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Officials are Optimistic About Latest News From Mexico

Dispatches Received in Washington Indicate That Huerta is Weakening and Will Accord to Some of Uncle Sam's Requests.

Bryan Declares no Alternative Has Ever Been Stated in Case Huerta Refused U. S. Demands — Lind May Return to Capital.

By Associated Press. Mexico City, Nov. 14.—Confidence in the early accomplishment of the aims of the United States toward Mexico was expressed today by Nelson O'Shaughnessy, United States charge d'affaires.

The overtures made by the Mexican minister of the interior, Manuel Garza Aldape yesterday, are taken as evidence that Provisional President Huerta is ready to recede from the stand he has previously taken.

Although Mr. O'Shaughnessy was uncommunicative on the subject and refused information as to any phase of the latest development it was understood that he expected to have a further conference with Senor Aldape today.

At this conference it is expected that the views of Washington as to the wisdom of John Lind, the personal representative of President Wilson, returning from Vera Cruz to the Federal capital, or receiving a committee representing Huerta will be made known to the representative of the provisional president.

Tension Greatly Relieved. Dispatches from Washington published here today indicate the probability of a settlement of the Mexican question without resort to arms, which during the past week, appeared here to be a forlorn hope, created an atmosphere of optimism and greatly relieved the tension.

To most of the foreigners in Mexico City it appeared today that the storm cloud had passed for the time being.

Constitutionalists Capture Capital of Sinaloa. Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 14.—The constitutionalist army captured Culiacan, capital of Sinaloa, at 3 o'clock this morning, according to reliable reports received here.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Secretary Bryan exchanged messages early today with Charge O'Shaughnessy in Mexico City about the reported concessions which members of Provisional President Huerta's official advisers have intimated he would make to the United States.

Lind May go to Capital. Efforts to recall John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, from Vera Cruz to Mexico City to discuss the American memorandum demanding that the new Mexican congress should not convene were taken today to indicate that the group surrounding Huerta would suggest compromise arrangements whereby the Mexican Congress would meet but not pass on concessions or other measures calculated to continue Huerta in power.

Officials Optimistic. Officials were silent about the inner negotiations but were optimistic. It would not surprise official circles here if an announcement of Huerta's intention to resign were withheld until satisfactory arrangements could be made for the choice of a provisional successor acceptable to the constitutionalists.

While the United States might refrain from making any suggestions of its own, it would endeavor to act as a medium of communication through William Bayard Hale with general Garza and Charge O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City so that there might be an exchange of views upon various phases.

There was a report early today that foreign minister Moheno might be the man selected to the views of the constitutionalists as to Moheno's acceptability were not known.

Secretary Bryan declared today that none of the instructions to John Lind contained any statement of the alternative the United States would pursue in the event of Huerta's failure to meet this government's demands for his retirement.

Mr. Bryan made this statement in response to inquiry as to the truth of a recent report from Vera Cruz that Mr. Lind had delivered a note to General Huerta informing him that if he had not abdicated the presidency by tomorrow noon the United States would blockade Mexican ports.

The secretary declared that at no time had this government stated what its course would be if Huerta refused to accede to his demand for complete elimination. Mr. Bryan likewise declined to say what course of action the United States would pursue if the Mexican congress is convened tomorrow in the face of representations by that government that it will not recognize any of that body's acts as legal.

The secretary said that thus far no foreign power had interposed any objection to the course the United States is taking in its endeavor to restore order in Mexico.

England's Attitude. London, Nov. 14.—In reply to President Wilson's communication announcing his determination to eliminate Gen. Huerta and his adherents from power in Mexico, Great Britain today answered formally through Ambassador Walter H. Page that her policy was strictly one of non-interference.

It is understood that the other European powers have sent similar replies to that of Great Britain and that the exchange of views which it was understood Washington desired they should do.

President Wilson's note to the powers while it stated very clearly his intention to get rid of Huerta did not, it is understood, include any outline as to how he expected to accomplish that object in case Huerta should remain deaf to the persuasion now being exerted in Mexico City.

As an official pointed out today, however, it is not difficult to forecast what would happen.

"Should Gen. Huerta not voluntarily withdraw and the financial pressure and the blockade of the Mexican ports prove ineffectual intervention must follow."

It is expected that President Wilson will continue to communicate to the powers the successive steps of the United States government as he has been doing. So far as Great Britain is concerned it is pointed out that he may rely on her reply being the same in each case—namely, non-interference.

With her moral support and sympathy on the side of the United States, England remains firm also to her decision not to dispatch a warship to Mexican waters.

