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Another Week Will Decide Situation Now Facing Mexico

Alfonso Madero, Brother of Rebel Leader Made Above Statement To-day--Brother's Idea of Governments Sincerity Will Decide.

Synopsis of Talk Between Limantour And Madero Sr., Has Been Sent to Insurrecto Leader—Answer Expected From Him This Week.

By Associated Press.

San Antonio, Texas, March 30—[illegible] will tell whether there [illegible] peace or further war in [illegible] according to Alfonso Madero, [illegible] the rebel leader Francisco [illegible]

[illegible] synopsis of the talk between [illegible] Limantour, the Mexican minister [illegible] and Francisco Madero, [illegible] New York, in which tentative [illegible] were made, has been sent [illegible] to chieftain, at present [illegible] west of the city of [illegible]. Within a week his answer [illegible] expected. He will say the final [illegible] whether negotiations [illegible] formal.

"[illegible]," said Don Alfonso, "if [illegible] convinced of the sincere wish [illegible] government to grant the concessions demanded by the people, [illegible] envoys to meet the government representes. Where such [illegible] will take place I cannot [illegible]. Certainly none of our family [illegible] here to visit Mexico without [illegible] guarantee for our safe[illegible]

All available insurrectos in the field in Northern Mexico are being concentrated west of Chihuahua, according [illegible] received here. It is believed [illegible] sympathizers that the [illegible] of this move is to allow these [illegible] fought for the insurrecto [illegible] some part in the consideration of peace terms. That there has [illegible] recent fighting around Chihuahua [illegible] regarded as indicating that [illegible] in the field believe the selection of the new cabinet an evidence of [illegible] on the part of the government [illegible] preparatory to peace negotiations.

[illegible] the concentration of Madero forces near Chihuahua would make [illegible] an immediate movement against that city chould negotiations [illegible]

Many of the insurrectos are small farmers; they have been in the field for months and have suffered many hardships. As the time for planting their crops is now at hand, it is thought here they will be willing to return to their farms and await the development of reforms if assured by the cabinet that the administration improvements already outlined will be started.

The insurrectos will demand however that they retain their arms; that all prisoners taken since the outbreak of the insurrection be released and that the families of those who have fallen in the insurrecto ranks be given the same compensations awarded to families of the Federal dead.

Increase Ward Tax Values.

By Associated Press.

Charleston, S. C., March 30.—In the effort to equalize the burden of taxation in Charleston, the county board of equalization has reached the decision to increase values in several of the wards so as to place real estate upon the 50 per cent basis of the other sections of the city. Assessments of property along the water front was previously increased. Real estate values generally are much higher here and the board is striving for fair proportions.

Richardson Leaves Savannah.

By Associated Press.

Savannah, Ga., March 30.—Hon. J. H. Richardson, grand master of the Scottish Rite Masons, who has been here for a week, will leave tonight for Charleston after witnessing the conferring of the 18th degree upon a large class. Mr. Richardson's condition has much improved since he came to Savannah.

TELEGRAPHERS THREATEN TO GO ON STRIKE

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Ill., March 30.—W. L. Park, general manager of the Illinois Central railroad, H. P. Perham, of St. Louis, representing the telegraphers and J. W. Stokes, chairman of the Louisiana division of the Telegraphers' Union, conferred here today on the wage question. A strike is threatened for April 1st by the men who ask an increase of 20 per cent in wages.

At a strike vote recently taken 95 per cent of the 1,600 telegraphers voted to go out unless there was a satisfactory wage increase granted.

Improvements At The Court House

Extensive Improvement Are Underway That Will Benefit Officials And the Public—Changes in Clerk's And Treasurer's Offices.

The office of the county treasurer presents an appearance quite different from the usual, as a result of the location of a railing about four feet in height, which separates the room into two apartments. Behind the railing County Treasurer Stinson has his desk and other necessary effects, while a desk is placed out in front of the railing for the accommodation of those who have business in the office. Treasurer Stinson likes the arrangement immensely.

