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RAPID CHANGES OF EVENTS IN THE MEXICAN SITUATION

Will Uncle Sam Close Embassy In Mexico?

Latest Request Of Uncle Sam Ignored--President Decides Not to Issue Statement --Situation Brighter--Hale Negotiating With Constitutionals.

WILL NOT ISSUE STATEMENT

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 13.—President Wilson today said he did not contemplate issuing a statement on the Mexican situation.

Washington, Nov. 13.—President Wilson prepared a formal statement on the Mexican situation with the purpose of issuing it today but just before noon Secretary Taft announced that it would be withheld for the present.

No reason for the change in the president's plan was given at the White House. Just before the issue of the statement was postponed, however, Secretary Bryan received long dispatches from William Bayard Hale, who has been conferring with the constitutionalists at Nogales and from Charles O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City. Whether their contents had to do with the sudden change was not disclosed.

The statement was said at the White House to be informative in character and it was understood that it might outline the future policy of the United States.

Washington, Nov. 13.—President Wilson today prepared a statement setting forth the latest phases of the situation in Mexico and embodying the attitude of the United States. At the White House it was said the statement probably would be given out for publication late today.

The White House permitted no announcement of the nature of the forthcoming statement further than that it would be "largely informative" and that it would be transmitted simultaneously with its publication to the foreign diplomatic representatives in Washington.

Statement Delayed. Just before noon today Secretary Taft announced at the White House that President Wilson's statement on the Mexican situation, which was prepared to be issued today, would not be made public for the present.

A Step Forward. Washington, Nov. 13.—Proposals made to the Mexican constitutionalists through William Bayard Hale, President Wilson's personal representative, and a final demand that the new Mexican congress be dissolved because of alleged illegality, transmitted through John Lind at Mexico City, brought the Mexican situation forward another step today.

Through the unofficial envoys, Mr. Hale at Nogales and John Lind, the United States without the formality of addressing either faction directly has made another move to bring about a settlement of the revolutionary troubles of the southern republic.

While Mr. Hale was presenting a communication said to embody President Wilson's ideas and asking for definite assurances that the constitutionalists would protect foreigners and their property and restore constitutional government if the embargo on arms were lifted, Washington was making a final appeal to Provisional President Huerta.

A rejection by Huerta might involve termination of all relations with him extending possibly to the withdrawal of American embassy officials.

The American government still is desirous that the Mexican revolution be settled by the contending themselves but the international complications that have arisen in connection with disturbances in all parts of the republic and the threatened tangle over acts of a new congress which this government considers illegal, are said to have prompted the Washington administration to seek definite as-

urances from the constitutionalists.

Back of the efforts for an understanding with General Carranza, the Mexican rebel leader, is said to be a hope on the part of Washington officials that the constitutionalists will establish a government on terms of the closest friendship with the United States. Just what has been given Mr. Hale by President Wilson or Secretary Bryan to lay before the constitutionalists is not disclosed here but the impression prevails that the United States wished not only definite assurances of their purposes but some promise that they would conduct at an early date a fair and free election.

Lifting the embargo on arms is one of the prominent possibilities if the constitutionalists and the American government can arrive at a satisfactory understanding. There is a hope on the part of many officials that the mere opening of negotiations with the constitutionalists and extension of moral support to their cause may influence not only Huerta's retirement but the choice of a provisional president who would be acceptable to the constitutionalists.

No officials would comment on the developments early today but upon Huerta's answer to the late communication depends the next step on the part of the United States. Before actually throwing any support to the constitutionalists it is believed here that President Wilson may make a statement reciting the futile efforts of this government to deal with Huerta.

Tokio, Nov. 13.—The Japanese foreign minister, Baron Nobukazu Makino, today conferred with Premier Count Gombei Yamamoto on the Mexican situation. The Japanese diet has been convoked for December 24.

The despatch of the cruiser Izumo to Mexican waters has attracted much attention and is regarded as signaling the beginning of Japanese participation in the political problems of the west. The Izumo sails about November 20 for Manzanillo or Salina Cruz by way of Honolulu.

