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## BRITISH INFLUENCE SAVES POST MAN FROM PERIL.

**Sutton Received Daily Threats of Death—Rescued From Mexicans at Cordoba by Agents of English Consul at Vera Cruz, Who Pledge Word He Will Leave Country—Valuable Taken From Him and Paraded Through Streets Amid Jeers. Secret Service Intrigues.**

Vera Cruz, May 15.—After the most harrowing experiences imaginable, including frequent threats of execution, I arrived at Vera Cruz on a refugee train from Cordoba at 11 o'clock this morning, following a ten-day absence, the greater part of which I spent in Mexican prisons. My release from prison at Cordoba yesterday was wholly due to the efforts of two agents of the British consulate at Vera Cruz, E. T. Bailey and E. C. Cameron. Both are friends of Gen. Maas, from whom they obtained an order for my release on condition that I leave Vera Cruz for the United States on the first available vessel.

The Cordobans took most of my money, treated me like a dog, insisted that I was a spy, and threatened to kill me. There was an execution in the vicinity, under circumstances which I am not at liberty to disclose in detail at present, but it was a gruesome and revolting spectacle. While it was in progress the Mexican soldiers took occasion to impress the fact upon me that I, too, would meet a similar fate, either by hanging or shooting, unless I confessed that I was a spy.

I left Vera Cruz a week ago last Tuesday, together with several correspondents. I was the only one of the number who succeeded in reaching Orizaba, where, on Wednesday, I was joined by Walter Whiffen, of the Associated Press, and Roke and Hueffer, English correspondents. At Paso del Macho the federals took the plates from my camera, but I had others concealed about me which they were not able to find.

**Photographed Gen. Maas.**  
I saw Gen. Gustavo Maas and asked his permission to photograph him and his staff. The leader of the federal forces consented and asked me to dine with him. Some time later, however, a secret service officer took me to the telegraph office, searched me for arms and took from me the photographic plates of Gen. Maas and his staff.

I spent Tuesday night at Orizaba, where I learned that artillery preparations were being made to resist any American advance. That I was known to possess this information was undoubtedly the principal reason for my detention.

Still carrying my camera, I arrived in Mexico City Thursday night with Whiffen. I was immediately arrested and taken to the headquarters of the inspector general. During this period of detention soldiers remained night and day in my room, and I was forced to sleep as best I could on chairs. At 8 o'clock Friday night I was released through the instrumentality of the Brazilian legation. The Mexicans had insisted all along that I was a certain spy who was reported to have been making pictures and military observations along the line of the Inter-oceanic Railway, which reaches Mexico City by a route entirely different from that which I had taken.

When released from prison on Friday evening I spent the night at the home of Whiffen. Saturday at noon I was again arrested on the same charges and detained in the same place until 9 o'clock in the evening, when I was released by Inspector Huerta, a nephew of the provisional president, on condition that I must leave the capital on the morning train.

While in prison in the capital I saw a large number of prosperous looking citizens who were brought in and placed in cells incommunicado. Mexico City is filled with secret service men, whose operations surpass the wildest fancies of a romantic imagination.

**Protected by Englishmen.**  
After my second release from the Mexico City prison I went to the Y. M. C. A. to spend the night. Six Englishmen, sent by Sir Lionel Carden, the British Minister, guarded me throughout the night, fearing my arrest, and escorted me next morning to the train. The report was general that I was doomed to a third arrest in the capital and certain execution.

The ride to Cordoba was uneventful, but on my arrival there officers of Gen. Maas, carrying a written description, took me off the train and conducted me to headquarters. In the kindest and politest terms I was assured that I would soon be released and was directed to go to a hotel until the proper papers could be made out.

At the hotel six secret service men under an officer again arrested me, after which I was subjected to the most humiliating treatment I had yet received. I was led through the streets of the city like a mountebank, two officers stopping at stores along the way to boast to their friends that they had captured an American spy.

