

DEMOCRATS INVITED TO PHILIPPINES

Commissioner Quezon Bids Speaker Clark and His Democratic Associates Visit The Island as Guests of The Filipinos.

Invitation Came at Request of The Assembly—Want to Demonstrate to Americans The Fitness of Filipinos for Independence.

Washington, April 22.—Speaker Champ Clark and other democrats of the house of representatives who have taken interest in the Philippines were today invited by Commissioner Manuel L. Quezon to visit the islands as guests of the Filipinos.

The invitations were extended by direction of the Philippine assembly. A cablegram received by Mr. Quezon from Senator Osmena, speaker of the assembly, was as follows:

Almost a Tragedy In The Air

By Associated Press. Darmstadt, Germany, April 22.—Prince Henry, of Prussia, had a thrilling experience while flying in an aeroplane with August Euler over the military parade grounds today.

The aviators were sailing along at a good clip, having made 24 miles in a circular course in 40 minutes, when a cylinder in the machine broke and compelled the prince, who was operating the aeroplane, to make a hasty descent which, however, was accomplished successfully. There was not time in which to choose a landing and the aviators came down in the midst of a drilling regiment of soldiers who were obliged to scatter to avoid injury.

SCORES PREACHERS WHO DO NOT PAY DEBTS.

Norfolk, Va., April 22.—Bishop Levi J. Coghlin, of Philadelphia, presiding at the Virginia Conference of the A. M. E. church, at Portsmouth, yesterday declared that complaint had been made against preachers for failure to pay their debts. The bishop said while his "church did not elect him a sheriff or bad debt collector, the man who would not pay his taxes, debts in the ministry could not have his character passed, and is unfit to preach as well as unworthy of an appointment which he will be refused.

BIG PASSENGER JUMPED TRACK TO DESTRUCTION

By Associated Press. Cape Town, Union of South Africa, April 22.—A passenger train on the KwaZulu railway plunged to destruction in a rock gorge 250 feet deep through the collapse of the Blunhwaiz bridge, 12 miles from Grahamstown today. Thirty passengers were carried down with the coaches and are supposed to have been killed.

Mysterious Explosion Carries Death To One Person -- Others Injured

By Associated Press. Parkersburg, W. Va., April 22.—One person was killed, another fatally injured and a third seriously hurt in a mysterious explosion and fire which partially wrecked the house occupied by the family of William Caskey, a prominent business man, here, early today.

CLOSING SESSION OF THE D. A. R. CONVENTION

With Mrs. Scott And Her Entire Ticket Elected, and With Pledges of Support From Opposition a Year of Peace is Promised.

To-day Session Was Taken up Principally With Attention To Unfinished Business—The Story Faction Promise Support.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 22.—The Daughters of the American Revolution met today in the closing session of the twentieth annual continental congress. With Mrs. Matthew Scott re-elected president general and her entire ticket in office, and with Mrs. Story, the opposition candidate, pledged to support the administration as she announced last night, a comparatively peaceful year in the organization is looked for.

Primaries in Washington. Washington, N. C., April 22.—Washington's first legalized primary for the nomination of municipal officers was held in the different wards of the city yesterday.

The vote was very light and but little interest expressed, as there was practically no opposition. The following ticket was nominated: For mayor, C. H. Harding; for aldermen, W. E. Swindell, C. L. Oden, J. F. Buckman, C. G. Morris, R. L. Jones, Fred. W. Ayers, F. J. Berry and E. A. Daniels.

Missing Couple Return Home

After Mysterious Disappearance, Which Caused Rumors of Foul Play, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Show Up Safe and Sound.

By Associated Press. Norcross, Ga., April 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hamilton, whose mysterious disappearance Thursday gave rise to reports that they probably had been murdered and their bodies thrown into the Chattahoochee river, returned to their home near here early today. No explanation of their peculiar departure was given by them and they refused to tell where they had been. The disordered house, parts of clothing scattered along the river bank and appearance of three bugs left at the home on the day they left is still unexplained.

To Improve the Port Of London

By Associated Press. London, April 22.—The first installment of the work for the improvement of the port of London, under the act by which the government took over all the great docks and vested them in the control of the port of London authority, is about to be taken in hand. The whole undertaking will occupy years and is destined to place London on an equality with Liverpool, Southampton and other ports in respect to modern equipment.

HORSES DRAG GUNS ACROSS MEN AND KILL ONE OF THEM.

