

General Funston Has Increased His Force Of Men

Not Willing To Take Any Chances—Huerta Promises That Vice Consul Sillman Will Be Released. Will Send Him To Vera Cruz

(Special to the Journal)
 VERA CRUZ, May 12.—While the Mexican commissioners are enroute to attend the Niagara Falls peace conference and during the session of the conference there will be no inauguration of hostilities of the American forces, there is no reason to believe that Mexican federals will advance their lines.

The interpretation placed upon the armistice agreement by General Funston and Colonel Porter, his legal adviser, would permit unlimited strengthening of both the Mexican and American forces so long as no advance was made.

Slight alterations therefore were made today in the position of the American forces to which the Mexican authorities might find objection but which were regarded by General Funston and Colonel Porter as justified beyond any question of dispute. At the Tejar waterworks station there was a detached out post. Between this post and the main body of troops there were only connecting posts, but on account of the absolute necessity of protecting the water supply of Vera Cruz patrols were ordered to be placed all along the line.

SILLMAN HAS BEEN ORDERED RELEASED.

(Special to the Journal)
 WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senor Olivera, the Brazilian minister in Mexico City, informed the state department today that the Mexican government has ordered the immediate release of Vice Consul John R. Sillman, held prisoner at Sharillo. The minister adds that as soon as Mr. Sillman reaches Mexico City he would obtain for him safe conduct to Vera Cruz.

One response to the request of the state department through foreign diplomatic channels for information as to the actual conditions in Mexico City was received today. The message stated that the situation in Mexico was not abnormal, that the people were not particularly alarmed over reports that Zapata might swoop down upon the city and that there was no apparent weakening on the part of General Huerta.

Diplomatic representatives here expressed considerable concern over the lack of definite information from Tampico where desperate fighting is reported between the constitutionalists and federals.

PRESIDENT AND CABINET DISCUSS MEDIATION.

(Special to the Journal)
 WASHINGTON, May 12.—President Wilson today discussed with his cabinet plans for participation by the United States in the Mexican mediation conference to begin next Monday at Niagara Falls, Ont., and problems which have grown out of the occupation of Vera Cruz by American military forces.

Just before the cabinet met a message was received from General Funston declaring no attention should be paid to alarmist reports that Mexican forces were threatening to attack the Vera Cruz waterworks.

There have been rumors, General Funston's message read, that an attack was threatened. These have been due to remarks attributed to General Meade. The water works cannot be taken from us by force. If the pipe line should be cut it could be repaired in a few hours.

ENGLAND TO PROTECT HER SUBJECTS

(Special to the Journal)
 PORTSMOUTH, ENG., May 12.—The British cruiser *Whitby* has been ordered to remain in the Gulf of Mexico to protect British subjects.

BRIDE OF 3 WEEKS SUES FOR DIVORCE

ROMANCE OF MIDNIGHT WEDDING ON SHORT NOTICE FINDS WAY INTO COURT

(Special to the Journal)
 NORFOLK, May 12.—That old adage of marrying in haste and repenting at leisure seems to apply to the case of Lillian Hope Nunn and Benjamin Hope Nunn Jr.

Less than three weeks after participating in a romantic early morning marriage Mrs. Nunn has filed in the Court of Law and Chancery for divorce. According to her attorneys, Easton and T'Anson, the suit is based on statutory ground.

Nunn is a clerk in the Monticello hotel and he and Mrs. Nunn, who was Miss Lillian Hope Murphy of Brambleton ward, had known each other several years. On the night of April 24 they were in one of the downtown rathskellers with a friend or so at 11 o'clock Nunn and Miss Murphy decided to get married. With the assistance of a friend or two a license was secured after midnight and the knot was tied about 2:30 in the morning by Rev. J. A. Thomas, pastor of the Cumberland street Methodist church.

WILL CAST BALLOTS FOR THE SOLICITOR

CHAIRMAN S. H. LANE MAKES A CHANGE IN PLANS PREVIOUSLY FORMULATED.

