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## OUTLOOK DARK FOR MEDIATION

Administration Optimism But Is Nonplussed By Attitude of Mexican Delegates.

LAMAR PREPARING AMERICAN REPLY

Huerta Envoys Deny Their Statement Was Made in Anticipation of Close of The Conference.

Washington, June 18.—While administration officials said today they still had hopes for a successful outcome of the mediation at Niagara Falls, they were evidently more doubtful than they have been at any time since the conference began.

Officials close to the president feel that Senator Rabasa's published note of yesterday disclosed anew that the American delegates are consistently holding out for a constitutionalist for the provisional president.

President Wilson is equally determined that unless a man endorsed by the constitutionalists is selected the new provisional government will be in trouble from the outset.

White house officials said when the reply of American delegates to Senator Rabasa's note was published it would be a sufficient explanation of the attitude of the United States.

The attention of officials here was drawn to the critical stage in mediation affairs precipitated by publication of the curt statement by Huerta delegates. The Americans insist on a constitutionalist for the provisional presidency as opposed to a "neutral," said the Huerta delegates, and this was tantamount to abetting fraud and violence at the elections.

Publication of the statement came as a surprise here. The memorandum of the Mexicans was sent several days ago to the American delegates but they had not expected it would be made public.

Administration officials, however, maintained their optimistic attitude regarding the outcome of the Mexican mediation. It was declared that one of the men who now is proposed for the presidency was Felipe Angeles, war secretary in Carranza's cabinet, now proceeding toward acatecas with some of Villa's forces. Villa is declared to approve of such a move, and some officials today believed that an armistice could be arranged if the delegates would accept Angeles for Huerta's successor.

To Decide on Future of Conference.

Niagara Falls, June 18.—Justice Lamar was at work early this morning on a reply to the statement of Senator Rabasa yesterday. He will await word from Washington, however, before publishing this reply. Mr. Rabasa's statement yesterday was a paraphrase of a reply to a former statement of the American delegates that they would not accept any but a constitutionalist for a provisional president. Therefore, said the statement, the United States was abetting lawlessness in the republic.

While it was felt in some quarters that the action of the Mexican delegation savored of discourtesy the American delegates were of the opinion that responsibility for any ill effects upon the mediation negotiations would fall upon the Huerta delegates. It was made known the American delegation answered almost the memorandum presented by Mr. Rabasa. The response was considered by the Americans as an adequate defense of their position. It is declared they held the Mexican delegation had not considered the fact that the United States under no circumstances would be party to any influence on the elections of any country. Its preference for a constitutionalist for provisional president was the wholly to the conviction that a man from that party must be taken in order to insure disarmament of all factions.

The Mexican delegation refused the suggestion made in some quarters that the issuance of their statement was a defense which anticipated the failure of negotiations. They said they honestly felt an expression of their opinion might be publicly approved and thus influence the American government.

When formal conferences are resumed tomorrow on return of Minister Huan of Argentina, it will be definitely decided whether, in view of past disagreements, the conference should be arranged for indefinite consideration of names presented by the two sets of delegates or whether there is a chance for an agreement if the mediators should submit some names they have in reserve.

The Mexican delegation gave out a report from their camp at El Paso about 23 Carranza officials were in Villa's train in connection with the transfer of the business of the constitutionalist government to Villa.

## "SAINT MARY'S" IS TO BE NEW CHURCH

Asheville District Convention Authorizes Establishment Third Episcopal Parish.

One of the most important matters transacted by the Asheville district convention of the Episcopal church, now in session here, was the authorization yesterday afternoon of another parish in Asheville, to be known as Saint Mary's. The application for the new parish was submitted by about fifty Asheville people, who will be charter members of the new church, and the following will compose the vestry: Thomas Settle, Rex Howland, R. S. Smith, H. C. Allen and A. S. Guerrard. Rev. Charles Mercer Hall, who spent some time in Asheville about a year ago and supplied the pulpit at Trinity church for a while, has been called as rector of the new parish and it is believed that he will accept. As soon as a rector arrives here work will begin on a church building in the Grove Park section of the city.

It was announced in The Gazette-News several weeks ago that a number of the Episcopals of the city had instituted a movement to establish a third parish in the community, which movement received the approval of both the All Souls and Trinity parishes. Those who began the movement favor a high church, All Souls at Biltmore is low church, while Trinity furnishes a medium between high and low church customs. The establishment of a third parish, therefore, will give all Episcopals their preference in services.

