

President Says No Occasion For Closing Embassy

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Huerta Regards His Part in The Exchange of Communications Finished—Plans to Bring New Congress to Full Organization.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson does not regard the Mexican situation as having reached any such critical stage as to require the closing of the American embassy.

Discussing reports to that effect today, he said "I have given my passports and been told to come back. While details as to persons had changed, yet the main circumstances remained substantially the same as when the President previously expressed a favorable view of the situation.

The Status of Affairs. Summing up the status of affairs, the President indicated that while the personal attitude of General Huerta might have changed, the circumstances under which the American government bases its conviction that Huerta's elimination is inevitable, have not changed at all.

The mills of the gods grind slowly, expressed the slow and steady purpose being pursued.

It was made plain at the White House that the preliminary resignation of Minister Aldape did not affect materially the American plan, as it was pointed out that no scheme that this government might have could very well depend on the permanency of any member of the Huerta cabinet.

The president made it plain that the changes in the situation, though they appeared kaleidoscopic in detail, had not impaired confidence here in the ultimate solution of the problem by peaceful means.

Official denial was made at the White House to a report that Pan-American mediation was contemplated and it was reiterated that no mediation of any kind had been offered to either Mexico or the Huerta cabinet.

Secretary Bryan has ordered an investigation of the executions at Juarez but thus far has been unable to reconcile conflicting reports.

Mexico City, Nov. 17.—Severance of relations between the United States and Mexico at an early date is regarded here as inevitable in view of the continued declaration of Provisional President Huerta that he will not relinquish his office.

None of the newspapers whether printed in English or Spanish published more than the briefest despatches touching the situation and no indication was given in the course of the intentions of Washington toward Mexico.

Whether the United States embassy is to remain or to be immediately withdrawn appears to be a matter of which Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires himself, is uncertain.

The staff of the embassy is ready to leave at a moment's notice and little surprise would be felt here, although much alarm would be caused, in case Mr. O'Shaughnessy and his establishment should take the evening train for Vera Cruz.

There was considerable gossip in political circles today of further changes in the Mexican cabinet. General Aureliano Blanquet, the minister of war, is said to have had a misunderstanding with President Huerta which may cause him to leave his post.

With the departure of Manuel Garza Aldape, late minister of the interior, foreigners here feel that the cabinet has lost one of its most level-headed members, an official whose moderation could be depended upon. His successor has not yet been chosen.

In the meantime General Huerta is proceeding with his efforts to organize the new congress regardless of the advice given to him by John Lind that such consequences would follow as a step.

It was expected today that a further attempt would be made this afternoon to organize the senate as Saturday's effort failed owing to the lack of a quorum. Unless the United States finds a means to bring about alteration of the present plans the first regular meeting of the house will occur on Thursday.

The Imparcial today refers editorially to the organization of the Mexican congress.

"It appears," says the Imparcial, "that this congress displeases the mighty personage of the White House. He takes us for slaves, whereas we belong to the noble and fierce race of Cuauhtemoc, the last Aztec sovereign of Mexico, crossed with the blood of other indomitable and proud people whose monuments of glory rear

themselves on the heights of the Andes. "Our great president, now unembarrassed by intriguers, stands more firm than porphyry or bronze. "A people which loses its independence and dignity without a supreme effort is worse than dead and merits eternal ignominy."

The article continues by saying that the writer cannot believe the Yankees will launch upon such an insane adventure as a war with Mexico.

Huerta's Attitude. Mexico City, Nov. 17.—Provisional President Huerta regards his part in the recent exchange of communications with the United States as finished. He expects to find no difficulty in consummating his plan to bring his new congress to full organization tomorrow and he continues planning his military campaigns and carrying out his policies of pacification.

What further move may be taken at Washington is a question which neither the Mexicans nor the foreigners here find an easy one to answer but there was noticeable today an increasing expression of opinion that the United States would continue her hands off policy.

This was not a predominating belief, but those who expressed it pointed out that there was an element at Washington which would be contented to see the federal and constitutionalists play their own game to the finish, the recent taking of Juarez by the rebel forces being cited as perhaps an encouragement of such a disposition at Washington.

Will Huerta Resign? Mexico City, Nov. 17.—The report was revived today that General Huerta intends to resign on the convening of congress in regular session on Thursday. It was based on the alleged declaration of a member of the new chamber of deputies.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 17.—Eleven men are known to have been executed in Juarez since Francisco Pancho Villa and his rebel forces captured the city Saturday morning. The rebel officials admit the execution of that number. Americans who have frequented the city since its capture claim that 23 have been executed.

