

European Powers Have Been Urged To Render Aid

The Envoys From South America Can't Settle Strife

Crucial Point Almost Reached

Reports Received Yesterday From Mexico Far From Assuring

(Special to the Journal)
WASHINGTON, April 30.—It was asserted here today on unquestionable authority that the South American envoys who are seeking to avert a crisis in Mexico have appealed to European governments for friendly offices to facilitate mediation between Mexico and the United States.

The appeal, it was stated, did not include a request, as reported from abroad, that the powers use their influence upon President Wilson to name condition which would insure success of the negotiations.

The mediators are greatly encouraged in their work by the definite results already accomplished, first in paving the way to an armistice among all the warring factions and, second, in bringing Carranza within the scope of their intermediation.

It has been a matter of surprise to diplomatic and official circles generally that this much has been accomplished by the mediators in the few days they have been at work and doubts as to their efforts which prevailed in some quarters during the early stages are giving way to a more general feeling of confidence.

It is still felt, however, that the crucial stage in the negotiations yet is to be met and that this will develop within the next few days. Notwithstanding this, the spirit of concession thus far shown gives the mediators hope that all sides will enter the final stage in the same spirit of conciliation which will permit them to find some middle ground of common agreement.

At the morning meeting several South American ministers were called into conference.

It was understood this related to a plain advance by some of the South American countries to have all of the representatives join as a semi-official part of the mediation procedure.

It is the expectation, however, to continue the organization as now formally accepted by all elements and at the same time have the co-operation and backing of the united republics of South and Central America.

The mediators also saw several men prominently identified with various Mexican elements, in the canvass being made of points of difference and agreement, with a view to gradually working out some common basis.

It was reported also but not confirmed that personal representatives of Huerta and Carranza would be sent here to be the medium of direct communication with the mediators.

Up to this time neither Huerta nor the Washington government has signified what points will be demanded if terms for mediation are reached. They simply have accepted the "good offices" of the South American republics in their effort to bring peace out of a menacing situation.

Rebel Attack On Tampico Continues.

The rebel attack on Tampico continued early today. Rear Admiral Badger reported. He stated that news of the capture of Monterey by Villa's forces was not generally believed in Vera Cruz.

American Consul Miller at Tampico returned to shore today to settle the affairs of the consulate and turn them over to the British consul, Rear Admiral Badger reported.

Mr. Miller went ashore under a guarantee of safe conduct from the Mexican federal commander. The American consul at Tuxpan was reported on his way to Calveson aboard the British steamer Wagon.

The postoffice department announced today that mail for transmission to the United States mail agency at Vera Cruz is subject to American dom-

estic classification, condition and rates of postage.

Back to Civil Government.

VERA CRUZ, April 30.—Vera Cruz went back to civil government today, under the laws of Mexico, administered by American officials. The civil government, however, remained subordinate to martial law, while the work of restoring the municipal organization went forward.

General Funston's brigade trooped off to the four transports and marched to the sand hill barracks and other places to relieve Admiral Fletcher's bluejackets, who went back to warships. General Funston established headquarters in the barracks deserted by General Maas, former Mexican commander, and Admiral Fletcher withdrew his forces. The marine corps was distributed to work with the army.

Refugees continued to arrive and preparations are being carried forward to their departure. The Navy transport Hancock today is lying at Puerto, Mexico, to take aboard refugees coming from Mexico by that route.

MEXICANS FIRE ON AMERICAN BOAT

(Special to the Journal)
VERA CRUZ, April 30.—A private wireless message received here this afternoon was to the effect that the Ward liner, Antilla, at Tampico was fired upon by Mexican federals and rebels and that one man on the vessel had been killed. Official dispatches received here contained no reference to the Antilla.

HOLLISTER AND COX MAKING IMPROVEMENT

The firm of Hollister and Cox, coal dealers are having the dock adjoining the Blades dock dredged in order that coal barges can dock there to unload coal.

CANDIDATES MUST QUALIFY TODAY

S. H. Lane chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Craven county, has asked the Journal to notify all candidates for county offices that they must pay to him before 12 o'clock tonight the sum of ten dollars and subscribe to a pledge to abide by the result of the approaching primary election and to support the successful candidate or candidates chosen in the said primary.