The county commissioners have also given the order for extensive improvements in clerk of the court's office. A door will be made in the wall which at present divides the office of the clerk from the deputy clerk. A partition will be erected across the deputy clerk's office about midway between the door on the hall and the back wall. This will give the deputy clerk an office where he can work without being subject to the interruption that inevitably occurs when people are constantly passing through the office.

The main office also will be equipped with extensive improvements. he northeast corner of the room will be transformed in to an office, separated from the rest of the office by a glass partition. This will insure privacy for a part of the business and will be a great convenience not only for the clerk, but for the public as well.

A basin has already been placed in the vault of the clerk's office and an arrangement will be made for a cloak and coat room, which will also be a great accommodations to all concerned.

More Testimony In Coca Cola Case

By Associated Press.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 30.—When the hearing for the defense in the coca-cola case was resumed in the Federal court today, Dr. H. A. Hare, of Philadelphia, testified that the last pharmacopia fixed the dose of caffeine at one grain. He was one of the compilers of this book and voted against this and in his own works recommended from two to four grains. Caffeine is an alkaloid from tea and coffee; it is a stimulant, but its use as such is not followed by bad results; it is not a habit forming drug and is not injurious to health in the slightest degree, he said.

He said the effects of experiments on animal organs are sometimes different than on those of the human system because of the difference in diet. Witness said he had declined to represent the government in this case.

On cross-examination he admitted that he had prepared several opinions for the coca-cola company since this litigation was started. He then in detail gave the physiological effect of caffeine on the human system.

Dr. W. S. Haines, of the University of Chicago, told of conducting experiments with caffeine on guinea pigs. The pigs not given caffeine showed the same conditions as the caffeine pig when under post mortem examinations.

Dr. Samuel D. Sadler, of Philadelphia, testified that he had analyzed samples of fountain and bottle coca-cola syrup in which the former showed 1.20 and the bottles 1.18 grains of caffeine to the fluid ounce.

Results Of Auto Races

Pablo Beach, Fla., March 30.—First race, 5 mile, open cars, 161 to 230 cubic inches, class C, non-stock: Witt (E. M. F.) first, 4:20.10; Tower (Warren-Detroit) second, 4.25; Rouse (Lancia) third; Tucker (Coles) fourth; Cohens (E. M. F.) fifth; Evans (Warren) sixth.

Second Race, 5 mile, open cars, of 301 to 450 cubic inches, class B stock: Wilcox (National) first, 3:56.82; Hughes (Mercer) second, 4:18.98. Only two starters.

Pablo Beach, Fla., Harch 30.—Third race, 10 miles, open cars, from 161 to 230 cubic inches, class B stock: Tower (Warren-Detroit) first, 9:10.52; Rouse (Lancia) second, 10:13.14; Tucker Cole) third. Evans (Warren-Detroit) fourth.

Fourth race, 10 mile open, 600 cubic inches displacement or less, minimum weight 2,300, class E, non-stock: Disbrow (Pope-Hartford) first, 7:42.39; Wilcox (National) second, 7:54.21; Merz (National) third; Haycroft (Marquette-Buick) fourth; Burman (Benz) not finished.

Today's card consists of a twenty mile open free for all class D, non-stock cars; two 2-mile events for cars of 600 inches and less; three 5-mile open races for machines of 301 to 450, 161 to 230 and 161 inches and less; a 10-mile handicap non-stock D and a 10-mile amateur beanch championship race for class E non-stock automobile with 600 inches or less.

TWENTY-EIGHT BUILDINGS WERE BURNED

By Associated Press.

Alexandria, La., March 30.—A two hundred thousand dollar fire practically wiped out the business section of Pollock, La., during last night. Twenty-eight buildings including two hotels, several stores and residences were destroyed. The fire, which started at 9:30 o'clock, is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

Pollock is seventeen miles north of Alexandria on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway.

Bomb Exploded Near Policemna

By Associated Press.

New York, March 30.—A Black Hand bomb was exploded early today almost beneath the coat tails of a New York policeban. The bluecoat, making his regularly night rounds, was standing at the doorway of a tenement house on First avenue and the bomb was in the cellerway of the building not a rod from his feet. He was uninjured although the front of the building was damaged and doors and windows blown in.

