

LOOKS ALL OF BLACK.

Should Huerta's Gunboats Be Fired Upon, There Seems Little Hope of Adjustment.

Niagara Falls, Ont., June 7.—Tampico once more threatens the peace of the United States and Mexico. Fearful that events may transpire there—possible within the next 48 hours—of a nature that would be certain to disrupt mediation negotiations many principals in the conference here are filled with apprehension.

The anxiety is provoked because of the situation in which the United States has been placed by General Huerta's determination to bottle up the port of Tampico in order to stop the landing of munitions of war for use of the Constitutionalists from the Cuban ship Antilla, en route from New York.

The Washington Government, it is understood, feels it must prevent at all hazards the exercise of a blockade by a government that is not recognized as possessing the right to perform such an act under international law.

Would Interfere

Should Huerta gunboats Zaragosa and Bravo attempt to intercept and search vessels believed to have in their cargo arms and ammunition for the Constitutionalists, it is said here that American war vessels would interfere, as for some time orders have been in the possession of Rear Admiral Badger to keep Tampico open to commerce.

The superiority of the American force would make a warning sufficient, it is believed, to prevent any act of aggression by the Mexican gunboats. The gravity of the situation is found in the danger that such an act by the United States might cause General Huerta to withdraw his delegates from the Niagara Falls conference.

Huerta's Attitude

The situation arose as a result of a note of inquiry from General Huerta through his delegates here as to the attitude of the United States toward the port of Tampico. Justice Lamar and Fredrick W. Lehmann, the American delegates, immediately referred the inquiry to Washington and the mediators were informed that the United States had taken the position that Tampico was open.

This attitude had been assumed after the Constitutionalists seized Tampico in order primarily to protect shipments of oil. It had been thought General Huerta's gunboats might interfere with oil shipments in a desire to tamper the Constitutionalists from obtaining revenues.

"It Looks Black

The American commissioners gave the mediators all the information they possessed and the three diplomats discussed it early today with the Mexican delegates. The envoys continued in consultation for some time after the Mexican delegates had departed. All particulars to the conference looked grave. One went so far as to say that "it looks black."

The United States is said to be not at all concerned by the fact that the opposed factions in Mexico are able to get large quantities of arms. After permitting the landing of war munitions for Huerta at ports on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, the naval forces passively permitted vessels to discharge similar consignments for the Constitutionalists at Tampico.

The Antilla shipment of ammunition aroused General Huerta to activity. He immediately planned to intercept the vessel and dispatch his gunboats toward Tampico. The Mexican Navy is expected to arrive in the vicinity of Tampico tomorrow and to lie in wait for the Antilla.

American warships are prepared to stand between the Mexicans any act menacing commerce unless otherwise instructed by Washington.

Those in position to know say it is difficult to see how another rupture between the Huerta Government and the United States can be avoided. If one occurs the prevailing belief is that mediation proceedings cannot continue.

The Huerta delegates already have informed the mediators they might have to withdraw from the proceedings should Huerta's efforts to maintain a blockade be thwarted by the American Navy, this information has not been conveyed tonight to the American delegates. The Americans will confer with the mediators tomorrow when this point of view may be explained to them.

Must Remain Neutral

The Huerta delegates are said to have taken the stand that the United States now must remain neutral as

between the Federals and the Constitutionalists. They say the American forces must not interfere with their efforts to stop the landing of arms for the Constitutionalists and that to do so would put the United States in the position of using the Navy to advance the cause of Carranza.

There have been numerous cable messages between Mexico City and Niagara Falls since the Antilla steamed for Tampico, but the Mexican delegates have been unwilling to discuss the exchanges. They are believed to have related to this latest incident, which overshadows every other issue.

The Methodist Church

Services at 11:00 a. m. and at 8:15 p. m. next Sunday at the Methodist church. At the morning hour the sermon will be special to the Louisburg Rifles of the Third Regiment of the N. C. National Guards. The pastor of the Methodist church is the chaplain of the company and will give them this farewell before their departure for the annual encampment at Morehead City.

At the evening hour the pastor will give the third illustrated missionary lecture. This will be on Africa, entitled "The Call of the Congo." This set on Africa has never been seen in Louisburg and it is extremely interesting.

Evangelistic Meeting at Baptist Church Begin June 28.