Will Huerta Accede to Demands? Mexico City, Nov. 13.—Provisional President Huerta this morning gave no indication that he intended to accede to the American demand that he prevent the newly-elected Mexican congress from convening.

Lind Presented Request. When John Lind, President Wilson's special Mexican envoy, early yesterday sent a notification to Huerta that the United States government would have no further parley with the Mexican government unless the provisional president replied to the American demands by 6 o'clock last evening he also indicated that the Mexican government must inform the members of the diplomatic corps of its action in respect to the congress by midnight.

Goes to Vera Cruz. Mr. Lind left Mexico City last night and is now in Vera Cruz. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, charge d'affaires of the United States legation, awaits instructions from Washington. It is generally believed that Washington will instruct Mr. O'Shaughnessy to close the embassy or to turn it over to the legation of some friendly power.

Huerta Was Absent. It was declared that Adolf de La Lanza, Mexican minister of finance, himself was engaged in the search for Huerta and up to a late hour had not succeeded in finding either at the national palace, at his family home or at any of the places where he was accustomed to go.

Provisional President Huerta showed no signs of weakening this morning and the American embassy was in a state of suspense, not knowing what to expect next.

An early caller on Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires, was the German minister to Mexico, Admiral Paul von Hintze, who arrived before Mr. O'Shaughnessy had breakfast.

It developed today that in the course of the preliminary exchanges of views between John Lind, the personal representative of President Wilson and the Mexican officials on the question of the dissolution of the new Mexican congress, General Huerta advanced the plea that he could

not dissolve it because it had been legally elected. Mr. Lind's reply to this was the presentation of the demands made by the United States government accompanied by the declaration that what General Huerta had been able to do with the former congress he must do with this one of his own creation.

Japan and United States Work in Accord. Tokio, Nov. 13.—In connection with the decision of the Japanese government to send the armored cruiser Izumo to Mexican waters it is learned that Baron Makino, the minister of foreign affairs, invited George W. Guthrie, the American ambassador, to a conference at which the Mexican situation was discussed.

This information further strengthens the indication that Japan and the United States are working in accord. It was explained yesterday that the dispatch of the Izumo to Mexico was merely to assure protection to Japanese subjects of whom there are about 3,000 scattered through Mexico.

Germans Warned to Leave. Berlin, Nov. 13.—The German legation in Mexico City today again urgently advised the Germans residing in Huerta and Durango to leave those cities on account of the expected hostilities there. The Mexican diplomatic representative has made a financial and other arrangements for the purpose of assisting them to depart. All the warnings given earlier to the German residents, it is pointed out, proved fruitless, as only four Germans left Torreon.

The German government today considered the expediency of advising all German subjects resident in the interior of Mexico to remove to the coast towns for greater safety. It is thought probable that this measure will be adopted shortly.

Carranza Opposed to Mediation. Nogales, Mexico, Nov. 13.—General Carranza, head of the Mexican constitutionalists, said today he would not accept mediation in any form by the United States or any other foreign government. He reiterated previous statements that the constitutionalists desired only the right to import arms and ammunition from the United States.

Summary of Situation. Washington, Nov. 13.—The status of the Mexican situation today may be summed up substantially as follows:

The demands which the American government made yesterday on the provisional authorities at Mexico City had not up to that time brought any response from Huerta or those representing him.

The American charge, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, had not been instructed to call for his passports, nor have any steps been taken thus far toward the withdrawal of his diplomatic functions. Any further steps in that regard are still to be determined.

The latest American demands call upon Huerta for action which will prevent the meeting of the congress voted upon at the election held on October 26 and no rejoinder has been made to that demand.

The unofficial negotiations which William Bayard Hale, is carrying forward with General Carranza at Nogales, Mexico, have to do principally with the question of raising the embargo on arms, although it is expected to develop much other information concerning the constitutionalists.

Reports that a Pacific blockade may be applied to the ports of Mexico are conjectural and no serious consideration is at present being given to that move, although it is among other ultimate possibilities of redress.

While South and Central American countries are being consulted and advised concerning the Mexican problem, there is no concerted move toward securing united Pan-American action.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair, warmer tonight; Friday, generally fair. Moderate winds becoming south.

