

SCOPE MEXICAN MEDIATION BROADENS

United States Agrees To The Armistice And Also Mexican Rebels

Pan-American Mediators Still Holding Secret Sessions In Washington. Huerta Reluctantly Agrees To Release American Prisoners.

MAY NOW STOP ALL WARFARE

Provided Assurances Are Given That There Will Be No Uprising Against American Citizens, President Pleased At The Outlook

Washington, D. C.—Already the United States and General Huerta have formally accepted the good offices of the three South American envoys, and now, it is said, as a further step, General Carranza, chief of the constitutionalists, has been brought into the deliberations, the object being to draw every element and faction within the range of any settlement which may be attained.

SCOPE OF MEDIATION

The scope of mediation plans for the settlement of the Mexican crisis has been suddenly broadened so as to include the entire Mexican affairs—not along the critical issues between this country and the Huerta regime, but in addition the conflict between the elements of northern and southern Mexico which has rent that republic for months past.

ANOTHER DECISIVE MOVE

The mediators have made another decisive move in that they have requested President Wilson and General Huerta to agree to an armistice by which all the aggressive military operations would be suspended pending the outcome of the negotiations. The mediators are more than confident that their offer will be accepted. A separate proposal for armistice between General Huerta and General Carranza also will be made by the mediators and this if accepted, all of the warring elements throughout Mexico, as well as the American forces, would maintain a military status quo.

AMERICA'S POSITION

This government no doubt in its formal reply to the armistice proposal will stipulate expressly that any untoward act towards Americans will be regarded as an infraction of the armistice. The South American envoys have been in session all day. The surmise is that some definite action as to their conclusions will be given publicly within the next few days.

PRESIDENT DELIGHTED

The news of the acceptance of General Carranza to the peace plans have greatly pleased both President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. Their hopes of a broad and satisfactory adjustment of the present crisis has been raised to a degree of confidence which the president and the secretary of state have not hitherto enjoyed.

EXODUS COMPLETE

The news from Tampico is to the effect that the American exodus, which began April 22, is now practically complete as sixty refugees left that point yesterday on the oil steamer Canfield. This brings the total number of Americans leaving there for American ports up to 2,276. There are a score of Americans still in Tampico. They are being sheltered in the homes of American friends along the Panuco river and are not thought to be in any danger.

REBELS SALUTE

UNITED STATES FLAG. General Murguía with about 1,200 Constitutional soldiers, marched into Piedras Negras yesterday and took formal possession of that town. He had 225 prisoners, five cannon, 1,500 rifles, five machine guns and 200,000 rounds of ammunition taken from the federalists at the battle of Allende. The soldiers were feasted by the women of the town. General Murguía gave out the following statement: All Americans and other foreigners will be given absolute protection. I want the Americans to feel that we are always their friends and do not intend to be drawn into the plots of Huerta. We have with

most to further the cause of peace. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, also was one of Secretary Bryan's callers, his purpose being to report the results of the interview held Monday in the Mexican capital by Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, with Gen. Huerta. Sir Lionel strongly impressed upon the general the opinion of his own government that he should promptly accept the good offices tendered by the three South American republics. NO OTHER MEDIATORS SUGGESTED.

RENOVATE PRISON

The fortress at San Juan de Ula known for centuries as possibly the foulest prison on the American continent, has been ordered by Admiral Fletcher now at Vera Cruz to be completely vacated at once. When the Americans occupied Vera Cruz there were in this prison, which is constructed in the form of a little island in the harbor, some 400 prisoners, most of them confined for political purposes. Three hundred of them have already been released or transferred to other prisons, but there remain 110, and now these men are to be released or sent elsewhere.

Washington.—An armistice in the difficulties between the United States and Mexico has been asked of this government and General Huerta by the South American envoys, who have undertaken to avert war through mediation. Ambassador De Gama, of Brazil, yesterday notified Secretary Bryan that this had been determined upon as the next step of the negotiations, and that General Huerta also had been advised.

The proposal for an armistice was communicated to President Wilson from the State Department by telephone. Although no announcement has been made, it was tentatively learned that this government would accept the conditions provided assurances are given that, in advance to a halt in military operations, there would be no uprisings against American citizens or other "untoward" incidents, which might prevent peace.

