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## SILLIMAN CASE BEING PRESSED

### Apprehension Continues Over Continued Inability to Secure Definite Advice About Consul.

### MESSANGER MAY BE SENT TO SALTILLO

### Mediation Conference Opens This Afternoon—All Envoys and Delegates In Readiness.

Washington, May 20.—Apprehension over continued inability to secure from the Huerta government definite advice as to the fate of American Vice Consul John R. Silliman, who has been under arrest at Saltillo, prompted the state department today to renewed activity in the missing American's behalf.

Secretary Bryan asked American Consul Hanna at Monterey if it would be feasible to send a messenger from this city to Saltillo to determine whether Silliman had been released. Mr. Bryan's directions to Consul Hanna make it plain the Monterey consul is to use his discretion in prosecuting inquiries. Officials here realize there are many difficulties to be overcome in sending a representative of the Monterey consulate from constitutionalist territory into the Saltillo district.

### Parks and Silliman Cases

Washington, May 20.—Officials in administration and diplomatic circles here turned their attention today to proceedings at Niagara Falls. President Wilson kept in close touch with the progress of the Mexican mediation negotiations by means of a special wire set up between the White House and the headquarters of the American mission.

While conditions appeared propitious for the beginning of the conference, government officials still awaited word of the fate of Samuel Parks, the American infantryman who strayed into Mexican lines outside Vera Cruz and was reported to have been executed. Vigorous representations had been made to Huerta, who had promised to investigate the Parks case and fix the blame for his reported death. Some anxiety also was expressed over John R. Silliman, American vice consul, who had been held by federal officials at Saltillo. Silliman was said to have been released and started on his way to Mexico City, but definite report of his movements was still lacking today. The state department also awaited the result of representations to the Mexican foreign office over the reported detention of ten members of the Smith family at Tonala, Chihuahua.

### Huerta's Predicament

Continued reports from Mexico City tending to support the theory that an effort soon will be made there to unseat Huerta renewed interest in developments at the federal capital. Greatest fear in Mexico City, declare refugees arriving in Vera Cruz, is not that the plot against Huerta will be executed, but that it may not occur before the entrance of the Zapata forces which might precipitate more serious trouble.

That the constitutionalists had renewed their active campaign south of Torreon was indicated in reports of desperate fighting before Saltillo, Villa's most immediate goal.

### Nothing From Saltillo

No official reports bearing on the Saltillo battle have reached either the state, war or navy departments. Apparently all wires out of Saltillo are now silent.

### Brigadier General Funston at Vera Cruz today confirmed reports that the two horses taken through the Mexican federal lines by Private Parks had been returned by Mexicans. He said the note brought by the Mexican messenger made no mention of the fate of the young infantryman. Secretary Garrison was informed by telegram this morning that Captain Percy Willis of the coast artillery corps at Key West had obtained an affidavit from A. W. Hild states that he saw a man who saw Parks' dead body and who declared that the young infantryman was shot and that the corpse later was destroyed.

sador Da Gama ofrazil and Ministers Noan of Argentina and Suarez of Chile, is to attempt to compose the differences between the United States and Mexico. The Mexican peace commissioners arrived early today from New York, while the American delegation reached here shortly before midnight. Minister Suarez was the last of the three South American mediators to reach the scene.

To welcome the visitors to Canadian territory the Duke of Connaught, governor general of Canada, Delegates Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, and Senator Loughheed, conservative leader, are to come here from Ottawa. Their duties include visits of greeting to the mediators and to the American and Mexican delegates.

The formal opening of the conference was set for 3 p. m. today. The program for today included nothing except the formal introductions, exchanges of courtesies and adoption of plans for the conduct of the proceedings, such as are customary to the opening of an international gathering of this character.

The mediators were prepared to lay before the delegates from the two governments the rules and regulations which will govern during the proceedings. Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, as ranking representative among three mediators, will be the leader in whatever action is taken. It has not yet been announced whether or not there will be a chairman formally chosen to preside over the sessions.

Justice Lamar of the United States Supreme court and Frederick W. Lehmann, former solicitor general in the department of justice, the American delegates, with H. Percival Dodge, their secretarial adviser, are making their headquarters at a hotel in Niagara Falls, N. Y., just across the border from the seat of conference.