WILMINGTON MEN HERE TO DISCUSS STEAMSHIP LINE

Mr. Morse, Treasurer of New Concern and Messrs Keith and McEachern Constitute Committee to Present Proposition.

Meeting at Greater Charlotte Club at 8 Tonight Will Hear Entire Proposition — Mr. Morse Discusses Advantages of New Boat Line

Charlotte business men will be asked tonight to subscribe for \$15,000 to \$20,000 stock in the Southern Steamship Company, a newly chartered concern under the laws of North Carolina, with Wilmington and New York officials and directors.

Messrs. H. F. Morse, B. F. Keith and J. S. McEachern, reached the city today from Wilmington as a committee representing the new company and the Wilmington business men, to lay the entire proposition before a public meeting of Charlotte business men at the Greater Charlotte Club at 8 o'clock this evening. This meeting having been called by President W. R. Foreman of the Mecklenburg Just Freight Rate Association for the expressed purpose of hearing the delegation from the city by the sea.

Means Great Saving. The Wilmington delegation is enthusiastic over the plan and make the unequivocal statement that this investment that will be put up to the Charlotte business world will be one that will repay the stockholders in freight saved within a year or two, while the dividends that are anticipated should repay the investors in a few years additional.

Mr. Morse is treasurer of the newly organized Southern Steamship Company. Mr. Keith is collector of the port of Wilmington and is extensively interested in phosphate holdings, and Mr. McEachern is a prominent naval stores man of Wilmington. This committee arrived at 12:45 this afternoon over the Seaboard and were met at the depot by a committee from the Greater Charlotte Club and escorted to the headquarters of the club where they met a number of local business men and club members, and then registered at the Selwyn where they will maintain their headquarters while in the city.

The meeting tonight will be addressed by the members of the Wilmington delegates, and every fact and detail of the plan will be fully set forth after which business men present will be given an opportunity to make any inquiry they may wish.

Mr. Morse on the Outlook. Mr. Morse, who is one of the New York officers of the new steamship company, spoke interestingly this afternoon of the prospects of success which the new company now possesses.

"We will be able to start with three boats and if Charlotte is ready to contribute to the enterprise we will have four boats and if we are able to get the Wilmington and Baltimore and New York each week."

"The company is a North Carolina concern with \$125,000 authorized capital stock and the main offices will be in the city of Wilmington."

"Out of seven directors, five will be Wilmington men so that the directorate will be North Carolina controlled. The voting stock of the majority of the outstanding stock is voted by a committee of three as trustees, so that the entire management and control of the company will be vested in North Carolina representation."

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WOULD EXILE KING ALCOHOL FROM U. S.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, O., Nov. 13.—Praise for the attitude of President Wilson, Secretary of State Bryan and former President Theodore Roosevelt on the question of alcoholic drinks was given here today by Donald C. McMullen, of Tampa, Fla., national representative-elect in addressing the annual convention of the Anti-Saloon League.

"The most staggering blow ever given the liquor interests of this country" was his characterization of the Webb-Kenyon law prohibiting the shipment of liquor into prohibition states. He declared congress showed its independence of the reputed liquor lobby by this act.

Judge Charles A. Pollock, of Fargo, N. D., outlined the result which he said had been achieved under prohibition in North Dakota and declared in favor of national prohibition. The resolution committee of the league today endorsed the candidacy of Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, for United States senator from that state over Oscar W. Underwood, majority leader in congress.

Mr. McMullen, of Tampa, Fla., who introduced the resolution, declared that he knew "Underwood's connection with the liquor interests made him an impossible candidate" from the Anti-Saloon League's point of view.

Former Governor J. Frank Hanly, of Indiana, made a speech before the convention endorsing the candidacy of Hobson.

Mr. Hobson in a short address said he would be a candidate for the senate and pledged himself to fight for the federal amendment prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.