On the fourth Sunday in June, Rev. F. D. King, of Charlotte, and Mr. E. L. Wolsagel, of Asheville, will begin a series of meetings at the Louisburg Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. King possesses many of the finest qualities of a safe and sound evangelist. He is a member of the Baptist Home Mission Board's Evangelistic staff, and has made the best record of any member of the staff during the past year. In the four last meetings he has held, more than four hundred souls have been added to the church. He is an able preacher and an intense worker.

Mr. Wolsagel lead the music in the meetings held here last year in the Baptist church, and greatly delighted the vast audience that attended every service. He is a real artist in the service of song, not only as a soloist but as a director of a chorus. No better choice could have been made, hence his selection.

These two gentlemen make an unusually strong team, and the pastor counts himself peculiarly fortunate in being able to secure their assistance in this meeting.

The hearty co-operation of all the people in town and in the surrounding country is earnestly desired. A genuine revival of true Holy Ghost religion that will be widespread is the real aim and purpose of the meetings.

Dr. Livingston Johnson at Baptist Church Sunday.

A rare privilege will be granted to the people of Louisburg next Sunday to hear Rev. Livingston Johnson, D. D. of Raleigh, who is one of the most distinguished and best beloved men in the Baptist denomination. For a number of years Dr. Johnson has served his denomination most faithfully and efficiently as corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions. He is a man of recognized ability not only in his own State but throughout the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Johnson will preach at both services Sunday 11:00 a. m. and 8:15 p. m. His reasons will interest and inspire you. A cordial invitation is extended and a hearty welcome awaits you.

Junior Bridge Club Entertains.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. R. C. Beck in her own charming manner entertained the Junior Bridge Club.

The tables were placed upon the lawn and there amid a profusion of shrub, and flowers a most delightful four-table game was played.

After the game a delicious salad was served in a dainty and attractive manner.

Those present were Mesdames J. L. Palmer, Bennett Perry, Sam. Boddie, Maurice Clifton, A. J. Cook, L. L. Joyner, Felix Allen, Geo. Cralle, and R. C. Beck, Misses Eleanor Cooke, Annie Green, the Misses Sutherland, Mary Arrington, Julia Barrow, and Annie Belle King.

The best way to build up a town is to stand by every man in the place who does right. Whenever a man is doing well do not tear him down. All residents should be partners, not opponents. In all livelihoods the more business your rival does the more you will do.

The Legalized Primary.

Scientific in North Carolina, correctly gauged, is for a State-wide legalized primary, which will apply to elective offices, a primary guarded by law which will give to every voter the right to say whom he desires to be elected to office as the nominee of his party.

The Democratic State Convention, in declaring for the principle of a legalized State-wide primary for all parties for national, State and judicial officers did a good thing, but not enough of a good thing, and in some respects it has put itself in an anomalous condition by its segregation of officers inside and outside a primary law.

Here is the view: It is declared as a principle that members of Congress should be named at a legalized primary. Yet the convention balked at saying that members of the North Carolina General Assembly should be nominated at a primary. Is it not just as important that the men who make laws in Raleigh should be named in a primary by the people, as that the men who make laws in Washington should be named in a primary? As we see it, there should be a primary all down the line.

In the State Convention it was declared that some thirty counties in Western North Carolina were opposed to the primary, that a State-wide primary interfered with local self-government. Why, such a primary gives the very flower and essence of local self-government, for it permits the people to speak directly for themselves and name the men whom they choose. And the plea was made that the Democracy, with small majorities in some western counties, would be defeated if the primary plan was applied to all counties. We believe this to be an error. We believe Democratic majorities in Western North Carolina would grow larger under the primary system.

And consider this view: If there is not provision made for State-wide legalized primaries there is to be forced the possibility of decreasing majorities in Eastern North Carolina. In this day—and justly so—the people are demanding to be heard, and if they are not, why then they will find a way to make themselves heard. The Democracy does not fear the people. It depends upon the people. The closer it stays to the people the better for it.

It is our earnest hope that in the General Assembly of 1916 the Democracy will provide for a legalized State-wide primary law, guarded by a corrupt practices act, which will apply to all members of the General Assembly if it not to all elective officers as well as to all national, State and judicial officers. The Democracy in each county should make its desire for this known to the men it sends to Raleigh. Such a primary would strengthen the Democracy. It is needed, and in time it will come. They who wait to have this forced upon the party?—News and Observer.

Miss Allen Entertains Bridge Club.

On last Friday afternoon Miss Annie Allen very delightfully entertained both the Junior and the Friday afternoon Bridge Clubs.