When Secretary Bryan was asked late yesterday about the request for an armistice, he said: "I assume there will be no hostilities during the mediation."

RELEASE AMERICANS

Vera Cruz.—Commander Tweedie of the British cruiser Essex, who went to Mexico City several days ago to intercede for foreigners held in the capital, returned here late yesterday and reported that his mission had been successful.

President Huerta, Minister of War Blanquet and Foreign Minister Portillo Rojas assured Commander Tweedie they would release all American prisoners and that all Americans desiring to do so might leave via Puerto Mexico, but that trains on which they would go would not be provided with escorts.

MEXICANS ESCAPE

San Diego, Cal.—Forty-eight Mexican prisoners in the army detention camp at Fort Rosecrans escaped last Tuesday night by digging a 70-yard tunnel under fences and barbed wire entanglements. Fourteen of them have been recaptured.

AMBASSADORS EXPRESS SYMPATHY

PATHY. Washington.—Secretary Bryan was called upon by Ambassadors and Ministers of European as well as South American countries. Among the visitors was the French ambassador, M. Jusserand, who expressed the warm sympathy of his country in the cause of mediation. With the exception of the three South American countries, no power has taken any official action, although the European diplomats are doing their ut-

most to further the cause of peace. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, also was one of Secretary Bryan's callers, his purpose being to report the results of the interview held Monday in the Mexican capital by Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, with Gen. Huerta. Sir Lionel strongly impressed upon the general the opinion of his own government that he should promptly accept the good offices tendered by the three South American republics. NO OTHER MEDIATORS SUGGESTED.

No suggestion has been made to this government looking to the selection of mediators representing any other governments than Brazil, Argentina and Chile in the settlement of difficulties with General Huerta in Mexico. Secretary of State Bryan declared yesterday.

He refused to say how far the steps toward mediation undertaken by the three South American diplomats have progressed.

The army and navy yesterday continued to execute succeeding chapters in plans to meet any eventualities, but interest in their movements was overshadowed by that evinced in the work of the representatives of the South American republics.

The three peace-makers are gathering all possible information from both American and Mexican sources with the aim of reaching some middle ground from which they may project their next move which might include asking the Huerta and the Washington governments to set out terms on which they would proceed to mediation.

If that line were followed it was suggested the diplomats speedily could develop whether solution of the situation by peaceful means were possible.

A report today that Carranza and Villa, the constitutionalist leaders, had agreed to remain neutral in dealings between Huerta and the American government "so long as there was an encouraging development."

News that American Consul Schmutz and 110 other Americans who had been detained at Aguas Calientes by federal soldiers had been released and are safe in Mexico City on their way to Vera Cruz, is a relieving feature of the tense situation created by previous reports that citizens of the United States had been subjected to persecution.

Refugees continue to arrive at Vera Cruz from the Huerta capital and special trains today picked up additional foreigners between Mexico City and the coast.

The transport Hancock was sent from Vera Cruz to Puerto Mexico to take away refugees arriving from the interior by the Tehuantepec railroad.

PEACE ADVOCATE SENDS MESSAGE TO CARRANZA

Washington.—After a conference with Secretary Bryan Dr. Henry Allen Tupper, special commissioner of the International Peace Forum, made public the text of a telegram sent from Washington to General Carranza at the headquarters of the Mexican constitutionalists at Chihuahua. No reply has been received. Dr. Tupper said, to the telegram, which was signed by himself and Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas, but he has been informed that General Carranza and Villa will assume the attitude of "neutrals" in the present situation.

The telegram said: "Permit us to congratulate you on the co-operation of the United States in your brave struggle against the usurper and for constitutional liberty. The enemies of freedom are hoping that the unselfish purposes of the United States will be misconstrued, but the masses of the American people are solidly behind President Wilson and are looking to you, your brother officers and your loyal followers to push your glorious cause to immediate success."

John Lind joined Dr. Tupper's conference with Secretary Bryan, after which Dr. Tupper said he would probably see President Wilson later. He explained that his standing in the negotiations with the constitutionalists still is unofficial.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Washington, Washington, N. C., will be held at its banking house, 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, June 4, 1914, for the election of directors, and any other business properly coming before the meeting.