Columbus, O., Nov. 13.—Speaking before the national convention of the Anti-Saloon League here today Daniel C. McMullen of Tampa, Fla., said in part:

"We are going to write here a second declaration of independence. And in the language of that immortal document of 1776 we shall charge as a basis for our course that King Alcohol, whom we are renouncing, has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts and destroyed the lives of our people, and appealing to the supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions do in the name, and by the authority of the good people of this nation, solemnly publish and declare that these United States are and of right ought to be free and independent."

"From the exalted position of a man twice president of the United States comes resentment in thundering tones at the accusation of being an excessive user of intoxicating drinks and the people of this country rejoice when Theodore Roosevelt proved beyond doubt that the brewer and distiller had no part in the making of his marvelous manhood. And the cause has been strengthened by the fact that we now have a president who with that good old fashioned Presbyterian sense of fidelity to duty, has banished the wine cup from the white house and God grant that it is banished forever."

"And no less are we encouraged and inspired by having a man—a real man—as secretary of state. Since I was a boy I have admired the courage and purity of purpose of William J. Bryan, but in no position during his eventful life has he measured up to a higher standard of individual manhood and statesmanship than when he discarded alcoholic beverages from diplomatic banquets."

"But more significant than the attitude of a former president, a president or a secretary of state is the magnificent vote by which congress declared its independence of the liquor lobby and passed the Webb-Kenyon bill. That was the most staggering blow ever given the liquor interests of this country."

"We have tried to regulate these beverages but it is as hopeless as the evangelization of the devil."

"Prohibition by county loan option has served to arouse the people and check the progress of a business that means to ruin this nation if it can, but local option is only border warfare as compared with the great struggle just ahead."

"The fight for state-wide prohibition is bound to give way sooner or later to the alignment for the broader contest of nation-wide prohibition."

Wilmington together by an up-to-date water route.

"The Baltimore date should be 25 per cent less than the rate to New York by water, the only existing water rate into Wilmington to which comparison can be made at this time."

"With the large production of ores, iron grain, cotton and manufactured products from this section, Charlotte should be able to derive an immense advantage from this new boat line."

"Tonight our committee will explain all of the plans and the entire proposition to the meeting of Charlotte men and also will answer any questions that any of the business men desire to get further information upon."

The committee from Wilmington will return early Friday morning provided their mission here can be completed tonight.

Near Two Hundred Lives Lost In Disastrous Storm

Storm On Great Lakes Took Toll Of 167 Lives -- Ten Vessels Perished -- 21 Others Damaged -- List Of Dead.

Ten vessels and 167 lives were lost in the storm that enveloped the Great Lakes from Sunday until Tuesday, according to the compilation today of reports received from various ports on the lakes.

In addition 21 other vessels were partially or wholly destroyed, their crews escaping.

The list of lost vessels and their dead is apportioned as follows: John A. McGean of Cleveland, crew of 28, lost some where off Sarnia, Ont., in Lake Huron.

Charles S. Price of Cleveland, crew of 28, sunk off Goderich, Ont., in Lake Huron.

James S. Carruthers of Toronto, crew of 25, wrecked washed ashore at Grand Bend, Ont., on Lake Huron.

Leiford, Gault, Ste Marie, Ont., crew of 15, wrecked on Angus Island, Lake Superior.

Plymouth, Menominee, Mich., crew of 15, wrecked on Angus Island, Lake Michigan.

Lightship No. 82, crew of 6, sunk off Buffalo in Lake Erie.

Halstead, Chicago, crew of 6, aground near Green Bay, Wis.

M. P. Butlers, Milwaukee, crew of 15, believed foundered in Lake Superior.

William Nottingham, Cleveland, 3 of crew of 25 missing, wrecked near Sand Island, Lake Superior.

The list shows that Lake Huron exacted the heaviest toll of all the lakes. In addition to the vessels that with all or a part of their crews were total losses, 21 vessels were wholly or partially wrecked whose crews escaped.

Notable among the total losses crews escaped were: Steamer Turlet Chief, wrecked at Copper Harbor, crew of 17; L. G. Wald, wrecked off Manitow Island, crew of 24; Ether M. Hanna, ashore at Point Aux Barques, crew of 32.

