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ENVOY LIND ENTERS GEN. HUERTA'S LAIR

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF U. S. HAS ARRIVED IN CAPITAL OF MEXICO.

WASHINGTON WAS UNEASY

United States to Wait for Lind's Report Before Taking Any Action Whatever.

Washington.—John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson, to investigate the Mexican situation, arrived safely in Mexico City according to advices received at the state department from Charles O'Shaughnessy of the United States embassy. Secretary Bryan remained at his desk until long after midnight to receive the news.

News of the safe arrival of Mr. Lind with his wife and party in the Mexican capital followed several hours of suspense. The complete absence of any information of the progress of the party from the time it left Vera Cruz added to the uenasiness, which was heightened by vague rumors of attacks on Mr. Lind and his family and associates.

President Wilson had retired when word of Mr. Lind's safe arrival was received, and he was not awakened. Secretary Bryan remained at his desk until 1:30 p. m. anxious awaiting some report from the embassy at Mexico City. When it finally came it proved to be merely a terse announcement of the arrival of the special envoy, coupled with the announcement that he and his party were safely quartered at the Hotel Inscartain.

With the arrival in Mexico City of John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson, administration officials declared that no further steps would be taken in carrying out the policy of the United States toward Mexico until Mr. Lind had made a careful study of the general situation there.

Mexico City.—Students and laborers estimated to number one thousand paraded the streets of the capital carrying banners as a token of their approval of President Huerta's stand against accepting mediation by the United States.

$150,000,000 TO MOVE CROPS

Treasury Department Stands Ready to Triple Original Amount.

Washington.—The $50,000,000 of federal funds about to be deposited in the national banks of the West and South to assist in moving the crops will be increased to $150,000,000, if necessary. The desire of the government to mobilize all the needed cash of the public treasury in the agricultural belts of the country to avoid the money stringency characteristic of the crop moving period, was communicated to bankers of the central West at a conference with Secretary McAdoo and Assistant Secretary John C. Kelton Williams, called by the treasury department to make arrangements for the distribution of the big sum.

While the representative financiers, fresh from the market centers of the Middle States, welcomed the prospect of the proposed deposits, the concensus of opinion, it was stated, seemed to be that $50,000,000 would be ample to meet the situation.

The dominant tone of the bankers' expressed convictions was, the treasury department has announced, that business conditions were good, but that the promised deposits would relieve the usual strain.

Death Summons Leading Democrats.

Washington.—Committees to attend the funerals of two members of the Democratic national committee were named by Homer S. Cummings, vice chairman of the committee, Clark Howell, Georgia; William D. Jelks, Alabama, and William N. Kavanaugh, Arkansas, will represent the committee at the obsequies for R. E. L. Mountcastle, committeman from Tennessee, who died at Knoxville. Those selected to attend the funeral of Committeeman Thomas J. McCue of Colorado, who died in Denver, are Martin J. Wade, Iowa; P. L. Hall, Nebraska, and William P. Sapp, Kansas.

Isthmian Waterway Nears Completion.

Washington.—Latest reports from the canal zone announce that as the result of prospective substitution of dredges for steam shovels in the excavation of the famous Culebra cut, the canal may be ready for shipping by next December. Even earlier than that, light draft vessels are likely to be passing through the waterway, for as the greater part of the canal prism already has been cut to its final depth, small vessels probably can navigate it safely within a few days after October 10 next.

DR. ROBERT BRIDGES

Dr. Bridges, whom Premier Asquith has appointed poet laureate, practiced medicine in the London hospitals. He is a master of arts, a bachelor of medicine and a doctor of literature of Oxford university.

BANDITS ROB MAIL TRAIN

TWO MEN HOLD UP THE FAST LOUISVILLE AND NASHVILLE, NEAR CALERA, ALABAMA.

Three Mail Clerks Handcuffed—Robbers Escape as the Train Enters Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala.—The mail car on the fast Louisville and Nashville train No. 4 from New Orleans was robbed by two unknown white men. All of the registered mail was taken, but no estimate could be made of the amount secured.

The train reached Birmingham on time at 8:37 p. m. and two of the mail clerks, George Hoover and T. G. York, were found handcuffed so that the irons had to be filed from their wrists, while Chief Clerk Harry Everett had his thumbs securely tied together with heavy twine.

The robbers boarded the mail car at Calera, on the dark side, after the train had begun to move. The clerks state that they were immediately covered with pistols and ordered to turn faces turned to the wall.

Chief Clerk Everett says he has no idea how much of value there was in the registered mail, but that the men took it all. He says they were both short, slender men, but they did not get a good look at the robbers' faces, as they were forced to keep their own faces tprned to the wall.