There was a large congregation at Trinity church last night to hear the addresses arranged for the big missionary mass meeting. The speakers were: Rev. R. N. Wilcox of Hendersonville, Dr. Starr of the University of North Carolina, and Rev. Dr. J. F. Clark of New York. Rev. Mr. Wilcox spoke of the missionary work being done in this immediate section. Dr. Starr told of the work that is being done among the students of the university of the state, while Dr. Clark outlined in masterful manner the great achievements in foreign fields and the openings that are still calling for missionary work. All three addresses were stirring and held the close attention of all present.

## DURHAM TAXES WILL SHOW BIG INCREASE

Indications Are That Fire of March 23 Did Not Halt the Town's Progress.

Special to The Gazette-News. Durham, June 18.—It is believed that the taxes for the new year will show one of the largest increases that has ever been shown in one year—another indication that the big fire of March 23 did not halt the material progress of the city. While of course at the present time it is impossible to tell with any degree of accuracy the amount of increase the new tax books will show, those in charge of making up the lists say that there have been substantial increases in the property listed by the various corporations this year.

The two tobacco companies alone show over a million and a half dollars increase for this year over the amount of property listed last year. The cotton mills will show a very large increase and the cutting up of farms into city lots will increase the value of what has been listed as farming lands in former years.

## ONE KILLED, FOUR HURT IN MOTOR CAR WRECK

Harrisonburg, Va., June 18.—James D. Crowder, an insurance agent of Covington, Va., was killed and four other persons injured when an automobile in which they were riding, plunged into an uncompleted culvert near here early today. Crowder's neck was broken. Mrs. Crowder and Miss Lelia Hubson were seriously but not fatally hurt. The two other occupants of the car sustained minor injuries.

Steamer Is Burned.

Tampa, Fla., June 18.—The steamer Planter of the Towles line was burned to the water's edge while lying at anchor off Fort Myers this morning. The vessel is a total loss. She was valued at \$45,000. Only a watchman was on board. He escaped. The Planter was in the coastwise trade between Tampa and Fort Myers. The cause of the fire is not known.

## MAY RECONCILE REBEL LEADERS

The Constitutionalists in North Mexico Fear Villa-Carranza Break Will Injure Their Cause.

ZATOCATOS GARRISON GETS REINFORCEMENTS

Taking of Huerta Stronghold Will Prove Difficult Task—Victorious Gunboat At Mazatlan.

El Paso, Tex., June 18.—The success or failure of the constitutionalist efforts depends upon a complete agreement between Generals Carranza and Villa, according to members of both factions here today, who anxiously awaited developments following the dispatch last night of a joint appeal for harmony to both leaders. With the belief general here in constitutionalist circles that the federalists at Zacatecas have been reinforced recently and they are determined to defend the city to the last, the speedy capture of this important point is far from bright.

Only immediate action on the part of the combined constitutionalist forces will accomplish this in the estimation of revolutionary leaders.

The rumor that the cargo of the steamer Antilla, which was landed for the constitutionalist at Tampico a fortnight ago, had fallen into the hands of Villa's lieutenants, has served to intensify the hopes of a settlement based upon the concerted appeal of leaders of factions to bury all differences from the advancement of plans to overthrow the Huerta government.

Governor Returns to Mazatlan

On Board U. S. S. California, Mazatlan, Mexico, June 17.—(By Wireless to San Diego, Cal., June 18.)—The federal gunboat Guerrero, which sank the constitutionalist gunboat Tampico, returned to port here today with her colors at half mast in honor of Captain Malpico, the vanquished commander, who committed suicide. Constitutionalists picked up after the sinking of the Tampico will not be turned over to the federal authorities, the Guerrero's officers having decided to spare their lives. Captain Malpico was formerly a lieutenant in the Mexican navy and toward him and his men the Guerrero's men are said to entertain a brotherly feeling. The United States cruiser New Orleans and the destroyer Perry arrived here with the Guerrero, the New Orleans having six wounded on board from the Tampico.

When the Tampico began to sink Captain Malpico and a number of the crew attempted to escape on a launch. The Guerrero gave chase but did not shoot at the boat, but soon overtook her. As the Guerrero overhauled the launch Captain Malpico committed suicide.

The constitutionalists have vacated San Pedro Island in Mazatlan harbor, fearing a cannonade from the federal guns.

A Pacific mail steamer due here tomorrow will pick up a large number of passengers including many Americans. They will be carried out to the steamer by boats from the American warships.

