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REFUSES TO YIELD

Action Taken By Mexico In Regard to Guatemala

RELATIONS ARE SEVERED

Ministers Preparing to Return to Their Homes

Formality of Issuing Passports Will Require a Day or Two—American Minister Will Look After Mexican Interests in Guatemalan Capital—Officials of State Department Will Try to Adjust the Difficulty.

Washington, May 6.—Although the telegraph wires have not brought to Washington the actual news of the severance of diplomatic relations of Guatemala and Mexico, officials here have no doubt that Mexico, took the action today that will result in giving to the Guatemalan minister in Mexico passports for his withdrawal. The Mexican minister in Guatemala is now preparing to return home and the American charge, Philip Brown, secretary to the legation, has been instructed to look after Mexican interests in the Guatemalan capital upon the departure of the Mexican minister.

Ambassador Creel of Mexico has been in hourly anticipation of a message from his government, informing him that the break had occurred between this country and Guatemala. He was advised that Guatemala had denied the request for the surrender or General Jose Lima, who is suspected of being implicated in the murder in Mexico of former President Barillas of Guatemala, and that there was no alternative but for Mexico to consider the refusal an insult necessitating the discontinuance of relations between the two countries.

The state department has numerous messages today from Minister Lee and from Secretary Brown. These dispatches confirm the advices received from diplomatic representatives in Washington of the two countries that there was no possibility of Guatemala and Mexico arranging the controversy over the demand for the extradition of General Lima.

The formality of issuing passports in the two countries, each for the withdrawal of the minister of the government will probably require a day or two.

The severance of diplomatic relations does not mean war, although the fact that the countries adjoin causes great anxiety in that they may be at any time evasions by one or the other into the territory of the enemy by responsible bands and doubtless trouble would result that might easily end in declarations of hostilities. Officials of the state department intend to use their good offices in an effort to adjust the present difficulty.

Dr. Toledy Herrarte, the Guatemalan minister, conferred with Assistant Secretary Bacon today concerning the situation, and said that he hoped there would be a settlement soon.

City of Mexico, May 6.—Diplomatic relations between Mexico and Guatemala have not been severed tonight the secretary of foreign affairs, Jose Algara, denied the report emanating from Washington to the effect that Minister Gamboa had been recalled.

Several Recent Business Changes.
Several business changes which have been recently announced are as follows:

Mr. W. L. Smith, who has been with McNair & Pearsall, goes with the J. C. Stevenson Co, and he is succeeded with McNair & Pearsall by Mr. H. Lacy Hunt. Mr. Hunt's position as teller at the Murchison National Bank has been taken by Mr. Warren S. Johnson.

Mr. R. H. Bradley will leave tomorrow for Baltimore to accept a position with an insurance company.

United States Survey Steamer in Port
The United States survey steamer, the Hydraulic, now engaged in coast pilot work, put in at this port yesterday and will remain until Thursday.

The Hydraulic is on her way from northern ports to the Gulf of Mexico and she reported here to take on supplies and to escape rough weather at sea. Captain John Ross is master of the steamer.

PRESIDENT TOUCHED BUTTON

The Fifth Triennial Schutzenfest Opens in Charleston, S. C.

Charleston, S. C., May 6.—President Roosevelt touched a button in the White house today at 2:37 p. m., and formerly opened the fifth triennial schutzenfest of the National Schutzenfest of America. The button was electrically connected with a rifle on the range at the schutzen platz in this city and the detonation that followed was heard in the White house by the aid of a telephone, a minute later the result of the shot being announced to the president. Three shots were fired at a ring target, the scores being 24, 21 and 24, total 69 out of a possible 75. The final result was announced to the president by Gov. M. F. Ansel, of South Carolina, who stood near and after the congratulations and felicitations were exchanged the president was enabled to hear "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and "The Star Spangled Banner," and three cheers for the president given by the people just outside of the shooting grounds. The opening of the fest was preceded by a parade in which 3,000 schutzen and others participated. The city is full of visitors and the fest opened most auspiciously with a splendid attendance and everything working according to program. Among the distinguished guests is Dr. Zoptel, German consul at Atlanta, Gov. Ansel and many others. Riflemen from many states including California, are present. The fest will continue until next Tuesday.