**Put in Concrete Cell.**  
After the most rigid and searching examination I was placed in a concrete cell. There was not so much as a chair in the room. The floor was polished by the footsteps of previous prisoners who had walked up and down in its limited length and breadth while waiting for their fate. The mountain air at this altitude was bitterly cold.

The next morning officers and soldiers bullied, threatened, and pleaded with me to confess that I was a spy, and to reveal to them all that I had learned. My meals were brought to me from a hotel and paid for with my money at an exorbitant price.

After two days and nights in this chamber of horrors, I was permitted to move to a hotel, but was not permitted to leave town.

It was at this hotel that the British consul's agents found me on Wednesday, telling me that they had come from Vera Cruz in order to secure my release. On Thursday I was in fact released into the custody of the British agents on condition of their pledge that I would leave Vera Cruz immediately.

The trip to Vera Cruz was uneventful.

The Mexican officials are bitterest against the President of the United States, and are anxious to learn whether the Americans intend to advance into the interior.—A. J. Sutton, Staff Photographer and Special Correspondent of Washington Post.

## Passing of the Circus.

The great property, known for many years as Barnum's Circus, then as Barnum & Bailey's, and for recent years as Ringling, Barnum & Bailey's and Sells & Forepaugh's is to be sold.

It embraces one of the largest menageries and probably the greatest troupe of performers in the world.

The reason announced for the sale, is that the Ringlings are getting along in years. That is true. It also is true that the circus is no longer the great American attraction it used to be. The motion picture has robbed it of its glory. Every town, village and city of America now is as familiar with the lion, the tiger, the rhino and wild animals generally as it is with the features of Abraham Lincoln. The "movies" has brought the whole animal world forward and robbed it of its strangeness.

People no longer find the circus as interesting. The Wild West acts used to stir the blood of the people, but now the movie has done the "cowboy and the cowgirl" so much that the public is tired of them.—Commerce and Finance.

## NEAR DEATH IN QUICKSAND.

**Chicago Lawyer, Mired to Armpits, Dragged to Safety by Rope.**

Chicago, May 17.—Mired for five hours in quicksand in a swamp waste near East Chicago, C. J. Kelinski, an attorney, was dragged with ropes to safety after he had gone down to his armpits.

Belinski shouted for hours for help. He was utterly powerless to save himself. Had it not been for employees of the Indiana Harbor Canal, who finally saw and heard him, the victim of the treacherous sand would soon have disappeared entirely. They lassoed him with a rope, and pulled him 200 feet to solid ground. He was hurried, almost unconscious from exposure and exhaustion, to St. Margaret's Hospital, where he quickly recovered.

Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, who has been living for some time abroad, arrived in New York Friday on the Lusitania. She said that she had come only for a short stay in this country.

## FIVE OF MEN RESCUED ALIVE.

**Third Boat From the Ill-Fated Columbian Picked Up Sunday. Eleven Buried at Sea.**

Halifax, N. S., May 17.—The United States revenue cutter Seneca reported today by wireless that she had picked up the third and missing boat from the ill fated Leyland steamer Columbian and that she was bringing survivors found in the boat to Halifax.

Washington, May 17.—Five of 16 who left the burning steamer Columbian in the third and missing boat were rescued off the coast of Nova Scotia today by the United States revenue cutter Seneca. The other eleven had died from exposure and their bodies had been cast into the sea.

In the boat were Robert Tiece, Oscar Kendall and Peter Bellanger, seamen, and Michael Ludwigsen, fireman, and the first officer, whose name was not given. All of the survivors were in a state of complete mental and physical exhaustion as the result of their terrible experiences in the open boat at sea.

This was reported to the revenue cutter service here tonight in a relayed wireless dispatch from the captain of the Seneca. The report stated that the Columbian's boat had been picked up at 10 o'clock this morning in latitude 43.26 and longitude 59.30. The Seneca is due to arrive at Halifax tomorrow morning.

## LATE NEWS NOTES.

Levi P. Morton, former Vice-President of the United States and former Governor of New York State, celebrated his ninetieth birthday anniversary Saturday at his country home, Ellerslie, at Rhinebeck, N. Y. Mr. Morton is in good health.

