

PIRATES ATTACKED STEAMER SIBERIA?

Big Ship In Distress off Coast of Formosa Wireless Says.

MRS. F. B. HARRISON AMONG PASSENGERS

Japan Sends a Warship to Scene of Disaster; S. O. S. Calls Cease.

Tokio, May 1.—A dispatch from Tai-Pe-Fu reports that the steamer Siberia is ashore in a perilous position off the southeast coast of the island of Formosa.

The Siberia, Captain Zeeder, belongs to the Pacific Mail Steamship line and plies between San Francisco, Honolulu, Yokohama and Hong Kong.

A dispatch received here tonight from the capital of Formosa conveyed the alarming intimation that Chinese pirates may have had something to do with the reported disaster to the liner Siberia.

No details of the accident to the steamer off the coast of Formosa had been received here up to 10 o'clock tonight.

Distress Signals According to advices here the vessel is six miles from the mainland. A wireless station on the Japanese coast picked up distress signals sent out from the Siberia by wireless to the American steamship Minnesota.

The Siberia also was in communication with the British cruiser Minotaur.

George W. Guthrie, the American ambassador to Japan, as soon as he heard of the condition of the Siberia, requested the Japanese foreign office to send a warship to her aid.

Mrs. Harrison came to Japan from Manila for a short visit. She embarked on the Siberia at Yokohama.

The Japanese navy department has received and made public the following dispatch:

The governor-general of Formosa cables that a Japanese cruiser, on her way to the Okinawa islands off the island of Kiu-shiu, reports that the Pacific Mail steamer Siberia met disaster this morning in latitude 121.10 east, longitude 22.40 north.

San Francisco, May 1.—The following passengers boarded the Siberia here for the Orient: For Manila: W. B. Beard, George M. Egan, Miss Eleanor Gillis, Arthur Hallberg, Miss Amelia P. Klein, Howard Long, Mrs. James G. Palmer,

Leutenant V. C. Rees, O. C. Whitaker, Mrs. O. C. Whitaker. For Hong Kong: J. Donald Darnest, Bruce D. Ellis, Mrs. Bruce D. Ellis, Danforth B. Ferguson, J. St. C. Hunt, Mrs. J. St. C. Hunt, John Hunt, Miss Lulah Hunt, Mrs. Grace C. Lawton, Francis H. Love, W. D. Whittemore, Dr. Wong Him, Miss Catherine A. Wong Him.

The following passengers boarded the Siberia at other points: Yokohama: J. W. Dorris; Kobe: Mrs. H. G. Guttridge, Miss Harriet Guttridge, O. H. Guttridge, Mrs. D. H. Greenebaum, Miss Katie Dukes, Mrs. M. Bremer, Nagasaki: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson; Yokohama: Mrs. Francis B. Harrison.

REFUGEES SAFELY LEAVING MEXICO

All Seem to Be Making Way To Coast Towns Without Molestation.

Washington, May 1.—Among refugees reported by Consul Canada to the state department as having arrived safely at Vera Cruz, Mexico, are a colony from the Alvarado Construction company, of Pittsburgh, located at Macineco, state of Oaxaca, who completed their journey from Alvarado in a fishing schooner, Eugene Knigge, of Yorktown, Texas, was a member of the party.

The following arrived from Oaxaca by way of Mexico City: Dr. H. A. Monday and wife of Terrell, Texas, and William Fernandez and wife, of Brownville, Texas. They reported that 27 other Americans were on a train bound for Puerto Mexico. They boarded the train in Mexico City they said, without molestation and completed the journey without interference.

Consul Canada further reported that a number of Americans are making safe progress out of the country. The son of Ralph Smith of Jacksonville, Fla., he said, has arrived at Vera Cruz and is said to have left for the United States.

Consul General Bucklin, at Guatemala, was today instructed by the state department to furnish food, transportation across the country and ship passage to New Orleans for 165 American refugees now on their way to San Jose, Guatemala, from Salina Cruz, on the Mexican Pacific coast.

Consul Canada advises that Buster Wilson, who was taken off Charge O'Shaughnessy's train at Lavilla and sent back, is reported safe in Mexico City.

The consular district of Durango has been canvassed by Consul Hamm for Americans and he reported there are fifty in Durango, fourteen in Torreon and sixteen others scattered.

Rocheater, N. Y., April 30.—Dispatches from Oswego, N. Y., today report the loss of six lives in the wrecking of three schooners and one tug in a storm on Lake Ontario.

