

Conference To-day Will Probably End Mexican Trouble

Go-Betweens for Peace Negotiations Will Lay Plans Before Provisional President for Permanent Peace Throughout Mexico.

Officers of New Government Busy Getting Their Governmental Machinery Organized and in Good Working Order--Chihuahua Next Point.

By Associated Press. Juarez, Mexico, May 13.--The status quo in both peace and war prevailed today in Juarez, little progress being made in either direction. Sponsors Brant and Obregon, go-betweens for the peace negotiations that may be had, were expected to confer with provincial president, Francisco I. Madero...

Madero today moved his capital from the municipal building to the custom house, the same structure in which the international handshake of President Taft and President Diaz was celebrated last year. It is a red brick edifice, much more commodious than the low frame municipal building used in the last days and in the opinion of the insurgents an ideal building for the transaction of the business of the provisional government.

The officers of the provisional government have been so busy appointing officials and getting their governmental machinery organized that both peace and war parleys have been neglected.

On the side of war, it is probable that tonight or tomorrow many of the troops here will be sent south over the Mexican Northwestern Railroad which the rebels have allowed to be repaired since they took Juarez.

At Casas Grandes, the terminus of the repaired part of the line, there are 1,000 horses waiting for insurgents. They will be able from that place to reach Chihuahua in a short time should orders to that effect be given.

The city of Chihuahua is reported to be defended by numerous field guns and rapid fireers and the revolutionists, it is certain, will not attempt to attack the city before the arrival of the consignment of artillery and ammunition which have been ordered since Washington announced that the unretreated shipment of arms had been made possible.

About to Take Senora.

Margdalena, State of Sonora, Mexico, May 13.--Unless reinforcements, hastening to his relief, arrive soon, Colonel Pedro Ojeda, commanding the garrison of Hermosillo, consisting of but 200 men, must face a menacing situation. Only the most desperate resistance can prevent the capture of Sonora and the largest city in northwestern Mexico from falling into the hands of the insurgents.

To add to the difficulties of his situation, the city is poorly fortified. There are no surrounding trenches. To the southwest there is a hill at the base of which are the barracks, in which the garrison is quartered. Up the hill from the barracks is the penitentiary and beyond it the city water works.

The hill is defended only by two rapid fire guns. If the hill is captured by the rebels, the control of the water supply would fall into their hands. It is estimated that 2,000 insurgents are in the district.

100 Killed, 137 Wounded. Juarez, Mexico, May 13.--Something near definite figures of the casualties of the three days fighting in Juarez this week has been reached by a careful checking by provincial governor Gonzalez. This in cludes not only the insurgents and federals, but the volunteers who fought with the federals in Juarez and a number of citizens shot in the streets or in their homes during the battle.

The insurgent loss is reported at fifteen killed and about 50 wounded. The federal loss is given at one hundred killed and one hundred and thirty seven wounded.

Madero Under Arrest. Juarez, Mexico, May 13.--Rebellion within the ranks of the Maderist this morning resulted in the declaring under arrest of Francisco I. Madero, Jr., provincial president, the demand and acceptance of the demand that Madero's cabinet resign and for two hours threatening the destruction of the Juarez army as a concrete fighting force.

CHARLES S. C. MAY 13.--United States District Judge William H. Brawley, who was appointed in President Cleveland's second administration, celebrated his seventieth birthday today. He was to have retired today but postponed this on account of pressing business in his court. He will forgo his resignation to President Taft tomorrow week. Messrs. Henry A. M. Smith, Democrat, and B. A. Hagood, Republican, are supposed to be the chief candidates for the position. After retirement Judge Brawley will travel extensively.

Real Estate Transfers. Mr. J. S. Davis has sold to Mr. C. W. Black 2 lots for \$2,300 at the corner of Caldwell and Eighteenth streets. The Carolina Realty Company has sold to Mr. Roy A. Page for \$750 a lot on Morehead street.

Mr. Webb Talks of Trip to Georgia

(BY H. E. CANT.)

Washington, May 13.--What sort of a time did you have in Gastonia, Mr. Webb was asked.

Delightful. I never saw a more successful memorial day in my life. The good ladies of Gastonia had arranged an elaborate program and had invited all of the old soldiers in the county to attend and they did so in large numbers--something like two hundred being present. The songs of the choir, and the quartette, the presentation of Confederate flags to the graded school, and unveiling of the flags, the speech of acceptance, the solo, the rayers--all were in elegant taste, beautifully and impressively rendered.

The exercises took place in Gaston's splendid new court house. The merchants and bankers closed their doors and all joined in to make the exercises pleasant and memorable. The graves of the dead heroes were decorated with beautiful flowers by loving hands, and the old soldiers were treated to one of the finest dinners I ever saw, consisting of three kinds of meat, all sorts of salads, pickles, three or four kinds of cake, ice cream, coffee and other good things too numerous to specify. The good Daughters of the Confederacy had prepared this elegant dinner and a Waldorf-Astoria feast could not have been more enjoyed by the heroes in gray.