FOUGHT UNDER 18 FLAGS

Death of Henry R. H. E. McIver Was Apparently Peaceful.

New York, May 6.—Henry R. H. E. McIver, a soldier of fortune, whose exploits have been carried on in many lands, was found dead in bed in his home in West 22nd street today. He was last seen alive by Charles Mitchell, who lives in the house, last night. Death apparently came very suddenly. McIver's exploits were made famous by a series of articles by a well known author which recently appeared in a widely circulated weekly. At the time of his death the old man was engaged in collaborating with the author in the preparation of a story entitled "Fighting under eighteen flags." In McIver's own story of his life he claims to have served as a soldier in the Sepoy mutiny; under Garibaldi in his campaign in Italy; as a captain under Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender; as a major in the confederate forces in the civil war; under Maximilian in the Mexican war; as Colonel under Napoleon III; as a brigadier in the forces of the Khedive of Egypt; as commander of cavalry of King Milan of Serbia, and later as commander of the personal guard of King Milan.

McIver was born on board a ship lying at Hampton Roads, Va., in 1841.

STRIKERS AND POLICE CLASH

Several Men Were Arrested and a Number Beaten by the Police.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 6.—The strike of over 2,500 machinists in the Pittsburg district recently inaugurated when their demands for a 10 per cent wage increase and shorter hours was refused, is gradually assuming a serious aspect. Today the strikers and police clashed at the plant of Frank Kneeland Machine Company at 54th street and the Alleghany Valley railroad.

Several men were arrested, a number were beaten by the police and two officers were slightly injured by stones thrown from a crowd of union men who surrounded the plant.

A quadron of policemen drove strikers up 45th street and while this was being accomplished a special train on the Alleghany Valley railroad took the non-union men to the union station several miles away, effectually preventing any further violence.

TO GIVE INFORMATION.

Commissioner Watson to Appear Before National Commission.

Washington, May 6.—Immigration Commissioner Watson, of South Carolina, will be given a hearing by the national immigration commission in Washington Friday of this week. Mr. Watson has been abroad a number of times in efforts to interest a desirable class of immigrants in the opportunities afforded for work in the southern part of this country and the commission is anxious to hear from him.

Six members of the immigration are to sail for Europe on May 18th to pursue their investigations into the immigration question.

WAS CHOKED TO DEATH

Husband of Negro Woman Arrested for the Crime.

Durham, N. C., May 6.—Laid out for burial, with a photograph of her husband on her breast, the body of Lizzie Guthrie, colored, was found in her bed this morning. Finger prints on her throat showed that she had been strangled. Her husband, "Major" Guthrie, has been arrested and held without bail. Evidence against him is very strong.

NEW MEAT LAW.

Secretary Wilson and Inspectors Discuss Phases of the Measure.

Chicago, May 6.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson today met in this city the chief meat inspectors of every large city in the country, for the purpose of conferring on the application of the new meat laws. The inspectors, once to the Union Stock Yards. The and the packing houses were first inspected and an executive meeting was of the new meat laws.

ASSUMES SERIOUS PROPORTIONS

Strike of Longshoremen in New York Extending

3,000 WENT OUT YESTERDAY

Companies Will Not Yield to Their Demands—Consider Them Exorbitant. Crews of Vessels Loading Freight. None of the Big Liners Will be Delayed.

New York, May 6.—The longshoremen's strike, which has been on for a week in Brooklyn and Manhattan, was suddenly extended today when a number of men employed on the docks on the Hudson both in New York and Hoboken, left their places. It is estimated that about 3,000 went out.

The strikers claim that tomorrow several thousand more men will strike and that within forty-eight hours there will not be a longshoreman at work except for companies which grant the increase in wages demanded. The men ask for forty cents an hour for ordinary work, sixty cents for overtime and eighty cents for Sundays and holidays. At present they receive 35, 50 and 60.

On the other hand the dock superintendents of the lines, particularly the great trans-Atlantic lines, which are affected, say that under no circumstances will they grant the demands of the men. They declare the demands are exorbitant and that plenty of men can be had for the old scale.