She is assured that the United States will afford her citizens and her trade interests every protection.

All this has been clearly explained to Ambassador Page on his frequent visits to Sir Edward Grey at the British foreign office.

Satisfaction over the attitude of Great Britain was the chief basis for a feeling of optimism that enveloped the Mexican situation in official circles today.

It became known that there had been the frankest interchange of views between the United States and England not only through Ambassador Page abroad but in Washington as well.

Sir Edward Tyrell (private secretary to Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, has during the illness of the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, been active in getting the American viewpoint and is believed to have been largely instrumental in the promotion of a friendly understanding between London and Washington.

It is thought also that the interchange of views with the United States has been made known to the British representatives in Mexico City.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 14.—The general superintendent's office of the Central of Georgia Railway announces as official the following list of dead as a result of the derailment and overturning of a train on the Ozark branch of the Central Railway three and a half miles from Clayton, Ala., yesterday.

White: Pomp Outsey, Clayton, Ala. Monroe Floyd, Clayton, Ala. Miss Bonnie Brock, Clio, Ala. Son of Curb Bell, Clayton, Ala. Mrs. Laura Wilkerson, Clio, Ala. Mrs. Wilbur McLean, Clio, Ala. Wash McRae, Clio, Ala. Mrs. Aito Adams, Clio, Ala. Zack Peak, Clayton, Ala. Baby of F. Brock, Clio, Ala. Colored: Maud McRae, Clio, Ala. This makes a total of eleven dead. Wash McRae died this morning. The others injured will recover.

Manila, Nov. 14.—C. Perry Rich, second lieutenant of the Philippine scouts, United States army, was killed today in a fall with a hydroplane into Manila Bay.

The accident was due to a faulty cylinder in the motor. Lieutenant Rich discovered the defect before he left the ground and at first determined to abandon his flight, but he afterward repaired the cylinder and ascended.

He had risen to a height of 200 feet and was making a preparatory trip around the fleet before starting on his intended flight over the waters during which he was to attempt to drop a bomb on one of them when his motor again broke down.

Lieutenant Rich was the only member of the Philippine scouts attached to the aviation corps here. A launch from the torpedo boat Decatur of the United States fleet in the harbor here was the first of many craft to reach the scene of his fall.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Lieutenant Rich was born in Indiana in 1889 and was appointed to the Philippine scouts in 1911. He is the eleventh aviator to die in the work of the United States army and navy.

In aviation accidents of all kinds the world over since 1908, 414 have met death, the toll for the present year to date being 195.

Lieutenant Rich was not married and the war department's records give his nearest relative as Charles A. Jennings, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Charleston, S. C., Nov. 14.—A squad of 18 Citadel players left here this morning for Florida. Citadel plays University of Florida tomorrow, using the line up that held Clemson 7 to 3 last Saturday.

BAILEY'S LIST OF APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Special to The News. Raleigh, Nov. 14.—Internal Revenue Collector J. W. Bailey, of the eastern district of North Carolina, announces a list of appointments of deputies that have just received the approval of Commissioner of Revenue Osborne at Washington. They follow:

Chief clerk, to succeed I. M. Deaton, resigned, H. M. London, Chatham county, effective December 1.

Office deputy to succeed V. C. Garrard, W. L. Brown, Pitt county, salary \$1,100, effective December 1.

Office deputy to succeed G. E. Sutton, L. D. Meador, Alamance county, salary \$1,000, effective December 1.

Deputy collector as export clerk for stamps in Durham county, to succeed Grant Hall, Walter L. Steele, Richmond county, salary \$900, effective November 20.

Field deputy to succeed C. C. Fagan, Edmund James, Martin county, salary \$1,000 with \$600 expenses, effective November 15.

Field deputy to succeed J. C. Cameron, Mull Lenoir county, salary \$1,000 with \$600 expenses, effective November 15.

Field deputy to succeed D. C. Downing, W. J. Robinson, Cumberland county, salary \$1,000 with \$600 expenses effective November 15.

District deputy to succeed M. L. Wood, J. R. Kennedy, New Hanover county, salary \$1,000 with \$600 for expenses.

General deputy and revenue agent to succeed K. W. Merritt, H. G. Guley, Wake county, salary \$1,350 and \$900 expenses.

General deputy and revenue agent to succeed C. P. Carter, George Taylor Jones county, salary \$1,350 and \$900 expenses.

Temporary appointments made permanent: J. P. Stell field deputy, salary \$1,050 with \$550 expenses.

Mrs. W. E. Shipp, deputy collector for office service, salary \$1,200.