A four-table game was played at which cake and cream were served. Those present were, Mrs. Jno. King, Mrs. Jno. Yarborough, Mrs. Jim Colie, Mrs. R. C. Beck, Mrs. Arthur Person, Mrs. Sam Boddie, Mrs. Geo. Cralle, Mrs. Maurice Clifton, Mrs. Bennett Perry, Mrs. L. L. Joyner, and Misses Edith Yarborough, Kearney Williams, Annie Tucker, Annie Green, Annie Belle King and Annie Allen.

Missionary Society.

The regular business meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society met at the Methodist church at 4:00 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

In the absence of the president the meeting was opened by Mrs. J. A. Turner. The 40th chap of Isaiah was read followed by prayer.

A letter from Miss Mary Prescott, one of our Missionaries in Brazil, was read by Mrs. P. G. Alston.

Two delegates, Mrs. D. T. Smithrick and Mrs. Ivey Allen, were appointed to attend the district meeting to be held at Plank chapel June 26th and 27th.

Mrs. W. R. Harris read a paper on our work in Africa, dues were collected and the circle adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. A. Turner next Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock.

—Mr. S. A. Newell has purchased the McPeasants lot on Main street from A. W. Person, and we learn, will erect a handsome residence on same in the near future.

Wireless Telephony.

If perchance there were any who were still in doubt as to the claim that the world moves they were probably convinced by the recent tidings that wireless telephony had been accomplished. It was an interesting achievement to which we intended to direct attention at the time, but by oversight failed to do so. New York and Philadelphia talked without wires a short while ago—the first commercial message in the history of the country being then effected.

One of the operators in the Marconi station in Philadelphia, explaining how wireless telephony is accomplished, said "Sending a wireless message by voice is like dropping a stone in a still pool. The message leaves the wires of the instrument in oscillations or waves and travels with equal force in every direction. When the telegraphic sender is used this message is broken into dots and dashes. That means that the receiving station gets waves broken into varying lengths, and these are translated into words. By using the vocal sender, the words are sent off in waves in just the same manner.

But it is not intended here to tell in detail how this new wonder of electricity is accomplished. We merely draw attention to the feat as illustrating the march of science in the electrical sphere where undoubtedly there are still concealed wonders that will still further astonish mankind.

An objection to the use of wireless telephony for practical purposes is met in advance by the promoters for it is announced by the inventors that privacy can be secured through an instrument that can be attuned to receive only messages sent in certain pre-arranged keys or tones.—News and Observer.

Moonlight Picnic in Honor of Miss Monger.

Miss Cora Monger of New Bern is the charming guest of Miss Margaret Hicks this week.

On Tuesday evening the young men of the city gave a most delightful moonlight picnic in honor of Miss Monger. The guests went by autos to the beautiful country home of Mr. S. S. Meadows. There the beautiful lawn and bewitching moonlight gave a charm all their own to the occasion and at no time have the young folks ever had a more delightful time. A truly magnificent lunch was spread in the good old fashion way upon the lawn and participated in with pleasure and real enjoyment.

Those attending the picnic were Misses Cora Monger, Mary Stewart Egerton, Margie Macon, Kathleen Egerton, Mary Belle Macon, Kate High, Eleanor Cooke, Grace Hall, Lynn Hall, Annie Green, Julia Barrow, Margaret Hicks, Jessie Barrow, Annie B. King, and Messrs W. B. Barrow, Ben Sussner, Sam Ruffin, Tom Ruffin, J. J. Clark, Geo. Walker, W. P. Smith, W. D. Egerton, C. W. High, Blair Tucker, Elliott Egerton, J. A. Gardner, Jane Egerton, William Lambertson, Graham Egerton, W. D. Jackson, N. B. Allsbrook, Charles Davis of Rockingham and Mr. and Mrs. J. Aslison Hodves, Jr.

Mrs. Hodges Entertains Book Club.

Mrs. J. Allison Hodges most delightfully entertained the younger set Book Club on Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Cora Monger of New Bern.

The hall, library and porches were beautifully and elaborately decorated with ferns, crimson rambler roses and easter lilies.

The afternoon's subject was the "Taming of the Shrew," a paper giving a general synopsis of the play was read by Miss Kathleen Egerton, followed by a beautiful vocal selection by Misses Mary Belle Macon and Annie Belle King.

Mrs. Wingate Underhill read an interesting paper on the characters of the play.

After the program several fees and cream were served.

