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HUERTA SEES HAND WRITING ON THE WALL

O'Shaughnessy Says Dictator is Planning to Make a Last Desperate Stand at Puebla--Will Not Resign--Rebels May Take Tampico To-day--Dodge Chosen as Secretary To United States Delegates.

Plans to Leave Mexico City With His Troops For A Last Stand

Picking Point Half Way Between Capital and Vera Cruz as His Last Refuge He Begins Provisioning and Fortifying it in Case He is Attacked.

While Realizing That His Regime Cannot Stand Long Huerta Has No Intention of Resigning--Is Shipping Gold Abroad in Contemplation of Ultimate Exile.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 13.—That General Huerta, preparing for a crisis in his dictatorship, has long been planning to leave Mexico City with his troops and make a last stand at Puebla, midway between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, was understood today to have been reported to President Wilson last night by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, former charge of the American embassy in the Mexican capital.

The president, it is said, was informed that Huerta had picked Puebla for his first refuge in case rebel assaults get too close to Mexico City and that late developments had caused him already to begin provisioning and provisioning that point.

Will Not Resign. Mr. O'Shaughnessy is said to have told the president that Huerta had no intention of resigning, though he realized that his regime could not stand long.

He desires, Mr. O'Shaughnessy believes, to acquire as much glory as possible before the inevitable happens.

Has Only Small Army. Mr. O'Shaughnessy is said further to have told the president that reports of the number of troops at Huerta's command are greatly exaggerated and that as a matter of fact they number only 4,000 to 6,000. It is understood to be the former charge's belief that neither Zapata nor Villa would have any great difficulty in taking Mexico City.

Plans for Exile. This information is along the lines of other reports reaching the government within the last few weeks. Further information from these sources is that Huerta has been shipping gold abroad in contemplation of his ultimate exile.

Situation at Vera Cruz. Vera Cruz, May 13.—General Funston need fear no trouble along his outer lines if a letter sent into the city last night by General Ruble Navarrete, in command of the advanced positions of the Mexicans, is a true indication of the Mexican's attitude.

General Navarrete addressed the editor of a local paper, Les Successes, regarding the reported movement by his forces against Vera Cruz.

"I beg that you deny this news," said General Navarrete, "since in accordance with orders which we have received all offensive movements have been stopped while the armistice lasts."

The Americans are informed regarding the position of the Mexicans in the vicinity of their outposts and know reasonably well their strength. So weak are they at present that the staff has felt no uneasiness.

There exists here however, a vague apprehension of important developments at the capital. This is not traceable to any specific information but staff officers and many other appear convinced that Huerta must face a crisis within a few days.

Unrest in Capital. It appears improbable that the rebels will be in a position to attack the capital for many days but there is a growing feeling of unrest among the officers and a few high army officials stationed at Mexico City are said to have been manifesting signs of unwillingness to continue supporting a man whom they regard as already defeated.

Stories that Huerta is strengthening the city against attack continue to arrive and some are that he is fortifying certain positions and creating wire entanglements. He has withdrawn to the capital more men of his army, taking troops, it is said, even from the districts between the capital and Vera Cruz.

Mexican outposts, while mostly of a detached character, are always in sight of the American lines but it is reasonably certain that the total number of Mexican troops within striking distance is less than 3,000 men.

In view of the undeniable fear of sharp developments at the capital, Canada has renewed his efforts to get out as many Americans as he can.

DR. F. R. SMITH CHOSEN IMPERIAL POTENTATE

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., May 13.—Dr. Frederick R. Smith of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., today was elected imperial potentate of the Imperial Council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at its annual convocation here.

Dr. Smith succeeds William W. Irwin of Wheeling, W. Va. He was today elevated from his previous position of deputy imperial potentate.

The selection of the next place of meeting and the election of imperial outer guard were the two important matters which were expected to come before the imperial council, order of the Mystic Shrine, at its business meeting today. There has been keen rivalry between San Francisco and Seattle for the honor of entertaining the Shriners next year, it having been agreed that the 1915 convocation would be held on the Pacific coast.

