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OFFER OF MEDIATION IS ACCEPTED BY HUERTA

TENSENESS OF THE MEXICAN WAR SITUATION IS NOW VERY GREATLY RELIEVED

Offers of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to Mediate Between United States and Huerta's Government. Made Saturday, Are Reported to Have Been Accepted by Huerta—Representatives Now in Conference Over Terms of Settlement—Situation Greatly Relieved.

HUERTA MAKES NO CONDITIONS. Special to The Gazette.

WASHINGTON, April 28, 1:19 p. m.—It is reported here, though not as yet officially confirmed, that President Huerta has agreed to accept unconditionally the mediation and the ambassadors of the three countries whose proffers to mediate the troubles between the two countries had been accepted are busily engaged in working out the plans.

Washington, April 27.—Formal acceptance by the Huerta Government of the offer of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices to bring about an amicable settlement of difficulty between the United States and Mexico was cabled to Spanish Ambassador Riano here tonight by Portillo y Rojas, Foreign Minister in the Huerta Cabinet.

Senor Rojas' note was transmitted at once to the three South American diplomats, who began a conference which lasted far into the night discussing the next move in their peace plan. Secretary Bryan, having accepted the offer of good offices when tendered the United States Saturday, the first step now is completed and the way paved for actual negotiations looking to a peaceful clearing up of the situation. Neither Ambassador Riano nor the peace envoys would make public the text of the Huerta acceptance. It was said, however, that Senor Rojas replied briefly, accepting the offer and thanking the South American plenipotentiaries and the Spanish Ambassador for their good offices, with a reference to "the real spirit of solidarity between peoples of a same race."

No conditions are imposed in an offer of good offices, consequently the reply from Mexico City was not expected to deal with conditions. That stage will be reached when the peace makers formulate their plans and make known how they propose to use the good offices which have been accepted. It was suggested tonight that they probably would ask the Washington and Mexico City Governments tomorrow for statements as to what each would demand in the event formal mediation were undertaken, and that upon the nature of the responses to this request would depend the proposals next to be submitted.

Unofficial advice from Mexico City already had made it virtually certain that General Huerta would accept the offer of the peace envoys, but the formal announcement tonight tended to further relieve the slackening tension of the crisis. The news was given to President Wilson, who expressed himself as greatly pleased though he would make no further comment.

White House officials let it be known that they were earnestly desirous of aiding the South American diplomats and no announcement as to what points would be insisted upon by the United States at this time which might embarrass their efforts.

Throughout official and diplomatic circles the belief was expressed that success of the peacemakers so far necessarily would have a favorable effect upon the situation; that even though their efforts ultimately failed indirect diplomatic communication between the United States and the Huerta Government has been restored temporarily and the chance of a better understanding greatly improved.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Conferences of the Latin-American diplomats representing Brazil, Chile and Argentina who offered their good offices to compose the Mexican situation followed quickly today assuring messages from Mexico City that General Huerta had agreed to the first steps in the inter-mediation negotiations.

The Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, was in early conference with the Argentine minister, Mr. Naon, concerning the next move to be made by the mediators, and Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, with Chilean minister Suarez and Mr. Naon held a lengthy conference. Mr. Da Gama after his conference called upon Secretary of State Bryan and a statement was expected later in the day relating to the next move to be made in the mediation.

DIPLOMATS ARE PESSIMISTIC. European diplomats in Washington, it was learned today, are pessimistic over the successful outcome of mediation proposals by South American governments to prevent war with Mexico. While the action of Great Britain, Germany and France in urging Huerta to accept the good offices proffered by Brazil, Chile and Argentina has had an encouraging effect upon officials here, there are few who believe that success can eventuate from the undertaking.

At 2 o'clock Ambassador De Gama and Ministers Suarez and Naon ended a protracted conference as to future procedure in the mediation proposals. Though no announcement was made, it was reported that no definite plan for the next move had been determined.

Vera Cruz, April 27.—There was rejoicing here today when word was received from the British minister Sir Lionel Carden in Mexico City that General Huerta had agreed to permit another refugee train to leave the capital and that 250 foreigners, including Americans, would arrive in Vera Cruz tomorrow.

Previously the hopes of Americans here who had relatives and friends in the capital had been buoyed up by a statement given out in behalf of Admiral Fletcher that he had information which led him to hope for the better treatment of all Americans in Mexico City and possibly for their eventual release.

Next in importance to these developments was the expected arrival before night of the brigade of troops commanded by Gen. Frederick Funston. The sailors on the battleships eagerly scanned the horizon for the smoke of the battleship Louisiana and the transports she was conveying.