The clerks first saw the robbers jump to the mail car on their hands and knees. One robber kept his pistols on the men while the other ransacked the mail. The distance from Calera to Birmingham is 33 miles so that they had plenty of time to make a thorough job. No one else on the train apparently knew that the robbers were aboard.

When the engineer stopped for the Southern crossing at Fourteenth street in Birmingham, he happened to look back and saw the two men jump from the mail car door. This aroused his suspicion, and an investigation revealed the handcuffed clerks.

NOTE TO BALKAN POWERS

United States Wants Religious Liberty Clause in Treaty.

Bucharest.—At the Balkan peace conference M. Majoresco, president of the conference, read a note from the United States government expressing a desire to see inserted in the treaty of Bucharest a stipulation securing civil and religious liberty to the populations inhabiting territory which may be ceded or annexed.

M. Majoresco remarked that such liberty was the law in every country participating in the peace conference.

Washington.—The intention of the American government to make representations to the Balkan peace delegates has been so carefully guarded that it was not generally known even in official circles that a note had been dispatched to Bucharest.

Five Legislators Sentenced.

Webster Springs, W. Va.—Sentences were imposed upon the five members of the West Virginia legislature by Judge W. S. O'Brien, in the superior court. The legislators were convicted of bribery in connection with the election of a United States senator. Delegates S. C. O. Rhodes, Rath Duff and H. F. Asbury, to serve six years each in the penitentiary; State Senators B. A. Smith, five years and six months, and Delegate Davis Hill five years. In addition, the five are disqualified for life from holding any public office.

SENATOR JOHNSTON PASSES TO BEYOND

SERVED FOUR YEARS AS GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA BEFORE ELECTION TO SENATE.

HAD BRILLIANT WAR RECORD

United States Senator Victim of Pneumonia After Nine Days' Illness at Capital.

To Call Special Election To Name Another Senator.

Montgomery, Ala. — Governor O'Neal issued the following statement:

"I expect to order a special election at once to fill the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the death of Senator Joseph F. Johnston of Alabama. While this is my present intention, conditions at Washington might make it necessary to call an extra session of the legislature to fill the vacancy at once. I am not inclined, however, to think that an extra session would be more expeditious than a special election."

Because of Alabama's election laws, it is feared that this election may not result in naming a successor before the final vote on the tariff bill now pending.

Washington.—Senator Joseph F. Johnston of Alabama, died at his apartment in the Brighton.

Senator Johnston had been ill for eight days suffering from pneumonia.

As a mark of respect to the memory

JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON.
United States Senator from Alabama.

of Senator Johnston, the senate adjourned almost immediately after assembling.

Senator Overman offered a resolution for the appointment of a committee of senators to take part in the funeral ceremonies and to accompany the body to Birmingham.

The vice president appointed the following committee: Senators Bankhead of Alabama; Bacon, Overman, Chamberlain, Hitchcock, Clarke of Arkansas, Vardaman, Johnson, Swanson, Smith of South Carolina, Thornton, Warren, Bristow, Gallinger, Catron, Bradley and Kenyon.

Senator Joseph Forney Johnston of Birmingham was born in North Carolina in 1843. He served in the Confederate army from the beginning of the war to its conclusion, and was wounded four times. He rose from a private to the rank of captain, and was frequently mentioned honorably for gallant conduct.

Senator Johnston served four years as governor of Alabama before his election to the senate in 1907. His first election to the senate was to the unexpired term of Senator E. W. Pettus, deceased. He was re-elected in 1909 to his present term.

Whopper of a Grasshopper.

Tusla, Okla.—A grasshopper four inches in length and weighing 150 grains was captured by a Pawnee county farmer and is on exhibition in one of the newspaper offices of Pawnee. So far this hopper holds the state record for size and weight.

Small Balkan War Aboard Liner.

New York.—Officers of the Cunard liner Pannonia, arriving here from Trieste, report that a miniature Balkan war occurred aboard almost continuously during the twenty-six days' voyage. Among the steerage passengers were several hundred ex-volunteers, Greeks, Servians, Bulgarians, Turks, who were returning to this country. Frequent clashes between these hostile factions in the first few days resulted in several combatants going to the sick bed with severe stab wounds.

MISS NANCY JOHNSON

Miss Nancy Johnson, daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Ben Johnson of Bardstown, Ky., is one of the handsomest young women in the congressional set.

PEACE ENDS BALKAN WAR

TREATY SIGNED BY DELEGATES OF SERVIA, GREECE, MONTENEGRO AND ROUMANIA.

Threat of Allies to Occupy Bulgar Capital Hastened the Peace Pact.