Events on the program today included a grand exhibition drill by all patrols at Piedmont Park, a garden party given to the visiting women of the convention by Mrs. John E. Slaton, wife of the governor of Georgia and a dinner complimentary to the newly-elected imperial potentate and members of the imperial council tonight.

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FAVORABLE REPORT ON OWEN BILL

Washington, May 13.—With two dissenting votes the senate banking and currency committee today agreed to report favorably to the senate the Owen bill to regulate stock exchanges. The measure was amended in minor points.

YOUNG MAY SUCCEED HIX

Norfolk, Va., May 13.—Norfolk Southern Railway directors will meet in New York Friday to elect a successor to C. H. Hix, who resigned yesterday. It is understood here that Joseph H. Young, until recently president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad, will be chosen.

WILL PUT CHARLES MELLEN ON THE STAND

By Associated Press. Washington, May 13.—"It is my present intention to put Charles S. Mellen on the witness stand and examine him," said Joseph W. Folk, chief counsel for the interstate commerce commission, who is conducting the inquiry into the financial operations of the New Haven and the Billard Company.

This statement was made today by Mr. Folk in face of objections raised by Attorney General McReynolds that the testimony of Mellen and directors of the New Haven might render them immune from prosecution in the event such proceedings were considered necessary.

"It is not a question of immunity but whether the truth shall be suppressed," said Mr. Folk. "Mellen, as a witness, telling the truth, would be a thousand times more valuable to the public than Mellen could possibly be as a defendant."

There was no session today of the hearing before the commission but Chief Counsel Folk and Attorney General McReynolds were in conference over pending proceedings.

"Events are moving rapidly," said Mr. Folk. "We cannot say at this moment just what may happen in a few hours or a day hence."

Washington, May 13.—Heavy firing at Tampico was resumed at midnight and the constitutionalists say they expect to capture the city today according to a dispatch received at the navy department from Admiral Mayo. He reported that "the general impression seems to be that the expectations of the constitutionalists will be realized."

Early reports reaching the navy department today stated that the artillery duel between constitutionalists and federals at Tampico had ceased late yesterday but the result of the engagement is not known.

The cessation of fighting was reported by Admiral Badger and was based on advice to him from Admiral Mayo, lying off Tampico, at late as 3 o'clock this morning.

The report says that the heavy firing around Tampico stopped about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Admiral Mayo says further that the constitutionalists, so far as can be ascertained, have used only one field gun which was fired at long intervals. Apparently reliable information from the scene of fighting is to the effect that the constitutionalists at one time advanced their lines and temporarily occupied some of the federal trenches.

Admiral Mayo says it was reported the casualties on both sides were very heavy.

Attack Expected. Juarez, Mexico, May 13.—The final rebel attack on Tampico has not yet taken place but is expected at any moment, according to messages received today from General Pablo Gonzales, the constitutionalist commander. The families of all foreigners have left the city in boats, according to the message.

Washington, May 13.—The advance guard of the Carolina Municipal League, whose annual session will begin here with a big municipal parade tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock, is arriving.

Mayor O. P. Shell of Dunn, secretary and treasurer of the league, is here, as is also Mr. John S. Michaux, city clerk of Greensboro; Mr. Alfred O. Lloyd, secretary of the Gastonia chamber of commerce and Mr. J. M. Holland, treasurer of the chamber, and also president of the Holland Realty & Trust Company.

Dr. L. F. McCormick, city bacteriologist of Asheville, also arrived this morning and is superintending the placing of Asheville's pictures. Mr. F. Stikeleather of Asheville will be here tomorrow as the personal representative of Mayor Rankin of Asheville.

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Picture Exposition. The city hall presented a busy scene this morning. Where ordinarily there is clean-swept and carefully kept corridors and council chamber, there was this morning a riot of boxes, frames, trunks, portmanteaus and other paraphernalia, with fine cut shavings projecting from the crevices and edges of them. The scene marked the setting up and putting in order the picture exposition.