MAY NOT EXTEND LINES. Because of the delicate nature of the negotiations and the number of lives which may depend upon them, it is considered probable here that no extension of the lines already established by the Americans will be attempted while the negotiations are pending. This will become a matter for General Funston's decision, however, upon his landing since Admiral Fletcher has been advised that the general is to have supreme command ashore.

There was great activity today, however, about the aviators' camp near the bathing beach. Should the machines be required the aviators are ready for service and are busy studying maps of the surrounding territory.

HUERTA TAKES RAILWAYS. With the exception of the Pan-American Railway, extending from Guatemala up the west coast to connection with a Tehantepec road, General Huerta now is operating with his own men every railroad in Mexico without regard to the rights of foreign owners. He has driven away every foreigner. The last road to be taken over was the Tehantepec National connecting the Pacific and Atlantic ports of Salina Cruz and Coatzacoalcos. This property is owned jointly by the government and Lord Cowdray and has been operated by Cowdray.

J. B. Boyd returned Sunday from Coatzacoalcos where he effected the release of all foreigners who had been arrested under Huerta's orders and held at Rincon Antonio, the headquarters of the road. More than 50 foreigners had been detained, including officials of the road, conductors, engineers and machinists. Boyd had the men and their families sent to the coast, some to the Atlantic port and some to the Pacific coast.

The Vera Cruz and Isthmus railroad line from Tierra Blanca and Vera Cruz is not in operation. The big bridge of Boca del Rio, eight miles from Vera Cruz over which it enters the city, has been dynamited.

MAKES PERSONAL APPEAL. President Calls on John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to End Colorado Miners' Strike—Conditions Worse Than in Mexico.

Washington, April 27.—President Wilson has made a personal appeal to John D. Rockefeller to bring about a settlement of the Colorado coal strike and end the violence which has cost a score of lives and large property loss.

The great financier, who owns a large part of the mines affected by the strike, in response to a telegram from the president, declared he had turned over his interests in Colorado to his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., whom he would ask to cooperate with Chairman Foster of the house committee of mines and mining. The president sent Mr. Foster to New York today to talk with the younger Rockefeller.

Upon the outcome of the conference depends whether federal troops which have been asked for by all sides of the controversy, will be sent to the strike zone.

"Nothing that has happened in Mexico," said an officer today, "compared with the awful things that have occurred in Colorado. The public mind has for the moment been centered on Mexico and has not observed the great domestic struggle between the miners, strike breakers and the militia in Colorado."

Senator Thomas of Colorado conferred at the White House today and all the members of the Colorado delegation in congress kept in touch with the situation.

Secretary Garrison said today he had not been consulted as to the sending of troops to Colorado to handle the mine strike situation. It was stated at the department, however, that if troops were ordered to Colorado by the president, a detachment would be sent from the two troops of the twelfth cavalry now at Fort Q. A. Russell at Cheyenne, Wyo.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

THE MOVEMENTS OF GASTON PEOPLE

—Belk's advertises a big three-day sale. See ad on page six today.

—Yesterday felt like the good old summer time.

—Mr. J. L. Webb, of McAdenville, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

—Mr. Forest Ellis, of Shelby, spent Sunday in Gastonia.

—Dr. C. E. McLean, of South Point, was a visitor in the city Saturday.

—Mr. Fred Harwell, of Ellenboro, spent Sunday in Gastonia with friends.

—Mrs. Hunter White, of Dallas, spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. Sophia Groner.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wray spent Sunday in Shelby, making the trip by automobile.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smyre left yesterday for their summer home at Zirconia, Henderson county, where they will spend the summer.

—Mr. J. F. Jenkins, of Gaffney, S. C., and Mr. P. M. Rhyne, of Dallas, were here Saturday for the auction sale at Oakwood Park.

—Mr. H. M. Summerrow, of Stanley, spent Saturday in the city as the guest of his son, Mr. T. E. Summerrow.

—Mrs. L. D. Profit, of Spartanburg, S. C., spent Friday in the city as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Lindsay.

—Messrs. E. R. Padgett and V. B. Stephens, of the postoffice force, attended the opening game of the Carolina League at Charlotte yesterday.

—Miss Sunea Carpenter, of Bessemer City, route one, has recently entered the Gastonia Business College.

—Messrs. Ross Quech, Rufus Spargo and Marley and Misses Etta Saunders and Attie Long spent Sunday at Mount Holly with friends.

