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URGES RELEASE OF BRAZILIANS

South American Minister Intercedes For Countrymen Arrested For Sniping By Funston.

CABINET CONSIDERS LOBOS ISLAND MATTER

Mediators Relieved by Advice That Counsel Silliman, Held at Saltillo, Is to Be Released.

Washington, May 12.—President Wilson today discussed with his cabinet plans for participation by the United States in the Mexican mediation conference to begin next Monday at Niagara Falls, Ontario, and problems which have grown out of the occupation of Vera Cruz by American military forces.

Just before the cabinet met a message was received from General Funston declaring no attention should be paid to "alarmist reports" that Mexican forces were threatening to attack Vera Cruz waterworks. General Funston said there was no indication of such a movement.

"There have been rumors," General Funston's message read, "that an attack was threatened. These have been remarks attributed to General Funston by the press. The press has been misled by us by force. If the pipe should be put it could be repaired in a few hours."

Among issues the president and cabinet had under consideration was the appeal from the Brazilian minister at Mexico City to General Funston on behalf of five South Americans under arrest at Vera Cruz for "sniping" American soldiers from a tramp steamer. Three Brazilians are among the prisoners and the appeal, coming as a diplomatic representative of one of the mediating nations, has presented a delicate problem for decision.

Secretary Bryan let it be known that the Brazilian ambassador and the Argentine and Chilean ministers as mediators had made formal representations to the state department in behalf of the accused South Americans. Mr. Bryan declined to disclose the nature of these representations but said that an investigation was being ordered.

The manning by American forces of lighthouses on Lobos island off Tampico which Huerta has protested as a violation of the armistice also was taken up.

Fear that the detention of American Vice Consul John R. Silliman at Saltillo might lead to complications that could embarrass efforts of the mediators was relieved today by advice that Silliman would immediately be set free and given safe conduct to Vera Cruz.

The order for the vice consul's release was reported to the state department by the Brazilian minister at Mexico City.

Washington, May 12.—While Huerta's mediating mission steamed north from Vera Cruz today and the American delegates began plans of organization for the Niagara Falls conference these three important phases of the Mexican situation stood out demanding urgent attention:

The fate of John R. Silliman, United States vice consul at Saltillo, reported held by Huerta's soldiers.

Disposition of five South Americans arrested for sniping operations at Vera Cruz.

Settlement of the "occupation" of Lobos island which drew a protest from Huerta's foreign minister.

Silliman's case was among the first of the developments to be submitted to President Wilson when he returned today from New York where yesterday he paid tribute to the nation to the Americans who fell at Vera Cruz.

Secretary Bryan was emphatic in announcing after a conference with the south American envoys, the government's determination to have Silliman released.

The Lobos island incident was taken up by Secretary Daniels soon after his return from the memorial ceremonies. He had before him this report from Rear Admiral Mayo at Tampico:

"Lobos island has not been occupied. The Dixie and some destroyers were anchored there and other vessels have sailed there from a collier. The keepers of Lobos island light house destroyed it and the Dixie is now maintaining it for the benefit of navigation. I understand that the destroyers have had occasional swimming parties ashore."

General belief was expressed that this explanation would amply answer Huerta's protest that the United States by seizing the island had violated the armistice.

Disposition of the cases of the South Americans arrested at Vera Cruz had been halted pending word from the ministers of their respective countries. When it became known that General Funston proposed to try the men before a military court-martial the Brazilian minister in Mexico City expressed his protest.

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SEVEN KILLED IN BOILER EXPLOSION

Dead Were Members of Jefferson's Engine Crew—Several Injured.

Norfolk, May 12.—Seven people were killed in an explosion in the engine room of the Old Dominion line ship Jefferson near Cape Henry last night. Several were injured. The ship returned to Norfolk, left the dead and injured and then resumed her interrupted trip to New York.

The dead are members of the Jefferson's engine room crew. According to the local office of the Old Dominion line the vessel was not badly damaged by the explosion, which occurred at 10:30 last night, as the Jefferson was passing out from this port for New York.