Those present were, Misses Cora Monger, Kathleen Egerton, Mary Stewart Egerton, Annie Green, Eleanor Cooke, Annie Allen, Lynn Hall, Margie Macon, Kate High, Mary Belle Macon, Alba Allen, Mary Hayes, Louise Preston of Abbingdon, Va. Jhita Barrow, Virginia Soster, Margaret Hicks, Sallie Pleasants, Ethel Early of Altitude and Mesdames, Wingate Underhill, Spencer Baker, T. W. Watson, B. G. Hicks, and F. W. Hicks.

Miss Kathleen Egerton, who has been attending school at the Conservatory of Music at Durham, is at home for the holidays.

WHAT THE TOWN PAPER EXPECTS OF MERCHANTS.

Merchants should Assist the Publisher—Paper is Publicity Department of Retail Dealer and Necessary to His Success.

We want every merchant to read the following article, taken from the Publishers Auxiliary. It will apply to the Louisburg merchants as truly as it will apply to the merchants of Clarendon, Texas.

"What the Newspaper Expects of the Merchants" was the subject of an interesting talk by Joe M. Warren, editor of the Clarendon (Texas) News before the members of the Pamhandle Press Association at the recent meeting held at Amarilli, Texas. His remarks were, in part, as follows:

"What the Newspaper Expects of the Merchant" can be expressed in one word, or rather in a well sounding compound word. That one word, which represents the ideal relationship between newspaper and merchant

the endeavor or endeavors, is "co-operation."

The newspaper is to the merchant what the Secretary is to the chamber of commerce. It's his publicity department, his means of letting the people know that he's on earth; that he is right there on town; and that one of the main reasons for his coming was to meet and see if he could help to overcome the high cost of living obstacles you acquired during the dry years.

The commercial organization without a secretary would not likely violate many speed ordinances toward the goal of industrial superiority; and we have nothing but sympathy for the poor merchant whose only hope to catch the community trade is for some dude to run over a bunch of farmers in his 1914 model and knock them right into said merchants wonderful assortment of most wonderful bargains.

Papers is Brass Band of Town.

A newspaper is to the town what a brass band is to a circus. Of course the circus with no band at all is not worthy of mention. And, if the band is pucky, the performance is apt to be a pucker, and the performance are probably not pumpkins. Ditto, some newspapers, some towns, and some merchants. A good newspaper will make successful merchants; good merchants make a successful newspaper, and the combination cannot fail to make good, live town.

Once in a while you run across a merchant who looks upon patronage given to the town sheets as an act of charity. Such a man will get a better definition of the word charity when he looks back from the bright home beyond the skies and beholds the county treasurer paying a colored gentlemen two-fifty for manufacturing the hole in the ground in which his "wooden overcoat" was deposited.

But, to repeat, the newspaper expects cooperation from the merchant. We don't mean from the merchant to order a six-inch double space on front page center, and expect to cooperate with a pound of butter born live weeks ago Saturday. What we do mean, and sincerely believe, is that a newspaper worthy the name deserves and has a right to expect the earnest co-operation of every business man in his town who has at heart the best interest of himself and his neighbors. The saying that "Your local paper is the mirror in which the enterprise (or lack of it) of your town is reflected to the outside world," is as a rule it is ancient, and the business man whose failure to co-operate detracts that much from the attractiveness of the scene, is not only "falling down" on his home folks in a most inglorious manner, but is actually burglarizing his own strong-box.

Don't be content to eke out a mere existence, commercially speaking. Go to your "Publicity Department and have it tell each one of its readers about the good things they have been missing by not having your name on the calling list. Intimate that you are sorry you haven't invited them around the past few years. Promise to do better and do it. And if you know a new item, or because possessed of an inspiration which you think might redound to the public weal tell it to the publicity department. Don't bury it in your breast; let your newspaper distribute it where it will do the most good.

Suicide Near Spring Hope

Wilson, May 26th.—Parties from Spring Hope, Nash County, were here yesterday and told of a shock in tragedy that occurred last Saturday morning, about a mile east from Spring Hope. While Mr. Levi Green and his family were at breakfast, Mrs. Green absented herself from the table and in a few moments a gun shot was heard and when Mr. Green went out to investigate he found his wife in the front yard wailing in her blood and lying on a shot gun, with which she had taken her own life. For a long while the deceased had been in bad health and at times was despondent.—News and Observer.

Miss Irene Sutherland, of Sutherlin, Va., who has been visiting here, Mrs. R. C. Williams, left the past week for a visit to Atlanta.

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