A new and beautiful feature of the memorial exercises was the elegant dinner served to one hundred ex-slaves, all men, who had gathered in from over the county at the invitation of the Daughters of the Confederacy. More politeness and more good manners were assembled together around the board, from which these darkies fed, than has assembled before in the colored race in Gaston county since the war. It is safe to say that these old darkies have not enjoyed such a bountiful meal since they were set free. They ate to their hearts' content and there was still seven baskets full left. Settling around the table after the dinner they rendered several of the old time, before the war tunes. One of these tunes which was sung by every darky present brought tears to the eyes of the white people who stood around and listened, and the old darkies seemed transported into a new world. Fine bass voices, splendid tenors, and good sopranos were mingled together in a melody that cannot be surpassed by natural singers.

Feeding the old ex-slaves of the county with such a bountiful dinner was a beautiful and a novel feature and possibly one that has never been seen in our state since the war. At the conclusion of the singing several of the old fellows rose at the table and in a few broken but feeling words expressed their deep appreciation to the "white folks" for the good time given them.

LOSS OF STEAMER AMOUNTS TO TWO MILLION.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., May 13.--The sinking of the Ward line steamship, Merida, yesterday by the steamer Admiral Farragut, on the Virginia Capes, will cause a loss of approximately \$2,000,000 according to an estimate made today by H. E. Caball, general agent of the owning company.

Mr. Cabaud said that the Merida, valued at about \$1,250,000, was insured, and that the cargo and effects of the passengers, valued at probably \$750,000, "were presumably insured." As to the liability of the company, the passengers who were losers on the Merida, Agent Cabaud said all probably would be losers except to the extent of insurance carried. The passengers will seek to recover from the Merida's owners.

Ten of the passengers constituted the party of August Peon, a wealthy hemp exporter of Yucatan, Mexico.

THIRTY BELGIAN SOLDIERS DROWNED AS BOAT SINKS

By Associated Press. Antwerp, Belgium, May 13.--A news dispatch reports the capsizing of two barges laden with Belgian soldiers during a storm on the Lualaba river, one of the head streams of the Congo river, near Lokandu, Belgian Congo. Thirty lives were lost.

To Distribute Peabody Fund

By Associated Press. New York, May 13.--After forty-four years the trustees of the Peabody educational fund are about to distribute the \$2,300,000 balance remaining and close the trusteeship. The fund originated two years after the close of the civil war when George A. Peabody, the Massachusetts philanthropist, gave \$3,500,000 "to advance education, at least three-quarters of the money to be spent in the South."

Of this fund \$1,500,000 was in bonds of the states of Mississippi and Florida afterward repudiated. One million dollars of the money in hand will go to the Peabody Normal School at Nashville, Tenn., and the rest will be apportioned among institutions in the south devoting themselves to training teachers, white and colored.

A Day Of Rest In Congress

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 13.--The house having adjourned yesterday until next Tuesday, many members took advantage of the opportunity to go to their homes. The senate having adjourned until Monday, there was very little legislative activity at the capitol.

There will be a fight on the statehood bill when it is called up Tuesday and Representative Flood, chairman of the committee on territories, expects the debate to continue for three or four days.

RECIPROCITY HEARING NOT CONCLUDED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 13.--Hope of the senate finance committee concluding this week its hearing on the Canadian reciprocity bill was given up today. So prolonged have been the arguments of the objecting farmers representatives that Chairman Penrose was planning when the session of the committee began today to extend the hearing for a few days.



MEXICAN CELEBRITIES. Judge Francisco Carbajal (on the right) and Esquivel Abregan, Mexican peace commissioners; and (below) the bodyguard of Francisco I. Madero, insurrecto leader, whose men took the city of Juarez. The bull ring at Ciudad Juarez, which was captured by the rebels, is shown in the small sketch.

DICKINSON'S RETIREMENT A SURPRISE

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., May 13.--The news of the retirement of J. N. Dickinson as secretary of war came as a surprise to the Nashville public. However, close relatives quote Judge Dickinson as saying that he has intended quitting public life altogether when he reached 60 years of age. He was 60 last January and his relatives express the belief that he is simply carrying out his wish to be at home with his family in retirement. The Dickinsons are planning to build a new country home here.

Desperate Pistol Duel In Wilkes

By Associated Press.

Greensboro, N. C., May 13.--Reports of a desperate pistol duel in Wilkes county between United States revenue officers and a band of notorious blockaders, in which Kelly Billings, a blockader, was dangerously wounded and two others slightly hurt, were received here last night in official reports to United States Marshal Logan.

