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SETTLE PLANS FOR MEDIATION

Carranza Now Eliminated As Result of Refusal to Agree to Armistice With the Federal Forces.

L. THE DIFFICULTIES WERE CONTEMPLATED

Increasingly Precarious Position of Huerta May Have Some Effect On The Negotiations.

Washington, May 5.—The text of a note sent by the South American ministers to General Carranza eliminating him from participating in efforts to compose the Mexican situation, made public today, discloses for the first time that the mediators consider "all the difficulties which have contributed toward the present situation in Mexico" have a bearing on the mediation process. These difficulties," says the note, "should be the subject of consideration in the negotiations for whose successful conduct we have deemed it pensable to suspend hostilities." This is the first authoritative expression from the mediators that they desired the Huerta-Carranza difficulties as directly bearing upon the negotiations between Huerta and the United States.

From the first time since the occupation of Vera Cruz the regular cabinet meetings today lasted less than an hour and members said nearly the whole session was devoted to routine and ministerial matters. Reports of further warlike preparations by the federal forces near Vera Cruz, official reports of the detention of American Consul Silliman at San Potosi caused some apprehension that neither the navy nor war department announced any further steps for aggressive action. It was reported that the American forces in both were sufficient to cope with Huerta at Vera Cruz. The statement made vigorous efforts to obtain the facts in regard to Carranza's reported detention.

Washington, May 5.—With the virtual elimination of the constitutional from proceedings aimed at a settlement of Mexico's ills, the American envoys today began to compose differences between Carranza and the United States government that led to the seizure of Vera Cruz. Carranza's elimination resulted in his refusal to agree to a truce with Huerta. Although the mediators urged their proposal that he name representatives to co-operate in mediation negotiations, they left open to the opportunity to enter the proceedings whenever he was ready to accept an armistice. While the abrupt turn in the diplomatic drama led many observers to believe that all present chance of general mediation was lost, yet suggestions were heard that Carranza might change his mind after his troops were possession of Saultillo, the next rebel

Mediation Plans.
Developments which the mediators temporarily drop Carranza from their mediation plans had not been entirely unexpected and the event went ahead with their original plan. With the announcement by the state department of delegates appointed to act in an advisory capacity to the envoys, it was believed they would be ready to outline their scheme of mediation of the Tampico dead-end and other alleged offenses against the dignity of the American government in federal territory. Huerta had had his delegates—three distinguished Mexican diplomats—and it was expected the American delegation would be chosen. Where the selection of the mediators would take had not been determined but in local circles here today it was believed some quiet New England resort would be chosen. The delegates will have no executive part in the preliminary negotiations. They will transmit the proposals of the mediators to their governments and reply with intimations of the lengths to which both sides would go toward adjustment differences.

Carranza's Position.
The envoys of Argentina, Brazil and Mexico made known before they resumed their session today that they intended to remain in complete charge of the negotiations. That was foreseen in their note to Carranza. The chief was said to have replied to envoys today, outlining his position. Previously he had asserted an attempt to adjust Mexico's internal situation was beyond the limit of diplomatic activity and charged that Huerta had liberally had brought about the situation that led to occupation of Vera Cruz.

DETECTIVE HELD UNDER \$1000 BOND

Testimony Desired in Connection With Affidavit in the Leo Frank Case.

Atlanta, May 5.—Dan C. Lehon, local representative of a national detective agency, was held here today under a \$1,000 appearance bond to testify before the Fulton county grand jury in connection with the case of Leo M. Frank, under death sentence for the murder in April of last year of Mary Phagan, a factory girl. When the hearing upon the extraordinary motion for a new trial for Frank was resumed before Judge Ben H. Hill of the Superior court this morning, Hugh M. Dorsey, solicitor general, opposing the motion, requested that Lehon be held under reasonable bond to secure his appearance before the grand jury. Mr. Dorsey stated that Lehon's testimony was desired in connection with investigation of circumstances surrounding the securing of the affidavit of Rev. C. B. Ragsdale, which later was repudiated. The original Ragsdale affidavit asserted that the minister had heard James Conley, a negro factory sweeper, confess that he had murdered Mary Phagan. Mr. Dorsey said that he requested that Lehon be placed under bond as the detective's home was in New Orleans. Judge Hill granted the request immediately, fixing the amount at \$1,000, which was promptly furnished by the detective.