In the meantime the companies have their firemen, stewards and crews at work loading freight. It is said that none of the big liners will be delayed although some of them may be forced to sail without full cargoes. The only important delay so far has been in the case of the steamer Kronland, which was scheduled to sail Friday, but did not get away until today.

HIS INJURIES PROVED FATAL

I. L. Sherwood, of Dillon, S. C., Falls From Window of Hospital.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, N. C., May 6.—This morning about 7 o'clock pedestrians were horrified when they saw a man, a patient in the Highsmith hospital, hanging by one hand from a window on the third floor, yelling to save me, but before assistance could be rendered he lost his hold and dropped to the sidewalk fifty feet below. After being carried into the hospital by doctors and nurses, it was found that he had sustained a broken arm and broken leg, also internal injury. He proved to be John L. Sherwood, a prominent young business man of Dillon, S. C. He fell at 7 o'clock, just as the night nurses were going off duty and the day force coming on. This gave him his first opportunity to get to a window. Mr. Sherwood was a former resident of this city, a clerk for the late James Burns. This afternoon his condition is critical, and little hope is entertained for his recovery. Mr. Sherwood was admitted to the hospital last Wednesday and since he has been perfectly rational, with nothing in his condition to require watchfulness or lead to the supposition of any danger of such a lamentable occurrence. It is thought he had risen and was sitting in the window and lost his balance. His immediate cries for help would indicate that.

A careful examination shows that only one leg, the right leg, was broken. At 2 o'clock the physicians could not give an opinion as to his chances of recovery.

Later—Mr. Sherwood died from his injuries at 6 o'clock this afternoon.

Bankers Will Meet in Winston.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Greensboro, N. C., May 6.—The executive committee of the North Carolina State Bankers' association, in session here tonight to change place of annual meeting from Durham on account of the destruction of the hotel Carolina, by fire last week, decided on Winston-Salem, the date remaining unchanged, being May 22, 23, 24. Delegations were present from Raleigh, Charlotte, Morehead City, and Greensboro, urging holding convention in these places. Resolutions of sympathy with Durham were adopted.

DEATH OF DR. JOHN WATSON

Was Noted Author, Lecturer and Presbyterian Divine

NOM DE PLUME "IAN Mc LAREN."

Was a Native of England and Entered the Ministry in 1875—Appointed Lecturer of Yale University in 1896—On Lecture Tour When He Died.

Darlington, Iowa, Iowa, May 6.—John Watson, "Ian McLaren," died at 11:15 a. m. today at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. The cause was blood poisoning from tonsillitis.

Dr. Watson came to Mount Pleasant on April 23 from Minneapolis to deliver a lecture. En route Dr. Watson became ill and was compelled to cancel the lecture. Last Monday and Thursday the patient was able to be up and around and transact business. Wednesday an abscess formed on the right ear, and in 24 hours developed serious symptoms.

Blood poisoning set in and on Saturday other abscesses started to form in the left ear and throat. The patient's condition was aggravated by a bad attack of rheumatism. His wife, who was his constant companion in his last illness, left the room at 11 o'clock this morning. She was gone about 15 minutes and returning found her husband lifeless.

The Rev. Dr. John Watson "Ian McLaren" was born at Morning Tree, Essex, England, November 3, 1850. He was ordained a minister in 1875. He was appointed Lyman Beecher lecturer at Yale University in 1896 and was made minister of Sefton Park Presbyterian church, Liverpool, in 1880. Among the publications of "Ian McLaren" were "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush," "The Days of Auld Lang Syne," "A Doctor of the Old School," etc, and among the work signed John Watson were "The Mind of the Master," "The Care of Souls," "The Potter's Wheel," "Companions of the Sorrowful Way," "The Life of the Masters," etc.

WERE MADE FOR A PURPOSE

Reports of Damage to Crops Greatly Exaggerated.

Chicago, May 6.—Reports of damage to the crops which have been so numerous of late, owing to the unseasonable weather and the ravages of bugs, have been greatly exaggerated, and for a purpose, according to James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, who tonight said:

"Spring seeding is a little backward on account of the cold weather, but there is plenty of time between now and the last of September to grow crops of all kinds. While the weather has been unseasonably cold in some grain regions, still it has not been severe enough to retard plowing and my advices are that the ground in those states has been nearly all made ready to receive the seed.