Irwin G. Baker arrived in New York City Friday, having traveled 3,362 miles from San Diego, California on a motor cycle in eleven days, eleven hours, and ten minutes. His longest day's run was from Greensboro, Pa., to New York, a distance of 418 miles.

Owing to the state of Col. Theodore Roosevelt's health, members of his family have requested that no public reception, similar to the greeting extended to him on his return from his African trip, be arranged on his arrival in New York from Brazil this week. Any reception for the former President will be arranged after his arrival.

The \$1,000,000 estate of Gen. Hiram Duryea, who was killed on May 5 by his son, Chester Duryea, will be divided among his three children, the parriedly sharing equally with his brother, Harry H. Duryea, and his sister, Mrs. Henry O. Anderson. If Chester Duryea, who was indicted in Brooklyn for first-degree murder, is declared insane, the Supreme Court will be asked to appoint a committee to administer his share of the estate.

Miss Ida Hayes, of Waco, Tex., a Baptist missionary, will be in the city of Saltillo when the constitutionalists' attack is begun, according to word received at Juarez. Miss Hayes is a director of the Madero institute, a school for girls, at Saltillo, and has refused to leave, although warned by the American consul. She fears that if she abandons the institute it will be used by the federals as a barracks and probably be destroyed in the fighting.

Miss Laura Temple, a missionary of the Methodist Church in Mexico, who has refused to leave her post in an industrial school near Mexico City, gives as her reason wishing to remain that the school property would be looted should the news of her departure reach bandits in the vicinity. Miss Temple wrote that so long as she stayed at the school the native employes would continue to cultivate the fields, and under her leadership protect the property, but would become panic-stricken and flee if she departed. Miss Temple has been in Mexico for several years. She was born in Hazen, Pa., and her parents now live at Allen's Mill, Pennsylvania.

## Good Substitutes.

"Isn't it kind of lonely for you in the house since Mrs. Gabb went away?" asked the neighbor woman. "Not a bit," replied Mr. Gabb. "We have a phonograph and a parrot in the house."—Boston Advertiser.

## GAVE \$250,000 TO MISSIONS.

**Spend Less on Tobacco, Reformed Church Pastors Are Told When They Protest.**

Lancaster, Pa., May 16.—The raising of \$250,000 for foreign missions was voted today by the delegates to the general synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, in session here. This sum represents increase of \$100,000 over that of last year.

The objections of the delegates who opposed the increase aroused the ire of the Rev. Dr. Rufus C. Zartman, of Philadelphia, who stringently rebuked them in words to the effect that if they would spend a little less for their tobacco, which they are continually smoking in social rooms of the convention church, they would probably be able to donate an extra five dollar note to the fund.

## CHICK HAS 3 LEGS, 13 TOES

**Five Claws on Extra Limb Enable Freak to Dig Extra Rations.**

Tarrytown, N. Y., May 16.—Fred E. Blunden, a boss painter, and treasurer of the local building and loan association, is proudly exhibiting a freak chick, which was born with three legs, the third leg having toes, while the other two have four toes each.

Blunden set a hen with 15 eggs, nine of which hatched. The freak chick is the healthiest of the lot. With its third leg it is able to scratch up more food and worms than the other chicks, and it is growing much faster.

## ETNA'S ACTIVITY GROWING.

**Homes Deserted by 17,000 Residents of Town on Mountainside.**

Catania, Sicily, May 16.—Sharp earthquake shocks were felt at several points on the eastern coast of Sicily today in the district which suffered heavily just one week ago.

Mount Etna's activity is increasing. The volume of smoke and fumes issuing from the crater became so great today that the residents of Giarre, a town of 17,000 persons on the slope of the mountain, fled from their homes and feared to return.

## A DAY OF THE MEXICAN SITUATION.

Those close to President Wilson say the question to be mediated is not the failure of Huerta to salute but the broad question of pacifying Mexico.