—On page seven will be found Mr. H. Schneider's big advertisement. It is teeming with attractive bargains.

—Friday, Saturday and Monday will be big days at Eldr's. Read their ad on page three of today's Gazette.

—Gastonia Chapter No. 66 will hold regular meeting tonight. Work will be done in the mark master's degree.

—Mrs. William B. Strinfellow and little son, William, of Chester, are spending some time here with Mrs. Strinfellow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. B. McLean.

—Miss Pearl Dellinger, of Charlotte, spent Sunday here with the family of Mr. J. P. Saunders en route to Asheville where she goes for her health.

—Quite a number of Gastonians, including several candidates, went to Cherryville yesterday to attend commencement exercises of the graded schools.

—Mr. T. L. Clinton on Saturday sold to the Gastonia Insurance & Realty Company three acres of land on the New Hope road just east of the city.

—Dr. Ben Palmer and Register of Deeds J. J. Lattimore, of Shelby, passed through Gastonia yesterday en route to Charlotte to witness the first league baseball game of the season.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Beam attended the closing exercises of Iron Station school last Friday night and remained over until Sunday afternoon as the guests of Mrs. Beam's father, Mr. C. M. Stroup.

—Mr. John H. Webb and Miss Ethel Odell were united in marriage in the office of the Register of Deeds yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The ceremony was pronounced by Esquire W. Meek Adams.

—Notice is given elsewhere in today's Gazette to the citizens of the county notifying them that unless their poll tax is paid by the first of May they cannot vote in the fall elections.

—Gaffney, S. C. Ledger, 28th: Miss Geneva Stewart, of Bessemer City, N. C., and Mr. William Fraley, of Grover, N. C., were married by the Probate Judge at his home Sunday afternoon.

—Mrs. W. I. Faysoux arrived in the city Sunday night from Dallas, Texas, and is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. F. Glenn, on Chester street. Mr. Faysoux will join her within two or three weeks and they will spend the summer here.

—Rev. W. E. Abernethy, pastor of Central Methodist church, Shelby, preached two able sermons Sunday at Main Street Methodist church for the pastor, Rev. J. E. Abernethy, who is conducting a revival meeting at Greensboro.

—Mrs. D. Lebovitz and little daughters, Sarah and Helen, left this morning for Danville, S. C., to attend a family reunion. They will also visit relatives in Kingstree, S. C. They were accompanied as far as Charlotte by Mr. Lebovitz.

—Martha, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Walker, was the victim of quite a serious accident last Friday afternoon, when she jumped or fell and broke her right arm at the elbow. The fracture, which was a very serious one, was set by Dr. Garrison and placed in a plaster cast, but there is grave fear that the child's arm, when healed, will be permanently injured.



Bennett-Clark Wedding.

Mr. T. C. Bennett and Miss Minnie Clark were united in marriage Sunday morning April 26th, at ten o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark, in East Kings Mountain. The ceremony was performed by Dr. O. G. Falls, justice of the peace.

Local Talent Play.

A large number of the young people of the city who are to take part in the presentation of the Indian pageant and play "Powhatan" next Tuesday night at the central school auditorium are busily engaged in daily rehearsals. The play is to be given for the benefit of the Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Death of J. J. Hamilton.

Mr. James J. Hamilton died at his home, No. 309 Pine street, last Thursday night at 9:15 o'clock following an illness of some time, aged 55 years. Funeral services were held at the Wesleyan Methodist church Friday afternoon at three o'clock, Rev. J. A. Clement conducting the exercises. Interment was in Hollywood cemetery. Deceased leaves a widow and several children.

Fixing Court House Yard.

The work of laying off and improving the court house yard has been commenced under the supervision of County Commissioner J. Frank McArver, of the building and grounds committee. A cement wall is to be constructed along the front, next to the sidewalk, and along the north side of the driveway which will be built on the southern edge of the property. Cement sidewalks will be built to the several entrances and grass plots provided. The plans for this work were made some months ago by Mr. Leigh Colver, landscape artist. When this work is completed the court house grounds will present an attractive appearance.

Land Sold Well.

The sale of lots in Oakwood Park Saturday afternoon attracted a splendid crowd and 44 of the 81 lots in the tract were disposed of, bringing prices that were generally considered as good. The remaining lots will be sold privately. This property belonged to Messrs. J. White Ware, A. C. Little and C. L. Chandler. A lot, 71x90 feet, given to the Gastonia Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, was sold for \$87.50 to Mr. W. N. Davis. A lot given away was won by former Policeman Conard's little son. This sale was conducted by the American Realty & Auction Co., of Greensboro. Messrs. Thomas and Fort being the auctioneers. There were 28 buyers.