SWEEPING VICTORY FOR BLEASE IS INDICATED

Late Reports to Effect He Has Won Over U. S. Senator E. D. Smith.

Columbia, S. C., May 5.—First test of strength between Governor Cole L. Blease and United States Senator E. D. Smith, candidates for the United States senate at the forthcoming state primary, was furnished yesterday by the democratic conventions held in every county of the state. Latest reports from the conventions indicate that the anti-Blease forces won a sweeping victory and will send practically 300 delegates to the state convention to be held in Columbia May 20, while less than 50 Blease delegates were elected. Senator Smith was elected a delegate to the state convention from Lee county, while Newberry county, the home of Governor Blease and Fred J. Dominick, assistant attorney general, gave neither a place in the representation. The question of primary reform will be given consideration at the state convention, according to resolutions passed in many of the conventions. About half of the counties approved the policies of the national administration.

FIRING CONTINUES AT TAMPICO, SAYS REPORT

Washington, May 5.—Firing continues daily at Tampico between constitutionalist and federal forces according to a report transmitted from Admiral Mayo by Admiral Badger yesterday. Heavy guns were heard yesterday morning. The steamer Camaguey, which has arrived at Vera Cruz from Tampico reports that Mexican federal forces at the latter port were reinforced by 1500 men last week.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE Only Heroic Work of Firemen Saved Business Portion of New Bern Yesterday.

Newbern, May 5.—Heroic efforts on the part of the four fire companies confined the blaze which destroyed the Ready Wear Garment company's place of business early yesterday morning, to the one building, which is owned by Mrs. C. W. Blanchard, of Kingston. The owners of the stock are J. W. Sears, of Vanceboro; Leroy Harp of Pamlico; M. L. Jacobs and H. E. Allison, Newbern. Their stock was said to be worth \$100,000 and with \$5,000 insurance. The building, completely gutted, was worth \$15,000 partially insured. The stock of D. F. Jarvis, adjacent, was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars.

"MEN IN GRAY" BEGIN REUNION

First Day's Celebration Opens With Arrival of Aged Commander, General Bennett H. Young.

FULLY 100,000 PEOPLE EXPECTED BY TUESDAY

Forest's 146 Men Are Widely Cheered—Meetings Begin This Afternoon—Two Sessions Tonight.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 5.—With the arrival of General Bennett H. Young this morning the first day of the celebrations attending the Confederate reunion opened with a swing and rush that betokens a lively week. General Young was met at the union station by mayor Van Swearingen and escorted to his official headquarters at the Aragon hotel. Max Morganthau has been appointed his body guard and will look after the comfort of the aged commander during his stay in the city. As Mr. Morganthau was a former sparring partner of James J. Corbett, the general is safe. Troop A, Forrest's cavalry, 146 men ranging in age from 68 to 82, arrived today and were widely cheered as they marched to their headquarters in the camp which extends through Dignan and Springfield parks in the heart of the residence section of the city. Fully 30,000 persons arrived yesterday and the morning trains are pouring thousands into the city. Sixty thousand strangers are expected by night and fully 100,000 by tomorrow noon. The first meeting of the week will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon by the Confederate Memorial association at Morocco temple and the Sons of Veterans will begin their sessions tonight. For the first time in the history of confederate reunions the great parade of veterans will not be afoot. Automobiles will be provided for all and the bands will be hailed in auto trucks. The route of parade is over three miles in length and the veterans are too old to walk longer.

INSTRUCT MILITIA FOR POSSIBLE MOBILIZATION

Disbursing Officers Throughout Country Would Get Funds to Move Militia.

Washington, May 5.—Instructions governing a possible mobilization of the national guard were mailed to all militia officers throughout the country by the war department today. The instructions cover particularly financial operations incident to mobilization and methods of securing railroad transportation. Local United States disbursing officers throughout the country would be supplied with funds to move the militia.

DURHAM LADY BADLY HURT BY AUTOMOBILE

Miss Violet Crutchfield Run Down on Angier Ave.—Several Bones Broken—Handsome Building.