The bomb, apparently deposited in the cellarway early in the night with a time fuse, was aimed at the wine shop of Anthony Valenza on the ground floor.

Camorrist Under Cross Examination

By Associated Press.

Viterbo, Italy, March 30.—Gennare Abbatemaggio, the Camorra informer, was cross-examined at today's sitting of the court of Assizes, which is trying the 36 Camorrists for the murder of their treacherous associates, Gennaro Cuoccolo and his wife.

Most of the questions asked by President Bianchi and the lawyers of the defense concerned matters of secondary importance and were intended to impeach the informer. The latter stood the ordeal very well.

Lawyer Torre, of counsel for the defense, today recived an anonymous letter, in which the writer attempted to prove what has before been asserted by the other prisoners, that the carbineers who ran down the Camorists had manufactured the Cuoccolo ring evidence.

"Owls" Are Wise--Lawyer Coming

Attorney Of Boston Coming Wednesday to Represent The Order Whose "Nest" Commissioner Disturbed.

The trouble in the Charlotte Nest, Order of Owls, told of in yesterday's News, is to be straightened out, Wednesday night, in court.

Mr. J. H. Holland, deputy for Mr. J. J. Arlington, representative in charge, here is authority for this statement.

Asked this morning if there were any new developments in the stay proceedings for which Insurance Commissioner Young is responsible, Mr. Holland said: "Our men, Mr. H. R. Canefield, of Birmingham, Ala., and our lawyer, Mr. Samuel H. Kone, one of the best known attorneys of Boston, will be here to thrash this matter out Wednesday. We cannot understand Mr. Young's procedure or charges. We do business on a business basis. We have "Nests" in every city of any size throughout the Union. If you wish to see any data about us look in the World's Almanac—authority which the government uses. We cannot understand Mr. Young's course, except that he may have confounded us with some order that has imitated us or branched out as an independent order. We have state licenses from all states requiring a license. There has neve been any charge preferred against us, as we conduct our business on a high plane. Our representatives are ready and eager to meet any charges Mr. Young or any other official may prefer."

Mr. Young brings the charge of fraudulent action on the part of the supreme secretary of the order. He charges that the supreme secretary has admitted personal appropriation of death benefit funds.

Relief for Famine Victims.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 30.—The United States transport Buford, bearing the relief supplies to the starving people of China, arrived at Shanghai today.

Announcement of the arrival of the Buford in Chinese waters reached Washington almost simultaneously, with mail advices to the state department from Shanghai and Nanking detailing pitiful tales of the indescribable suffering of the starving millions.

Mr. Bostick, a missionary writing from Pochow, says the suffering poor have reached the extremes of misery. A few months ago they were living on wheat bran. With this exhausted they have resorted to cooking leaves of trees and even simple dry wheat chaff.

—Clean-Up Day tomorrow.

WHO WILL GET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(BY. H. E. C. BRYANT.)

News Bureau,
Congress Hall,

Washington, March 30.—The town is full of democrats and the democrats are full of ideas. Something is going to happen. All sorts of rumors are afloat. Candidates for office are on the run. Democratic congressmen were never more popular than right now when good jobs are waiting for the right men. Three or four North Carolina negroes, old fellows who voted many years ago but will never do so again unless they change their residence, are here to get their share. Everybody is preaching that to the victors belong the spoils and the doctrine is taking well.

But, the most absorbing topic is: "What is the committee on committees going to do about its report on committee assignments? When will it report?"

Reciprocity is not half as interesting to the average congresscan as committee places. This is perfectly natural for most of the good work here is done by and through committees. A majority of the representatives present desire a report Saturday night. The committee, it is understood, would wait a week or longer and report to a second caucus.

Reciprocity has friends and enemies. Representative Webb, although he is not here to speak for himself, is opposed to President Taft's proposition. So is Senator Simmons and Representative Gudger. More than one hundred democrats of the house, it is said, will not vote for the Canadian treaty unless there is tacked to it provisions reducing the duties on farm implements and other things that the tiller of the soil buys. Most of the democrats believe that it—reciprocity—is a good thing but it should be accompanied by several important tariff schedules.