Mutilation of the bodies of the seven victims, due to the terrific force of the explosion, made identification slow. Of the injured, who were taken to a local hospital, it was said several were in a serious condition.

Word of the explosion reached Norfolk early today and the tug I. J. Merritt immediately put out to assist the Jefferson, at first reported to be seriously damaged. The Merritt, however, found the liner able to proceed under her own steam.

MEXICAN FEDERALS HAVE EVACUATED SAN BLAS

Leave Seaport Between Mazatlan and Manzanillo—Huerta's Orders?

On Board U. S. S. California, Mazatlan, Mex., May 11.—(By wireless to San Diego, Cal., May 12.)—Mexican federal troops defending San Blas, a seaport half way between Mazatlan and Manzanillo, have evacuated the town. It is understood there were orders by Provisional President Huerta to reinforce the troops at Mexico City. It is believed troops at other points on the west coast will be ordered to the capital.

Americans in the Yaqui valley, reassured by the cordial attitude of the constitutionalists, have decided to remain on their ranches.

DISCUSS TREATMENT OF THE MISDEMEANANT

Memphis, Tenn., May 12.—Discussion of a committee report on the treatment of the misdemeanant and a paper prepared by James A. Collins, former judge of Indianapolis, Ind., municipal court, describing the punishment of the misdemeanant in vogue in that city, formed today's program of the National Conference on Charities and Corrections. Ames W. Butler, as chairman, presented the report of the committee. In advance of the meeting of the conference in general session, sectional meetings were held. Children, defectives, neighborhood development and standards of living and labor were the subjects announced for general discussion.

ARRANGE FOR FIRST REGULAR CANAL TRIP

Panama, May 12.—The first ship to pass through the Panama canal under regular conditions will probably make the trip early next week. According to Governor Goethals, the channel through Cucaracha will be completed about Thursday. Observations will be maintained on the slide for a short time and then a Panama railway ship with cargo will be sent through. The channel is being dredged at the rate of 100 feet daily and the Empire suspension bridge will be removed immediately.

The report that the steamer Pennsylvania of the Pacific Mail line will make the passage of the canal is erroneous.

ARRANGEMENT MADE FOR FUNERAL OF GENERAL HALL

Washington, May 12.—Arrangements were made here today for the funeral of Major General Charles B. Hall, U. S. A., retired, who died yesterday of heart disease. General Hall was a veteran of the civil war and before his retirement in 1908 was in command of the army school and staff college at Fort Leavenworth. He was 59 years old. The body will be taken for burial to Portland, Me., where General Hall was born.

FURTHER HONOR THE HERO DEAD

Bodies of Men Killed at Vera Cruz Are Claimed by Their Relatives or Sent to Their Homes.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BURIALS ARRANGED

Crowds Gather at the Stricken Homes—President Sends Wreath for Poinsett and Smith.

New York, May 12.—The great public tribute at an end, the relatives of three of the 17 sailors and marines killed at Vera Cruz claimed their bodies and took them to their homes in this city. The bodies of the others will be sent to their various destinations.

The coffin containing the body of Dennis J. Lane, accompanied by the father, John P. Lane, arrived at the home in East 45th street from the navy yard last night.

Mrs. Lane was overcome when told that the coffin could not be opened. A little later those in the street were allowed to enter and hundreds passed the flag-draped coffin and departed. The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning in St. Agnes Catholic church. Lane was 19 years old and was a graduate of St. Francis Xavier school.

John F. Schumacher's body was removed to the home of his mother, Mrs. Isabella Mackay, in Brooklyn. When the body arrived there the crowd was so great that police reserves had to be called out. Two policemen remained at the door all evening. The funeral was held today.

The body of Albin Eric Stream was taken to the home of his father, Eric P. Stream, in Brooklyn. Stream also was only 19. Services were held in the Dean street Baptist church today.

Poinsett and Smith.

Philadelphia, May 12.—The bodies of George McKenzie Poinsett and Charles Allen Smith, Philadelphia sailors killed at Vera Cruz, rested today within the darkened homes of their grief-stricken families. As a tribute to both men there lay on the coffin of Seaman Smith a beautiful wreath sent by the president of the United States. Both homes were closed to all except relatives and near friends. Later in the day private funeral services were held over both bodies.