Bucharest.—Peace was concluded between the Balkan states and the preliminary treaty signed by the delegates of Servia, Greece, Montenegro, Roumania and Bulgaria. The agreement was arrived at only after another exhibition of the utter helplessness of Bulgaria to face her ring of enemies.

The discussions in the peace conference threatened to become interminable, but M. Majoresco, the Roumanian premier, and president of the conference, clinched matters by threatening that unless Bulgaria accepted the modified frontier proposed by the allies, Roumania's army would occupy Sofia. This threat had the desired effect and an agreement was arrived at after numerous private consultations between the delegates and a four hours' sitting of the conference.

The frontier, as agreed to, starts at a point on the old frontier west of the Struma river, follows the watershed to west of the town of Strumnitza, thence runs almost through the Struma valley to the Belesh mountains and thence easterly in almost a straight line to the Mester river, thus leaving the town of Strumnitza, the port of Lagos and Kanthi to Bulgaria and the port of Lagos and Kanthi to Bulgaria and the port of Kavala to Greece. The new frontier is a deep disappointment to the Bulgarians, who still nurse hopes for its eventual revision by the powers.

It is believed that an agreement for the demobilization of the various armies will be signed. The news that peace has been arranged caused great rejoicing.

The trouble between the allies arose from the difficulty of dividing the territory captured by them from Turkey.

Severe fighting followed and many thousand men were killed or wounded. Soon after the beginning of hostilities numerous massacres and acts of pillage were reported to have been committed by the various armies.

ROBERT C. OGDEN IS DEAD

Widely Known Philanthropist Passes at Summer Home in Maine.

Kennebunk Port, Maine.—Robert C. Ogden of New York, a philanthropist, widely known, died at his summer residence here. Mr. Ogden had been ill a long time.

Robert C. Ogden was born in Philadelphia in 1836 and amassed a fortune as a member of the firm of John Wannamaker. He retired from active business six years ago.

The news of the death of Robert C. Ogden will be received with regret in the South, where he was well known. Mr. Ogden was greatly interested in educational work and was always a leading figure at the annual conferences of the association to promote education in the South.

Four Men Killed in Wreck.

Atlanta, Ga.—Three white men and one negro were killed when a fast freight train on the Louisville and Nashville railroad plunged into a culvert 45 feet deep, six miles north of Marietta. The accident was caused by the giving way of a cement bridge before a torrent of water from the rain which had raged for three hours previous to the wreck. The bridge was completely washed away and the water so high that the cars standing on the track were under a depth of three feet of water.

ASSESSMENTS DO NOT ALWAYS PLEASE

THE CORPORATION COMMISSION VISITED BY SOME DISSATISFIED TAX-PAYERS.

WILL WIPE OUT MALARIA

Representatives of the United States Public Health Service Will Study Eastern Carolina Health Conditions. —Will Then See What Can Be Done.

Raleigh.—The steady work of the corporation commission assessing the taxes against corporations throughout the state, a good 60-days task, is bringing numbers of corporation officials here every day to reason with the commissioners as to what assessments shall be made against their companies, or rather to protest against assessments that the commission is making against them. Here on this sort of a mission were D. Y. Cooper, Henderson; L. B. Williamson, Burlington; H. W. Scott, Graham; N. A. Cocke and Z. V. Taylor of the Southern Power Company, Charlotte and C. P. Hardin, Graham.

Dr. H. R. Carter of the United States Public Health Service has arrived and after conferring with Dr. W. S. Rankin of the state board of health will begin at Elizabeth City his careful study of eastern Carolina conditions with a view to recommending methods of eradicating malaria and the mosquitoes. It had been intended that Dr. Rankin accompany him in his work but urgent engagements prevent him from leaving here at present and Doctor Carter will be met in Elizabeth City by Dr. John C. Rodman of Washington, N. C., who will give him every assistance until he can be joined later by Doctor Rankin.

Doctor Carter comes to eastern Carolina on this mission at the special request of Congressman John Small, who is pressing movements for improvements in sanitation and drainage in his district.

There is being added to the extensive scope of the work of the state board of health a bureau of county health that will especially co-operate with the counties that have established health departments that require the whole time of a superintendent of health. The taking of this adadvanced step will be pressed upon other counties by the bureau through presentation of special advantages to be attained thereby in health matters for the respective counties.

Farmers' Convention at A. & M.

Farmers' institute workers and the department of agriculture are making preparations for the North Carolina Farmers' convention at the A. & M. College, August 26, 27 and 28 and the state convention of housewives on the same dates in the Raleigh High School auditorium. Very attractive programs are being arranged for both event sand a number of good prizes give promise of interesting competitions. There are to be especially practical addresses and demonstrations by experts.