"Taken as a whole, I see no cause for complaint, and I think it will be found when thrashing time comes that all this cry of crop damage has been made for a purpose."

BODY OF THORSON FOUND

To Investigate Cause of Glanders in Horses.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, May 6.—The body of Hans Thorson, the Swede foreman of the Phoenix construction company, who was drowned with three other men two weeks ago at Buckhorn Falls power plant, was found today. Miss Thelma Lindgren, of St. Paul, his fiancée, who came here two days after his drowning, expecting to marry him, was notified of the recovery of the body.

State Veterinarian Butler has gone to Tryon to investigate the cause of glanders in horses. It is a very dangerous and deadly disease and can be communicated to human beings. It is the first case reported in North Carolina in almost a year. This state is remarkably free from it.

"BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER."

Strong Play by the Peruchi-Gypzene Company at the Academy Tonight—Ladies Free.

The Peruchi-Gypzene Company, after a lay off will hold the boards again at the Academy tonight, resuming stock engagement. The company tonight will offer "Brother Against Brother" and the play is a well known modern success. It is strong in plot and action and fine in its comedy. The specialties will all be changed and will be new to this city.

As a special courtesy to the ladies tonight will be made "ladies night." Every lady accompanied by the holder of a paid 30 cents ticket will be admitted at free if such ticket is purchased at Plummer's by 6 o'clock this afternoon.

UNION SERVICES IN PROGRESS

At First Presbyterian Church—Preaching by Noted Evangelist.

The services being held at the First Presbyterian church, under the joint auspices of the Presbyterian churches of this city, are attracting large congregations already, and the minister who is preaching at these services, Rev. Henry W. Staugh, of Chicago, has made a most favorable impression. A very large congregation attended the first of the union services on Sunday night. Both services yesterday were also well attended, the congregation last night having been a very representative one. Services will be held every afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and every night at 7:30 o'clock. The first half hour of the night service will be a song service and the preaching will begin at 8 o'clock.

The singing is done by a chorus choir composed of the choirs of all the Presbyterian churches, under the lead of Mr. Reynolds, who is associated with Mr. Staugh in his evangelistic work. He beautifully rendered the great Simultaneous campaign hymn "The King's Business" as a solo last night.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. M. Wells and Rev. Mr. Miller of West Virginia and the sermon which was an impressive and forceful one, was based on the story of the losing of Christ in Jerusalem when he was twelve years old.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES.

Crosses of Honor to be Presented to Several Veterans.

Arrangements for memorial day exercises have about been concluded. They will be held, as usual, at the Confederate lot, in Oakdale cemetery, and will be under the auspices of the members of Cape Fear Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. The address, as has been previously announced, will be delivered by Rev. J. A. Smith of this city, and the parade will be under the control of the chief marshal, Junius Davis Esq.

The ladies of the Cape Fear chapter are requested to meet at the lodge in Oakdale cemetery on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to make wreaths which will be placed on the grave of every Confederate soldier.

The following veterans are notified to be present at the memorial day exercises to receive crosses of honor: G. W. Williams, Co. F., 3rd regiment Brunswick county.

F. R. Ward, Co. B, 36th regiment Brunswick county.

A. C. Rackley, Co. K, 18th regiment Brunswick county.

Privates William L. Pridgen, J. T. Walker, Louis Taylor, W. T. Baggett and J. S. A. Barnes.

Those who are to receive duplicate crosses of honor are T. Jeff Smith, F. W. Ortmann, A. D. Brown and W. M. Stevenson.

UNITED STATES COURT

Will Convene Today—Judge Purnell Did Not Arrive in Time for Opening Yesterday Morning.

United States court for the trial of criminal cases was convened yesterday morning, and on account of the absence of Judge Purnell, who will preside adjournment was taken until this morning, when the consideration of the docket will be taken up. Most of the cases which will be reached today are from Cumberland county, for various alleged infractions of the revenue laws.

All the court officials are already in the city and were present yesterday when Clerk S. P. Collier adjourned court until this morning.

