

NEW "INSIDIOUS LOBBY" CHARGED

President intimates that powerful interests opposing the anti-trust bills cause depression. Will put through program he says. Circular letters presenting the views of business houses now among white house exhibits.

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson made the direct charge today that the sentiment in favor of postponement of the administration legislative trust program was the result of activities of certain interests, and intimated that it was the cause of the "psychological business depression of which he recently spoke."

In support of the President's view the White House made public copies of letters and telegrams circulated among business men calling for adjournment of congress without completing trust bills, and objecting to the five per cent freight rate increase asked by 52 eastern railroads.

President Wilson made it clear to his callers that the campaign, if such it might be called, would not influence him in his plan to put his program through the senate with all the means at his command. He expressed the view that once the program is completed conditions will be much better than if a period of uncertainty were permitted.

Among the letters given out today was a circular by the Simmons Hardware company of St. Louis. E. C. Simmons, head of the company, has been selected for membership in the federal reserve board and his nomination was to have gone to the senate today.

Another circular letter made public was one purporting to have been sent out by the Pictorial Review company of New York, signed by W. P. Hanalt, as president. It was dated May 6, and enclosed a draft of a letter which "embraces the views of a majority of the stockholders on the United States commerce commission."

The form letter attached was an appeal for postponement of trust legislation on a five per cent freight rate increase for railroads.

A copy of a night lettergram containing the contents of the form letter in condensed terms was attached. The letter purported to have been sent out by the Simmons company was dated June 9, which was after Mr. Simmons had been offered a place on the reserve board.

Not since President Wilson made his charge of "an insidious lobby" in Washington to influence tariff legislation has there been a sensation of such sort in official circles. News of what the president had said and of the giving out of the circular letters spread quickly to the capitol where it became the subject of animated discussion in both houses of congress.

Washington, June 15.—Anti-trust legislation will be pushed through the senate at the present session by every means at the hand of President Wilson. He made it plain to callers today that he had no intention of abandoning his original program and he did not believe congress would adjourn before trust bills were enacted.

The president believes business conditions are improving in some respects, but that it will be much worse for business to worry for several months over what the anti-trust legislation is to be than to have it passed now. He let it be known that he realized a well defined effort was being made to postpone anti-trust legislation.

Denying that adjournment would be taken before these bills were passed, he said every means would be taken to have the measures passed at once.

TOLLS REPEAL BILL SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Washington, June 15.—President Wilson today signed the Panama canal tolls repeal bill as amended to the senate and agreed to in the house.

There was no ceremony at the signing. Assistant Secretary Forester was the only person with the President, who signed the bill with a quill pen in signing the international copyright law in 1891 and by President Taft in signing the Panama copyright bill and others.

The pen is the property of Robert Shaw-Johnson of New York.

CRUCIAL STAGE OF MEDIATION

United States Firm for Constitutional as President, Delegates of Huerta Are Obdurate.

HUERTA'S EMISSARIES WILL SEE PRESIDENT

The Discussion of Successor to Huerta Expected to Consume Much Time at the Conference.

Washington, June 15.—Facing the crucial stage of mediation negotiations at Niagara Falls, President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, upon resuming conference today with the American delegates, were chiefly concerned over the selection of a provisional president acceptable to all factions in Mexico. The United States holds firmly to its stand that a constitutionalist must be named to succeed Huerta while the Mexican delegates are arguing for a neutral candidate.

"Emissaries here of Huerta expect to see President Wilson today. They were said to be exerting every effort to save Huerta from humiliation. One such plan, it was suggested, provided that a man not identified with the constitutionalist movement be named to head the provisional government."

Leaders of the Carranza agency here have declared that no such man would be accepted by them. Doubt was expressed whether any plan of concessions could be made to "save Huerta's face."

Discussion of names for the provisional presidency was expected to occupy the entire time of the mediations and the American and Huerta delegates during the next few days.

Secretary Bryan conferred at length with President Wilson over the Mexican situation today and immediately afterward dispatched a long telegram to the American delegates at the Niagara conference which, it was understood, confirmed the character and personnel of the proposed provisional government and the attitude of the Mexican delegates who object to a provisional executive with constitutionalist leanings.