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THE WEATHER. Forecast for North Carolina. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; cooler. Moderate variable winds.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WILL CONVENE HERE TOMORROW 11 A. M.

Annual Session of the Carolina Municipal League Will be Called to Order by its President, Mayor Bland Tomorrow Morning at the Selwyn Hotel.

Will be Preceded at 10 O'clock by Parade—Picture Exposition Will be Feature of the Event, Which Will be Open to the Public at the City Hall.

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Wednesday is the Day

That this paper—the acknowledged legal advertising medium in Mecklenburg county—prints Trustees Sales, Commissioners Sales, Executions, Administrators Notices and Sales and all other legal classifications—those that require one-time-a-week in sertions—and real estate men and people with ready money to invest should not pass up these advertisements but jot the dates of sales down—attend the sales—lots of times good "pick-ups" come from sales "under the hammer." Pages 12 and 13 today—Nuf 'Ced.

SOUND ADVERTISING MEANS RATIONAL SPENDING

By Associated Press. Lawrence, Kas., May 13.—"Sound advertising does not lead to the destruction of the saving instincts of the American people nor to the reckless spending of their money. It leads to intelligent and rational spending." This statement was made by Irvin S. Cobb, magazine writer, at today's session of the national newspaper conference at the University of Kansas.

Mr. Cobb's paper was prepared in answer to the question "is advertising destroying the thrift of the nation?"

Addresses were made by Richard A. Walden, advertising manager of a New York magazine, and others.

BOSTON HONORS DEAD MARINES

By Associated Press. Boston, May 13.—Flags were at half mast throughout the city today in honor of the arrival of the cruiser Montana bearing the bodies of three New England men killed at Vera Cruz.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at Cambridge for Corporal Daniel A. Haggerty of the marine corps; at Eastham for Walter Lee Watson, naval seaman, and at Highgate, Vt., for Rufus E. Percy, private in the marine corps.

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THE SOLAGE TO ARRIVE LATE TODAY

New York, May 13.—The hospital ship Solage, bringing sick and wounded from Vera Cruz will not reach quarantine until midnight and will dock tomorrow morning. This was announced at the navy yard today.

The new dreadnought Texas left the yard today for Vera Cruz.

PATTERSON & GLASCOCK ENDORSE Y. W. C. A. EDITION

The Y. W. C. A. Edition of the Charlotte News is good news because it will put the paper in the hands of innumerable people who ordinarily only read the headlines in their haste, but will read this issue from cover to cover, and many unexpected benefits and results will come from said reading.

The women will infuse new life, thought and ideas into the work and as a complete change is good for everybody, we welcome this edition and give it our advertisement.

Yours truly, PATTERSON & GLASCOCK, Inc.

Tension Somewhat Relieved By Latest Developments

SOU. BAPTIST CONVENTION OPENS TODAY

Nashville, Tenn., May 13.—All is in readiness for the opening of the Southern Baptist Convention here today. The opening session will be called to order at 3 o'clock by Dr. E. C. Dargan of Macon.

The city is thronged with Baptists, men and women, for the woman's missionary union is in session here also.

The convention's program today will be devoted to organization, welcoming exercises and reports. The welcome address will be delivered by Dr. George A. Lofton of Nashville. Interest centered in the report of the efficiency committee which it is rumored may recommend changes in convention and board methods of a sweeping nature. The convention sermon will be delivered tonight by Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel of Richmond, Va., his subject being "Southern Baptists at Kadesh Barnea." Other features of the five days' program are:

Thursday morning, report on the negro theological seminary and report on the Judson Centennial; Thursday evening, mass meeting on foreign missions; Friday evening, mass meeting on home missions; Saturday morning, presentation of the new Sunday school board building, costing \$220,000; Sunday evening, Judson Centennial Services. At Sunday's celebration one of the notable speakers will be Edward Judson, son of the great missionary.