Special to The Gazette-News, Durham, May 5.—Miss Violet Crutchfield, a young lady of East Durham, was injured Sunday night in an automobile accident on Angier avenue. The extent of her injuries have not yet been determined, but it is feared that her skull is fractured. Her shoulder and collar bone are broken and her right arm is also broken. In addition to these there are many bruises about her body. Miss Crutchfield was run down by Mr. Horton of Raleigh, and all of the witnesses seem to think the accident was unavoidable. Miss Crutchfield crossed in front of the car and as it was nearing the corner where there is a great deal of traffic, she did not seem to hear the automobile horn and when she stepped in front of the machine it was impossible for the driver to stop in time to keep from running her down.

Treaty in Reading. Bogota, Colombia, May 5.—The treaty between Colombia and the United States settling the long standing dispute over Panama passed its first reading in the Colombian senate today.

AGED MILLIONAIRE IS KILLED BY SON

Hiram Duryea, 81, Shot While Sleeping—His Son, 43, Had Been Acting Strangely.

New York, May 5.—In a cell in a Brooklyn police station, Chester Duryea, who early this morning fired seven bullets into the body of his father, General Hiram Duryea, millionaire starch manufacturer, killing him instantly, talked incoherently of the events leading up to the shooting and gave evidences of being stark mad. He said he shot his father when he received a "spiritual message from George Washington." In a saner tone he added: "I was the best friend my father had. I loved him dearly. If he were here now he could explain the whole matter. I really don't know why I shot him. I had made up my mind before shooting father that as soon as he was dead I would turn the automatic pistol upon myself and end my own life. I fully intended doing that while I was firing at my father. After it was over, though, an impulse came over me and I decided not to kill myself. I wish I had carried out my original intention."

Before his arraignment in court Duryea became violent and beat on the doors of his cell with his bare knuckles. New York, May 5.—Hiram Duryea, 81, retired millionaire starch manufacturer and brigadier general of the civil war, was killed early today at his home in the Bay ridge section of Brooklyn by his son, Chester Duryea, aged 43. Seven shots were fired by the son into his father's body. The killing occurred on the porch of the Duryea home, father and son were in the habit of sleeping. About 1 o'clock this morning Chester Duryea slipped from his cot into the house and secured an automatic pistol and a magazine rifle. Standing near his sleeping father he first fired from the rifle and then emptied the revolver. Chester Duryea would give no reason for killing his father when taken in custody. Servants told the police he had been acting strangely. Five years ago he showed signs of mental trouble. Chester Duryea was admitted to practice law and had intended to take up the legal business of the starch company of which his father was head. Domestic troubles that culminated in his being divorced by his wife in 1903 discouraged him in this ambition. Although servants said that there had been no quarrel between General Duryea and his son before they retired for the night an overturned table, a broken screen and books scattered about the floor of the sleeping porch led the police to believe that a struggle had preceded the killing.

FEDERATION OF WOMAN'S CLUBS OF N. C. TO MEET

Sessions Begin in Fayetteville Tonight—Are To Consider Dress Reform.

Raleigh, N. C., May 5.—The twelfth annual meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs will begin in Fayetteville, N. C., tonight, Miss Adelaide Fries, of Winston-Salem, the president, presiding. The federations has a membership of over 3000. In addition to the election of officers, the question of reform in woman's dress will be considered. Suffrage is not a part of the program. The sessions will continue through Friday.

WITNESSES SUMMONED IN CASE OF WATSON?

Macon, Ga., May 5.—While no statement would be made at the office of United States District Attorney Alexander Akerman, it is understood that witnesses have been summoned to appear before the United States grand jury in Augusta on May 12 to testify at a re-hearing of charges against Thomas E. Watson. An indictment charging Watson with sending obscene literature through the mails recently was dismissed by the court. Watson won the case when indicted on the same charge, the court sustaining a demurrer to the indictment.

APPEAL IS GRANTED IN KILLIFER'S CASE

Cincinnati, May 5.—Judge Sessions of the United States circuit court of appeals announced here today that he had granted an appeal in the Federal baseball league's case, relative to player Killifer which was decided against it at Grand Rapids several weeks ago.

Washington, May 5.—Joint resolutions proposing amendments to the federal constitution to extend the right of suffrage to women and for national-wide prohibition were ordered reported, without recommendation, to the house by the judiciary committee today. This leaves both proposals to the house for decision without suggestions from the committee.