PEOPLE IN VERA CRUZ CHEERFUL

Enjoying Increased Freedom—Many Would Like Continuation of The Present Conditions.

SOME IN FAVOR OF ENTIRE OCCUPATION

Partial Occupation of Mexico Also Suggests—Exodus of Refugees From Interior Continues.

Vera Cruz, May 1.—With the occupation of Vera Cruz by American soldiers under Brigadier General Funston an accomplished fact, and the return to their vessels in the harbor of the sailors and marines who took the port from the Mexicans, questions of the future today are beginning to engage the attention of American refugees and Mexican business men.

Americans and Mexicans alike lack anything in the nature of a definite statement on this subject and they all are trying to interpret, from the trend of events since the seizure, whether the American occupation of Vera Cruz is to be permanent.

Today they admit frankly that they are enjoying greater freedom from apprehension, more personal liberty and a larger measure of prosperity owing to the influx of American money than they have known in many years.

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This statement of general conditions is made by Mexicans to support the idea that complete American occupation is the only thing that will bring lasting peace.

There also is an element of Mexican and American refugees now in Vera Cruz who express doubt that the mediation undertaken by Argentina, Brazil and Chile or that similar negotiations will bring about a stable coalition of the warring factions in the republic or result in the re-establishment of order.

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City in District. Gen. Funston has followed in general the scheme for garrisoning adopted (Continued on page 11)

STRIKERS MAY GIVE UP ARMS

Presence of Federal Troops in Colorado Strike Zone Has Put an End to The Outbreaks.

NO VIOLENT ACT FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Interest Centers in the Coming Special Legislative Session And Possible Surrender Of Arms.

Denver, May 1.—Action of the coming special session of the Colorado legislature in regard to the coal miners' strike, the disposition of the federal troops in the southern strike zone, the decision of the strikers at Trinidad relative to the surrender of arms and possibility of further federal intervention in the labor controversy were the absorbing features of the strike situation today.

In Trinidad today a vote was to be taken by the strikers as to whether they would surrender their arms to the federal forces under Major Holbrook. The action taken there, it is thought, will be followed in detail by the strikers in Huertano and Fremont counties.

Major Holbrook had publicly stated that the federal troops had no intention of disarming the mine guards so long as they remain on company property and confined their activities to protecting the company property.

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SEEMS CERTAIN 172 MINERS ARE DEAD

Work of Locating Bodies Goes On—13 Have Been Taken From Shaft.

Ecclus, W. Va., May 1.—Rescue crews had assembled 12 bodies at the foot of the shaft in mine No. 5 of the New River coal company when they resumed their work today of exploration in the hope of locating all of the 172 men who it now seems certain lost their lives in the explosion last Tuesday afternoon.

Pumps were kept going during the night and by dawn the mine was comparatively free of water. But the force of the explosion was so great that masses of earth and rock were dislodged and the galleries choked. It may be several days before the dead are recovered.

SPANISH VETERANS MAY PARTICIPATE IN WAR

If Volunteers Are Needed in Mexico They Will Have a Chance to Volunteer.

Provisional Division Commander John A. Guffy, who is in command of the Spanish-American war veterans camps in this state, has just received a reply to the message he sent to Commander-in-Chief John Lewis Smith of Washington several days ago, in which he offered the services of the 2000 veterans of this state in case they are needed in the present trouble in Mexico.

Washington, April 30.—The cruiser Washington was ordered to leave Lynn Haven roads for Vera Cruz today.

1500 REFUGEES CAN'T GET OUT

Unable to Leave Mexico City On Account of Interrupted Railroad Facilities

ARRIVED JUST AFTER LAST TRAIN DEPARTED

British and Brazilian Officials Railroad Communication Asked to Try to Have Railroad Communication Restored.

Washington, May 1.—Consul Canada at Vera Cruz reported to the state department today that there still are 1,500 Americans in Mexico City unable to get out because of interrupted railroad facilities. These are for the most part new arrivals in the Mexican capital from the surrounding country.

They arrived just after the departure of the last train for Vera Cruz. Consul Canada has asked the Brazilian minister and Admiral Craddock, the British commander, to exercise their efforts to restore railroad communication with the capital.

FIND BODIES OF ENTOMBED MINERS

Six Discovered at Bottom of Shaft—Federal Bureau In Charge.