The other vessels were either steamers that went aground and were later released or small craft and barges.

Vessel owners' financial losses probably approximate \$3,000,000. Three large vessels are still unaccounted for: the Hydrus and Argus of the Pickands & Mather Company, Cleveland, and the Isaac M. Scott, of M. A. Hanna & Company, Cleveland.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 13.—Reports of more missing vessels came in this afternoon but great fog banks had settled down over Lake Huron and the secret of the number and identity of lost ships and men in the recent storm on Lake Huron was far from being revealed. The latest disaster reported was that the steamer John A. McGean, of the Hutchinson Steamship Company, of Cleveland, had sunk. The report came in this forenoon.

Including the McGean, six ships may be on the bottom of Lake Huron and a hundred or more sailors are almost certain to have been drowned. Up to this forenoon 27 bodies and wreckage of all descriptions had been tossed up on the Canadian shore from Point Edward, opposite here, north of Goderich. Life belts, lifeboats, and water soaked cargo bore evidence to indicate that the steamers Regina, Charles S. Price, Wexford and James Carruthers were probably at the bottom of the lake.

Bodies of two men who sailed on the McGean are said to have been picked up today below Sarnia in the St. Clair river. The steamer passed up here at 2:10 Sunday morning and nothing had been heard from her since. Men and the frozen bodies of the latter's owners were insistent to the contrary. They claimed their boat had a marked bow and the result of a collision. The bow of the partially submerged vessel was said to be smooth and undamaged.

It was certain, however, that the bottoms of the two steamers were much alike and those who believed that the mysterious wreck was that of the Regina would not change their opinion until a diver had gone down and read the name.

Identification of but four of the bodies washed ashore had been made up to this morning. Reports were current to the effect that ghouls had been busy and that the frozen bodies had been robbed of all that their clothes contained which might lead to identification. Provincial detectives were today investigating those reports.

The list of recovered dead this forenoon was as follows: Three from the steamer Regina; one unknown; seven from steamer Price; two from steamer Carruthers; seven from the steamer Carruthers; nine from steamer Wexford.

This is a total of 29. All of these bodies are now distributed in shore towns on the Canadian shore.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 13.—Twenty persons were killed outright and 250 injured at an early hour today when Central of Georgia passenger train No. 18 fell through a trestle four miles east of Clayton, Ala.

The train carrying a capacity load of people bound to the county fair at Eufula was behind time and moving rapidly. The engine and two coaches passed over the trestle in safety but the remaining cars went through the elevated frame work and were wrecked.

Relief trains have been dispatched to the scene from all directions. According to information that had reached here at one o'clock—five hours after the wreck—four bodies had been recovered and identified. Details were very meagre.

One of the seriously injured persons is Jeff Clayton, brother of Congressman Henry D. Clayton. He was caught between two heavy timbers and the flesh lacerated so that the bones were laid bare.

Report to Superintendent. Savannah, Ga., Nov. 13.—A report

Tammany Matter May Go To Grand Jury

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 13.—George H. McGuire, the Syracuse bonding agent, was still in such a nervous state today as a result of his ordeal on the witness stand on Tuesday that he was unable to resume his testimony this afternoon at the inquiry into charges that Tammany Hall politicians exacted contributions from contractors doing state work.

It was thought possible this afternoon that the investigation might be abruptly halted and the whole matter referred to a grand jury.

John K. Clark, an assistant district attorney, returned today from Oswego and reported to his office that through former Judge Charles N. Bulger of that place he had obtained sufficient evidence to warrant indictment for extortion of one alleged Tammany "big man."

Two other cases, he reported, were nearly complete and many trails were opened up.

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Big Steamer John A. McGean Has Perished

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It is believed that Captain C. R. Ney and all of the crew of 28 men were drowned. The company has received despatches from Goderich, Ont., saying three bodies were washed ashore there.

Hammer and Webb Decided Upon.

Special to The News. Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—At a conference with Senators Simmons and Overman today, Mr. McKeen promised to discharge Holton, Dockery, Logan and Seawall any time the senators requested it and appoint Hammer, Webb, Bertels and Winston.