## COL. ROOSEVELT LEAVES LONDON ON RETURN TRIP

London, June 18.—When Theodore Roosevelt arrived at Waterloo station today to take the regular steamer train to Southampton on his return to the United States, a large crowd of friends had gathered to bid him farewell. Among them were Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador, with the staff of the embassy and Admiral Lord Charles Beresford. The colonel was in a very cheerful mood. He said to the reporters: "Tell the English people I have enjoyed myself and fully appreciate the way I have been treated by everybody. I was particularly pleased with the courtesy shown me when I addressed the Royal Geographical society."

Mrs. Nichols Longworth will remain in England another week visiting friends.

## USES SAFETY RAZOR TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Maryland, June 18.—Carl Waldman of Hamburg, Germany, who came here recently from Jacksonville, Fla., committed suicide today by opening the blade of a safety razor which he was using to shave his face. He was found suspended from a bedpost.

## ATTEMPT IS MADE ON CZAR'S LIFE

Many Injured When Train Proceeding Ruler's Hits Bomb On Track.

Berlin, June 18.—An attempt was made near Tschudovo, Russia, today to blow up the Russian imperial train carrying the emperor and his family. According to dispatches from St. Petersburg a bomb was found on the track.

A postal train which was preceding the imperial train as a pilot, struck the bomb and caused it to explode. Many of the coaches of the mail train were shattered and several persons injured.

The emperor and his family on the imperial train passed the spot a few minutes later and arrived at Tsarskoe-Selo without further incident. They were on the way from Kishinev on the return journey from their visit with King Charles of Rumania.

## R. G. RHETT ADDRESSES THE WHOLESALE GROCERS

Charleston Banker Praises the New Currency Law—Other Addresses Made.

Charleston, S. C., June 18.—The feature of the business session this morning at the Isle of Palms of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association was the address of R. G. Rhett of Charleston, one of the prominent bankers of the south and a member of the United States Chamber of Commerce board of directors, on the new banking currency system.

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Arrangement was made to transfer the passengers to the Imperator which leaves for New York today. The captain of the Incormore declined to make any statement, but a member of the crew said both steamers were proceeding slowly at the time.

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"The damage to the Kaiser Wilhelm II is less considerable than was at first supposed. Repairs will require only a short time and will be undertaken at Southampton."

Plant Weds Mrs. Waring.

New London, Conn., June 18.—The marriage of Morton H. Plant, the yachtman and capitalist, to Mrs. Seldon B. Waring of Hartford at Branford house, Eastern point, yesterday, was formally announced today. The Rev. P. M. Kerridge, rector of St. James Episcopal church of this city, officiated and only a few friends were present.

The bride obtained a divorce from her husband in April last. She is 31 years of age and Mr. Plant is 63. The first Mrs. Plant, who was Miss Nellie Capron, of Baltimore, died of typhoid fever last August.

Georgia Lawyers in Session.

Savannah, Ga., June 18.—The annual convention of the Georgia Bar association meets today on Tybee island. The meeting was called to order by George A. Alston of Atlanta, the president, who read his annual address. It dealt with the development of the federal constitution. The principal address of the meeting is to be delivered by Judge Albert J. P. Murphy of Louisville, Ky., who will speak upon the "Court of Review." He is to deal largely with the behavior of Marie Antoinette.

## LLOYD VESSEL BADLY DAMAGED

Passengers of the Kaiser Wilhelm II. Tell of Their Experience After the Collision.

THE LIFEBOATS WERE QUICKLY MANNED

Closing of Watertight Compartments, However, Stopped Flood of Water From Big Vessel.

Liverpool, June 18.—The first class dining saloon of the Kaiser Wilhelm II was badly drenched with water and the passengers were compelled to take their breakfast today in a saloon in the upper deck. G. E. Ames, of Echo, Cal., a passenger on the Kaiser, said:

"I was in my stateroom when I heard a sound like the sound of a cannon. My steward entered immediately afterward and said they were closing the watertight compartments and that I did not hurry. I should be shut in. When I reached the deck I found the first and second class passengers behaving very coolly but there was great excitement among the steerage passengers. The women were shrieking and crying and the men running aimlessly about waving their hands.

"One woman, who I believe was an Italian, threw her arms around my neck and I had to force her off. I cannot understand how the collision occurred as our fog signal was sounding all the time. We had come almost to a standstill and had just started moving again when we were struck."

D. M. von Schilling, of Hampton, Va., was on the deck when the vessels struck. He said:

"I was in the smoking saloon when I heard two blasts from a whistle on the starboard side of the Kaiser Wilhelm II. I immediately went out on deck. Our vessel was blowing single blasts. I heard two more blasts a little closer, and then about 200 yards off, saw the dim outline of a steamer coming out of the fog.