The report stated that Deputy Marshals Grant, Holland and Harkins, and Posseman Shew, while attempting to arrest Frank Billings and Joe King, were attacked by friends of the accused and that after a fierce struggle both sides brought pistols into play and that several volleys were exchanged. None of the officers were wounded.

Billings was badly wounded and two guards were left with him, Tom Watson, a member of the band, was captured later and was rushed to Wilkesboro jail.

NO SENATOR PROTEM ELECTED YET.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 13.--Republican leaders in the senate have abandoned for the present the idea of electing pro tempore. The seven ballots taken Thursday convinced them of the impossibility of electing Senator Gallinger, the majority caucus candidate, at this time.

J. M. DUTZ GETS LIFE SENTENCE IN PENITENTIARY

By Associated Press.

Hayward, Wis., May 13.--John F. Dutz will spend the rest of his life at hard labor in the state penitentiary at Waupun by the verdict of the jury today for the murder of Deputy Oscar Harp in the battle of Cameron Dam on October 8 last.

The jury brought in the following verdict: John F. Dutz, guilty of murder in the first degree.

Hattie Dutz, his wife, not guilty of murder in the first degree. Leslie Dutz, his son, not guilty of murder in the first degree.

The smile with which the "old man" has always faced the things that have happened to him, did not desert him. He smiled as the judge read the verdict handed up by the foreman of the jury.

The trouble between John F. Dutz and certain lumber companies operating in Sawyer county, Wis., began in February, 1904, through Dutz's refusal to allow the companies to float logs over the Cameron Dam on a quarter section bought by Mrs. Dutz without paying him the toll he demanded.

In the last of his principal attempts to capture Dutz on various charges and legal processes, Deputy Harp was killed. In others several men were wounded, Myra Dutz was shot through the body, Giuseppe Dutz was wounded in the forehead and John, himself, was shot through the hand. In addition, the shooting of Bert Harnd at Winter, Wis., by Dutz, September 6 last, was more or less closely traceable to the original fracas.

The tenth armed effort to take Dutz was successful and he became a prisoner October 8 last. He was charged with various offenses, ranging from destruction of property and assault and battery to kill to murder in the first degree. Mrs. Dutz and Leslie were defendants in the murder case. They, Myra and Clarence and John Dutz, are co-defendants in other actions pending against the family.

Marathon Race.

St. Louis, May 13.--Thirty-six local and visiting long distance runners will start today on the seventh annual Missouri Athletic Club Marathon race from Freeport, Ill., to St. Louis.

DR. SHERMAN TELLS STORY OF SHOOTING

By Associated Press.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 13.--Dr. John W. Sherman, on trial for the murder of his brother-in-law, Thomas B. Norman, testified in his defense this morning. He said that on February 5, the day of the killing, his sister called him over the telephone and told him of the "queer action" of Norman. He armed himself and with Buddy Bachman, his chauffeur, went to the Norman home. He learned there that Norman had ordered everybody out of his house, saying he wanted to eat his last dinner alone with his wife.

Witness, Bachman and Norman went to the latter's store and when they entered the store Norman locked the door and put the key in his pocket. While in the store he heard Norman say: "I am going to kill the whole damned bunch, and you first."

Witness turned quickly, drawing his revolver. Norman, he declares, had his hand behind him and was advancing on witness, whereupon he killed Norman.

Dr. Sherman said he then instructed Bachman to get the key out of Norman's pocket and they left the store.

Massacre Of Jews Planned

By Associated Press.

Moscow, Russia, May 13.--Today's papers report that an agitation for a massacre of Jews is perceptible in Kiev, where many Jews are disposing of their property in preparation for flight. The papers state that the massacre appears to have been set for tomorrow and that the agitation followed a rumor alleging the ritualistic killing of a boy last March.

Commercialism Spreading.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., May 13.--American commercialism has spread to Abyssinia. Guy R. Love, United States vice-consul general at Addis Ababa, reports to the state department that an American cotton house has concluded contracts with people of Abyssinia involving three-quarters of a million dollars.

Newbern Firemen Are Here Ready For Tournament

Wake Men Want Farm Life School

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., May 13.--At a mass meeting of the Wake county farmers and Raleigh business men this morning under the auspices of the Wake County Farmers' Union, it was determined to launch a movement for a Wake farm life school, asking the commissioners to call an election forthwith for \$25,000 in bonds for the plant and \$2,500 as an annual special tax.

This afternoon there is being held a big central highway mass meeting in connection with the entertainment of the "Pathfinders," who have just made a run from Beaufort to Raleigh. There will be a luncheon to the scouts later in the afternoon.

Women And Children Flee

By Associated Press.

Naco, Sonora, Mexico, Jan. 13.--All last night a score of automobiles sent from Arizona border points carried women and children out of Cananea in anticipation of a rebel attack on that camp.