## WILL TRY TO MAINTAIN TAMPICO AS OPEN PORT

### Steps Will Be Taken by U. S. To Prevent Blockade by Either Side.

Washington, May 20.—Every effort will be made by the United States to maintain the port of Tampico free and open to commerce, it was declared today by Acting Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt. While no definite orders had been issued, the acting secretary said that, if necessary, steps would be taken to prevent a blockade by either Mexican federal or constitutionalists.

"This government," said Secretary Roosevelt, "is extremely anxious to keep the port of Tampico open to commerce. At present there is no cloud on the horizon which would lead us to believe that any effort will be made to close that port. But if either force, federal or constitutionalist, should try to close it, it would be obnoxious to this government and steps would be taken to keep the port open. The first steps, of course, would be through diplomatic channels."

Secretary Roosevelt said that no definite order had been given to either Admiral Basker or Admiral Mayo to keep the port of Tampico open by force of arms.

Tampico, maintained as an open port, would raise the question as to whether the constitutionalists could use the city as a port of entry for the importation of arms and ammunition, which they are now unable to secure over the United States border because of the embargo. Munitions consigned to the constitutionalists at Tampico from European ports would have the right of entry if the port is to remain open.

## TRINITY CORPORATION 400 YEARS OLD TODAY

London, May 20.—The four hundredth year of the foundation of Trinity house, the world famous corporation of Master Mariners, chartered on May 20, 1514 by Henry VIII, was celebrated today.

At the time of its chartering the organization was described as "the Guild, or Fraternity of the Most Glorious and Undividable Trinity of St. Clement." At first the guild was mainly concerned with supplying pilots for ships entering and leaving Deptford royal dock yard, but Henry VIII increased its prestige by handing over to the corporation the entire direction of that dock yard. Queen Elizabeth entrusted the corporation with what constitutes its chief modern duty by giving it authority to erect beacons and other marks for the guidance of navigators around the English coast.

### To Consider Lever Bill

Washington, May 20.—The Lever bill to regulate cotton futures trading has been agreed upon by the house agriculture sub-committee and the all committee may consider it tomorrow.

## WON GIRL WITH DICE; RAGE WAR

### Report of Race Riot in Guatemala After Negro Gambler Gained Indian Maid From Father.

### HALF BREED WANTED GIRL FOR SON'S WIFE

### Gambler Finds "Nazada" Assaulted and Dying—Kills Assaultants—The Battle Lasts For Days.

New Orleans, May 20.—The United Fruit company today was attempting to confirm by wireless a strange story of a race riot on one of its plantations in Guatemala, in which it is reported 64 negroes and probably 100 Indians were killed. Smouldering race hatred of the native Indians for negroes, inflamed by one of the negroes winning the Indian girl Nazada, from her father at dice, and his refusal to sell her back to a native is reported to have caused the trouble.

The negro, Clarence Williams, had been employed on the Teahuena farm, one of the United Fruit plantations in the Montagua river district, according to the story, and had incurred the hatred of many of the Indians because of his success with dice.

As the story goes Christoforo Zurello, a half breed boss of a neighboring farm, had wanted Nazada as a wife for his son and had become when he learned that she had incensed the property of the negro, Zurello offered the negro 30 pesos for the girl. The negro refused.

Soon after Williams left for his work Saturday, May 9, three men appeared at the shanty. A few hours later he found his Indian wife tied to a nearby tree and mutilated with knives. Just before she died she told him that Zurello, a peon named Pedro and a half breed had assaulted her, and killed them.

That night fighting started between the negroes and Indians and was kept up for many days. According to the story the bodies of 64 negroes were found. Just how many Indians were killed probably will never be known.

## MILITANTS ATTEMPT TO BURN ROYAL PAVILION

### Fire Set to Brush Encircling Building Near Residence Of British Rulers.

### Aldershot, Eng., May 20.—A great brush fire, declared by the authorities to have been the work of militant suffragettes, encircled today the royal pavilion in the Long Valley where King George and Queen Mary are in residence in the center of a great army of British troops.