Tomorrow the bodies of the two young seamen will be conveyed under military escort to Independence hall, where Philadelphia's tribute will be paid.

The bodies will lie in state until the afternoon when a military funeral will be held. All the bluejackets and marines at the navy yard, the national guard regiments in Philadelphia, local civic bodies, the mayor and councils will participate.

P. P. DeLowry.

Pittsburgh, May 12.—With the arrival here early today of the body of Francis P. DeLowry, Pittsburgh began to do honor to its son who died in the fighting at Vera Cruz. Tomorrow morning, which will be a public holiday by proclamation of Mayor Armstrong, a public funeral will be held in St. Paul's cathedral. The body lay in state today in Soldier's Memorial hall. This evening it will be taken to the home of the dead seaman's parents. From there escorted by military and veteran organizations, the mayor and city council the body will be taken tomorrow morning to the cathedral where funeral services will be conducted.

ALLEN RIDDICK NAMED AS BASEBALL MANAGER

Special to The Gazette-News.

Wake Forest, May 12.—A mass meeting was called in the chapel Saturday morning for the purpose of electing managers and assistant managers of some of the athletic teams for the coming year. The following were elected: Allen Riddick, baseball manager; D. R. Perry, assistant; K. M. Yates, assistant basketball manager; the manager, C. W. Carrick having been elected some time ago; J. W. Bruner, track manager; P. S. Daniel, assistant.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL NOW IN SENATE

Washington, May 12.—The naval appropriation bill was reported to the senate today with an increase of \$1,182,000 over the house bill. In all an appropriation of \$149,999,833 or \$2,460,000 less than the estimates for the coming year, but about the same as the appropriation for the current year was recommended by the senate committee on naval affairs.

NAME FEDERAL MEMBER BANKS

Five Banks in Each of Twelve Districts Designated to Execute Organization Certificates.

MURCHISON NATIONAL FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Every Effort Being Made to Expedite Organization To Be Complete By August 1.

Washington, May 12.—Machinery for one of the final steps in the installation of the new banking system was put in motion when the reserve bank organization board yesterday named five banks in each of the twelve districts to execute organization certificates for the federal reserve banks. When that shall have been completed and board of directors organized in each district, the comptroller of currency will issue a charter causing the banks to begin business.

The committee announced that every effort was being made to expedite the organization so that it might be completed by August 1. Each member bank in a district will name electors, and select candidates for directors, of each class will be elected for each bank and the federal reserve board will appoint three additional. The committee's statement last night said:

"By the end of the month it is hoped that the committee will receive nominations for class A and class B directors and the names of the district reserve electors elected by the subscribing banks so that the vote may be taken early in June."

"Forms for use in reporting election of district reserve electors and the nominating of candidates will be mailed to the several banks as soon as the organization certificates have been received and filed. Every effort is being made by the committee to expedite this election so that the board of directors of each federal reserve bank may be organized in ample time to elect officers, select employees and banking quarters and to place the banks in actual operation by August 1."

Districts 5 and 6.

Banks to execute the organization certificates in Districts 5 and 6 are as follows:

District No. 5—Federal Reserve bank of Richmond; Maryland, Merchants-Mechanics National bank, Baltimore; North Carolina, Murchison National bank, Wilmington; South Carolina, Palmetto National bank, Columbia; Virginia, First National bank, Roanoke; West Virginia, Citizens National bank, Charleston.

District No. 6—Federal Reserve bank of Atlanta; Alabama, First National bank, Montgomery; Florida, First National bank, Tampa; Louisiana, Hibernian National bank, New Orleans; Mississippi, First National bank, Jackson; Tennessee, First National bank, Chattanooga.

BOMB IS THROWN INTO BED ROOM OF WOMAN

Mrs. Darwin Hinkley and Daughter of Kingston, N. Y., Seriously Hurt.

Kingston, N. Y., May 12.—A bomb thrown mysteriously into a bed room occupied by Mrs. Darwin Hinkley and her two daughters early today exploded and seriously injured two of them. One of the daughters, Violet Winchell, escaped unhurt but the other, Rena Hinkley, was badly hurt, and Mrs. Hinkley received injuries which may result in blindness.