District Attorney Harry Skinner of Greenville arrived Saturday and Assistant District Attorney Giles of Durham came in yesterday. U. S. Marshal Dockery also reached Wilmington yesterday from Raleigh.

WALKER IS IN JAIL

Arrest at Almont Sunday Night by Sergeant Burnett.

Robert Walker, the colored lad who stabbed George Brown and caused his death, was captured Sunday night at Almont by Sergeant Burnett, who had learned of his whereabouts, and brought to the city. He was locked up in jail to await trial at the next term of superior court.

The coroner's jury to investigate the death of Brown met Sunday night and after hearing the evidence they returned the following verdict:

"That the deceased came to his death as a result of being stabbed by Robert Mills, alias Walker."

MISSING MAN TURNS UP

Young Dahmer Reappeared at His Boarding House Last Night.

J. F. Dahmer, proprietor of Odeon theater, whose mysterious disappearance a few days ago, gave rise to rumors of drowning, turned up last night at the boarding house of Mrs. Jon S. on Market street, as suddenly as he had left. All yesterday afternoon the river at the foot of Princess street was dragged in the search for the missing man and the relatives and friends were nearly distracted at his absence.

Young Dahmer refused to talk last night and it is not known where he has been for the past few days.

VILLAGES WIPED OUT

Wind and Rain Storm Sweep Over Texas

IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE

Two Persons Reported Killed and Many Injured

Many Residences Destroyed and Damaged at Deport—Antioch Almost Wiped Out and Several Persons Hurt—Crops Destroyed and Fences and Barns Blown Away—Path of Storm Unusually Wide.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 6.—A storm of wind and rain, which was general throughout a considerable area in North Texas today and which at some places assumed the proportion of a tornado, according to meagre reports received here tonight, has resulted in the loss of at least two lives the injury of many others and great damage to property and crops. Several villages were wiped out, but because of the prostration of both telephone and telegraph wires, details are almost impossible to obtain.

At Deport, 20 miles from Paris, the storm passed northeast, cutting a patch 100 yards wide. The business part of Deport was not touched. The damage being done in the residence quarter. The Baptist parsonage was blown to pieces. R. H. Brown's residence was demolished and several other residences were damaged. No one was hurt. Crops were damaged and many fences and barns were blown down.

It is reported that at Halesboro, the wife and child of Andrew Bell were hurt.

A terrific wind passed over Sulphur Springs.

West of Sulphur Springs the wind assumed the proportions of a tornado, causing great property damage.

A passenger train on the Cotton Belt was held up by the train crew until the storm passed.

Antioch, 7 miles north of Sulphur Springs was almost destroyed. This is the tornado belt and most of the houses are provided with storm cellars.

To this fact is due the escape of a number of those in the path of the storm. The home of William Lemmons was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$10,000. Three barns on the place were also destroyed and many head of live stock killed. A tenant, Brazil with his wife and seven children, saw the storm coming and ran for the cellar. Brazil was crushed by flying debris. Five of the children reached the cellar in safety, but Mrs. Brazil and two of the children were fearfully injured.

The home of James Ferguson was destroyed and Mrs. Ferguson hurt by flying debris.

Ben Pogue and wife were hurt when their home was blown down, but it is thought they may recover.

Mrs. Sid Lackey was hurt and may die.

Several other persons were hurt at Antioch.

Crops in the path of the storm which was unusually wide, were destroyed. Bird Wright, 300 population, was destroyed and one resident was killed, while at least one other was fatally hurt.

Crawford Martin and L. P. Connor were seriously hurt, and may die.

BASEBALL.

Southern

Nashville 9; Atlanta 2. Memphis 3; New Orleans 2. Birmingham-Montgomery; rain. No others scheduled.

American.

Philadelphia-New York; rain. St. Louis-Detroit; rain. Chicago 3; Cleveland 3. Washington-Boston; rain.

National.

Chicago-Pittsburg; rain. New York-Brooklyn; rain. Boston-Philadelphia; rain.

South Atlantic.

Augusta 4; Savannah 2. Jacksonville 3; Macon 0. Columbia 1; Charleston 7.

Virginia State League.

Portsmouth 7; Roanoke 2; (seven innings, rain). Danville 4; Richmond 2. Norfolk-Lynchburg; rain.