The entire camp was aroused before daybreak. Several battalions of infantrymen and regiments of cavalry turned out to fight the flames. Swords of the cavalrymen proved an efficient means of extinguishing the fire. With them the men cut down and beat out the blazing undergrowth.

Suffragettes have shown great activity in the neighborhood since the king and queen arrived here. As their majesties left the royal pavilion today two women dashed in front of their carriage waving a banner with the words "votes for women."

## RECOMMENDS BISHOP WILSON'S RETIREMENT

Oklahoma City, May 20.—Upon reassembling today the pending question before the conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, was the discussion of the report of the committee on episcopacy. This matter was under consideration when the conference adjourned yesterday.

### Virginia Diocese Opens

Richmond, Va., May 20.—The diocesan convention of the Episcopal church in the diocese of Virginia was opened in St. James church here this morning. A coadjutor for Bishop Gibson is to be elected.

## CONJECTURE AS TO DELEGATIONS

### Politicians Guessing as to the Unknown Factors in the Coming Congressional Convention.

### CONFLICTING CLAIMS OF THE TWO LEADERS

### Gudger's Estimate Gives Him Lead of 15; Reynolds Claims Lead of Five.

With a convention fight certain when delegates from the 13 counties of the Tenth Congressional district gather in Waynesville on Friday, May 29, to select a candidate to carry the democratic standard in the November election, speculation runs rife as to just how the strength of the five candidates in the field will line up. Congressman James M. Gudger, Jr., and Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds are leading in the race by many lengths, as indicated by incomplete returns from the primaries of last Saturday, but it still appears that neither will have sufficient strength to secure the nomination on first ballot. The strength of these two candidates appears to be very close now, both claiming a slight lead. The question then is whether they will draw from the strength of the three remaining candidates, Judge James H. Merrimon of Buncombe, Walter E. Moore of Jackson and John O. Harrison of Macon; and if there is a shift in forces, to whom will it move?

Of the three candidates who brought up the rear in the primaries, it is probable that Judge Merrimon polled the greatest number of votes, although his strength is not very much greater, if any, than that of Mr. Moore. Either could hold the balance of power of the convention should the other remain in the running. If they both remain in there is a possibility of a deadlock that will last indefinitely.

It is generally understood that Judge Merrimon personally prefers Congressman Gudger to Solicitor Reynolds, remarks made by him lately in the western part of the district indicating this. It might be, therefore, that if he should withdraw he would attempt to throw his strength to the present congressman. Judge Merrimon's manager is F. S. Chapman, who is related to Solicitor Reynolds by marriage and it is the natural supposition that he would prefer to see the scales tip in the other direction should his favorite withdraw. A great deal may therefore depend upon whether he or Judge Merrimon selects the delegates who will represent the latter in the convention. Many declare that Judge Merrimon will not withdraw at all, as he entered the race in the hope of eventually winning out in a convention fight.

### Mr. Moore's Proposition

Complications equally as hard to fathom enter into the question relative to Mr. Moore's position. He has been defeated in former congressional races by Mr. Gudger and it is stated that some of the patronage distributed by the latter during the present term had been displeasing to the Jackson county man. On the other hand, it is stated, Mr. Reynolds incurred the displeasure of Mr. Moore by refusing to endorse him as a candidate for the district attorneyship as opposed to Charles A. Webb, the present United States marshal. Just how he feels towards either of these two gentlemen now is a question that is disturbing supporters on both sides.

Mr. Harrison does not possess so much strength as the two just referred to, but his convention votes will be by no means inconsiderable. There is apparently no line on his position in the matter should he withdraw from the convention. There are many who say that he is favorable to Mr. Gudger and others who contend just as strongly that Mr. Reynolds would be given his support in case of a shift in the balloting.

With these questions troubling the minds of supporters on both sides, the further question of the actual strength of the two leading candidates is a mooted one. Gudger supporters claim 153 1/2, Mr. Reynolds claims 153 of the convention votes, conceding to Mr. Gudger only 147.