Miss Flora Creech, deputy collector, office service, salary \$1,000.

Bryce Little deputy collector, duty of messenger, file clerk and personal stenographer, salary \$900.

LIST OF DEAD IN YESTERDAY'S TRAIN WRECK

By Associated Press. Clayton, Ala., Nov. 14.—Twenty-two persons now are known to have been killed in the wreck of the Central of Georgia passenger train near here yesterday. Twelve were killed outright and the rest died en route to Clayton and Eufaula.

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"Request that men be allowed to report for duty by telephone.

"Complaints of crews called later than 9:30 a. m. and required to do local work after dark.

"Violation of firemen's agreement account of firemen being discharged for going to lunch and consuming eight minutes after being on duty more than seven hours.

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GREAT STRIKE ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC ROAD

All Reports Indicate General Suspension of Traffic — Sugar Interests Will Suffer Heavily if The Strike is Continued.

COMPANY MAY USE STRIKE BREAKERS

Lists of The Grievances Offered by Grievance Committee—Senators Ask Federal Board to Take a Hand in Effecting a Settlement.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, Nov. 14.—The Southern Pacific Railroad, whose engineers and trainmen struck last night, got one train into Algiers, across the river from New Orleans this morning and another left for the west shortly before noon. The train that arrived at Algiers came from Lafayette, La., a division terminus. Division Superintendent Knightlinger was at the throttle. No effort was made to bring it across the river.

A few strike breakers are in evidence and there have been no disorders.

Loss to sugar producers promises to be the most serious result of the strike. New Orleans business men held a meeting early this morning to discuss the situation.

No Disorders Reported. Houston, Texas, Nov. 14.—No disorder had been reported early today among the 2,500 skilled employees of the operating department of the Southern Pacific Railroad lines between El Paso and New Orleans who went on strike last night. Aside from two trans-continental trains said to be en route reports indicated general suspension of traffic.

Just before the walkout went into effect an offer of government mediation was received at union headquarters. The employees' leaders replied that the only possible way to avoid a strike was for the railroad to meet the federated committee of the four unions involved—the engineers, conductors, firemen and trainmen. Such a conference had been the main point of the railroads objection during negotiations.

May Use Strike Breakers. The company today was said to be preparing to install strike breakers with the aim of restoring passenger train service at least. Places for housing such employees are said to have been arranged at different points along the Sunset lines.

President W. B. Scott, of the Sunset-Central Lines, defended the road's attitude today, pointing out the object of one of the employees' grievances—that against the making of efficiency tests at unexpected places—as designed to insure greater safety of life. The employees' 67 complaints involve demands for reinstatement of many engineers and others declared to have been discharged in violation of contracts; allege excessive imposition of demerit; assert that many reports and other information are required outside of company time and ask regulations of lay-overs away from home terminals.

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The question of wages is involved only in that it is claimed the construction of existing contracts by the company curtail the rights of the men.

Ask Government to Aid. Washington, Nov. 14.—Senators Ransdell and Thornton, of Louisiana, today appealed to President Wilson to request the federal board of mediation and conciliation to take a hand in the settlement of the strike on the Southern Pacific line. The request was referred to the board.

TO CONSIDER RURAL RACE PROBLEMS

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—The executive committee of the North Carolina committee of rural race problems is called by President Clarence Poe to meet in Shelby next month at the same time that the State Farmers' Union meets there. President Poe says he never knew a new idea to grow faster than this idea of setting aside some rural neighborhoods exclusively for white ownership. "Please note," said Mr. Poe, "that voluntary white segregation by people who want it is rather different from compulsory segregation of negroes by people who don't want it. Some people are constantly confounding one with the other."

Great headway was made, Mr. Poe says, during the last legislature. The house of representatives, composed chiefly of farmers, almost unanimously voted for a special commission to investigate the subject and suggest needed legislation to the general assembly, and while opposition, chiefly of city lawyers, defeated the measure in the senate by two votes, the majority of the farmers are in earnest and will push the plan to success sooner or later.

MR. MORSE REMAINS OVER TO CONFER ON STEAMBOAT MATTER

Following the meeting at the Greater Charlotte Club last night of Charlotte business men, called by President W. R. Foreman of the Just Freight Rate Association, to hear the proposition of Mr. H. F. Morse of New York and his Wilmington associates on the new steamboat line, a conference was held this morning between Mr. Morse and the special committee named by President Foreman looking to a further adjustment of the matter.

The meeting adjourned shortly after noon to meet again at 4 o'clock to resume its task.