By Associated Press. Breslau, Germany, April 22.—While a battery of artillery engaged in manoeuvres were sleeping by their guns in a farm yard last night the horses were frightened and, breaking loose, dragged the heavy cannon across nine prostrate gunners. One of the gunners was killed and the others seriously injured.

Steamer Reported Lost. Rio Janeiro, April 22.—The German steamer, Santicolas, is reported lost between this port and Santos.

GEN. MADERO AGREES TO AN ARMISTICE

Dr. Gomez, After Spending a Sleepless Night, is Joyful To-day Over Madero's Resolution to Accept The Armistice Suggestion.

Peace Conferences to Follow And it is Believed Mexico is Now on The Road to a Peaceful Settlement of All Troubles.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 22.—Dr. Vasquez Gomez, confidential agent of the Mexican revolutionists in the United States, today received a telegram from Gen. Francisco I. Madero, Jr., authorizing him to begin negotiations with the Mexican government for an immediate armistice.

The message to Dr. Gomez, from Gen. Madero, transmitted through Gonzales Garza at El Paso, reads as follows: "Taking into consideration the actual situation, Gen. Madero accepts the armistice proposal covering the zone between Juarez and the city of Chihuahua in order to negotiate peace in conferences that are to follow.

News of the agreement to arrange an armistice was immediately telegraphed by Dr. Gomez to Senor de La Barra, minister of foreign affairs at Mexico City, with whom he has been in constant communication during the last few days.

The belief is general here that Mexico will quickly agree to the armistice, although the action by that government may be taken "unofficially" in order to avoid a public recognition of the insurgents.

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The sudden change in the attitude of Gen. Madero who until late last night was reported obdurate both against armistice and peace proposals, was explained here by the fact that Dr. Gomez, in his numerous dispatches in the last 24 hours pointed out the complications that had arisen between the United States and Mexico over incidents on the border.

Dr. Gomez believed that American intervention was not an impossibility and hastened to remonstrate with the rebel leaders against any repetition along the American border of such incidents as occurred at Douglas.

He had received assurances from the Mexican government that it was disposed to consider any proposals the insurgents would formally submit. These, it was indicated, would be laid immediately before the Mexican cabinet and every effort would be made to adjust the various differences out of which the rebellion arose.

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President Taft received the news of arrangements for an armistice with undisguised satisfaction. He was quick to inform the members of his cabinet and summoned Secretary Dickinson for a short conference.

The president's first information was from Associated Press dispatches. It is believed the armistice will relieve both the Mexican and United States governments of an embarrassing tangle over the Douglas, Ariz., incidents.

PEACE ENVOYS MAY SETTLE ALL TROUBLE

According to The Terms of the Proposed Agreement There Must be No Movement of Troops in The Juarez Zone.

When This Agreement is Made the Next Move Will Be to Appoint Peace Conferences—Latest News From El Paso.

By Associated Press. El Paso, Texas, April 22.—"General Madero has agreed to delay his contemplated attack on Juarez pending peace negotiations, providing the government will on its part bind itself to move no troops, particularly in the direction of Juarez. Before it can be said an armistice has been arranged, word must come from the city of Mexico that the movement of troops in the "Juarez zone" has been ordered stopped.

In these words, members of the peace mission today described the situation when shown the announcement made by Dr. Gomez, the insurgent representative at Washington.

General Madero is lying on his arms awaiting a reply from the Mexican captain as to its willingness to enter into the proposed armistice.

The next step on the program will be the appointment of envoys to discuss terms of peace.

El Paso, Texas, April 22.—A few scattered shots early this morning sharply tightened the tension in Juarez, but today daybreak disclosed no unusual activity in the insurgent camp, and at this hour there is apparently no immediate prospect of an attack.

The arrival of the elder Madero at the insurgent camp last night was responsible for a statement by the insurgent commander in chief that there would be no attack on Juarez for another 24 hours.

Each side has its cannon in position and in each army the soldiers are keeping close to their rifles.

The insurgents have not changed their position. They still occupy the mountain range in a crescent shape about the city—on the northwest and the other southeast, the army extending around the inside.

The mountains, the draws or gullies and the foothills are full of dirty, unkempt, half-clad men, carrying arms of every description and wearing clothes of an equally conglomerate character.

They busy themselves during the pending negotiations washing their meagre clothing supply at the river—but it is noticeable that there are more Americans performing this task, regardless of their small percentage in the army, than there are Mexicans.