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## QUIMET ELIMINATED FROM GOLF CONTEST

Frestwick, Scotland, June 18.—Francis Guimet, American open golf champion was practically eliminated today from competition for the British open championship. Guimet took 55 strokes to make the first of the four 18-hole rounds. Harry Vardon did the round in 72 and several other competitors had scores of 70 or better. Guimet was paired with J. L. C. Jenkins, the British amateur champion. Jenkins' card for the first 18 holes was 72.

The 155 competitors, who met here today were chosen in a recent qualifying round at Troon.

## CALLS PRIMARY TALK NONSENSE

COMMITTEE MEETS HERE ON JUNE 27TH

Chairman Stevens Issues Formal Call For Meeting of Congressional Executive Committee.

Judge Henry B. Stevens of Asheville, chairman of the democratic congressional executive committee of the Tenth district, today issued a formal call for a meeting of the committee here on Saturday, June 27, to be held in his offices in the Gates building.

The meeting will be held for the purpose of providing for the holding of the primary throughout the district on August 16, and adopting rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of the resolution adopted at the Wayneville convention on June 2. It is asked that all members of the committee be present at this time, as well as all democrats of the district who are interested in the matter and have suggestions to offer.

The primary will be held for the purpose of selecting a democratic nominee for congress, entries for which have already closed with Congressman James M. Gudger, Jr., and Solicitor Robert R. Reynolds the only candidates in the race. The primary became necessary for the selection of a nominee after the congressional convention had been in session for four days and a deadlock existed that appeared to be permanent. It is the first time in the history of the state that a course has been taken to select a nominee. It is expected that the meeting of the executive committee will therefore be largely attended, as all are interested in the details of arrangement for the election.

## GOVERNOR CRAIG HAS ARRIVED FOR SUMMER

Establishes Summer Capital Here and Will Remain Until Middle of August.

Ushering in the first real rain since the middle of April and effectually breaking the drought that has existed throughout the section since then, Governor Locke Craig arrived in Asheville this morning to establish his summer capital here. He is a guest at the Battery Park hotel with Mrs. Craig and son, George, and will remain here for the greater part of the time until August 15, although he will make several trips to Raleigh and other points during this time.

Governor Craig stated this morning that he is delighted to be back in Asheville again with the prospects of having a complete rest during the summer months. He expects to rest as much as he can, although he will look after important matters of state that are brought to his attention. His private stenographer, Miss May Jones, accompanied him here to help in the work that it becomes necessary for him to do.

In this connection Mr. Watts said that where there were democratic representatives these counties would be included in the primary plan. Several leading democrats—officeholders—who have been in Washington recently declared that to give the primary to certain counties meant giving them to the republican party. A democratic congressman who heard the remark said he did not believe this would be true but if true, the Wilson plan of primary was the only fair method of selecting candidates and he was in favor of it, no matter what the result was.

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Collector Watts at Washington Gives Democratic State Convention's Work Hearty Endorsement.

"CERTAIN COUNTIES" TO BE GIVEN PRIMARIES

Bill Will Be Presented Before Legislature Affecting Some "Democratic Counties" He Declares.

Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building, Washington, June 18.

Collector A. D. Watts, of Stateville, who came here, according to his own statement, to "see the boys," but whose visit, others say, has to do with the reorganization of his deputies, declared to the Gazette-News correspondent that there is no sentiment in North Carolina for a state-wide legalized primary. He thinks what the convention did at Raleigh meets with the approval of a large majority of the people and said that all this talk about the state going into spasms over a primary that would allow all the people to express their preference for nominees for all offices "is nonsense."

The collector thinks, however, that the next legislature will allow "certain counties" to have primaries for all offices, if they really want such a plan of selecting men for office. He stated that a bill would be introduced which would allow "the following counties" to have the primary plan such as President Wilson has supported and has urged North Carolina to adopt. Just who the counties will select to introduce this measure the writer was not informed. It is presumed, however, in view of the fact that the plan has already been laid out, that the Stateville man has picked out his man, even if he has not already been elected. These are mere details. The plan has already been cut, dried and laid aside.

"All this talk about there being such enthusiasm for a state-wide primary," said President Wilson's appointee, "is nonsense. The people are satisfied with what the state convention provided for. When the legislature meets a bill will be introduced providing that the following counties can have primaries for all offices."

It is taken that the colonel plans to have such counties given the privilege of the primary as he thinks would be expedient from a political point of view. This idea was gathered from what the colonel said about allowing "democratic counties" the primary system.

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