The plan under consideration today is to work out, if possible, a special agreement to be signed or guaranteed by Mr. Morse whereby he will give definite assurance as to the rates which his line will establish on the water haul from Baltimore and New York to Wilmington.

The committee which is working with Mr. Morse consists of Messrs. W. R. Foreman, Cameron Morrison, W. S. Creighton, J. L. Chambers and others.

The only obstacle that arose at last night's meeting to hinder the immediate beginning of a campaign for subscriptions to the stock of the Southern Steamship Company, was the inability of Mr. Morse to state what the new tariff of his boat line would be. The special committee was named by President Foreman to take up this point with Mr. Morse and see if some plan could not be evolved by which the desired assurance to the local business men could not be supplied and it is possible that at the second sitting of the committee at 4 o'clock this afternoon, the problem will be satisfactorily solved.

REPORT ON CONSUMPTION OF COTTON

Washington, Nov. 14.—Cotton consumed in the United States during October amounted to 542,800 bales, the census bureau announced today.

Cotton on hand October 31 in manufacturing establishments amounted to 1,072,274 bales and in independent warehouses 2,551,964 bales.

Exports of domestic cotton during October amounted to 1,517,838 bales; imports were 5,372 bales.

Cotton consumed included 17,855 bales of foreign cotton and 51,257 bales of lint. Consumption in cotton growing states was 273,534 bales and in all other states 269,275 bales.

Cotton on hand in manufacturing establishments October 21 included 61,482 bales of foreign cotton and 49,877 bales of lint. In cotton growing states manufacturing establishments there was on hand 576,139 bales and in all other states 496,135 bales. Cotton in independent warehouses included 2,872 bales of foreign cotton and 38,108 bales of lint. In cotton growing states in independent warehouses there was on hand 2,497,799 bales and in all other states 54,165 bales.

Imports were: From Egypt 2,119 bales; Peru 1,419; China 751, and from all other countries 1,083.

Exports were: To United Kingdom 414,024 bales; Germany 465,525; France 279,469; Italy 54,282 and to all other countries 204,508.

Active cotton spindles during October numbered 30,833,024, an increase of 803,281 over October, 1912. Those in cotton growing states numbered 12,071,652 and in all other states 18,761,372.

Ridgefield, Conn., Nov. 14.—One man was killed, four fatally hurt and five others seriously injured in a runaway accident here early today. The ten men were returning from a lodge meeting in a large wagon. As they were going down hill the horses took fright and ran away. The wagon was overturned and the men spilled out along the roadway.

Thousands Paid By Swindlers For Police Protection

Aldermanic Board Meeting Deferred

Mayor Bland announced this morning that the meeting of the board of aldermen announced for Monday night next would be deferred until Thursday following.

This action was taken by the mayor because of the absence from the city of several members whose presence is desired at the next meeting when the city is to again take up the question of the erection of three concrete bridges by the Southern, Seaboard and Charlotte Street Railways on South Church, East Boulevard and in Piedmont, the last named being a bridge that has been asked for over the tracks of the Seaboard Air Line.

In the Eleventh street bridge all three of the roads named are interested, while the South Church street bridge falls to the lot of the Southern Railway alone.

This hearing is to be one of importance since there is much involved in the building of these bridges. Whether the board will contend for all three bridges or for those on Church and Eleventh street alone is not known yet. There has been a divergence of views among members of the board as to the building of these bridges, but it is very well established that the Eleventh street and Church street bridges at least will be heartily contested for by members, and probably the bridge in Piedmont also.

Elect to Pay Cash By December 22

Citizens assented under the last general batch of special street and sidewalk assessment ordinances passed by the board of aldermen, will have until December 22 in which to file formal notice with the city to the effect that they desire to pay cash for this work, otherwise the assessments will be entered against the abutting property owners under the 10-year plan and the annual installments of principal and interest collected.

This notice applies to all abutting property owners who have property on those streets for the improvement of which the city on December 6 sold for \$50,000 to \$60,000 of special improvement bonds to the Independence Trust Company of Charlotte at 103. This applies likewise to those owners in front of whose lots the sidewalks are to be improved.

Not a few citizens call each week at the office of the city tax collector, Mr. J. M. Wilson, and proffer payment of their assessments in the bulk but after the bonds are sold the city is unable to receive the money in this way unless the citizen has formally signified his wish to pay cash for the assessment against him before the final sale of the bonds.

TRAIN CARRYING KING WAS WRECKED.

By Associated Press. Leipzig, Germany, Nov. 14.—A special train conveying the King of Saxony was wrecked today by the derailment of a baggage car near Kieritzsch junction, a short distance from this city.