A competent political observer who has carefully gone over the situation gives the following estimate, which allows Mr. Gudger about 149 votes and Mr. Reynolds about 148: Buncombe—Gudger, 32; Reynolds, 37 1/2; McDowell—Gudger, 12; Reynolds, 9; Rutherford—Gudger, 21; Reynolds, 23; Polk—Gudger, 7 1/2; Reynolds, 6 1/2; Transylvania—Gudger, 5; Reynolds, 4; Henderson—Gudger, 11 1/2; Reynolds, 9 1/2; Haywood—Gudger, 26; Reynolds, 18 1/2; Jackson—Gudger, 5; Reynolds, 7; Swain—Gudger, 11 1/2; Reynolds, 4; Graham—Gudger, 3; Reynolds, 11; Clay—Gudger, 4; Reynolds, 3.

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## COLONEL BACK IN THE ARENA

### Roosevelt Already in Thick of Politics, Getting in Touch With Progressives' Affairs.

### HARDEST CAMPAIGN OF CAREER PLANNED

### Contemplates Trip From The Atlantic to the Pacific and Shorter Campaigning Trips.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 20.—Twelve hours after Theodore Roosevelt returned from South America he was back today in a thick of politics. He was up early and as soon as breakfast was over he was hard at work picking up the threads where he had dropped them seven months ago.

Colonel Roosevelt, it was learned today, looks forward to one of the hardest political campaigns in his career. Except for the time occupied by his trip to Spain for the wedding of his son, Kermit, he expects to devote to politics most of his time until November. Already a tentative plan of action has been mapped out. The former president has in mind a campaigning trip taking him from the Atlantic to the Pacific and several shorter trips in nearby states.

In his library today he paced the floor and dictated letters and telegrams at top speed. His desk was piled high with messages from all parts of the world inquiring as to his health and informing him of political conditions.

Colonel Roosevelt's desire is to get back in touch as soon as possible with the affairs of the progressive party in all parts of the country. Before he left South America he planned his work, arranging by cable for conferences with progressive leaders. The first of these was set for today. George W. Perkins of New York, chairman of the national executive committee, and O. K. Davis of Washington, secretary of the committee, were expected at Sagamore Hill during the afternoon to give a report on the situation.

Colonel Roosevelt will go to his editorial office tomorrow morning and will spend most of the day in meeting political associates. At that time he will confer with the New York state leaders. His address before the National Geographic society in Washington has been set for next Tuesday evening.

## FIVE PEOPLE KILLED; CAR HITS AUTOMOBILE

### Accident Occurs Near Asheville, Ohio—Gasoline Tank Explodes.

Columbus, O., May 20.—Five persons were killed near Asheville, 25 miles south of Columbus, today when a Scio Valley traction car struck an automobile at a crossing.

The dead: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Miller, president Citizens bank, Asheville; Mrs. Alice Stalger, Asheville; Mrs. C. E. Hill, wife of the Rev. Mr. Hills of Mount Sterling; Vida Bond, five years old, daughter of H. J. Bond.

The car and the automobile were consumed by fire. The gasoline tank of the automobile exploded when it came in contact with the third rail. The six years old daughter of Mrs. Hills was rescued from under the burning automobile.

## REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD IN CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, May 20.—Receptions to delegates to the annual general synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church occupied the time of the committee having the matters in charge today. The synod will open this evening when Dr. William Bailey of Philadelphia will make the opening address. It will continue until Monday and will discuss reports of committees.

### Virginia Merchants Meet

Richmond, Va., May 20.—The annual convention of the Virginia Retail Merchants association was opened here this morning. The merchants' tax problem is the principal matter before it.

### Dr. Christie Dead

New York, May 20.—Dr. T. M. Christie, widely known as a physician and surgeon, is dead at his home at Rye, N. Y. He was 75 years old.

## WELLS OF LOAN TO MR. HASKELL

### PENROSE, PALMER, PINCHOT SELECTED

### Are Senatorial Candidates—McCormick Claims Democratic Nomination for Governor.

Philadelphia, May 20.—Boles Penrose, republican; A. Mitchell Palmer, democrat, and Gifford Pinchot, progressive, will make the fight for United States senator from Pennsylvania in the November election. These three won their respective party nominations in yesterday's statewide primary.