Ecclus, W. Va., April 30.—Fifty miners working under direction of the federal bureau of mines, whose chief, J. A. Holmes, is on the ground, today sought out the bodies of 173 miners entombed last Tuesday in mine No. 5 of the New River Collieries company.

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MISS REAGAN GETS WEAVERVILLE OFFICE

Miss Kate Reagan has been appointed postmistress of Weaverville and A. Z. Wright is appointed as postmaster at Candler, according to a message received from Washington today.

In competitive examination with five men, including her brother, J. Roy Reagan, Miss Reagan received the highest grade, 91.

WAIT ACTION BY CARRANZA

THE SITUATION AT TAMPICO IS GRAVE

Danger From Overflowing Oil Wells—Attempt to Make Neutral Zone.

Washington, May 1.—Gravity of the situation at Tampico growing out of the fast accumulation of oil from the flowing wells in the interior which constitute a great menace to the town itself, vast financial loss as a result of the overflowing of the tanks and finally the interference with neutral commerce by the constitutionalists as exhibited in the firing upon the Ward line steamer Antilla at the port, prompted Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, to confer today with Assistant Secretary Osborne at the state department in a further effort to create a neutral zone in the oil field vicinity.

TAKING STEPS TO SAVE RYAN'S LIFE

Reported That Red Cross Official Will Be Executed As a Spy.

Washington, May 1.—The state department today exerted every means to secure information as to the report that Dr. Edward Ryan, an American Red Cross official, was being held in Mexico City sentenced to be executed.

Secretary of State Bryan just before a conference with President Wilson sent urgent telegrams to Consul Canada at Vera Cruz and the military authorities there asking for immediate reports on the Ryan incident.

To Celebrate Manila Victory. Washington, May 1.—The sixteenth anniversary of the battle of Manila bay will be celebrated at a dinner tonight given by Admiral George Dewey to the members of the Society of Manila Bay. The society is composed of those who participated in the battle.

Mediators Expect Reply Today To Proposal For Armistice Sent To The Rebel Leader.

HIS TAMPICO ORDER ANSWER, SAY FRIENDS

Rebels Attack Ward Liner Flying Cuban Flag to Prevent the Landing of Munitions.

Washington, May 1.—The Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, representative of the Huerta government in the United States, visited the Argentine legation at 11 o'clock today and held a conference with the Argentine minister, Mr. Naon. The ambassador is said to have delivered a message to the mediators from the Huerta authorities. No statement was made as to its contents.

Washington, May 1.—With the declaration of a truce between Huerta and the United States government interest centered today in whether Carranza, the rebel chief, would resolve himself into the keystone of a diplomatic arch, designed to bridge the whole problem of the pacification of Mexico and its international complications.

Huerta, it was announced, had accepted proposals of the South American powers that hostilities cease between his forces and those of the United States. Secretary Bryan had informed the mediators that the American government "took it for granted there would be no hostilities during the mediation proceedings."

With that situation in hand, the mediators today looked for a reply to the armistice proposal sent to Carranza. Constitutionalists in El Paso asserted their chief's answer plainly was forecast in orders for a concentrated rebel attack on Tampico. The envoys nevertheless have not abandoned the idea of settling the entire Mexican problem.

Huerta's attitude on the question of an armistice between his government and the northern rebels also was a factor to be considered. However, it was generally believed that upon the stand Carranza took on the truce proposition would hinge the question of whether the envoys would be able to go into the broad field of "all parties at interest in the problem of the pacification of Mexico and the adjustment of the differences between Mexico and the United States."

That was the proposal in their offer of "good offices" to the rebel chief. With quiet but definite progress the envoys resumed their sessions today after a late night meeting and Sec- (Continued on Page 11).

The Last Day! The Last Coupon! The Last Chance! COUPON Save it for a Copy of THE PANAMA CANAL By Frederic J. Haskin Friday, May 1, 1914 Colonel Goethals says: "Accurate and Dependable" This is the last day of the phenomenally successful distribution of "The Panama Canal" in Asheville. This coupon with fifty cents is good for a copy of the book at this office. If sent by mail the order should include fifteen cents for postage. The Gazette-News undertook to distribute this book not for profit but to perform an educational service to the community. It is a book that ought to be in the hands of every American. It is a book that tells the tale of the greatest American triumph: This paper has done what it could. It has given its space to the cause and it has given fair warning to persons that the sale would end today. To every person who has intended to get this book and has not done so—and there are hundreds of them—this last chance is offered. Do IT TODAY!—TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE! ONLY ONE COUPON REQUIRED