All bodies of most of the victims are still unburied. More than twenty corpses, some of them of men executed, some the bodies of victims of the battle, lay all night in the Juarez cemetery because graves had not been completed for them. The body of Colonel Enrique Portillo, executed last Saturday, was brought to El Paso for interment here today. It was divested of its trousers and shoes by a rebel who was short of clothing while it lay in the patio of the military barracks in Juarez.

All rebels are badly in need of clothing and the distribution of captured federal uniforms made by Villa did not go around so there has been a scramble for the clothing of the men executed.

The known victims of the rebel executioners so far are: Colonel Enrique Portillo. Colonel Augustin Cortinas. Captain Jose Torres. Captain R. Benavides. Civitan Ricardo Contreras. Civilian, unknown, said to be aide to Guillermo Porras, personal representative of General Huerta for the state of Chihuahua.

Jose Cordova, recently chief secret (Continued on Page Nine.)

TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF TOYS

Washington, Nov. 17.—Toys to the extent of more than twenty million dollars will have been provided for American children by their parents before the present year wanes, according to the experts of the Federal bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. This establishes a new record, the statisticians announced.

A marked feature of the situation is that the United States is guarding with increasing jealousy its own production of toys and is sending fewer abroad for the children of other countries. The production of home factories is kept for home youngsters.

The importation of playthings before the new year is ushered in will aggregate nine million dollars, the experts figure. Added to this the home production will be fully eleven millions of dollars. With this flood of joy-making paraphernalia it is thought certain by the Federal experts that the hearts of juvenile Americans will be made glad when Santa Claus comes around if they are not overflowing with happiness before.

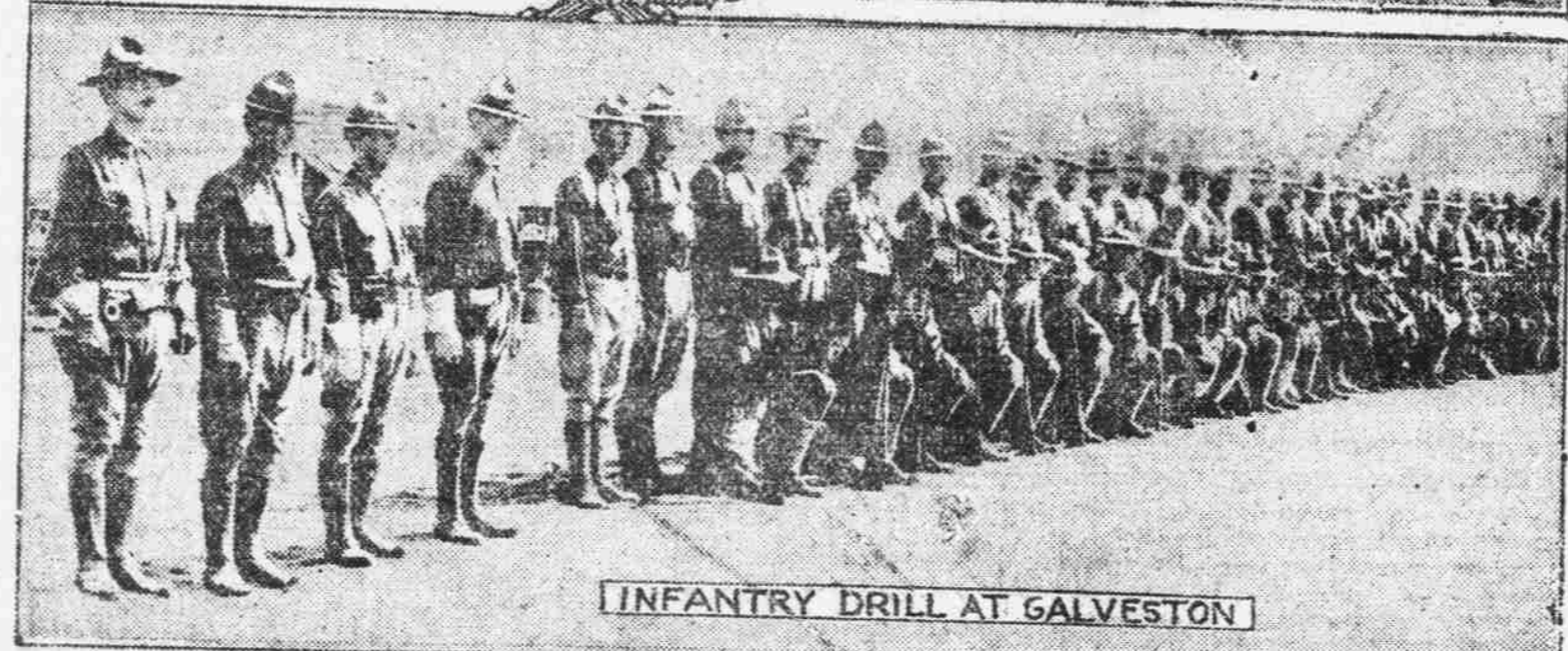
Dolls furnish one fourth of all the toys coming from abroad. Germany is by far the greatest purveyor of playthings, and its flaxen-haired dolls that are admitted through the customs houses to the arms of American children.

