

ENVOYS DEFER THEIR MEETING

Conference of the Mediators Is Postponed Until Wednesday For Convenience Of Mexicans.

LAY DEPARTURE TO NIAGARA FALLS

Labels Restore Order at Tampico—Promise to Protect Immense Oil Interests In District.

Washington, May 15.—The opening of the negotiations of the South American mediators in the Mexican controversy at Niagara Falls, Ont., was postponed until Wednesday, May 20, the state department announced. The sessions originally scheduled to begin Monday, May 18, were postponed because of the delay in the Brazilian ambassador, Da Gama, in order that the Mexican delegates to the conference who were speeding northward from Key West today might not be unduly hurried on their trip to Niagara Falls. Mexican delegation will reach Washington shortly after noon tomorrow and will be given an opportunity to post themselves to familiarize themselves with the situation here before proceeding to the formal negotiations. After the postponement was announced Ambassador Da Gama and other mediating envoys decided to delay their departure for Niagara Falls. It was said they might not leave Washington until early next week.

Rearrange Program. The mediating envoys conferred at the Argentine legation as to necessary changes in their plans incident to the delay. It was thought possible that the Mexican delegates would meet the mediating envoys in Washington and preliminary conferences would be held before the entire peace party proceeded to Niagara Falls.

The American delegates, Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann, also rearranged their program, which had contemplated departure from Washington tomorrow.

Washington, May 15.—The three South American envoys upon whom was placed the hope of a peaceful solution of the Mexican imbroglio, today paid formal visit of farewell to President Wilson before their departure for Niagara Falls, Ont., to begin their peace negotiations. All the ceremonial of formal diplomatic intercourse marked the call of the three envoys. Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, Minister Naon of Argentina and Minister Suarez of Chile, went to the White House accompanied by the Secretary of State Bryan. In the blue room the president with his military and naval aides attired in full dress uniform, greeted the envoys. He wished them success in their mission and expressed the hope that they would return to Washington they will have found the solution of the Mexican problem which has confronted the United States government for three years.

Although it is customary for ambassadors and ministers on leaving the United States for long absences to say good-bye to the president, there was more than the usual farewell in the little scene in the blue room today. The three envoys are leaving American territory purposely to disrobe themselves of official connection with his government, so that they may act in an impartial and intermediary capacity on a neutral soil.

Upon the three mediators devolved the real burden of the conference at Niagara Falls. They are to make all suggestions and initiate all moves. From them must come the plan which the parties will take under consideration.

The American representative have plenipotentiary powers. They are to be a medium of communication between the United States government and the mediators.

Frederick W. Lehmann, former secretary general of the United States, and Justice Lamar of the United States supreme court, who comprise the American commission, and H. Percival Dodge, their secretary, were at the state department today going over their reports and familiarizing themselves generally with the work ahead of them. They leave early tomorrow for Niagara Falls, N. Y. Their quarters will be on the American side of the line to facilitate communication with Washington by telephone and telegraph.

Washington, May 15.—While two of the South American envoys were on their way to Niagara Falls, where they will complete arrangements for peace negotiations and with the third mediator and the American mission preparing to leave here tomorrow, immediate interest in the Mexican situation centered in the constitutional administration of their newly captured port of Tampico and plans for their campaign against Huerta and San Luis Potosi.

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IS ARRESTED FOR KILLING HUSBAND

Mrs. Victor Hall Indicted—Is Released on \$5000 Bail For Trial in July.

Louisa Court House, Va., May 15.—Mrs. Victor Hall, widow of the young merchant shot to death in his home at Green Springs on April 15, was indicted this morning for murder by the special grand jury which has been investigating the crime for five days.

Mrs. Hall, who was in the court house, having been taken into custody on a bench warrant issued by Judge Shackleford, following a second attempt to burn down her home and store, was at once arrested protesting her innocence.

The indictment charges that Mrs. Hall shot her husband while he was in bed on the morning of April 15. The theory upon which Mrs. Hall will be prosecuted will be that she killed her husband because he threatened to expose her for setting fire to the store of W. R. Dunkin, a competitor, with whom she had quarreled. Her story was that a burglar shot her husband.

The grand jury will be called upon to investigate the burning of Dunkin's store on April 15, the destruction by fire of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad station at Green Springs and the two attempts to burn down the Hall home.

Mrs. Hall was released on \$5000 bail to appear for trial in July.

Judge Shackleford granted bail on condition that Mrs. Hall leave Louisa county.

It is understood Mrs. Hall will leave here for Richmond this evening.

MELLEN GOES TO NEW HAVEN TO GET PAPERS

Has Conference With Folk—Other Directors Asked To Be Ready.