Other tenants in the house were thrown from their beds by the explosion and received minor injuries.

SUFFRAGETTE RUINS ANOTHER PORTRAIT

London, May 12.—A suffragette armed with a hatchet today seriously damaged a valuable portrait of the Duke of Wellington in the Royal Academy.

The woman was standing looking at the painting when she suddenly drew the hatchet from her muff and slashed the canvas three times. At the police station she said her name was Mary Ansell.

The painting was by the late Sir Hubert von Herkomer and was considered one of his finest works.

SAYS NEW HAVEN, "CASE FOR CRIMINAL COURTS"

Washington, May 12.—Indications today that the inquiry of the interstate commerce commission into financial operations of the New Haven railroad and the Billard company would run its course.

"This is a case for the criminal courts," suggested one official of the commission, "not for civil proceedings. It appears doubtful whether in a proceeding of this kind the real facts can be developed."

ALL RECORDS BEATEN IN BRITISH AMATEUR LONSTEST

Sandwich, Eng., May 12.—The entries for the British amateur golf championship had beaten all records this morning with a total of 224. The lists do not close until tonight.

Nine American players are entered, including Francis Ouimet, open golf champion of the United States, and Jerome D. Travers, amateur golf champion of the United States.

THE SHRINERS OPEN COUNCIL

Last of Special Trains Arrive Carrying Nobles to Participate in Spectacular Events.

BUSINESS OF ATLANTA ALMOST SUSPENDED

Chief Parade Takes Place Tonight—Procession This Morning—50 Bands Make Music.

Atlanta, May 12.—With the arrival early today of the last special trains from the west, nobles of the mystic shrine from every state had reached Atlanta in time to participate in the spectacular events incident to the imperial council's formal opening.

Long before the hour scheduled for the morning parade to start the streets were filled with a multitude of cheering people. Practically every business establishment was closed. Mayor Woodward having declared today a civic holiday in honor of the shriners. In all congested streets through which the parade was expected to move the police labored diligently in an effort to keep back the throngs.

While the chief parade will not take place until tonight, temples and patrols were in line early for the morning procession. More than 50 bands, scattered along the line of march, filled the air with music which was answered by cheers from thousands of people who lined five miles of streets. Orders were issued to the police to stop all vehicular traffic prior to the shriner's demonstration.

The first meeting of the imperial council was scheduled for 10 o'clock. Patrols and bands were instructed to escort Imperial Potentate William W. Irwin, of Wheeling, W. Va., from his hotel to the place of meeting. Some of the social events connected with the convalescent today included a luncheon for the imperial council officers and a tour of the city for visiting women, conducted by Mrs. John M. Slaton, wife of the governor of Georgia, with luncheon at a country club.

ROUTINE MATTERS IN GENERAL CONFERENCE

Oklahoma City, May 12.—Today's sessions of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, promised to be purely of a routine character.

Among the committees expected to bring in their reports were those considering a change in the creed by substituting "church of God" for the "holy Catholic church" as now obtains, and the question of laity rights for women.

A number of additional memorials were presented at the opening session.

BUILDING DESTROYED BY STORM; ONE DEAD

Pittsburgh, May 12.—George Johnson was killed and five other persons seriously injured when a tenement at New Kensington, Pa., collapsed in a storm shortly after midnight. Fifty persons lived in the old building.

The storm was the most severe of the season and did damage amounting to many thousands of dollars. In the oil fields scores of rigs were blown down.

SPANISH STATESMAN DEAD

Madrid, May 12.—Eugenio Montero-Rios, one of the best known Spanish statesmen and the man who drafted the treaty which brought the Spanish-American war to close in 1898, died today aged 82.

W. SHAPIRO ON WITNESS STAND

CHAIRMAN WILL BE NAMED FOR TENTH

Owen Gudger's Successor To Be Selected at Meeting Tonight.