More Real Estate Deals.

Mr. I. R. McFadden has sold his house and lot, size 80 x 175 feet, on Franklin avenue between Marietta and Oakland streets, to Mr. W. T. Love, of Spencer Mountain. The consideration was about \$5,000. Mr. Love has also purchased from Dr. H. F. Glenn a lot facing on Oakland street, between Franklin and Second avenues. It is understood that Mr. Love expects to build a new residence on the McFadden lot in the near future and move to Gastonia to make this his permanent residence. Another real estate deal of considerable proportions was consummated yesterday when Mr. L. T. McLean purchased from Mr. J. T. Suggs the latter's residence property on South Broad street, size 150 by 500 feet. The consideration was \$7,000. Mr. McLean expects to do some remodeling on the house and occupy it some time next month.

Pay your poll tax before the first of May or you cannot vote in the fall election.

Clement Found Guilty.

The trial of Clyde C. Clement and Fleta Pendleton on a charge of infanticide came to a close at Spartanburg yesterday when the jury brought in a verdict finding Clement guilty and Miss Pendleton not guilty. Clement was recommended to the mercy of the court, which means that he will be given a sentence of imprisonment for life. Clement is in jail awaiting sentence, while the Pendleton girl will return to her parents' home in Durham, this state.

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IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

ORIGINAL THIRTEEN WITH MISS ADAMS.

At her home on South Broad street last Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock Miss Johnnie Adams was hostess at the regular meeting of the Original Thirteen Club. Trill was played at three tables, after which a delicious salad course was served. Only members of the club were present.

ENTERTAINMENT BY FIRST GRADE PUPILS.

On Friday evening, May 1st, at 8 o'clock in the Central school auditorium an entertainment will be given by all the children of the first grade, of Miss Gill's and Miss Stockard's rooms. The little people will appreciate your presence. The entertainment consists of songs in costume and a little play entitled "Little Grandmas in Grandma Land." Admission 25 and 15 cents.

MISSION STUDY CLASS WITH MRS. ANDERS.

A very interesting and profitable meeting of the Mission Study Class of Main Street Methodist church was held yesterday afternoon with Mrs. A. R. Anders at her residence on Chester street. Mrs. B. T. Morris was leader and the class studied one of the chapters of Immigrant Forces. At the conclusion of the program ice cream and cake were served.

LORAY LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

WEST GASTONIA, April 27.—Mrs. L. E. Dalton returned home Saturday after spending a few weeks with relatives in Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dagenhardt left Sunday for Greensboro where they will spend a week or ten days with friends and relatives.

Mr. George McAllister, of Alexis, is visiting his brother, Mr. Frank McAllister.

Mrs. H. C. Beville, of Spencer, spent Saturday and Sunday here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dalton.

Inez, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Broom, has been quite sick for the past week but is better.

Mr. Smiley Hayes, of Blacksburg, S. C., visited Mr. John Moss here this week.

Mr. Sam Dalton, who has been sick for the past few days, is improving.

Mr. Ernest Robinson, of Harden, visited Loray friends this week.

Mr. C. L. Chandler and family and Mrs. Vick West and children spent Sunday with friends in Cherryville.

Mrs. H. W. Counts was a business visitor in Charlotte Tuesday.

Miss Ethel Nolen, of Arlington, visited friends at the Loray this week.

Mr. H. G. Settlemyer, of Clifton, S. C., visited homefolks here this week.

Miss Louise Roberson, of Cherryville, is visiting Miss Viola Chandler this week.

Mr. James McKinney has returned home after a visit of several weeks to friends in Greenville, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Arrie Falls, of Spartanburg, S. C., visited relatives here this week.

Mr. Edgar Roberson, of Salisbury, has accepted a position with the Loray Mill as second boss in the spinning room.

Mr. Finley Burgin has returned home after spending a few weeks in Converse, S. C.

Mr. Will Roberson, of Salisbury, spent the week-end with his brother Mr. Sam Roberson.

Ansel, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Waldrop, has been quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hill spent a few days this week visiting relatives in Caroleen.

Loray won the game Saturday afternoon at the Loray ball park from McAdenville by a score of 9 to 0. The game was a slow one. McAdenville's catcher got hurt in the fifth inning and had to retire from the game. McAdenville not having any other catcher the umpire called the game. The features were the heavy hitting of Pearson, who got a two-bagger and one over the right field fence for a home run. The Loray team seems to be going good and is expecting to play some fast ball this season. Loray took the first game from Mountain Island the 18th by a score of 7 to 4. The features of that game were the hitting of Norget for Mountain Island and of Jenkins for the Loray.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Long, on Wednesday, April 22, 1914, a son and a daughter.