Washington, May 15.—Former President Charles S. Mellen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, after a conference with Chief Consul Folk of the Interstate Commerce commission, left today for New Haven, Conn. There he will secure documents and papers which the commission desires in connection with its investigation of financial operations of the New Haven road.

Mr. Mellen will continue his testimony before the commission Tuesday.

The subpoenaed directors of the New Haven, Wm. Rockefeller, Lewis Cass Ledyard, George F. Baker and George MacCulloch Miller, have been directed to hold themselves in readiness next Tuesday to be examined. It is regarded as quite unlikely that either Mr. Rockefeller or Mr. Miller will appear as both have presented certificates of illness.

VALLON CORROBORATES TESTIMONY OF ROSE

Admits He Had Disagreement With Rosenthal, on Cross-Examination.

New York, May 15.—Harry Vallon, testifying today at the trial of Herman Rosenthal, corroborated main points of the story told by Jack Rose on the stand during the last two days. He admitted under cross examination that he had known Rosenthal for 15 years and that they had had a disagreement six months before the gambler was murdered. It is a contention of the defense that Rosenthal was a victim of a gambler's war.

Springfield strikers riot, attack workers

BAPTISTS DISCUSS HOME MISSIONS

Convention Goes on Record as Favoring National Prohibition.

Nashville, Tenn., May 15.—The morning session of the Southern Baptist convention, in session here, was largely occupied with the subjects of home missions and the Baptist theological seminary. Interest of delegates was centered chiefly in the discussion, set for this afternoon, on the report of the efficiency committee recommending radical changes in the organization.

Election of officers was the most important work of the Woman's Missionary union for the day. The Southern Baptist convention has gone on record as favoring national prohibition and authorized the employment of an agent to do educational work in the interest of the movement. Action on the question was taken the adoption of the report of the temperance committee submitted by Dr. A. J. Barton, of Waco, Texas.

Denominational control over its Sunday school lesson courses also was decided upon by the convention which adopted the report of the Sunday school lesson committee.

Routine committee reports and an address of welcome by Mrs. Ben W. Hooper, wife of the governor of Tennessee, occupied the greater part of the sessions of the Woman's Missionary union which is meeting simultaneously with the convention. The union also authorized the sale of the Margaret Home for Children of missionaries, located at Greenville, S. C., which has been maintained by the organization for ten years.

INDICT BURKE FOR FRAUD CONSPIRACY

In Connection With Panama Commissary Management—Dealers Indicted.

New York, May 15.—John Burke, former manager of the commissary department of the Panama canal zone, was indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday for conspiracy to defraud and for other alleged offenses. He was dismissed some time ago.

Indictments also were returned against three provision dealers at Colon, Panama. At the time of Burke's removal it was alleged he had accepted gratuities from dealers in supplies.

The indictments set forth that Burke conspired a total of approximately \$10,000, and charge that as a person acting in an official capacity for and in behalf of the United States his conduct was influenced by the payments made to him. The three men indicted with Burke are Isaac Brandon of Brandon and Brothers, Inc., a concern incorporated under the laws of New Jersey and operating in Panama; Robert Wilcox, a commission merchant, and Jacob A. Salas, engaged in furnishing provisions to the canal zone.

\$5000 DEMAND FOR RETURN OF LANGO

Father of Boy, Prosperous Banker, Is Told to Keep Away From.

New York, May 15.—The disappearance on Wednesday of eight-year-old Frank Lango, son of a prosperous East side banker, was explained today when the police gave out a letter received by the child's father demanding the payment of \$5000 with instructions to "keep away from the police or your boy will come home to you in a box and harm will come to your family."

The letter was mailed in Brooklyn. Detectives have been assigned to hunt for the boy and his kidnappers.

Mrs. Preston Arrives.

New York, May 15.—Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, who has been living for some time abroad, arrived in New York today on the Eufrates. She said that she had come only for a short stay in this country.

Miss Letich Wins.

Hunston, Eng., May 15.—Miss Cecile Letich won the British woman's golf championship today, defeating Miss Gladys Lavenscroft, woman champion of the United States, two up and one to play.

ZAPATA'S MEN NEAR CAPITAL

Reported to Have Attacked Federals at Topilejo, Only Eighteen Miles From Mexico City.

FOREIGNERS PREPARE FOR AN EARLY CRISIS

U. S. Vessels Convoy Federal Gunboats—Gen. Velasco's Leaving Capital Is Significant.

Vera Cruz, May 15.—Credible private advices from Mexico City report that the federals at Topilejo, 18 miles south of the capital, were attacked yesterday by Zapatistas. No details of the fighting were received.

