candidate for congress from the tenth district spoke here Monday night. This is Mr. Reynolds' first appearance in Forest City and the second speech in the county. The speaking was held in the open air on the square, from the veranda of hotel Mabree.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM CAPITAL CITY

**Special to The Gazette-News.**

Raleigh, April 29.—After serving more than a year of a two years sentence for abandoning his wife, who is 35 years younger than he is, John A. Smith, Union county, has received a pardon from Governor Craig, having complied with conditions exacted. These were that he deed to his wife 40 acres of land and turn over to her \$1200 in money and good securities, which have been raised by Smith with the assistance of his brothers.

The battery of his Raleigh team of the Carolina baseball league was reinforced today with the addition of Joe Graves, an Indian lefthanded pitcher; and Gingna, right handed pitcher, both from the Philadelphia Nationals.

Governor Craig will remain in the Western part of the state until May 10, making headquarters in Asheville and going out to various points to deliver school closing and other addresses.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bolton and Mrs. Fred Kent have as their guest their cousin, Mrs. W. S. Ballou of Providence, R. I.

**Going, Going—Three Days**

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By Frederic J. Haskin

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