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THREE HUNDRED BANKERS IN CONVENTION

Special to The News. Raleigh, May 13.—The North Carolina Bankers' Association, in eighteenth annual session, heard with great pleasure and profit the address by Col. J. F. Bruton of Wilson on the "Federal Reserve Act, its effect on the country banks, especially those operating under state charters."

He took the position that all these had as well prepare to come into the federal reserve circle with national banks especially as the prestige of membership would be used as a "big stick" by member banks in pulling away at least all big business.

Reviewed the situation in detail, giving comprehensive reasons for his position. He expressed the most optimistic view for the successful working out of the application of the federal reserve system.

Business sessions of the eighteenth annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers' Association this morning with over 300 bankers here. In his address, President George A. Holderness of Tarboro, appealed for more co-operation with farmers by local bankers. He outlined the way this could be done, predicting wonderful development of banks and agricultural thereby.

Committees were announced. Resolutions, L. A. Velum of Clinton, Thomas Maslin of Winston Salem, L. W. Norman of Hertford, E. O. Anderson of Charlotte, Thomas Shipman of Brevard.

Steamer Floated Today. Loves, Del., May 13.—The schooner Longfellow, Baltimore for Great Wicomico river, which went aground at Cape Henlopen yesterday floated unassisted early today and was towed to the Delaware Breakwater. The schooner's steering gear is disabled.

Washington, May 13.—Organization of the Federal reserve banks is to be expedited in every possible way. The five banks in each district designated to effect organization of the twelve reserve banks today were sent the necessary certificates of incorporation. Prompt action is expected so that the system may be in operation by August 1.

Peace Envoys Make Plans For Niagara Falls Conference Encouraged By Latest Happenings--Plan of Selecting Two Rebels and Two Federals Would Not Please Carranza.

Washington, May 13.—With plans for the Mexican mediation conference at Niagara Falls next week rapidly maturing tension of the international conflict was relieved somewhat today by several important developments.

No Ammunition Landed. Assurances reached this government that no ammunition had been landed at Mexican ports from German ships, a matter that had been somewhat in doubt since the departure of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie from Puerto Mexico several days ago.

Silliman is Safe. From the French location in Mexico City came positive information that the American vice consul John R. Silliman, who had been held prisoner by Mexican Federals at Saltillo was on his way to Mexico City under guard to be turned over to the Brazilian minister there who would guarantee his safety until he reached Vera Cruz. The state department had vigorously insisted that Huerta release Silliman.

Was Parks Executed? Concern was aroused, however, over the reported execution by Mexican Federals of Samuel Parks, an American orderly who disappeared from Vera Cruz several days ago while believed to have been deranged on account of the excessive heat. Unofficial reports persist that Parks was executed, but General Funston has communicated nothing official concerning him except his disappearance. Secretary of War Garrison today directed General Funston to ask the Mexican commander, General Maas, for information about Parks. In some quarters it was said, serious complications might arise if it proves true that Parks was executed.

The Lobos Island Incident. Secretary Bryan made it clear today that this government would welcome a return of Mexican lighthouses tenders to the light on Lobos island which has been abandoned and which American naval forces seized for the benefit of navigation. This government, it was asserted, did not consider the manning of the lighthouse an act of war.

Dodge Chosen. It was announced at the state department that Percival Dodge, former minister of Panama, had been selected as Secretary to the American delegates at the mediation conference.

Stumbling Blocks Disappear. As stumbling blocks in the path of mediation appeared to be gradually disappearing today suggestions of the mediators tentatively plans unofficially were revealed.

A report that the South American envoys tentatively were considering a plan for possible establishment of a form of government including two administrators to be named by the Federals, two by the constitutionalists and a fifth by the mediators, drew from Carranza's agents the declaration that any such proposal would not be acceptable to their chief.

TO RUSH ORGANIZATION OF RESERVE BANKS.

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