Mr. Bryan would not discuss the nature of his conference with the president and would only say that the mediation was "progressing satisfactorily."

The opinion prevailed here that the United States would not recede in its desire to have named as head of the provisional government a man acceptable to the revolutionary faction.

Bearing on that conclusion was the attitude of the administration towards Charles A. Towne, representing the interests of the Huerta regime and who has declared that the mediation delegates at Niagara Falls positively would not accept a pronounced constitutionalist for president.

Mediators Resume Work. Niagara Falls, Ont., June 15.—The American delegates, mediators and Mexican delegates resumed conference today on the personnel and form of the provisional government of Mexico.

The American delegates have not yet obtained from the constitutionalists a full list of men who would be acceptable to them, so interest centered chiefly on the second plank of the peace plan. It is considered likely that a provisional president and four cabinet officers will be provided instead of a commission.

The Huerta delegates received charges of bad faith against the American government, of bad faith for appointing at this juncture a constitutionalist for provisional president but no reply was made from the American side.

The Americans informed the mediators in the first conference several weeks ago of their intention to favor the appointment of a constitutionalist in order to pacify the big revolutionist army, but it is suggested the mediators may have withheld this information from the Mexican delegates in order that the conference might make progress toward the point where all other difficulties but personnel were amicably adjusted.

Amelior Babson, head of the Mexican delegates, authorized the statement (Continued on page 2)

CHURCHES FIRED BY ITALIAN STRIKERS

More Than 50 Are Partially or Wholly Destroyed in Various Towns.

Rome, June 15.—Fifteen churches were burned, 49 less seriously wrecked and many looted during the riots accompanying the general strike in Italy, according to announcements made today.

Business generally was resumed today at Forli, Cassini, Rimini, Pesce and Parma. In other districts the authorities were gradually restoring order.

Bologna, June 15.—Rioters today set fire to the cathedral, the Church of Peace and the Church of the Holy Cross in the Sanzallia on the Adriatic, after sprinkling the doors with petroleum. Cavalry arrived in time to prevent destruction of the cathedral, but the interiors of the other churches were devastated and only the walls remain standing of the Church of the Holy Cross.

A detachment of 200 sharpshooters arrived on a torpedo boat today to assist in preserving order. A search of 100 yards of railroad track on the line between Modena and Montau was torn up by strikers today.

U.S. COURT DENIES THAW'S BAIL PLEA

Request That He Be Taken to Pittsburgh Refused at Washington.

Washington, June 15.—Harry K. Thaw today was refused bail pending consideration by the Supreme court of his extradition fight against being taken to New York.

The court likewise declined to grant the auxiliary request of Thaw to be taken to Pittsburgh in the custody of Sheriff Dew of Coos county, New Hampshire, in whose charge he was placed by Judge Anderson when the state of New York was refused authority to extradite Thaw.

MILLION IS SUBSCRIBED TO OPEN BANK DOORS

Lorimer and Mundy also Agree To Withdraw From Chicago Institution.

Chicago, June 15.—One million dollars has been promised for deposit in the La Salle Street Trust and Savings bank and William Lorimer and C. B. Mundy, president and vice president of the bank, which was closed Friday by the state bank examiner, will sever their connection with the institution, according to a statement by Mundy.

A million dollars, he said, would be sufficient to re-open the bank. The names of the men who would subscribe this fund were not given out.

Daniel Harken, state bank examiner for the United States, said examination of the bank's books would proceed, when told of the promised deposit.

TREASURY AGENTS SEEK INCOME TAX DODGERS

Washington, June 15.—Treasury agents are ready to take the trail of income tax dodgers. "A man is a fool to attempt to avoid the income tax," said Commissioner Osborne today. He is sure to be found out sooner or later.

The time for payment of this tax does not expire until July 1, but it is known that the treasury department already has the information necessary to prosecute persons who made false returns. The penalty for making a fraudulent return is imprisonment for not more than a year or a fine not exceeding \$100, or both, and the costs of prosecution.