"We will see that the farmers gets aa square deal," said Representative Kitchin to me today. "We are here to look after that end of it."

"The South will profit greatly in one item," said Congressman Lever, of South Carolina," if the reciprocity treaty is passed. We now sell $1,100,000 worth of cotton seed oil to Canada with an ad valorum duty of 17 1-2 per cent. Take down this wall and we will sell three times as much. This will add to thep rofits of the cotton seed oil mill and the cotton farmer."

"Are you in favor of passing the reciprocity bill by itself?" he was asked.

"No, indeed. We must send with it a bill reducing the tariff on wool and woolen goods and steel and add free foodstuffs."

This is a sample of the talk heard at the capitol.

Representative Gudger, of the Asheville district, is here.

"What about reciprocity, it is reported that you are not in favor of the treaty with Canada? Is that true?" he was asked.

"I have not made up my mind finally," said he, "but I am inclined to oppose it.

"It is this way: They would put wheat on the free list but leave a duty on flour and put cattle on the free list and leave a duty on beef. The farmer is the loser and the manufacturer the gainer. That is the way I see it. They tell us that the cost of living will be reduced by this reciprocity treaty. Why? Do you eat what and cattle or flour and beef?"

Mr. Gudger admitted, however, that he is open to conviction.

"One thing certain," he added, "I am going to be independent. I will do my own thinking."

Representative Small passed through thec ity yesterday, tarrying for a moment only, and Representative Kitchin and Pou returned here last night.

Mr. Kitchin said today that the country could rely on the house, democratic as it is, to do the proper thing by the people. He said that the consumer was going to have his turn.

Many of the congressmen are arriving daily. All of the democrats will be here for the caucus Saturday night.

Repairing Burned Capitol Building

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—The work of rehabilitating the fire swept state capitol begun yesterday while the flames were still crackling in the western wing, was continued today with increasing vigor. First efforts were directed toward drying out the portions of the great building untouched by the fire but soaked by tons of water poured upon the conflagration.

State Architect Ware has recommended that the legislature authorize immediately the preparation of plans for rebuilding the ruined third and fourth floors in the west end.

Unofficial estimates place the cost of reconstruction close to $4,000,000. It is said that an appropriation of this size will practically wipe out the estimated surplus remaining in the treasury at the end of the present fiscal year. The state cannot bond itself for this rebuilding and the money must be taken directly from the treasury.

The first inspection after the smoke cleared away convinced the state architect that the remaining walls of the southwestern cupola were unsafe and the occupants of houses on the opposite side of State street have been directed to vacate until the walls are pulled down or made safe.

AMENDMENT TO BUCKET SHOP LAW NO GOOD

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 30.—The amendment to the so-called bucket shop law which defines "bucketing" was declared unconstitutional by Justice Eright in the District of Columbia supreme court in that it deprived a citizen of the liberty to contract. A demurrer of Edward Altemas, of Jersey City, and Louis A. and Angelo Cella, of St. Louis, who were indicted last April were sustained. The government will appeal.

Prosecutions Not Affected.

Chicago, March 30.—Prosecution of alleged bucketshop operators in Chicago by the Federal government will not be affected by the decision in the District of Columbia supreme court. The reason for this is that the prosecutions here are not founded on any bucket shop legislation but on the old statute against using the mails to defraud.

TRY TO AGREE ON CANDIDATE

By Associated Press.

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—Only a handful of democratic members of the legislature were at the temporary capitol of the state in the Albany city hall at the time set for the reconvening of the caucus today to act on the matter of selecting a candidate for United States Senator. The situation since the adjournment of the caucus last night appeared to have been complicated by Charles F. Murphy's fulmination against Francois Lynde Stetson, whom he accused of planning the ruin of the democratic party in this state by the defeat of William F. Sheehan, the first caucus nominee, attributing Mr. Stetson's alleged course to the so-called "interests".

Senator Brackett, minority leader, said today that the republicans were "sitting tight and awating developments." The failure to date to bring about an alliance between the minority members and the insurgents is taken as another indication that the regulars will defer caucus action at least until Monday.

