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MEDIATORS OBTAIN DEFINITE RESULTS

Pave Way For Armistice Among All Warring Factions.

ENCOURAGEMENT IN CARRANZA'S ACTION

Crucial Stage in Negotiations Still to Be Met, However.

Diplomatists Surprised That So Much Has Been Accomplished in Short Time—Mediators Consult

Men Identified With Mexican Factions—

Proposal to Carranza.

Washington, April 30.—It was asserted here today on unquestionable authority that the South American envoys who are seeking to avert a crisis in Mexico have appealed to European governments for friendly offices to facilitate mediation between Mexico and the United States. The appeal, it was stated, did not include a request, as reported from abroad, that the powers use their influence upon President Wilson to name conditions which would insure success of the negotiations.

Washington, April 30.—It also was learned that a proposal to General Carranza, as the head of the constitutionalists, to join the armistice proposed between the United States and Huerta, has been made by the mediating envoys. The proposal was forwarded to General Carranza following his acceptance of the good offices of Brazil, Argentina and Chile, and is a part of the plan of the envoys to secure a general cessation of hostilities in all Mexico pending the mediation negotiations.

Washington, April 30.—The mediators of the South American republics who are seeking to compose the Mexican crisis resumed their sessions at the Argentine legation to-day. Their plans were for a morning session from 10:30 o'clock until 1, an afternoon session and the evening to be devoted to conferences and possibly a late night session as circumstances might require.

The mediators were greatly encouraged in their work by the definite results already accomplished, first, in paving the way to an armistice among all the warring factions and, second, in bringing Carranza within the scope of their intercession. It has been a matter of surprise to diplomatic and official circles generally that this much has been accomplished by the mediators in the few days that they have been at work and doubts as to their efforts which prevailed in some quarters during the early stages are giving way to a more general feeling of confidence.

It is still felt, however, that the crucial stage in the negotiations yet to be met and that this will develop within the next few days. Notwithstanding this, the spirit of concession thus far shown gives

the same spirit of conciliation which will permit them to find some middle ground of common agreement.

Ministers Called in.

At the morning meeting several South American ministers were called into conference. It was understood this related to a plan advanced by some of the South American countries to have all of the representatives join as a semi-official part of the mediation procedure. It is the expectation, however, to continue the organization as now formally accepted by all elements and at the same time to have the co-operation and backing of the United States.

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Administration leaders hope to conduct the fight along the lines followed in putting through the tariff and current bills. If this is adhered to the attention of the Senate will be directed as closely as possible to the tolls rather than to the tolls themselves.

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WM. V. ASTOR WEDS MISS HUNTINGTON

Ceremony Is Performed In the Presence of Few Friends And Relatives.

Staatsburg, N. Y., April 30.—William Vincent Astor, son of the late Colonel John Jacob Astor, and Miss Helen Dinsmore Huntington, whom he has known since childhood, were married here shortly after noon today in the big oak panelled library of Hopeland house, home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Huntington.

Less than fifty persons witnessed the ceremony and of these three were the superintendents of the Astor, Huntington and the Dinsmore estates respectively. The other guests were relatives and close friends of the families. Plans had been made for an elaborate church wedding but Mr. Astor's recent illness which threatened pneumonia made necessary the abandonment of these plans. Eighteen hundred wedding announcements were sent out after today's ceremony but the small company that witnessed it had been invited by informal notes, penned by Mrs. Huntington's secretary.

A fine rain was falling when the few guests from New York city arrived at the 400 acre Huntington estate. Guards had been posted at the entrances and only those whose credentials were unquestioned were admitted.

Mr. Astor himself is a deputy sheriff of Dutchess county and some of his fellow deputies acted as sentinels at the gates.

Green foliage and spring flowers from the Huntington conservatories and from New York hung everywhere throughout the rooms of Hopeland house. Buried in blossoms with here and there a touch of green was the marble mantel piece in the library before which the couple stood. Miss Huntington entered the room on the arm of her father. At her throat gleamed a magnificent necklace of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom.

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BILL REPORTED TO REPEAL TOLLS ACT

Goes to Senate With Simmons Amendment Without Recommendation.

Washington, April 30.—Administration leaders yesterday won the second round of their fight to repeal the free tolls provision of the Panama canal act, when the Senate Canal Committee, by a vote of 3 to 6 ordered the house bill carrying the repeal to be reported to the Senate. Coupled with the bill will be reported an amendment proposed by Senator Simmons and approved by the committee, which reads:

"Provided, that neither the passage of this act, nor anything therein contained, shall be construed or held as waiving, impairing, or affecting any treaty or other right possessed by the United States."

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