It is not considered that the incident indicates any in tent of a Zapata attack on the capital as the reported agreement between Zapata and Villa to move jointly against Mexico City is credited here.

The attack will serve, however, to compel provisional President Huerta to strengthen his southern line at the expense of the northern front or perhaps of the outposts toward Vera Cruz.

The reported departure of the federal gunboats from their anchorage with the American ships off Tampico is believed to be the result of a desire on the part of the commanders to communicate with Mexico City from Puerto Mexico by the only telegraph wire open to them.

It is understood that the two American destroyers are conveying the gunboats to see that the coastwise lights and other aids to navigation are not molested.

Wherever the gunboats are finally sent they will be kept under surveillance by American ships.

Word has reached here foreshadowing the approach of a critical moment in the capital. British subjects from the interior, it is stated, have been gathered in the concentration districts of Mexico City, where it was determined long ago they would protect themselves should fighting in the street occur.

General Velasco, who was defeated at Torreon with heavy loss, has been ordered out of the capital to assume the military governorship of San Luis Potosi. Many regard the appointment as significant since rumors have been current that General Velasco is deeply involved in a military plot against Huerta. Velasco has not yet recovered from his wounds and his friends say he is in no condition to assume command in the field.

After his return to the capital Velasco is reported to have reproached Huerta for his failure to reinforce him at Torreon. This criticism of his chief was regarded by his friends as foolhardy, and surprise was manifested that Velasco was not immediately imprisoned.

Mexican newspaper men here have been listed at the capital as traitors. In a semi-official document sent from Mexico City all those who remained after the occupation are accused of "selling their pens to Fletcher, the invader."

SEC. HOUSTON LOSES ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Dr. Galloway Leaves Government Service to Take Place in Cornell University.

Washington, May 15.—Secretary Houston, of the department of agriculture, had before him today the resignation of Dr. Beverly T. Galloway, the assistant secretary, who has decided to leave the government service to become dean of the agricultural college of Cornell university. He had been connected with the department of agriculture in various capacities since 1888.

TWO MORE BRITISH AIRMEN ARE KILLED

North Allerton, Eng., May 15.—Two more British army aviators were killed near here today during a flight by a squadron of military aeroplanes from Scotland to Salisbury plain.

WHEELER SAYS HE CAN'T TAKE PLACE

Declines to Serve on Reserve Board—Two Places Now To Be Filled.

Washington, May 15.—Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, vice president of the Continental Trust company, has declined a membership upon the federal reserve board. President Wilson has received a letter from Mr. Wheeler expressing his regret that he is unable to accept the appointment recently offered him because of business connections which he cannot sever.

The president now has two places to fill on the board, Richard Olney, of Boston, having declined appointment to membership last week. Dr. Adolph C. Miller of San Francisco, Paul M. Warburg of New York city, and W. F. G. Harding of Birmingham, Ala., have all accepted.

Selection of some one from the middle west, either Chicago or St. Louis, and some one from New England to preserve a geographical balance on the board is expected. One of the two to be selected will be a republican. The president is approaching the task slowly and is not expected to decide finally for another week on the other two. It is unlikely that the first three names will be sent to the senate until the list is completed.

SAYS MAAS DISOBEYED ORDERS AT VERA CRUZ

Mexican Declares Huerta Had Instructed Him Not to Resist U. S. Forces.

San Francisco, May 15.—That provisional President Huerta had issued specific orders to General Maas, commanding the Mexican forces at Vera Cruz, to offer no opposition to the landing of the Americans there and that those orders were disobeyed by General Maas on his own responsibility is a statement vouched for today by E. DeMorelos, a Mexican architect, on his arrival here from Vera Cruz via New Orleans.

"I talked with Maas on the evening of April 20," DeMorelos said, "and he told me he had received such orders. 'But,' he said, 'I'm going to resist notwithstanding.'"

"On receiving news of the landing of Admiral Fletcher's marines, however, Maas precipitately fled, leaving his sword, flag, decorations and personal effects in his residence.

"His daughter went to the French consul and begged him to recover her father's sword, flag and decorations. This the consul did."

DISCUSS CHILD HEALTH AND CONSERVATION

Memphis, Tenn., May 15.—Today was devoted to the discussion of child health conservation by the delegates to the National Conference of Charities and Corrections. This was the last day of the conference.

The speakers included Cressy L. Wilbur, Albany, N. Y., who spoke on "Needs and Present Status of Birth Registration," John W. Trask, M. D., assistant surgeon general of the United States public health service, "Morbidity Reports and Statistics," and A. J. McKelway of Washington, D. C., "A Decade of Child Labor Reform."