Juan Cabral demanded the surrender of Cananea yesterday. The federal garrison, consisting of 200 men under Major Arnold and 200 under Colonel Chiapas, who had just arrived from Agua Prieta, refused to surrender. Cabral then sent a courier to American Consul George W. Swell, advising that the Americans in the camp be removed to a safe place.

Negotiations were begun to prevent a battle and Cabral was urged to forego an attack because the principal sufferers would be Americans, who control the mines in the vicinity. When the conference broke up it was thought Cananea would be spared for the present.

Moonshiners Galore.

Special to The News.

Washington, May 13.--H. E. Caldwell, commissioner of internal revenue, has said a remarkable thing about North Carolina moonshiners. He wrote a Tar Heel congressman, who was appealed to for aid from a constituent, as follows: "It is a matter of common knowledge that the illicit manufacture and sale of distilled spirits is distressingly prevalent throughout the greater portion of the state of North Carolina. The internal revenue force is not very large in numbers. We have the largest force of officers assigned in the Asheville district that is appointed to any district in the United States, and the records will show that a surprisingly large number of illicit plants are captured every year. The records of course would show that there are also many men captured and tried, with not a few convictions. Were our revenue force ten times as large as it is, however, it would be impossible to entirely break up their practice complained of."

"I am informed that the state laws of North Carolina are very drastic relative to the manufacture and sale of distilled spirits, but it appears that state officers do very little to prevent or punish for the violations of this law, though I suspect there are one hundred state officers to every internal revenue officer."

This is a most serious charge against the state.

Officers Of Florida East Coast Railway

By Associated Press.

St. Augustine, Fla., May 13.--The annual election of the Florida East Coast Railroad was held here last night and the results announced today. The stockholders chose the following men to serve as directors: Henry M. Flagler, J. R. Parrott, A. Anderson, J. E. Ingraham, J. P. Beckwith, W. H. Beardsley, W. R. Kenan, Jr., and George Perkins.

It was decided to increase the board to nine, J. C. Salters, of New York, being elected as the ninth member. After the stockholders' election the directors met and made the following assignments: Mr. Flagler, chairman of the board; Parrott, president; Beckwith, vice-president in charge of operation and traffic; Ingraham, vice-president in charge of lands and industrial enterprises; Beardsley, treasurer, and vice-president in charge of finances; Salter, secretary; W. H. Chambers, comptroller; R. W. Parsons, assistant to their resident in New York; H. C. Jenison, assistant secretary, and J. R. Parrot, president of the hotel system.

Mrs. Dodge Convicted.

By Associated Press.

Guild Hall, Vt., May 13.--Guilty of manslaughter was the verdict returned today in the case of Mrs. Florence M. Dodge, of Lunenburg, who has been on trial for the last two weeks for the murder of William Heath, of Dalton, New Hampshire, at Mrs. Dodge's home on Sept. 17 last.

For Big Firemen's Tournament Of Next Week--The Grand Stand Finished--Race Course Fine--All Things Ready.

Report That The East is Coming West During The 20th. Of May Week Ahead.

The Newbern fire department is the first to report for the big tournament to be pulled off here next week. A steamer, reel and three horses, with a bunch of men arrived from Newbern this morning. The rest of the department, 25 men, comes tomorrow. The forerunners report that the East is coming West next week, that the attendance at the tournament from the Newbern district will be the largest in years.

In years past Newbern has won many trophies on the Charlotte course. History will no doubt repeat itself, in this respect, next week.

Mr. Keuster and Chief Orr report interesting facts today, in connection with the big events of the week, viz: The grand stand is ready for the races.

The race track is "fine and dandy." The race course on South Church street which the city prepared is as level as a floor, and as smooth as a billiard ball. It is beautifully shaded, so the runners will be protected as far as possible from the sun.

The official programs which will be out Monday will be given away. Last fact: Everything points to a hot time in the old town next week.

MORGANTON BRIEFS.

Morganton N. C., May 13.

Miss Deulah Clark, who has been out as a milliner this season at Washington, D. C., came home Sunday night.

Rev. J. D. Hunt, of Hickory, N. C., spent Sunday with the pastor of the Baptist church here, Rev. James Long.

Mr. Chas. McNelly, of Lake Toxaway, where he is in business, spent the week with his family here.

The Presbyterian church is losing an excellent pastor in the leaving of Rev. W. I. Hollingsworth, who will leave on July 1st to take charge of a school in Alleghany county.

Veteran Winchester To Be Senior Officer

Commander W. M. Smith today issued this statement to Mecklenburg veterans:

"As Lieutenant-Commander J. R. Winchester will be senior officer of the veterans on their trip to the reunion at Little Rock, I hereby appoint him to take charge of same. He will be respected accordingly."

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Mrs. Frederick Schoff, Washington, who, speaking at the Mothers' Congress, of which she is president, advocated the establishment of a big national child culture college in Washington.