

General Funston Is Ordered To Extend Lines At Vera Cruz

Federals Train Their Artillery On Pumping Station--Peace Conference To Be Held At Niagara Falls On May 18--Working On Carranza

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 6.—Dispatches received tonight from General Funston, report that the Mexican federals are concentrating twenty miles west of Vera Cruz and have trained their artillery on the pumping station. They are also closely guarding the railroad to Mexico City.

General Funston extended his lines a mile beyond the pumping station. He has been authorized by the War Department to use discretion but to protect this position.

Admiral Howard reports from Mazatlan that the constitutionalists, entrenched on Piedra Island, fired continuously all day yesterday with rifles and field guns on the Mexican federal gunboat Morolos, lying in the harbor and that the fire was returned by federalists from batteries on shore.

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 6.—Secretary Lane of the interior called at the Argentine legation today and had a conference with Minister Naon, one of the mediators. Mr. Lane has been consulting with Secretary Bryan and President Wilson as to mediation plans and the choice of the Americans to represent the United States at the Niagara Falls conference.

The South American envoys seeking to mediate in the Mexican crisis, Ambassador DaGama of Brazil with Ministers Naon of Argentina and Suarez of Chile, called at the State house a few minutes after noon and went into conference with Secretary Bryan.

TRYING TO RECONCILE CARRANZA.

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 6.—Renewed efforts of the South American envoys to bring Carranza, constitutionalist chief, into a preliminary mediation negotiations came as a swift turn of events that excited sharp interest in the Mexican crisis today. While it had appeared Carranza had been eliminated temporarily from mediation preliminaries because of his refusal to declare a truce, yet it developed today that the envoys were seeking him to send an agent to conferences between the Huerta and the United States representatives, to be begun in Niagara Falls, Canada, on May 18.

No formal mediation of the broad Mexican problem could be attempted until an armistice was arranged between contending factions in the southern republic, but the mediators' present aim was said to be to meet a Carranza agent for a direct discussion of the situation.

How far that effort would succeed was an absorbing question. Many observers thought that on its result would hinge, to a large degree, the hope of general mediation of Mexico's ill.

Confident of an early reply from the rebel chief, the mediators today began routine arrangements for the Niagara Falls conference.

Huerta's representatives were expected to start from Mexico City this week, but members of the United States mission have not yet been appointed. President Wilson resumed consideration of many names today, seeking trained diplomats to handle the delicate questions to be discussed in the Canadian border city.

WHAT WILL BASIS BE?

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 6.—Mediation in the Mexican crisis will

TWENTY SEVEN OF THE COLUMBIAN'S CREW SAVED

Captain McDonald Was Found Yesterday. NINETEEN MEN ARE MISSING.

Survivors Tell Thrilling Stories Of Hardships Suffered By Them.

(Special to the Journal)

HALIFAX, N. S., May 6.—Wireless messages received here today state that the Steamer Manhattan had picked up a boat containing Captain McDonald and thirteen members of the crew of the ill fated Columbian. With the thirteen members of the crew picked up by the Cunard liner, Franconia, twenty-seven have been rescued to this time. A boat containing nineteen members of the crew are still missing.

On board the steamer Franconia via Sable Island, N. S., May 6.—Thirteen survivors of the British steamer Columbian, bound from Antwerp for New York which caught fire at sea Sunday night, were picked up today by the Cunard liner Franconia, bound from Liverpool for Boston. In the boat with the survivors was the body of the chief steward, Matthews.

Those aboard the Franconia are: James Drohan, wireless operator; Antone Elias, carpenter; Ivar Iverson, boatswain's mate; Unguse Prinze, Jens Jensen, A. Abelnick, quartermaster; Gustav Schriborn, donkey man; Thomas Conner, Juri Lei, and Arthur Brantik able seaman; Antony Cordense and Bennett Rother, firemen and Frank Wedekind, mess room stewards.

The survivors suffered terribly during 40 hours of exposure in open boat. Their condition was so grave that it was impossible to get their story several hours after they were picked up.

The Columbian caught fire Sunday when 300 miles south of Cape Race. Captain McDonald ordered the wireless operator, James Drohan, to send for assistance, but a series of explosions put the wireless out of commission. It soon became evident that the crew could not control the fire and the order to abandon ship was given. The men left the Columbian in two boats. Chief Steward Matthews was in charge of the first boat. This boat put away from the steamer and lay to for a time, but in the dense smoke that surrounded the burning vessel, the other boat was not visible, and the steward's boat finally drifted far from the scene.

Of their sufferings and of the fate of Chief Steward Matthews the men could say little when they were brought on to the decks of the Franconia.