Young Madero Has Reformed. El Paso, Texas, April 22.—Francisco Madero, Sr., and the other members of the peace mission, went early to the insurgent camp today for what was intended to be a thorough discussion of the situation.

Incidentally he told of the remarkable change in his son's way of living about a year ago.

"It is remarkable," said the father. "My son, he liked good wine and good beer, you know, and good foods of all kinds. He was what you call a good fellow. One day he just quit everything, almost. He stopped drinking, smoking and eating meat, all at the same time. He won't even eat eggs. He is a vegetarian."

In those days he could not make a speech, could not even return simple thanks at a dinner. I have seen him blush and stammer when called upon. Now they tell me he talks wonderfully to large crowds. I have not heard him, but they say he is a fine orator. Never did his boy change so."

FARMERS FREE LIST BILL NEXT BUSINESS UP

After an Arduous Season of Work Congress Takes a Brief Rest—Well Organized, The Democratic Majority is Ready for More Work.

Reciprocity Bill Will Probably Be Hung Up in Senate For Several Weeks on Account of Chaotic Condition Now Prevailing in That Body.

By Associated Press. Washington, April 22.—Both branches of congress rested today. Yesterday's adjournment over Saturday offered to house members the first respite from daily sessions since the democrats completed their organization.

The next business in the house is expected to be the "farmers' free list" bill. This has been brought in to offset some of the dissatisfaction farmers feel because of Canadian reciprocity putting on them, as some believe most of the burdens of the proposed freer trade relations with Canada.

When the Canadian bill reaches the senate on Monday it will be plunged into an unorganized body. The committee vacancies have not been filled and a split between the regular and insurgent factions of the republicans over the refusal of the majority to accept the insurgents as a distinct organization promises further delay to the announcement of committees.

To Meet in Asheville. New York, April 22.—Asheville, N. C., June 9 to 19, was the place and time chosen for the Southern General Conference for Student City, Rural and Industrial Associations, at a meeting here of the National Board of Young Men's Christian Associations.

North Carolina In The Limelight

NEWS BUREAU, Congress Hall. (By H. E. C. BRYANT.)

Washington, April 22.—This has been a spirited week in Washington and North Carolina has been in the limelight more than any other state.

The difference in the delegation over President Taft's Canadian reciprocity measure has caused some friction but not the kind that will hurt here in the long run.

Mr. Kitchin's speech—the one that caused the outbreak of Mr. Gudgeon—was very able. There is no discounting that fact. Mr. Kitchin may have been too abusive of the democrats who will not go with him but there was nothing vicious in his heart.

Mr. Webb made one of the best speeches of recent sessions. It was considered proper and clever.

Mr. Gudgeon put a little more spirit in his answer than some would have done, but he was fighting in self-defense. That is the way he saw it.

Mr. Underwood, in yielding time to the North Carolinians, has added laurels to his brow. His spirit of fairness is the feature of the democratic control. It has kept down strife in many delegations.

Mr. C. A. Schenck and a party of Baltimore forest students are here today to see the city. They will give a little dinner at the Continental before going to the state.

A. L. Pendleton, past midshipman, of Elizabeth City, is trying to get a transfer to the coast artillery service. Senator Overman is helping him. The sea makes him sick.

NOT A DULL MOMENT IN CAMORRIST TRIAL

Interesting Testimony Marks Day's Proceedings of Noted Trial at Viterbo—Interest Keyed to Highest Pitch.

Several Alleged Black Handers Are Called to Stand And Firmly Declare They Are Innocent as Babes.

By Associated Press. Viterbo, Italy, April 22.—There is not a dull moment in the trial of the Camorristi. The auditors never know what to expect but they crowded every available place in the court of the assizes daily, fully assured of some sort of entertainment.

Today Vincenzo Avioce, the butcher, frankly expressing the hope that he would get free advertising out of his mistortunes, and Marie Stendardo, the beauty of Naples, who chose imprisonment rather than betray the man she loved, were the principal performers in this strange mixture of comedy and pathos.

The two are accused of participation in the meeting of Camorrist leaders at Aida tavern in Baginoli on May 26th, 1906, when Genarro Cuocolo, the "fall of the Camorrist" was condemned to death.

When Avito offered his meat shop garb and other attire he chose superlative texture and cut.