Sectional meetings considered defective delinquency, scope and limitation of family rehabilitation, rural sanitation and problems of local charity.

ARTILLERYMEN COULD GO ON SHORT NOTICE

New York, May 15.—Orders recently issued by the department for 600 artillerymen stationed along the Atlantic coast to hold themselves in readiness for departure for the south have resulted in unusual activity at the army building here and at Governor's Island. Arrangements are now so nearly complete that the men could be moved on short notice.

It is the intention of the government, it is said here, to add two brigades to the troops intended for possible service in Mexico. Should they be ordered south the coast artillerymen will form provisional regiments of infantry.

WITHDRAWAL RECOMMENDED

EXPLOSION KILLS 10 MEN; 3 INJURED

Gasoline Is Believed to Have Caused Disaster in Detroit Rubber Plant.

Detroit, May 15.—Ten men were killed and three badly injured in an explosion this forenoon which demolished the plant of the Mexican Crude Rubber company. About 25 employees were at work in the building. Gasoline is believed to have been responsible for the explosion.

Most of the victims were skilled mechanics. One body was blown through the building. Three others were burned beyond recognition. Three men were removed to a hospital and physicians said they did not expect any of them would survive. Dozens of windows in the buildings near the rubber company's plant were shattered.

There were several reports as to the cause of the explosion but survivors said a vat containing a large quantity of molten rubber exploded. Officials of the company declined to issue a statement until they conducted an investigation.

The plant, a one story concrete building in West Detroit, was almost obliterated. Concrete blocks weighing several pounds were found more than two blocks away from the scene of the explosion.

The factory of the commerce Motor Car company, about 100 feet from the rubber concern, was badly damaged. Nobody in the building, however, was seriously hurt.

The explosion was witnessed by scores of pedestrians and there were many narrow escapes. One spectator said the concrete factory seemed to split into three huge pieces, two of which "melted away." The third, he said, shot high into the air and broke into fragments which went whizzing in every direction.

Firemen soon prevented the possibility of a conflagration. None of the first five bodies removed from the smoking debris was identified before being taken to the morgue.

BOODIES OF FAMILY OF THREE ARE MUTILATED

Ironton, Ohio, May 15.—The mutilated bodies of Mrs. Dennis Maselle, her son, Robert, and her daughter, Mary, were found today at their country home at Greasy Ridge, 25 miles from Ironton. The mother was 75 years old, the son and daughter both past 45. The family was prominently connected.

Miss Mary Maselle was found in the kitchen of the house with her hands tied behind her back and her throat cut. Her brother was found in the back yard with his head battered in and the aged mother lay in the front yard with her throat cut and skull crushed.

Police believe an attack was made on the daughter and that the others were killed when they interfered. A search is being made for Harley Beard, aged 21, a man employed on the place.

Report to Methodist Conference Provides For Commission to Establish Another University.

MINORITY REPORT TO RETAIN VANDERBILT

Majority Would Turn Back Rights in Institution to Conferences Which Deeded Property.

Oklahoma City, May 15.—Methodist rights in Vanderbilt university, which until recently have been cared for by the general conference of the M. E. church, South, would be turned back to the eight annual conferences, which deeded property to Vanderbilt, then known as Central university, according to the report completed by the special Vanderbilt committee of the conference early today. After a session which lasted until past midnight the committee met again this morning to put the finishing touches to their report.

In addition to the majority report making the above recommendation, a minority report was drawn recommending that the conference retain whatever rights it still may have in Vanderbilt after the decision of the Tennessee Supreme court which held that the conference did not control the university.

After recommending that the general conference turn back the property to the eight original patronizing conferences, provision is made for the board of education to furnish money to these conferences to test out their rights in the university if they desire to do so.

The report provides for a commission of four bishops, four preachers and eight laymen to take steps to establish a new theological school and lay the foundation for a new university by taking over bequests of property for that purpose.

The minority report, recommending that the conference retain whatever rights it may have in Vanderbilt, places the matter in the hands of the board of education with instructions to continue to exercise its prerogative of confirming or rejecting trustees elected by the board of trust, and to co-operate with the board of trust. It also provides that the board takes steps toward establishing a new school of theology and a university in the event it fails to re-establish harmonious relations with Vanderbilt. The board is instructed to report back to the general conference four years hence.

TRAIN HITS AUTOMOBILE; THREE PERSONS KILLED

St. Louis, May 15.—Three persons were killed at Faustman, Ill., 11 miles east of Edwardsville, Ill., today when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Toledo, St. Louis and Western train.

The dead, all of whom lived in Marine, Ill., are: John Stuckwisch, Mrs. John Stuckwisch, Oscar Maurer, brother of Mrs. Stuckwisch.

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