Food and sleep were matter of first consideration and although sympathetic passengers were ready with offers of assistance to the shipwrecked ones, Captain Miller of the Franconia, saw to it that they were first given the required rest.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S CLUBS

WAS HELD YESTERDAY MORNING—MRS. PENNYPACKER SPEAKS

(Special to the Journal)

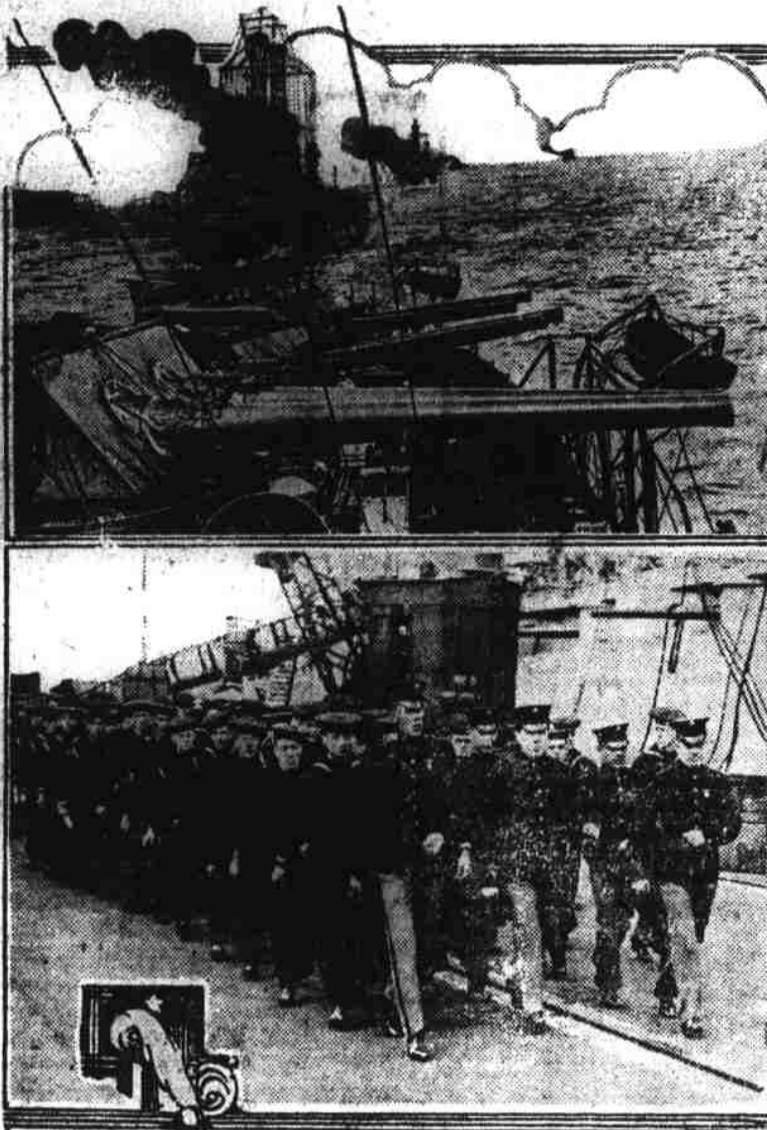
FAYETTEVILLE, May 6.—The opening business session of the Federation of Womens Clubs which convened here yesterday, was held this morning at 10 o'clock in the graded school auditorium with Miss Adelaide Fries of Winston-Salem, presiding. Proceeding this session all of the delegates presented their credentials. The chief business of the morning was the reports from the various committees and the appointment of new committees also the introduction of several new clubs.

Luncheon was served in the Domestic Science building at 10 o'clock and after a short intermission the second session of the day was begun. This continued until late in the afternoon and was followed by an automobile trip through the city.

Tonight Mrs. F. V. Pennypacker, president of the General Federation of Womens Clubs, delivered an inspiring address on "The General Sociological Forces."

Dr. R. L. Daniels and Wm. Russell, of Greensboro, were visitors to the city yesterday.

American Fleet In Mexican Waters and Fighting Bluejackets



Photos by American Press Association.

THE top picture was taken of the Atlantic fleet in Mexican waters. The photographer stood on the deck of the battleship Michigan. Immediately in front is the battleship Arkansas. A ship of Rear Admiral Badger, commander in chief of the fleet. Other vessels are seen in the distance. Notice how the guns of the Michigan point menacingly toward the Mexican shore. Bottom picture shows sailors from the American ships led by marine corps officers.

THREE HUNDRED TALESMEN DRAWN FOR BECKER CASE

Trial Of Ex-Lieutenant Is Now Under Way

DRESNER MAKES STATEMENT

Becker Dissatisfied With His Cell And Given Another In Sing Sing.

(Special of the Journal)

NEW YORK, May 6.—Three hundred talesmen were today drawn for the second trial of Ex-Lieutenant Becker, charged with being implicated and instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

Justice Seabury denied a motion of Becker's attorneys for a change of venue and the case will be carried along as rapidly as possible.

Dresner Makes Statement

Carl Dresner, the perjurer in the gunmen's appeal for a new trial, made a full statement today in which he charged he had been suborned and bribed to lie for the four murderers by Police Lieut. John Becker, brother of Charles, who is to be tried again tomorrow for the killing of Herman Rosenthal.