May 1, 1914.
JESSE B. ROSS, Cashier.

AT NEW THEATRE



Chorus Scene of Barltes

Musical Comedy Company

MARRIAGE BY RECORDER LAST NIGHT

Last evening at the home of Mr. Wash Ireland, this city, at 8 o'clock, Mr. John D. Aldridge, of South Creek, N. C., was happily united in marriage to Mrs. Amanda E. Fogarty of Hobucken, N. C. The ceremony was impressively performed in the presence of a few friends and acquaintances of the couple. By Recorder William B. Windley. After congratulations and best wishes had been showered upon the bride and groom they repaired to the boarding house of Mrs. M. T. Bradshaw, on East Main street, where they spent the night. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge left via the Washington and Vandevoort train for South Creek, the former home of the groom, where they expect to spend a week as the guests of relatives and friends. They will return to Washington for the purpose of making it their future home.

The bride is one of Hobucken's popular and attractive women and counts her friends as legion.

The groom is well and favorably known all over Beaufort county. He is a brother of Mr. T. D. Aldridge, of South Creek, and ever since his majority, has been energetic and enterprising. No citizen of the county, who has recently become a benedict, has more wishes for happiness than he.

The Daily News wishes Mr. and Mrs. Aldridge every joy that wedded life bestows.

LOCALS WILL PLAY ROCKY MOUNT FRI.

The High School baseball team of Rocky Mount will cross bats with the local high tomorrow afternoon at Fleming Park on West Third street. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock promptly. The first game between the two teams recently played at Rocky Mount, was won by Rocky Mount, the score being four to five. The locals are determined to turn the trick tomorrow afternoon and it behooves all the rovers and baseball fans to be on hand and help the home boys in their efforts to down the visitors. An exciting contest is looked for.

WASHINGTON BOY TO FRONT

Fred R. Carrowan, a son of the late T. C. Carrowan, well known here, left Maxton, N. C., yesterday with eighteen others for Philadelphia to join the United States forces for duty in Mexico. To use his expression: "To maintain the dignity and rights of the United States flag."

HOTEL SAINT RECKLESS BILL TONIGHT

"Colonel Bullets" is surely a side-splitting comedy act and the Bartles Musical Comedy Company presented it last night at the New Theatre to a good audience. As was expected the company again delighted as has been the opinion of the theatergoers since they opened their engagement Monday night. Messrs. Ernest Linwood and Joe Rolley, as the blackface comedians, kept the audience in a continuous uproar all the time. As impersonators of the sons of Ham they are of excellent. The entire company last night were good and those present were in their praise. Not only was the act a good one, but each and every member fitted their part creditably. The singing was excellent, especially the male quartet, which always brings encores.

Tonight the "Hotel Saint Reckless" will be on the boards. Miss Myrtle Bartles and Mr. Linwood will sing one of the late songs entitled: "Last Night was the End of the World." Mr. Linwood will, in addition do a monologue stunt, which is reputed to be one of his very best. A great performance is looked for and those attending will be amply repaid.

MASON'S HOME AT GREENSBORO AN IDEAL SPOT

Mr. W. S. Frizelle, one of Orr Lodge, A. F. & A. M.'s loyal and enthusiastic members has just received a picture of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, located in Greensboro, N. C. Judging from the picture it must be an ideal spot. The home is for the old worn-out Masons. The home was opened last March and there are now ten inmates, all of whom can be seen in the picture. The building contains twenty-eight sleeping rooms, one of which is furnished by Orr Lodge. The home is worth about \$50,000 and now has an indebtedness of \$10,000, which the Masons of North Carolina are now endeavoring to liquidate. Of this amount Orr Lodge here has pledged itself to contribute \$100 and Mr. Frizelle is now busily engaged in this undertaking and he is meeting with great success. All the inmates of the home are happy and contented. The building and grounds is surely a credit to North Carolina Masonry.

IN THE CITY.

Messrs. Charles Rospers of Sidney and Walling Gibbs, of Bath, N. C. are in the city today on business.