FEDERALS MINE VERA CRUZ R. R.

EIGHT KILLED BY BLAST AT PANAMA

Explosion of Government Dynamite Magazine—Nineteen Seriously Hurt.

Panama, May 5.—An explosion this morning at the government of Panama dynamite magazine resulted in the killing of eight persons. Nineteen others were seriously injured. The property was destroyed. The explosion was caused by a brush fire which made its way to the interior of the building. Six of the dead and most of the wounded are firemen summoned to combat the flames. A man and a woman who were watching the blaze from a distance were torn to pieces. The explosion in addition to obliterating the magazine caused considerable other property damage in the neighborhood.

ASSAULT WOMAN AND MURDER LITTLE GIRL

Pittsburgh, May 5.—County detectives, policemen and several thousand steel workers today continued their search for the man who murdered little Florence Dove and assaulted Elizabeth Klenbock at North Braddock late yesterday. An all night scouring of the hills on both sides of the Monongahela river and in the industrial towns of the valley resulted in the arrest of ten men. Four of them were released and the others will be examined by magistrates today. They are closely guarded for fear of lynching.

MR. OLNEY DECLINES TO SERVE ON RESERVE BOARD

Boston, May 5.—Richard Olney has addressed a letter to President Wilson declining the governorship of the federal reserve board.

WARNING ISSUED TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, May 5.—Commissioner of Insurance James R. Young has issued a special caution to automobile owners against the practice of using gasoline for cleaning the machine while it is standing in the garage for the reason that the escaping or evaporating gasoline will make large areas of space very explosive. He regards fires in connection with automobiles all too frequent and insists that if ordinary precautions are observed the number and seriousness of such fires will be greatly reduced. To cut down the frequency of such fires and the heaviness of the losses incident to them will furthermore tend to bring about reductions in the rates on such insurance.

Prepare to Destroy Line From Mexico City in The Event United States Soldiers Attempt to Advance.

GEN. FUNSTON WORRIED BY SUCH PREPARATIONS

He Would Welcome Orders to March on Capital—Mayo Is Anxious to Capture Tampico.

Washington, May 5.—Information came from Vera Cruz to the war department today that Mexican federals had mined the railroad tracks from Vera Cruz to Mexico City preparatory to utter destruction of the road in the event American forces attempt a march on the capital. No confirmation had been received of reports that the San Francisco bridge on the inter-oceanic railroad had been damaged.

The mines are reported to be a half a mile apart and Mexican soldiers have been detailed to touch off the fuses should hostilities eventuate. These preparations and the throwing up of defenses which are daily making the position of the Mexican federal troops stronger are known to be a source of worry to General Funston. It is understood he would welcome orders to start for the Mexican capital. Admiral Mayo at Tampico has informed the navy department that he would have no trouble in taking Tampico with his present forces and it was learned today that he has more than once hinted in his dispatches that it would be advisable to take such action. He has now under his command, in addition to his flagship, the Des Moines, two cruisers and a torpedo boat fleet of nine.

Arranging Defense.
Washington, May 5.—Overnight advice to the war department from Vera Cruz were summarized in this statement by Secretary Garrison today: "The latest message received from General Funston came during the night. In it he reports no change in conditions. He visited the Tejar pumping station yesterday. He reports that he is arranging for a proper defense of the pumping station without extending our lines."

To Obstruct Vessels.
Washington, May 5.—Admiral Badger reported to the navy department today the receipt of word from the torpedo boat destroyer Drayton at Tuxpam that Territorial Minister Hacinda there had ordered customs officers not to clear or enter any vessel from or to American ports. This order, it was further reported, had been given to all ports in the state of Vera Cruz.

13 Americans Held.
The Drayton also reported that 13 Americans had been detained against their will at Mulatuya, in the state of Puebla, about 60 miles from Tuxpam. This information was given to the British consul at Tuxpam by American refugees who said the Mexican authorities gave as their reason for holding the Americans a desire to assure their safety. The British consul has wired the governor of Puebla requesting their release.

Case of Stillman.
Washington, May 5.—Alarmed by (Continued on Page Nine).

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