Before the caucus reassembled it was planned to bring about a further adjournment until Monday night in the hope that in the interim a compromise candidate would be agreed upon.

The Albany Situation.

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—The democratic senators hope to settle the senatorship contest at a secret caucus tomorrow morning. The caucus today adjourned until 10 a. m. tomorrow, without taking a vote, the organization leaders had directed a full attendance with the exception that a senator may be elected and adjournment taken for a week until the regular quarters in the capitol are ready for use.

Stenographers Asso. To Be Organized

Idea Originates With Mrs. Sallie Witherspoon Summers, Court Stenographer--Call Issued for Meeting at Selwyn Hotel To-morrow Afternoon.

In the clever brain of Mrs. Sallie Witherspoon Summers, the well known stenographer, has originated the idea of having a stenographers' association, which is to be known, if organized, as the North Carolina Stenographers' Association.

Charlotte has a small army of stenographers. Up to the present time there has been no concert of action amongst them. Believing in the old maxim that "in union there is strength"—not in "a" union—Mrs. Summers is to launch a movement which if carried out as she plans and hopes for, will be of benefit to the operator as well as to the business public. To this end—that of perfecting an organization—Mrs. Summers issues through The News this call:

Notice.

All stenographers of the city, ladies and gentlemen, are invited to meet in the assembly room of the Selwyn hotel Friday night, March 31, 1911, at 8:30 p. m., for the purpose of talking over the advisability of an organization, which organization is to be known as the North Carolina Stenographers' Association.

It is earnestly desired that there will be a large attendance, and it is also desired that the stenographers will not look upon this organization as a union, because it is not, and it is only for the benefit of the stenographers, bringing them in unison, and also for the benefit of the business public.

It is requested that all the business men will remind their stenographers of this meeting, and urge their attendance, as it promises to be beneficial to both stenographer and their employer.

Mrs. Summers is court stenographer for Mecklenburg and twelve other counties of this state. She is a woman of marked ability. Her work in the courts is exceptionally fine.

Patrick Kehoe Dead.

Savannah, Ga., March 30.—Mr. Patrick Kehoe, an old resident of Savannah, and brother of Mr. William Kehoe the foundryman, was found dead in bed this morning.

Two Million Dollar Contract Awarded A Charlotte Firm

The Propst Contracting Company is to Build Line of Railway From Winston-Salem to Floyd, Virginia.

Contract is The Biggest One Ever Let in Carolina or Eastern Virginia And Work is to Begin Within a Few Days.

To build, complete, the proposed interurban line between Winston-Salem, and Floyd, Virginia, a distance of 102 miles, the Propst Contracting Company of this city has secured a contract from the North Carolina Traction Company.

Approximately $2,000,000 is involved in the contract, and in the expenditures to follow another million dollars will be used for equipment, etc.

Opening up a new territory now without railroad facilities the line that is to connect North Carolina and Virginia is a matter of more than passing interest. The contract awarded the Charlotte firm is the largest one ever handled in the two states.

Through the territory to be traversed there is a fortune, it is said, in virgin timber, such as oak, poplar, walnut, hickory, and pine. There is on the survey a tract of coal deposits of 30,000 acres and immense rich iron-ore deposits that were once worked some years ago when the Virginia and Southwestern Railroad and the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company first started operations.

It will also develop a district that possesses large deposits of mica, and will pass through a great tobacco and apple-raising country. All apples—and there were more than 300,000 barrels shipped from one county in Virginia last year—have now to be hauled from 20 to 80 miles in wagons in order to reach a market.

The line will have no competition and will serve, it is estimated, 270,000 people within five miles of its roadway. It penetrates the foothills of the Alleghany and the Blue Ridge Mountains, mounts their heights and passes to the North with a clear grade not exceeding two per cent.

The railroad is to be completed within two years after work begins and the contract awarded the Propst Contracting Company provides that it shall do the grading, track-laying, build bridges, trestles, culverts and other work.

Officials of the Carolina Traction Company are Mr. A. M. Clark, president, of Southern Pines; Mr. J. W. Sykes, vice president, of Greensboro; and Dr. H. P. MacKnight, director general.