LYRIC HAS GOOD SHOW TONIGHT

Another good audience was present at the Lyric Theater last night and as usual the evening's program was pleasing and satisfying. All during the present week this playhouse has been liberally patronized. Tonight the management offers three reels of motion-pictures that promise to be entertaining and enjoyable. "The Sweet Singers" in two reels will be the feature. This picture has captivated and delighted wherever it has been shown. The other picture advertised will be: "What Came to Bar Q." This is reputed to be a laughable and amusing picture. No doubt but what a large number will seek the Lyric again this evening. The management is to be congratulated upon the high class programs they are giving.

NEW PASTOR OF CHURCHES INSTALLED

First Baptist Church, returned this morning from the Belhaven Norfolk Southern train from Belhaven and Swan Quarter, where he installed the Rev. E. G. Anderson as pastor of the Presbyterian churches at Belhaven and Swan Quarter. Rev. Dr. Summerhill, of New Bern, was to have assisted Mr. Seagriff in the services, but was detained on account of the death of one of his members. The installation of Mr. Anderson at Belhaven took place Tuesday evening and at Swan Quarter Wednesday night. There were good congregations at both points and Mr. Seagriff enjoyed his visit immensely.

It's Restful in Washington Park.

85-YEAR OLD LADY PATCHES 2-STORY HOME

Mrs. Eliza Cordon, who resides on Bonner street, is one of Washington's remarkable women. Although over 85 years of age and very deaf, she is still active and agile, so much so that those much her junior wonder at her activity and hope that when they reach her age in life they will be as much so.

For years Mrs. Cordon has been residing at her home all alone. She performs unassisted all her household duties, washes her own linen, splits all her fuel and attends to the chores.

A few afternoons since one of her neighbors was sitting on his front porch conversing with his daughter when all at once his attention was directed to some one on the roof of Mrs. Cordon's engaged in patching it. The house is two stories. A closer investigation was made and lo and behold this aged lady of 85 years was hard at work with hammer, nails and shingles fixing a leak. She did the work within a short while and was then seen to make her way back down to the ground and she was not slow in accomplishing the trick either.

Mrs. Cordon for over a half century has been one of the city's esteemed citizens. Her mind is as clear as a bell, her step active, and it is indeed a pleasure to sit at her feet and listen to her experiences of other years. Although in the evening of life and with husband and all her children, with the exception of one Mr. J. D. Cordon, who resides in Georgia, passed away, she is still happy and light-hearted. She is surely a remarkable woman. This paper hopes she will be able to pass many more milestones on life's journey.

TOMORROW IS LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES

As tomorrow is the first day of May all those citizens residing in the county, who fail to pay their poll tax will be debarred from casting a vote in the next election. Those who have not settled their poll tax should do so at once as the time is now short.

BRO. EDITOR WAS VISITOR HERE TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Clark, of Greenville, N. C., motored to this city this morning and are spending the day. Mr. Clark is now editor of the Greenville Reflector. Several years ago he was a resident of Washington, being in charge of the C. T. Munford store, and was also connected with the firm of Suskin & Berry for a while. His many friends were glad to see him. Mr. Clark thinks that in all probability the Pollard murder case will be submitted to the jury either tonight or early tomorrow morning. This trial has been in progress for a week in Greenville.

CARLOAD OF CRATES.

The firm of F. E. Mayo & Co., are receiving today a carload of Coca-Cola crates.

GOOD WORK BEING DONE CITY LOTS

Street Commissioner W. H. McDevitt stated to a News representative this morning that the citizens were responding nobly to the request of the city fathers and are making every effort to clean their premises. Not only are the white citizens doing this, but the colored residents as well. The commissioner says he never saw the like of trash and garbage being placed on the streets for the city drays to haul away. This is a fact worthy of commendation. The work should not stop until every lot in Washington is thoroughly renovated.

SCHOOL HAS CHOSEN ITS MARSHALS

The Washington Public Schools have selected the following marshals for the commencement exercises Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week: Chief marshal, Willie Johnston. Assistant marshals, Elbert Weston, Justus Randolph, Jesse Woolard, Etta Lee Campbell, Gladys Ellsworth, Margaret Handy and Edna Willis. The graduating class this year numbers thirty-one, being the largest in the history of the school.

Children Love Washington Park.