AEROPLANE EXPERTS TELLS ABOUT ART

CAPTAIN IRVING CHAMBERS DESCRIBES SEVERAL TYPES OF MACHINES

Now that the war scare is over, we can again turn our attention to the subject of aviation which will be of interest to everybody in this vicinity in few of the fact that aeroplanes will give a demonstration of all manner of flying at the Home-Coming Celebration, which will take place at New Bern the latter part of the month of May.

Captain W. Irving Chambers writing in reference to aviation in the navy has the following to say:

AVIATION IN THE NAVY.

(By Captain W. Irving Chambers.)
Among the lines of work in naval aviation have been the development of the flying boat and the establishment of a national aeronautical laboratory. The success of the former is assured, and only the action of Congress in appropriating suitable funds is needed to enlarge the work of the Langley Aerodynamic Laboratory, now being carried on with limited endowed funds. Various Government departments and civil institutions will work with the laboratory and are represented on its

President Huerta of Mexico, From Latest Official Picture



THIS cut is made from the latest official photograph of General Victoriano Huerta, provisional president of Mexico. It shows the dictator in the full regalia of his office. This is the man who defied the United States, refusing to fire the salute of apology in reparation for the insult to the American flag at Tampico.

NEW BERN WILL BE MADE SPOTLESSLY CLEAN

The Clean Up Day Has Arrived and The Workers Will Early This Morning Begin Operations—Every Citizen Urged To Co-operate

(By Mrs. Clyde Eby)

Do you want to keep sickness from your home and make your residence and lawn as attractive as that of your neighbor?

Then join the great Clean-Up and Paint-Up campaign to be inaugurated this morning, and make your premises spotless.

Never before has a more united effort been made on the part of the citizens of New Bern to make it a spotless city, than has been demonstrated during the past few weeks. And these efforts and plans culminated in the actual beginning of the Clean-Up and Paint-Up campaign.

Many citizens began cleaning premises several days ago, and upon the visit of the garbage man today only the usual amount of refuse will be carried away. In other places, however, much of the accumulation of the past six months is to be moved. It is at homes where filth and trash are allowed to accumulate that disease is most likely to appear. Swat the fly! But better still is the plan of removing places which attract flies and in which they breed, and starve them.

A unanimous effort is being made by the city and suburban officials and the officers of the City Beautiful Club in cleaning up the city. The clean-up idea was suggested by the City Beautiful Club.

In addition the Clean-Up campaign has been extended until it embraces a "Paint-Up" campaign, and throughout the city and suburbs houses are being painted and repaired, flower boxes are being placed on front porches, in windows and in other attractive places about the house and lawn, and lawns and residences are being made to have a real spring-like appearance.

Everyone should join in the great Clean-Up and Paint-Up crusade. A fly is a carrier of disease. The best way to get rid of the fly is to starve it. By killing only one fly in the spring, an unthinkable number of flies are prevented from coming in

CONFESSION OF BAPTIST DIVINE CAUSES SENSATION

Atlanta Minister Says He Accepted Bribe

\$200 FOR FALSE AFFIDAVIT

Acknowledges He Was Paid To Say He Heard Jim Conley Confess.

(Special to the Journal)

ATLANTA, GA., April 30.—A tremendous sensation was created here today when Rev. C. B. Ragsdale, a prominent Baptist minister who a few days ago made an affidavit in the Frank case stating that he and a man named Barber had overheard James Conley, the negro factory attendant, confess to the killing of little Mary Phagan, confessed that this affidavit was false and that he had been paid two hundred dollars for making it.

Both Ragsdale and Barber made affidavits declaring they had heard a negro confess to the murder of a girl in the pencil factory. Barber even identified the negro as Jim Conley. They brought their stories to Frank's lawyers, and, according to the lawyers, presented character indorsements from prominent men.

Immediately after the confession had been made, Frank's attorneys issued the following statement:

Not Known by Counsel.

"On Thursday, April 23, 1914, there appeared in the office of L. Z. Rosser, in the Grant Building, two men who professed to have important information in reference to the Frank case. One of them presented himself to be a preacher and the other a former member of his flock.

"These two men were unknown to each of us. Neither of us had ever seen or heard of them before.