Misses Mollie Newton and May Ross, of Bessemer City, spent the week-end here with Miss Ellen Morris.

Mr. A. C. Kelley, manager of the Catawba Store Company's business at McAdenville, was a business visitor in Gastonia this morning. Mr. Kelley says his firm will put on a big sale beginning Friday and continuing for 15 days. It is to be a closing out sale. The firm will discontinue its business at McAdenville and concentrate their efforts on their Hickory business.

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NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Newsy Letters from Gazette Correspondents Here and There Over Good Old Gaston—What Our Neighbors Are Doing in the Various Sections of the County—Personal Mention of People You Know and Some You Don't Know.

MOUNT HOLLY MATTERS.

Two Shooting Scrapes on Sunday—Clean-Up Day Observed. Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, April 27.—The usual quietness which is found in our town on Sunday, was broken yesterday by two casualties. In the eastern part of town, near the Seaboard depot, a section occupied by negroes, Robert Shipp, it seems, had a misunderstanding with his wife over some trivial matter. The discussion must have been prolonged unduly, for the husband shot his wife in the thigh breaking the bone and putting her under the care of Dr. Rhyne who was called in to set the leg.

Later in the afternoon, near Hutchison, a stop on the P. & N., some negro men got into a squabble, resulting in one receiving a number of shot in the face with no serious results.

Mr. Egbert C. Hutchison, with his family, and Mr. H. A. Rhyne, are in attendance upon the Spinners Convention now in session in New York. While away they may also visit Boston to see the machinery exhibit now being held there. They will be absent seven or eight days.

We have gone through our first clean-up, conducted by the Civic Committee of the Betterment Society. Boys and girls were paid 1 cent a dozen for cans gathered and piled for the wagon.

There were gathered 26,509 cans, not to mention stacks and piles of other rubbish.

Pay your poll tax before the first of May or you cannot vote in the fall election.

FINALS AT MOUNT HOLLY.

Graded Schools Close April 29th and May 1st—The Program. Correspondence of The Gazette.

MT. HOLLY, April 27.—The eleven annual commencement of the Mount Holly graded schools will take place April 30th and May 1st and 2nd.

On Thursday evening, the 30th, the debate and declamation contests will be held. There are three contestants in the declamation contest, as follows: Ralph Holland, subject "Death of Benedict Arnold"; Latta Johnson, "The Sepulchers of Our Fallen Braves"; Sewell Hunsuck, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy."

The subject for debate is, "Resolved, That all Ships of the World Should be Allowed to Pass Through the Panama Canal Free of Charge. The affirmative speakers are Harvey Davenport and Magnus Edwards and the negative speakers are Howell Cobb and Allen Kale.

Friday evening at 8 o'clock the graduating exercises will be held, the program being as follows: Essay, "History of the Mount Holly Graded Schools", by Pattie Ballard; oration by Horace Nims; class poem by Georgia Abernethy; presentation of diplomas; literary address by Rev. W. E. Abernethy, of Shelby; presentation of medals and prizes.

Saturday evening an entertainment will be given, consisting of drills, choruses and a dramatic production.

TEN GRADUATES.

Cherryville High School is Holding Commencement.

Cherryville, April 25.—The commencement of the Cherryville High School was begun yesterday morning with the graduating exercises of the class of 10, five boys and five girls. Last evening a play, "Al Martin's Country Store," was presented.

This afternoon there were open-air drills on the school grounds. Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. L. W. Swope, of Shelby.

Monday will be commencement day proper. At 10 o'clock the recitation and declamation contests will be held. Dr. J. L. Murphy, of Hickory, will deliver the commencement address in the evening at 8 o'clock, and this will be followed by the presentation of medals and diplomas.

Death of Mrs. R. M. Sifford.

York News, 23rd. Mrs. Mary Sifford, wife of Mr. R. M. Sifford, of Clover, died at a sanitarium in Charlotte, where she had recently been taken for treatment Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. She was 35 years of age, a most estimable woman, and had a wide circle of friends who deplore her untimely death. Mrs. Sifford is survived by her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson, and two sisters, Mrs. Violet Adams and Miss Maggie Jackson. Funeral services were conducted from the Presbyterian church of Clover yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. A. A. McLean, assisted by Rev. W. P. Grier.

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