In the furnishing of toys England comes next, with Japan, France, Austria-Hungary and Belgium following in importance. The United States exports have fallen off steadily in recent years.

Yes, Y Uncle Sam Is Ready For Trouble With Mexico; Latest Photos From His Military Camps Along The Border



39 U.S. INFANTRY AT GALVESTON, AIRING THEIR CAMP



INFANTRY DRILL AT GALVESTON



ENGINEERS AT TEXAS CITY

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 17.—Uncle Sam's troops are on tiptoe on the border, ready to jump into Mexico at a moment's notice to save American life and property. Herewith are photos giving latest scenes in the border military camps of infantry and engineers of the regular army. The men are generally in sound health, and Major General Carter, who is in command, will give a good account of himself if he is ordered into the battle scarred republic to preserve order.

FORTY BODIES HAVE WASHED ASHORE — THE STEAMER WYOMING PROBABLY LOST

By Associated Press. Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 17.—Information was received here this forenoon that forty bodies of sailors who lost their lives in last week's storm disaster on Lake Huron, were on their way to Sarnia, Ont., opposite this port, from Kincaid, Ont., where they had been washed ashore. Many of the bodies are still unidentified.

No further details were available here this morning in connection with the discovery yesterday of a pilot house supposed to be from a wooden steamer. All of the vessels reported lost were said to have been of steel construction and if a wooden steamer went down in Lake Huron her identity is a mystery.

The steamer Wyoming and barge probably foundered in the gale a week ago Sunday on Lake Huron. The Wyoming passed this port up-bound at 5:30 o'clock on the morning of November 7. It is thought she was near Saginaw bay when the storm struck. The Wyoming and barge had a crew of 23. She was a wooden steamer.

PHYSICIANS GATHER IN LEXINGTON

By Associated Press. Lexington, Ky., Nov. 17.—Five hundred physicians and surgeons from many states were here today for the first session of the Southern Medical Association's annual convention. Several allied organizations are to have meetings here during the association's convention.

The feature of today's session was an address by Dr. Oscar Bowling, of the Louisiana State Board of Health, who declared that 17 to 25 per cent of non-temperated childless marriages and 75 per cent of sterility in married life was due to the husband's incapacity as a result of venereal infection.

Dr. Bowling suggested education for parenthood, regulation of marriage and prevention of reproduction by certain classes as a means of establishing higher ideals in American family life. He asserted that society's attitude of silence over everything pertaining to sex was passing and that a single standard of morality for men and women were becoming a social principle.

Sessions will continue until Thursday. Health officers of southern states were to discuss "milk" at their meeting this afternoon. The first annual session held by Southern Medical Women will take place tomorrow. The Southern Association of Railway Surgeons will be organized during the week.

When a fellow is crusty it may be due to the way he was bred.

WOMEN USING FEWER BIRDS

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 17.—Women are abandoning the use of birds and the plumage of birds for headgear decoration, according to Col. Joseph H. Acklen of Nashville, Tenn., who arrived here today to assume his duties as chief warden of the United States to enforce the recently enacted migratory bird protection law.

Colonel Acklen, who is an enthusiastic bird-lover, is to serve the government without pay. He expects to visit every section and state of the country, enlisting the co-operation of state game wardens and the various sportsmen's organization in the safeguarding of wild life.

The change in feminine fashions and the gradual abandonment of fur and feathers in the decoration of women's hats, the colonel believes, however, is the most hopeful sign he has seen in his work thus far.

All frogs and some people are born kickers.

THE WEATHER. Forecast for North Carolina: Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer Tuesday in interior; moderate winds, mostly north-east.

COAL RATE INVESTIGATION BEGUN TODAY

By Associated Press. Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—The first hearing in the investigation instituted by the interstate commerce commission into the rates and practices of the hard coal carrying roads was held here today before Commissioner John H. Marble.

The commission seeks chiefly to determine whether the railroads have been strictly observing the interstate commerce laws, whether their freight rates on coal are reasonable and whether there exists a community of interest among them that is detrimental to the independent shipper and the public in general.