"L. Z. Rosser acted in taking the affidavits of these men. He put them to the test of the most thorough cross-examination of which he was capable. There was no effort to lead them, to add any color to their story. On the contrary, they were given clearly to understand that Frank's counsel wanted the truth, and in taking their affidavits we were seeking nothing beyond just what they knew and knew accurately.

"The affidavits were prepared in their presence, almost their very words being taken by a competent and honest stenographer. After the affidavits were carefully sworn to before a disinterested notary public.

Believed Motives Pure.

"Neither one of us dreamed that they were acting corruptly, but believed that they were acting from pure motives to correct the wrong of their former silence.

"They were asked to give the names of their friends and associates, as the law requires. They gave promptly some of the most correct and upright men in the city of Atlanta.

"Some of these men were promptly seen in an effort to determine whether these men were what they seemed and represented themselves to be.

"The result was in keeping with their claims. Some of the best men in Atlanta vouched for them, and we felt justified in presenting their story to the court.

"It has come to our ears this evening that both of these men now recant and claim they framed up their story.

"If these rumors be true, we denounce the perfidy of these men with all the vehemence of our natures.

"Want Only the Truth"

"In this Frank case we have never wanted anything but the truth, have never made use of anything but what was believed to be the truth.

"We have believed and now profoundly believe in Frank's innocence, but even that conviction has never induced us to say one word that the whole city of Atlanta could not hear, nor to do anything that the whole State of Georgia could not see.

"If these rumors are true, we will at once cut these perjured witnesses out of the case, just as we have in the past, and just as we will in the future every fact and circumstance that even hints at unfairness or perjury.

"In proof that we did not act even credulously and inadvisedly in this matter, we submit copies of affidavits of men who vouch for the character of these men.

"L. Z. ROSSER.
"HERBERT HAAS.

NEGRO MAIL CARRIER "FIRED" FROM SERVICE

Peter Fisher No Longer To Serve Route No. 1

PATRONS MADE COMPLAINTS

Receives Notice That The Government No Longer Requires His Services

For some months the citizens residing along the rural free delivery route No. 1, running out of New Bern have been making complaints against Peter Fisher, the colored mail carrier who has for sixteen years been a rural mail carrier from the local office.

Among the other complaints entered against Fisher was that he had destroyed letters which had been mailed to patrons. Postoffice Inspector Hemilwright has made several trips to New Bern to investigate these charges and evidently substantiated them, for yesterday Fisher received notification that his services were no longer required by the Government.

Fisher was the first colored mail carrier to go out from the local postoffice. He was appointed by the late Seymour Hancock at the time that he was postmaster and has been in the employ of the government since that time.

The rules of the Postoffice Department are very stringent in some cases and they specifically state that all mail carriers must promptly attend to their duties and to treat the patrons of the route with the greatest courtesy. Judging from the fact that Fisher has been dismissed, it seems that he has fallen short of this and in consequence has lost his place.

Up to the present time no one has been appointed to carry the mail on route No. 1.

SENATORIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

GATHERED IN THIS CITY YESTERDAY AND SET DATE FOR CONVENTION

The Executive Committee of the Seventh Senatorial District met in this city yesterday at the office of T. D. Warden. The committee, after discussing the matter, decided to have a convention to nominate two senators from this district and this will be held on May 28, provided that this will not conflict with the judicial convention.

A. D. Ward, who was one of the senators during the last term, is again in the running. Up to the present time no other candidate has made his entrance into the field.

THE COLORADO STRIKE IS FAST IMPROVING

STRIKERS SURRENDER AND HAND OVER THEIR ARMS TO MILITIA.

(Special to the Journal)

Denver, Col., April 30.—The Colorado strike situation is improving. The fighting ended today and the strikers are surrendering their arms to Federal troops. Preparations are now in progress to establish civil authority.

This brings to a close, it is believed, Colorado's seven months industrial conflict which has claimed as toll a large number of lives and thousands of dollars worth of property.

Every effort is being made to settle all differences as amicable as possible.

Peace Makers Chosen.

Washington, D. C., April 30.—Secretary of Labor, Wilson, announced today that he would appoint William R. Fairley of the Alabama Official Mine Workers Union and Howell Davies, President of the Mine Operators Union of Kentucky to aid in adjusting the Colorado strike.

"LEONARD HAAS.
"REUBEN R. ARNOLD."
The arguments for the retrial of the case against Leo M. Frank, will be heard tomorrow.