They declared American troops would not be withdrawn from Vera Cruz until a stable government is established or is in sight in Mexico City.

The three Mexican delegates are said to be decidedly optimistic concerning the chances for mediation.

They are said to realize that the present administration in Mexico City is fast crumbling and that the chance of some one to succeed Huerta is inevitable.

The Huerta delegates probably will insist that no man who has gained military prominence or is obtaining power "by arbitrary force" should be permitted to take the reins of government.

The advance guard in the mediation proceedings left Washington for Niagara Falls for the conference to open there next Wednesday.

General Navarrete, the Huerta commander, is in the vicinity of Vera Cruz with 3,000 soldiers.

General Funston reported the destruction by Mexicans of the San Francisco bridge on the Inter-oceanic Railway, 28 miles from Vera Cruz. It is admitted by all Mexican factions that hostilities may at any time be provoked by the Huerta troops near Vera Cruz, which may generally entangle the situation and force another crisis.

Huerta's whimsical moods are pointed to by even some of his friends as a dangerous aspect of the situation.

Secretaries Garrison and Daniels announced that no new orders had been issued affecting military or naval operations in Mexico.—Baltimore Sun, 18th.

## \$500,000 Loss to Moscow Theater.

Moscow, Russia, May 16.—The Imperial Theater was partially destroyed by fire today, with \$500,000 loss. Much costly scenery was burned.

## THEY WILL CHEER PRESIDENT.

**Name of Woodrow Wilson Will Be Greeted With Applause by Mexicans, Says New Orleans Speaker.**

New Orleans, May 17.—"The time will come when the name of President Wilson will be cheered in the streets of Mexico City," declared the Rev. William Wallace, president of the Presbyterian Theological seminary at the Mexican capital, in a sermon on Mexican conditions delivered here today at the First Presbyterian church.

According to Dr. Wallace the faculties and students of many Mexican schools welcomed revolution, and also the landing of American troops at Vera Cruz. Without an American demonstration, he said, there could, in his opinion, have been no lasting peace in Mexico, whether the constitutionalists or the federals are in control. Property owners favor a settled form of government in the southern republic, he declared.

"I am not one of those who proclaim the landing of American marines at Vera Cruz an act of peace," the speaker asserted.

The rebel leader Zapata was pictured as a "stubborn old Indian who wants only local control," and the minister expressed the opinion that Zapata's troops would not enter Mexico City, and that the Zapatistas would demand no further reward than the right to rule their own section of the country in the event of a constitutionalist triumph of arms.

## CLAYTON NEWS.

Clayton, May 18.—Mr. Charles W. Horne, President of Clayton Banking Company, and Mr. C. M. Thomas, Cashier, attended the Bankers' meeting at Raleigh last week.

Mrs. Sam L. Fort, of Gaffney, S. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Barbour.

Rev. A. C. Hamby went to Raleigh Sunday afternoon to conduct the funeral services of the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Freeman.

On Tuesday of last week Mr. N. R. Pool took charge of the Post Office. He is assisted by Mr. Charley Turley and Mr. Zack Stephenson.

Those attending the house party of Miss Kitty Poole are Misses Mildred McIntyre, Kate Johnson, Louise Futrell, Maragret Higgs and Messrs. Ray Marsh, Owen Herring, and Mack Johnson.

Invitations are out for St. Mary's Commencement. We notice the name of Miss Melba McCullers among the graduates of the class of 1914. Miss McCullers is the daughter of Dr. Herbert McCullers, of this place, and grand-daughter of the late Mr. Ashley Horne.

The Sunday school class of Mrs. George L. Bearden gave an ice-cream supper Friday night. About nine dollars were realized and the funds will go for the benefit of the class.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard, formerly pastor of the Baptist church here, was in Clayton Wednesday to see his daughter, Mrs. Harry L. Baucom who is very ill at her home near this place.

Rev. Geo. L. Bearden preached on the "Origin of Sin" on Sunday morning and on "Heaven" in the evening. Both services were good. Mrs. Chas. Guley, who has charge of the Methodist choir, was again in her place in the morning. On account of sickness in the family, she has been kept away lately.