Penrose won a sweeping victory over J. Benjamin Dimmick, former mayor of Scranton; Palmer defeated Henry Budd of Philadelphia, in a bitter fight, and Pinchot was unopposed. At republican state headquarters it was estimated that Penrose had about 175,000 majority over Dimmick.

Aside from the senatorship, the greatest interest was taken in the battle for the democratic nomination for governor. This fight was between Vance C. McCormick, former mayor of Harrisburg, and Michael J. Ryan, city solicitor of Philadelphia. Ryan polled a big vote in Philadelphia and in the anthracite coal regions but returns from the greater part of the state have led the friends of McCormick to claim the victory for their candidate.

Mary G. Brumbaugh, superintendent of the public schools of Philadelphia, won the republican nomination for governor by a large majority and the Washington (Progressive) party nominated for that office William Draper Lewis, dean of the University of Pennsylvania law school.

## RULES OUT DAGO FRANK CONFESSION

New York, May 20.—The confession that "Dago Frank" Clifford made an hour before he went to the electric chair will not help Charles Becker in his fight to prove his innocence of the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The Supreme court before which Becker is on trial for the second time refused today to admit the confession. "Dago Frank" before he died swore he had never heard the name of Becker mentioned until Rosenthal was killed.

The court held that evidence pertaining to the confession was not admissible because it was an incident that occurred after the murder.

## FAILS TO NAME DATE FOR VOTE ON TOLLS

Washington, May 20.—An attempt by Senator Kern, democratic leader, to get unanimous consent to vote May 27 on the Panama tolls bill was defeated today by Senator McCumber, who objected. "The time has not yet come to fix a date for voting," remarked Senator McCumber.

Senator Kern, in explanation of his request for a vote, said that already the senate had listened to an exhaustive and illuminating debate. He said he felt little could be added by further discussion.

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### Owner of Boston Herald Borrowed \$300,000 From New Haven, Mr. Mellen Testifies.

### HIS OWNING PAPER "NO BAD INDUCEMENT"

### Loans Made to Others Besides Haskell and Billard—"Something Pending" in Legislature.

Washington, May 20.—The remarkable story of the disappearance of millions of dollars from the treasury of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad through the acquisition, at extravagant prices, of subsidiary properties, was resumed before the interstate commerce commission today by Charles S. Mellen, former New Haven president. The commission is conducting a sweeping investigation into all features of the road's financial operations.

The chamber in which the hearings are in progress was thronged with eager spectators. Unusual interest has been aroused by the description given by Mr. Mellen on the stand yesterday of how the late J. Pierpont Morgan absolutely dominated the New Haven's affairs, and how millions of dollars were spent in awe and ignorant silence at the master financier's command.

The witness was questioned when today's session began regarding a loan of \$300,000 to Mr. Haskell of the Boston Herald. Asked as to the date of this transaction Mr. Mellen replied it occurred "two years before notes of Haskell were sold to Mr. Billard."

In further explanation he said: "I had known Mr. Haskell some years and I laid the case before the finance committee and they agreed to the loan."

"Was the fact that he was owner of the Boston Herald an inducement?" Mr. Folk asked.

"It was certainly not a bad inducement." "What was pending in the Massachusetts legislature at the time of the loan to Haskell?"

"There was always something pending in the Massachusetts legislature." "At what time was the bill incorporating the Boston Railroad Holding company before the legislature?"

"About June, 1909." "Were there any other loans made by the New Haven or New England Navigation company to anybody besides Mr. Haskell and Mr. Billard?"

"I think some others were made. Perhaps loans of five or six millions were made to the New York Central and to the Pennsylvania railroad. They all were arranged through the finance committee of the board of directors."

"I had nothing to do with the Billard company," added Mr. Mellen. "What were Haskell's notes worth?" "At the time of the loan, I think, and for some time after, they were worth their face value."

"Are they worth that now?" "I do not think so."

"Did you have anything to do with the reorganization of the Boston Herald?" asked Mr. Folk.

"At the request of Mr. Hemmway I attended a meeting at which the reorganization of the Herald was considered. I paid no special attention to the Herald's situation." (Continued on page 2)

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