The investigation consequently promises to be the most sweeping ever conducted by any government agency into the affairs of the anthracite railroads. The witnesses under subpoenas to testify today were officials of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, but it was expected that the forefront of the session would be occupied in the introduction of documentary evidence, including a mass of official correspondence subpoenaed from the files of the railroads involved.

Silas H. Smith of counsel for the commission, announced at the outset of the hearing that the operating departments of the railroads involved would be first investigated, with a view to bringing out the service rendered on the handling of coal from the mines to the market. It was agreed that the documentary evidence should be put into the record without reading this time.

Commissioner Marble announced that several independent shippers had entered informal complaints and that the Plymouth Coal Company, a competitor of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Company, had asked to intervene formally with the privilege of cross-examining witnesses. This, the commission said, would be permitted.

Edward E. Kerkin, division superintendent of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, was the first witness. He produced operating schedules in connection with the transportation of coal on the Jersey Central.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde A. Duckworth, at the Presbyterian hospital, a son, Arthur J.

Strike Of Trainmen On The Southern Pacific Terminates

GREAT MEET FOR DEEPER WATERWAYS

By Associated Press. Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 17.—United States senators, governors, mayors and noted waterways experts are assembling here for the Atlantic Deep-waterways convention which opens tomorrow. J. Hampton Moore, of Philadelphia, the president, arrived today. Governor Blease, of South Carolina, is expected this evening and by morning the other leaders among whom are Governor Charles R. Miller, of Delaware; Governor Park Trammell, of Florida; Lieut. Gov. Frank E. Howe, of Vermont; Sigo Meyers, of Savannah, Ga., and Representative J. Charles Linthicum, of Maryland; Senator D. U. Fletcher, of Florida, and the Florida delegation in congress led by Stephen J. Parkman, chairman of the river and harbor committee of the house, former Representative Bennett, of New York.

The first meeting convenes at 3 o'clock tomorrow. Mayor Swearingin will welcome the guests for the city and Governor Trammell for the state. Besides the speeches and the resolutions to be considered there will be several entertainments including a trip on the St. Johns river, visits to the ostrich farm, a steamer trip and luncheon for the women when forty launches and yachts will convey them to the yacht club and a luncheon at

SEPARATE CONFERENCES ON CURRENCY SCHEDULE. By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 17.—Prospects of separate conferences of republican and Democrat senators over currency legislation loomed up again today with some sentiment that congress might adjourn while they were being held.

Chairman Owen, of the banking committee, and Majority Leader Kern, said they saw no objection to a short adjournment, but they did not know the president's attitude.

Both sections of the banking committee continued work today. Thieves Got Twenty Thousand. By Associated Press. Paris, Nov. 17.—Clever thieves succeeded in extracting ingot gold valued at \$20,000 from a consignment of \$1,000,000 while it was on the way from Constantinople to Paris last week. Details of the robbery were made public today. The gold was sent by the Imperial Ottoman Bank at Constantinople to the Ottoman Bank here in forty cases, iron bound and sealed.

NEW YORK WARS ON HIGH COST OF LIVING. By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 17.—The high cost of living puzzle will be up for attempts at solution again this week. The investigation arranged by Governor Martin H. Glynn with the heads of the railroads over which most of the state's food supply is transported and with a number of economists. The conference will mark the new state executive's first step toward the formation of a new legislative plan to reduce prices of foodstuffs in New York state.

Governor Glynn's interest has been aroused particularly by the New York members of the American commission, which went abroad last June to attend the congress of the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome and which also made a comprehensive study of food supply in Europe.

The report of the American commission, much of which will be placed in advance at the disposal of Governor Glynn will be presented to President Wilson and subsequently to congress early in December.

How to Raise Turkeys. Boston, Nov. 17.—Turkeys at 15 cents a pound are possible if the right methods of raising them are used, Dr. Charles P. Higgins, pathologist for the Dominion of Canada, said in a lecture at the Harvard Medical School yesterday.

"The disease of black head has been the cause more than anything else of the scarcity of turkeys," he said. "They can be raised at a small cost and marketed profitably at 15 cents a pound. To raise turkeys successfully they should be hatched by artificial means and should be kept away from ordinary fowls."

THE DAY IN CONGRESS. Washington, Nov. 17. Senate: Met at noon. Winston Churchill's naval holiday was endorsed in a resolution introduced by Senator Thomas. Panking committee continued work on administration currency bill. Adjourned at 1:36 p. m., until noon Thursday.

House: Met at noon. Progressive Leader Murdock introduced his party's anti-trust bill. Adjourned at 12:10 p. m., without transacting any business until noon Thursday.