Methodist Sunday School Conference

The Epworth League and Sunday School Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South is in session at the Southern Assembly Grounds at Lake Junalaska with a representative attendance from every Southern state. The first real work began with the organization of classes and now these here are settling down to real work For the conference there are present some of the leading teachers and workers of the Southern church.

Bond Issue For Good Roads.

On October 1 the citizens of Scotch-Irish township in Rowan county will vote on a proposition to issue $20,000 in bonds for the purpose of building good roads. A petition has already been signed by two-thirds of the qualified voters of the township and the election has been authorized by the commissioners.

Sweet Potato Growers to Meet.

There will be a meeting of the sweet potato growers of Catawba county at the new Catawba creamery building Saturday, August 16. The purpose of this meeting is to form an association to bring about better methods of growing, storing and marketing the crop. The first annual Harvest Home Day for this county will be held at the Killian school house August 26. Short talks will be made by a number of prominent farmers and others interested in the advancement of the country church, school and home.

HOUSE WIVES WILL MEET

Mrs. Julian Heath, Founder of the League Will Come to Raleigh For This Occasion.

Raleigh.—The North Carolina Housewives' convention will be held at the high school building in the city of Raleigh, August 26, 27 and 28.

This convention is for the purpose of bringing the women of the state together to discuss questions of helpfulness to each other. Mrs. Julian Heath, of New York, founder of the Housewives' League of America, will attend this convention and will speak on "The Power of the Organized Housewife" and on other subjects in which the women of the state are very much interested.

Miss Emily G. Bossong, of New York, will lecture and give demonstrations in cooking, etc. Lessons in bread-making and demonstrations in cookery and canning will be features of the convention. The women of the community and from all parts of the state are invited to hea rthese women discuss and tell how to lower the high cost of living.

The following premiums are offered:

For the largest number of women anrg rils over ten years old, living on one farm in Wake county, attending the convention, $5.00 in gold.

For the greatest number of women and girls over ten years old, living on county, living on one farm, attending the convention, $5.00 in gold.

For the largest number of women and girls, over ten years, from the country, coming to the convention in one conveyance, wagon or other kind —several families may be represented—$5.00 in gold.

For the best school lunch exhibited at the cnvention by a woman over eighteen years old, living on a farm: One year's subscription to "American Motherhood."

For best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by girl under eighteen years of age: One year's subscription to "The Woman's Magazine."

Full particulars as to school lunches and bread will be sent on request.

H. Clay Grubb Killed by Wife.

"H. C Grubb came to his death at the hand of his wife, Mrs. Emma Grubb, who acted in self-defense and who was justifiable in the act." This is the verdict of the coroner's jury which sat at an inquest over the body of one of the most prominent business men of this section of the state, who died from the effects of three bullet wounds. According to the evidence brought out, H. Clay Grubb came to his home at Churchland, just over the Davidson county line, and severely beat his wife, stabbing her in the back and shoulder, cutting her ear nearly off and inflicting numerous bruises on her body. Seizing a heavy Colt's revolver which lay on the table, the frightened woman fired three times.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

The following certificates of incorporation were filed at the office of secretary of state: The Selma Motor Car Company, of Selma,, was chartered to conduct a business of buying, selling and repairing automobiles and other motor vehicles; authorized capital, $25,000, with $2,500 subscribed by W. G. Ward and N. E. Ward, of Selma; and James J. Dillard, of Spring Hope, Nash county. The North Carolina Chapter of American Institute of Architects, of Durham, is an association of achitects combining their efforts in co-operation with the American Institute of Architects for the promotion of the artistic, scientific and practical efficiency of the profession.

Commercial Secretaries to Organize..

Commercial secretaries from all parts of North Carolina will meet in Asheville, August 28 and 29 for the purpose of effecting a permanent organization of the commercial secretaries of the state. A most attractive program has been arranged. Among the speakers on the program will be Leake Carraway, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club; Bruce Kennedy, secretary of the Montgomery Business Men' club, and president of the Southern Commercial secretaries; J. Forrester, secretary of the Greensboro chamber of commerce, and others.

Stamps Found in Tobacco Barn.

Stamps amounting to $1,263.04 stolen from the Kernersville postoffice on the night of June 7, were found just two months afte rthe robbery, in tobacco barn located about three-quarters of a mile from Kernersville on the property of Mr. W. S. Lluville. The stamps were discovered by Henry Gordan, a tenant, who was getting the barn in readiness for cutting some tobacco, in removing a large bunch of sticks from the lower tier all of the stamps showered down upon his head.