There will be a meeting tonight at the law offices of Wells, Swain & Campbell of the democratic congressional executive committee of the Tenth North Carolina district. One of the most important matters to be considered at this meeting is the selection of a chairman to succeed Owen Gudger, who has resigned after serving since 1910. Mr. Gudger tendered his resignation because of his appointment as postmaster of Asheville, the rules of the department not allowing of his active interest in politics while holding a Federal position. A number of men are spoken of as possibilities to succeed him but there is no indication as to who will be selected.

The committee tonight will likewise name a date and place for holding the congressional convention this year. Asheville will doubtless be selected as the place, while the date is expected to be somewhere between primary date and that for the state convention at Raleigh. A good attendance is expected at the meeting, as all the matters to be taken up are of an important nature.

CONTRACT TO BE LET AT MEETING TONIGHT

West Asheville Aldermen Will Consider Bids For Water And Sewer Systems.

Bids for the construction of the water and sewer systems for the town of West Asheville will close this afternoon at 5 o'clock and Charles E. Weddell, who did the surveying and mapping of the town for the board of aldermen, stated at noon today that he had received about 20 requests for blanks for bids and it is expected that several more will come in this afternoon.

These bids will be opened by the aldermen at the regular session which will be held tonight, at which time a contract will be awarded for the construction of the systems. Of the large number of firms who have signified their intentions of making bids on the work, practically all are out of town firms, only three local firms bidding.

If the contract is awarded tonight for the work it is expected that it will be started during the next few days and completed in time for the people of the town to use the system during the coming winter.

Several matters of a routine nature will be considered by the aldermen, although it is expected that the matter of opening the bids and awarding the contract will take up nearly all of the time of the meeting.

Mrs. Judge Landis of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. James H. Eckels, at Beaumont lodge.

Driver of Death Car Tells of Taking Gunmen to Place Of Herman Rosenthal Murder.

HEARD GUNMEN SAY "BECKER FIXED POLICE"

Is Confused on Cross Examination and Unable to Reconcile Tale With Former Story.

New York, May 12.—"Bald Jack" Rose, star witness of the first trial of Charles Becker of the murder of Herman Rosenthal, appeared in that role again today. He calmly told of the part he played in the events leading up to the gambler's death. Substantially it was the same story that he told at the first trial.

He recited how Becker and Rosenthal had entered into partnership in a gambling establishment; how they quarreled; how exposure for Becker was imminent and how Rosenthal's death was plotted.

New York, May 12.—Willie Shapiro, driver of the gunmen's car, testified today in the trial of Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. He told of receiving a call at his stand in front of the Cafe boulevard late at night on July 15. He then went to Tom Sharkey's saloon, he said, where he picked up "Jack" Rose, Harry Vallon and Sam Schepps. At "Bridge" Weber's poker rooms the occupants of the car got out," he said. "Fifteen minutes later Dago Frank, Gyp the Blood, Whitey Lewis and Lefty Louie came out and I was ordered to go to the Metropole hotel.

"At the Metropole, Dago Frank ordered me to turn the car around so it would face toward Sixth avenue. The four men got out and went to the other side of the street. In 15 minutes I heard a shot. I looked toward the Metropole and saw a man fall. I started my machine and had gone about 50 feet when the four men caught up with me and jumped on me."

"I heard Whitey say: 'Make the chauffeur turn around and wait. The cops are all fixed. Everything is all right. Becker has fixed them.'"

"After the murder I took the four men to 126th street where they left me."

Under a fire of cross-examination the witness got badly confused and was unable fully to reconcile his testimony of today with that of the previous trial.

Jack Rose then took the stand. He told how he met Becker in 1911. The prosecution of Charles Becker, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was begun in earnest yesterday, when five witnesses were placed on the stand after District Attorney Whitman had stated what he expected to prove. The district attorney, in his preliminary address, told how Rosenthal was killed, named the gunmen who did it, and accused Becker of being the "brains" behind the murder conspiracy.

The afternoon session opened with John J. Brady, a policeman, on the stand. He and the next witnesses were used to prove the crime.

Police Lieutenant Edward B. Frye said that after hearing the shots he ran into Forty third street. There he saw Patrolman William J. File, now a sergeant, standing on the running (Continued on page 11.)

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