Bomb in Italian Consulate. New York, June 15.—A bomb, said by police to be highly destructive, was found today in the building occupied by the Italian consulate and the Italian savings bank. A watchman discovered it near the elevator on the ground floor. Recently an attempt was made to set the building on fire.

Laurel temple No. 9, Pythian Sisters, will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the lodge rooms over Smith's drug store.

TROOP K HERE TO OPEN CAMP

Cavalrymen Arrive on Special Train This Morning and Proceed to the Camp Site.

MANY WITNESS THE MARCH THROUGH CITY

Plans Announced at Washington For Three Summer Camps Provided For This Summer.

Troop K of the Fifth United States Cavalry, comprising about 90 men and full army equipment, arrived here this morning at 7:15 o'clock on a special train from Fort Myer, Va., accompanied by Frank L. Jenkins, district passenger agent of the Southern railway at Washington, who was in charge of the train. This troop is to arrange the camp on Sunset mountain, on the Johnson property owned by C. E. Waddell near Grove Park Inn, for the United States military training camp for young military students that will open early in July.

Capt. Preston Brown of the Seventeenth infantry, who will be the officer in charge of the school, arrived last night. The officers of the troop, who accompanied the men here today are: Capt. Clarence M. Day of the Fifth cavalry, Second Lieut. Allen M. Burdette of the Seventeenth infantry, Dr. Clarence McMillan of the medical corps, Second Lieut. Henry M. James of the Fifth cavalry.

The troop arrived on a special train that carried all equipment, including mounts for the men and about 15 army mules, and immediately upon their arrival the equipment was unloaded and the men rode through the city in double file to the site of the camp. A large number of people on Pack square witnessed the line of march as the regular army men rode through the city and there was a ripple of applause from the spectators.

Accompanying the cavalrymen today were detachments from the signal and medical corps. Other small detachments will follow later from both of these corps, and before the opening of the camp, probably during the present week, the Coast Artillery band, stationed at Fort Moultrie, near Charleston, will arrive in the city.

The work of preparing the camp will be carried to completion as rapidly as possible. It will really be a small city, with all modern conveniences, such as running water and electric lights, and will be sanitary in every particular. It will be an unique piece of work and will doubtless be watched closely by the interested citizens of Asheville.

I am expected that students from all parts of the country who will take advantage of this training camp will begin arriving here next week and a large number is expected. The camp will last a little over one month and if successful will be made permanent.

Washington, June 15.—Plans for the student military camp to be held at Burlington, Vermont; Ludington, Michigan; and Asheville, have just been completed. Captain R. O. Van Horn of the general staff of the army and the war department has ordered reorganization of cavalry and infantry to proceed to these camps. The camps will be held from July 6 to August 7.

More than 150 colleges, universities and higher academies will be represented by some 1000 students. A number of specially instructed officers have been detailed by the war department to give students attending the camps a comprehensive course in military practices, including target practice. Medals will be given for excellence in the latter. The war department endorsed this by the issuance today of the following statement:

"The establishment of the student camps has marked the adoption of the policy intended to promote a closer understanding between the army and the civilian population of the country and to give the college students an insight into our military history and methods past and present, which will be of value to him. Students at West Point will be treated with respect due future officers, but at all times academic discipline will be maintained. Students and cadets of colleges or high schools between the ages of seventeen and thirty years old are eligible for the training course. Troops detailed for the Asheville school are Troop K, Eighth cavalry, Fort Myer, Va., commanded by Captain Reedy, and the First Artillery corps band from Charleston (S. C.) harbor.

SUFFRAGISTS AGAIN WOULD SEE WILSON

Washington, June 15.—Another suffragist march on the White House is being planned as the result of the endorsement of woman suffrage by the Federation of Women's clubs at Chicago. President Wilson will be asked to receive a deputation of suffragist club women headed by Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, June 20.

AMOUNT LASSEN MORE ACTIVE

Pillar of Fire From California's Volcano Visible For 100 Miles Down Sacramento Valley.

SCIENTIST PREDICTS A BIG DISTURBANCE

Anxiety Over Men Who Have Approached Mountain to View Eruption—One Badly Injured.