Avito made the usual denial of guilt, then went further. At the crest of his oratory he produced a copy of the Italian criminal code and from it he read passage after passage to support his claim that there is no warrant of la for his detention as a suspect in the Cuocolo case.

"But Avito, you usurp my profession." Came back Avito: "I might say much more, but I do not wish to stiel the thunder of my lawyer."

Antonio Perucoco, smiling graciously, was called for examination. He assured counsel and jury his innocence was as true as the sun. He had not been in Baginoli at the time the sentence of death was passed upon the Cuocolos. Then in a whimsical vein he concluded:

"I am not a slayer or a companion of assassins. I am a business man and trade in tortoise shells. I send my goods to the United States, particularly to Chicago and I do hope in the midst of my mistortunes this trial will be a good advertisement for my wares."

This morning he fairly dazzled the spectators with his sartorial display. He is a splendid specimen of manhood, but none was prepared for an oratorical exhibition.

Little Hope For Recovery of Craig

Noted Pitcher of Indianapolis American Association Ball Club, Who Was Shot Last Night, is in Serious Condition.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., April 22.—George M. (Lefty) Craig, pitcher of the Indianapolis American Association baseball club, who was shot through the abdomen late last night while in his room at the club's training quarters, is still alive this morning but physicians at the city hospital, where he has taken give little hope for his recovery.

There is considerable mystery attached to the shooting and the police at first were inclined to scoff at Craig's statement that he had been shot by a burglar who had entered his room. This morning, however, the police say they are working on that theory.

Craig's home is in Philadelphia, but Indianapolis bought him from the Trenton club of the Tri-State League last season. He is 24 years old and single.

MANY REPORTED LOST AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

Terrific Explosion at Oil Company's Plant in St. Louis Results in Death to Many, it is Feared.

Many Others Said to Have Been Injured—First Report Was to Effect That Several Dead Bodies Had Been Found.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, April 22.—An explosion of a tank at the plant of the Bell Oil Co. here this morning injured a number of persons, some fatally, it is believed, and caused property damage. Early police reports were to the effect that a number of bodies were found near the plant.

A Later Report. An explosion of a tank car filled with gasoline here today killed three persons and injured nine others, four of them perhaps fatally. The car was standing on the Wabash tracks at the plant of the Bell Oil Company.

Mrs. Emma Delivitz, a railroad watchman, and a pedestrian, were instantly killed. Their clothes were blown from their bodies and all were found more than 100 feet from the car.

Fine Skulls Were Recovered

By Associated Press. New York, April 22.—Five human skulls were uncovered in quick succession yesterday by men excavating beneath the foundation of an old building in Hart street down town. This may furnish the police material for the investigation of a mysterious crime of ten years or more ago.

The skulls, apparently those of adults, were examined by experts who decided that they had been under ground for at least ten years. The police physicians will go over the skulls closely for evidence of crime and detectives will scan the dusty archives of 1900 and 1901 for reports of mysterious disappearances in this section of the city.

Church League For Peace

By Associated Press. New York, April 22.—The organization of all the churches of the United States into an immense peace society, to be known as the Church League for Peace is planned by prominent New York pastors, representatives of six leading denominations. The plan is to organize the movement among the churches so that their support can instantly be given to any measure in congress favoring peace or disarmament.

WILL GIVE CHARLOTTE FINE P. O. BUILDING.

(H. E. C. B.)

Washington, April 22.—Representative Webb called upon the supervising architect today with reference to beginning work on the Charlotte postoffice building.

Mr. Taylor assured him that the preliminary work would begin on the building in the way of drawings, plans, etc., in the early part of the summer and that an official from the treasury department would visit Charlotte with these plans and drawings to confer with officials and other citizens of Charlotte and that the Charlotte building would be one of the very first to be taken up under the 1910 bill.

"The Jolly Jack Potters" Or "Meet Me To-night In Springfield" the Latest

By Associated Press. Chicago, Ill., April 22.—Impersonations of national, state and city political leaders, including President Taft, Vice-President Sherman, Governor Charles S. Deneen, of Illinois, and Theodore Roosevelt, where the benefit given by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association in the Auditorium theatre last night.

The banquet was attended by more than a thousand members of the association who occupied seats at the banquet tables, while their wives and members of their families were present as spectators in the boxes and seats in the rear of the theatre.

Among the songs written for the occasion and running during the banquet was one entitled "The Jolly Jack Potters."