The king was uninjured and proceeded on foot to the station here, where he boarded another train.

FOUR BIG STEAMERS GIVEN UP AS LOST

By Associated Press. Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 14.—With four big steamers given up for lost with all on board and practically all hope given up for three others that others encountered the terrific storm on Lake Huron during the early part of this week, interest today centered again upon the identity of the overturned freighter which lies in the lake a few miles northeast of here.

Weather conditions this morning indicated that it would be possible for a diver to go down and examine her before night.

The four steamers for which all hope has been abandoned are: The John A. McGean and the Charles S. Price, both of Cleveland; the James S. Carruthers, the Regina and the Wexford, all of Toronto.

The three vessels, the description of which has not been so definitely determined are: The Hydrus, the Argus and the Isaac M. Scott, all of Cleveland.

The loss of the eight ships with all of the crews would make a life loss of more than 160. Wreckage from both the Hydrus and the Argus has been washed ashore and the Scott has not been heard from since she sailed away in the storm. She was due to report in Chicago yesterday, it is said.

The general opinion this morning was that the unidentified overturned steamer will be found to be either the Price or the Regina.

More Corruption is Brought to Light in New York City by District Attorney Whitman

—Prominent Men Involved.

Police Got Ten Per Cent When Chicago Woman was Fleeced Out of Near Half Million — More Startling Revelations Are Expected.

New York, Nov. 14.—District Attorney Whitman confirmed today the report that he had obtained from a gang of wireless wire tappers confessions involving the payment of graft for police protection to a civilian in high authority at police headquarters, a police inspector and at least two lieutenants.

Many hundreds of thousands of dollars, Mr. Whitman said, had been obtained by the swindlers under police protection. Ten per cent of this sum and a fixed retainer of \$2,500 a month, according to the confessions, had been divided among the police officials involved.

George McRae, confessor-in-chief of the gang of five who have barefaced their records to Mr. Whitman, is authority for the statement that a Chicago woman whose identity is known to the district attorney, was fleeced out of \$400,000 during several months by the gang in this city, and the police received ten per cent of this sum.

McRae's confession, Mr. Whitman said, had been corroborated in many essential details by the other wire tappers, all of whom are under indictment for grand larceny.

Still more startling revelations are expected today in the confession of two other wire tappers who have indicated their willingness to tell the district attorney all they know about money being paid for police protection. These men were expected at the district attorney's office this afternoon.

According to the story told by McRae and his confederates, the police were notified by the bank in advance whenever a deal was on. Giving names and dates, McRae told the district attorney that the police would station a man outside the building to which the victim was taken and that after the wire tappers had got his money payment of the ten per cent commission was immediately made to the police waiting outside.

This, McRae charged, was taken to the office of a police inspector and either retained entirely by him, or divided with his superiors. In addition the wire tappers, McRae said, paid a man at police headquarters a monthly retainer of \$2,500.

McRae confessed to the district attorney more than a month ago but no announcement was made until today. In the meantime Assistant District Attorney Groehl has devoted all most his entire time to investigating the story. During the course of his investigation Mr. Groehl made several trips to Chicago and there confirmed portions of McRae's confession. Altogether nearly a dozen syndicates connected with the gang have confessed.

McRae's confession and the resultant revelations are the outgrowth of an accidental meeting in Los Angeles last September between McRae and a representative of the district attorney's office who was in that city on another case. The district attorney's representative brought McRae with him to Chicago and there they were met by Mr. Groehl. Before coming to this city McRae had made a partial confession.

The alleged working arrangement between the police and the swindlers, McRae said, was first made more than eighteen months ago and there were six months from the murder of Herman Rosenthal which resulted in disclosures of police graft. During the investigation after Rosenthal's death the swindlers became scared and many left the city. Later the working arrangement, McRae said, was revived.

PAPERS IN THE APPELBAUM CASE WERE FILED TODAY

The papers in the case of Mrs. Callie Scott Appelbaum, of Atlanta, against the order of United Commercial Travelers of America to recover \$6,300 insurance held by her late husband, Jerry Appelbaum, of Atlanta, which was mentioned in The News some weeks ago, were filed today in the office of Clerk of the Court C. C. Moore.

The case will come up at the term of civil court here next week. The plaintiff is represented by Flowers & Jones of this city, and by the firm of Moore & Branch in Atlanta. It will be recalled that the late Jerry Appelbaum, whose death occurred from a pistol shot in an Atlanta hotel some six or eight months ago, following which Mrs. Appelbaum was tried and acquitted of his murder, formerly resided here with his wife before going to Atlanta.