Red Bluff, Cal., June 15.—Mount Lassen, the world's newest active volcano, spluttered through the early hours today. What may come from her two new cones, which came into existence last night, or the third, which steadily has been growing larger since May 30, is a matter of much anxious conjecture.

A burst of smoke rising 2000 feet yesterday morning, was followed last night by a pillar of fire visible for 100 miles down the Sacramento valley. W. H. Stormes, former state mineralogist, today declared indications pointed to a repetition by Lassen of the performance of Krakatoa, on the island of Java.

Krakatoa in 1883, after a few minor disturbances similar to Lassen, burst into explosion which destroyed the mountains for several square miles. It is a mistake to put the disturbance in the class of keyers. Geysers do not eject rocks, scoria, cinders, and ashes as does this volcano. I hardly think the activities of the mountains here will produce lava. It is likely to maintain a feeble and comparatively harmless activity. Lassen is 200 miles from the ocean which is too far inland to become a source of much danger.

Joseph E. Wright and J. H. Reacan of Redding, who early today reached a point within three quarters of a mile from the main crater, said they were enveloped by sulphuric fumes and saved themselves by lying on their faces and digging into the ground. Lance Graham, a lumberman and seven companies, were almost overcome on the mountainside by the noxious vapors. They threw themselves into snow banks while hot ashes and rocks fell among them. One rock cut off Graham's arm and tore open his breast.

Anxiety is felt concerning W. J. Rushing, United States forest supervisor, who has been active in viewing the disturbances.

\$50,000 JEWELS TAKEN FROM BUTLER'S HOME

New York, June 15.—Announcement today of a \$250 reward and "no questions asked" for return of jewelry valued at \$50,000 disclosed that the home of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, had been robbed last month.

Washington, June 15.—All previous records of anthracite coal mining were broken last year, when the output was 81,196,810 long tons, according to figures published today. This exceeded the previous output by nearly 1,000,000 tons.

FIFTH BANK IN CHICAGO CLOSED

Examiners Take Charge of Bank of Calumet as Result of Connection With Lorimer's Bank.

LORIMER SAID TO BE ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE

Another State Bank Endures A Run and Private Institution Asks For a Receiver.

Chicago, June 15.—A fifth state bank was closed Saturday by state bank examiner in connection with the disclosure of conditions in connection with the La Salle street Savings and Trust company. This, the Bank of Calumet, according to the examiner, completes the chain of what was known as the Lorimer Mundy banks in Chicago. In addition another state bank was forced to endure a run and a private bank went into the hands of a receiver.

William Lorimer, president of the La Salle street bank is said to be near a physical collapse from the strain of the developments of the last 24 hours. Examiners worked Saturday on the books on the La Salle street bank, and the three other subsidiary banks which were examined yesterday. Approximately \$4,000,000 in deposits are tied up in the institutions.

Deposits in the Bank of Calumet are \$114,924.93, according to its latest report. Its capital stock is \$200,000 and its surplus \$10,000.

An echo of the closing of the La Salle street bank was heard in the Federal court when a receiver was appointed Saturday for South West Savings bank, owned by Louis J. Krecj, the private banker and \$4,000 deposited in the La Salle street bank and when he heard that was closed he suspended business. Krecj declared he had sufficient means to meet all demands.

The International Trust and Savings bank, a state institution on the north side met a run, with finances supplied by down town banks.

More than \$22,000 of the funds of the International concern, were deposited in the La Salle street bank, but its other securities were said to be ample.

Chicago, June 15.—State bank examiners began Saturday estimating value of securities held by the LaSalle Street Trust and Savings bank and the three small neighborhood banks, closed Saturday, possibly temporarily as a suspension of the La Salle Street bank.

The fifth neighborhood bank, the Calumet State bank, was ordered closed because a large portion of its resources were tied up in the LaSalle street bank. Like the other small banks the Calumet bank may be reopened soon in a solvent condition.

Closing of the banks had no effect on other Chicago financial institutions, according to clearing house officials. The La Salle street bank never was admitted to membership in the Chicago clearing house association. Its suspension will affect only the few small banks. It had about \$4,000,000 in deposits. Validity of about \$1,200,000 of its collateral is said to have been questioned by the bank examiner.



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