Rev. A. C. Hamby preached to a large crowd Sunday morning. The choir was composed largely of "Meredith" girls. Miss Kate Johnson, who has a lovely contralto voice, delighted the audience with a song. Her style is so simple and unaffected, and she sang with so much feeling, that it greatly added to the spirituality of the service. Miss Louise Futrell showed herself the master of the violin. Hers was verily a song without words and her well known selection inspired to better things.

Hero worship may go far, but ever the fact that it is Senator Simmons who has the measles can never make measles popular in his State.—Washington Star.

For unmittigated nerve give us the man that will send you a long article for publication, free, and then request a free copy of the paper. Oh, yes, there's plenty of that kind of people in the world.—Abbeville Medium.

## PEACE CONDITIONED ON ELIMINATION OF HUERTA.

**President Outlines His Ideas to Peace Delegates. Mexican Problem Must Be Definitely Settled Before Troops Are Withdrawn. Huerta Gives His Representatives at the Mediation Conference Permit to Eliminate Him Should It Become Absolutely Necessary.**

Washington, May 18.—President Wilson today told the American commissioners who left for the mediation conference at Niagara Falls, Ont., that the United States government regards the settlement of the Mexican problem in a definite form as a prerequisite to the withdrawal of the American forces from Vera Cruz.

The President gave the American commissioners—Justice Lamar, of the Supreme court of the United States; Frederick W. Lehmann, former solicitor general and diplomatic secretary; H. Perceval Dodge—no specific instructions. He told them to place themselves in a receptive mood and await proposals from the three South American mediators.

But at the same time he outlined to his representatives that peace in Mexico seemed to him to be conditioned on the elimination of the Huerta administration and the establishment in its place of a strong provisional government which would conduct an election giving fair treatment to all factions and parties, and guaranteeing, moreover, a solution of the agrarian problem and other internal difficulties which have bred revolution in the southern republic during the last three years.

## Settle on Comprehensive Lines.

The President wishes the Mexican question settled on comprehensive lines that will take into account the economic principles for which Zapata in the south, as well as Carranza in the north, have been fighting, and at the same time will conserve the rightful interests of the people in the territory now controlled by the Huerta government.

During the day a dispatch came to one of the foreign diplomats here from a diplomatic source in Mexico City stating that General Huerta was ready to resign and would permit his representatives at the mediation conference to eliminate him if it should become absolutely necessary. Intimations that have come from the three Huerta delegates since their visit to this country showed that they had realized Huerta's elimination was regarded as essential to a settlement and knew from the outset that unless they came prepared to deal with this phase of the problem their efforts would be fruitless.

The Huerta delegates, too, it is learned from persons who have talked with them, understand thoroughly that the scope of mediation now comprises the entire Mexican problem.

They are said to be ready to recommend Huerta's retirement, but only on the condition that a definite understanding is reached on the kind of government that is to follow.

## Vice-President Marshall's Tribute to His Mother.

"I think back through the years, the lean and the fat, the good and the bad ones, to my earliest recollections. I see a woman with an eye that flashes swift as an archangel's wing and mouth that breaks with laughter and hardens at sight of wrong, singing lullabies; a woman who, with hand grasping the Unseen Hand, walks the briar-bordered path of life unshamed, unafraid, unharmed. She is clad in garments of beauty for me, and age does not soil them, nor years make them cheap and tawdry. Her tongue is without guile, having never been the messenger of a lie. It is seventeen years since her soul went home to God and her fingers became for me the fingers of an angel, but I have not forgotten all she said. She told me there was a Santa Claus, and I believed her. He brings me no longer drums and fifes. But he still brings me visions of my mother and the music of that angelic chorus which sang at creation's dawn and at the hour of man's redemption."

## Two Reasons.

There are two reasons why some people don't mind their own business. One is that they haven't any mind, the other that they haven't any business.—Harvard Lampoon.