Mr. Probst Talks of Deal.

"I can not state positively just the time we will begin work on the road," said Mr. Probst, president of the Probst Contracting Company,

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Bucket Shopping Is Lawful

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 30.—"Bucket shopping" in the District of Columbia is a lawful occupation, according to a decision handed down today by Justice Wright, in the District supreme court, and as a result the widespread crusade waged by the department of justice to end the practice in several cities threatens to come to naught. Justice Wright based his decision on the ground the amendment to the code defining "bucketing" is unconstitutional because it deprives citizens of the liberty to contract, guaranteed them by the constitution.

The decision was rendered in the case of Edward Altemas, of Jersey City, and Louis A. and Angelo Cella, who operated a so-called shop under the title of the Standard Stock & Company. With twenty-six others they were indicted; some of these pleaded guilty and were fined in sums aggregating $8100, the remainder decided to fight the case.

The movements of the government leading up to the indictments were shrouded in the greatest secrecy.

On April 2, 1910, however, when indictments were obtained raids on "shops" in seven cities were made simultaneously; wires were cut and customers thrown into panic. Since then, according to Attorney General Wickersham, "bucket shopping" has become a thing of the past east of Denver.

The government announced today its intention to appeal the case from Justice Wright's decision.

After Missing Express Messenger.

By Associated Press.

El Paso, Texas, March 30.—Officials of the Wells-Fargo Express Company declared today that A. W. Hawkins, the express messenger who disappeared at the same time as a shipment of $50,000 in currency from the Banco de Sonora, in Hermosillo, to its branch in Guayamas, has been seen at Mazatlan. The express company officials declare they are confident Hawkins has taken ship for some South American port, as he is known to have made many inquiries as to sailing dates of vessels for South America.

At Methodist Conference.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 30.—Predictions of a union into one great denomination of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church and the Maryland conference of the Methodist Protestant church were made at today's session of the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal conference in session here.

Speeches advocating the burying of the differences between these churches and a closer union marked the morning session.

—Holiday tomorrow at the schools

Two Trainmen Were Badly Injured In Head-on-Collision

Special to The News.

Statesville, March 30.—Two trainmen were badly injured, one probably fatally, this morning about 9:30 when westbound freight train No. 73, and eastbound No. 66 collided head-on on a mountain just west of Old Fort. Mr. Walter A. Harrison, of Asheville, fireman on 66, was so badly hurt that he was thought to be dying at 11 o'clock, while R. L. James, fireman for 73, was badly hurt about the back.

The engines were both demolished and it is understood that the trainmen saved themselves from death by jumping from the engines just before the crash.

Derricks are being rushed to the scene and the track will be cleared this afternoon.

A confusion of orders is responsible for the wreck, and it is said that either the dispatcher or an operator will have to answer for it.

Conductor P. T. Kale was in charge of 73 and Conductor S. E. Shook was running 66.

Engineer James has had the misfortune to be in several bad wrecks, and has sustained serious injuries on several occasions. Further particulars of the wreck are not obtainable at present.

Smilingly Said "Good Bye All" Just Before He Was Hanged For Awful Murder

By Associated Press.

Pottsville, Pa., March 30.—A remarkable display of nerve was made in the county jail yard here today by Joseph Christock, as he was about to be hanged for the murder last fall of Mrs. Ann Richards. Declining the proffered assistance of a priest and deputy sheriff, the man walked smilingly from his cell to the foot of the gallows and ran lightly up the steps.

It was a public hanging and about the gallows stood 1,500 persons to whom Christock waved his hand. Then he reached up, grasped the noose and placed it around his neck, put his arms by his side to be strapped and smilingly said:

"Good-bye, all."

The nervy man then held his head in position for the adjustment of the black cap and in another moment the trap was sprung. He was dead in 12 minutes.

Before going to the gallows Christock made a complete confession, declaring he had shot the woman when he was detected by her attempting to mistreat his daughter. He told of numerous highway robberies and burglaries he had committed in the neighborhood and wound up his confession by saying he deserved to be hanged for his crimes. He joked of death to the very end.