Dresner declares he was informed by John Becker that if he could tell a story that would gain a new trial for the four gunmen it would leave the prosecution "without a leg to stand on in the Becker case," and that, as a result, Becker would never even be tried the second time.

He says he was induced to tell the story, made up by John Becker, by the latter's promise he would be "taken care of," which he understood to mean that Charles Becker after being freed, would set him up in the saloon business. To this cupidity there was added the motive of fear, Dresner says, for he was given to understand that if he did not swear in court to the statements prepared for him he would be killed.

Charges Put in Affidavit

In the hands of the district attorney there is an affidavit covering the points touched on by Dresner in his talk with the newspaper men yesterday. Although Mr. Whitman would say nothing concerning the matter, he regards as strong corroborative evidence, and that immediately after Charles Becker's case has been completed he will take steps to bring to punishment those involved in the exposure made by Dresner.

At least one of the persons mentioned by Dresner as having carried messages between himself and John Becker has admitted to the District Attorney the truth of the perjurer's confession, and further support has been adduced from others implicated in the perjury. The prosecutor wishes to take no steps at this time that might becloud the issue in the murder trial.

Becker Given New Cell

At his own request, Charles Becker, whose trial for the murder of Herman Rosenthal began today has been transferred from his cell on the first tier of the Tombs to the fourth tier. The change was made because Becker feared some of the enemies he made while a member of the Strong Arm Squad who are now in the Tombs might attempt to take his life.

When Becker was brought back from Sing Sing he was placed next to a prisoner said to have been a "squealer" to the District Attorney. This displeased the former lieutenant, who feared he would be spied on. He was transferred to Cell No. 110, formerly occupied by W. J. Cummings, the banker now in Sing Sing.

About ten days ago Becker was taking exercise in the corridor he was struck on the head with a hard-boiled egg thrown from above. He called a keeper and an investigation was made, but without disclosing the culprit.

The next time that Deputy Commissioner Lewis made an inspection of the Tombs Becker spoke to him. The former lieutenant declared there were many men about him whom he had arrested. He said he was afraid to take exercise lest he be struck with one of the heavy crockery cups used by the prisoners. Mr. Lewis ordered the transfer made.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Richardson, Misses Frances and Byah Richardson and Mrs. Fannie Johnson, of Dover were visitors to the city yesterday.

Leo M. Frank Is Denied New Trial

Extraordinary Motion For A Re-Hearing Of Case Against Alleged Murderer Of Mary Phagan Is Quashed. Request Denied

(Special to the Journal)

ATLANTA, GA., May 6.—Another big sensation was sprung in the Frank case today when the extraordinary motion for a new trial for Leo M. Frank, charged with killing little Mary Phagan, was quashed and a new trial for the condemned man was denied.

During the past few days there have been a number of sensations in connection with this case, which include the confession of Rev. Ragsdale who made an affidavit that he had been bribed to make false statements, the arrest of the head of the Burns Detective Agency and an attack on Burns at Marietta, Ga.

At the hearing various affidavits were introduced at the Superior Court on the extraordinary motion for a new trial for Frank which the defense claimed showed that no intimidation,

attempted bribery, forgery or other improper means had been used in obtaining sworn statements.

The action of Frank's lawyers followed the conclusion of the counter showing of the State against the plea of the convicted man's representatives for a new trial.

An affidavit introduced by the State today from Anna Maude Carter, a negro woman, charged that she had been approached by an unknown person in the county jail and asked to put poison in the food of James Conley, the negro factory sweeper. The woman said she was a prisoner at the time, and that she was given considerable freedom in the jail. Conley was the chief witness against Frank and was convicted as an accessory after the murder.

GIFTED ORATOR WILL MAKE ADDRESS HERE

HON. SHEPPARD BRYAN TO BE HEARD HERE NEXT SUNDAY

May 10, Memorial Day, this year falls on Sunday and as usual the exercises will be held on that day, and a complete program will be announced through the columns of the Journal tomorrow or Friday.

Hon. Charles R. Thomas, one of the States' most gifted orators delivered the memorial address last year and this year Hon. Sheppard Bryan of Atlanta, Ga., son of Judge Henry R. Bryan of this city will deliver the address.

Mr. Bryan is one of the South's most gifted orators and his address will be well worth hearing. This will probably be delivered in the Masonic theater and the usual parade to Cedar Grove cemetery and the attending exercises will be held.

THE MASONIC MEETING Today will close the meetings of the Grand Bodies of Masons. At 11 o'clock The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars will attend service in Christ Episcopal church. The sermon will be preached by Rev. and Sir Knight Morrison of St. John's Commandery No 10 of New Bern. All members of St. John's No 10 are specially requested to be present in full uniform. Assembly will be at the Elks Temple at 10:30 a. m., and thence to the church. The public is cordially invited to this service.