S. H. Lane, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Craven county, has notified D. C. Moore, chairman of the Judicial Executive Committee, at Greenville, N. C., that boxes in which ballots for the solicitor from this district will be cast, will be placed at all of the polling places in Craven county on May 16th when the Democratic Primary for the selection of a congressman is held.

The executive committee had previously called precinct meetings to be held over the county, at which time a test of strength of the solicitorial candidates would have been taken in each precinct, but for some reason, this was abandoned and delegates were to have been elected over the county in an all-day primary, but there was no plan fixed by which respective candidates for solicitor could have the strength taken in the various precincts.

Chairman Lane has also notified the respective candidates for Solicitor of his action.

WILMINGTON AWARDED BRANCH RESERVE BANK

THE ONLY ONE LOCATED IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—Wilmington gets the only branch reserve bank in North Carolina for the Fifth Reserve District.

This was made certain with the Organization Committee designated the Merchants National Bank to execute the organization certificate for North Carolina of the Richmond Reserve Bank.

While not officially stated, it is understood that the selection of Wilmington as a branch of the Reserve Bank is a triumph for the city, as a number of other cities will have to be considered by the Merchants Bank.

Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, this city, will tomorrow undergo an operation at Morehead City. Rev. McWhorter has been in charge of this church only a few months but during his stay in New Bern he has made scores of friends. His condition is not considered serious.



Two Atlanta Men Meet Untimely Death

One Killed In Fall From Masonic Temple The Other Lost His Life When Elevator Fell

(Special to the Journal)
 ATLANTA, GA., May 12.—B. G. Dorsey, for ten years an elevator motorman in the Austell building, and F. B. Weeks, member of the firm of Goodman-Weeks, decorating contractors at No. 85 Marietta street are dead as the result of accidents this afternoon.

Dorsey was killed in a fall of eight stories through the elevator shaft in the Austell Building. No one was on his car at the time and the cause of the accident is unknown. R. L. Lyons, superintendent of the building, was in the basement and was attracted by the noise of the body striking in the shaft pit. Dorsey was dead when Lyons reached his side.

An inquest was held in Doneho's undertaking parlors, the jury finding the death to have been accidental. Dorsey is survived by his wife and five children, four sons and one daughter.

Weeks dropped to his death from the top of the Masonic Temple in Peachtree street, while attaching decorations to the building. Peachtree was thronged with hundreds of Shriners and others at the time, and a great crowd quickly gathered at the scene of the tragedy.

Charles Willis, a bookkeeper at Grady Hospital, and Charley Nash, of No. 12 Pittman place, were badly hurt today in a motorcycle accident and are in Grady Hospital. Willis collided with an automobile in Peachtree road, and Nash ran into a horse and buggy at Marietta and Hunnicutt streets.

(Special to the Journal)
 NEW ORLEANS, May 12.—Augusta Edwards, recently sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of George Reil who wronged her, committed suicide this afternoon in her cell.

The woman was the first white woman ever convicted in this State of killing her betrayer.

Suffragettes On The Warpath In England

ONE OF THEIR NUMBER YESTERDAY DESTROYED VALUABLE PORTRAIT

(Special to the Journal)
 LONDON, May 12.—The Suffragists committed another depredation today here when one of their number smashed the famous portrait of the Duke of Wellington.

This portrait was valued at several thousand dollars and was the only original of its kind in existence.

Sent To Prison For Life—Commits Suicide

WHITE WOMAN ENDS LIFE IN LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY

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Two Army Aviators Were Instantly Killed

ANOTHER SO BADLY INJURED THAT HE MAY DIE

(Special to the Journal)
 LONDON, May 12.—Two army aviators were killed and one injured in a collision between two aeroplanes which were landing over Aldershot field last afternoon.

Hundreds of spectators were viewing the trials of speed of the two machines when the collision occurred.

Breaking of Dam Causes Heavy Loss

CATASTROPHE TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY NEAR DETROIT, MICH.

(Special to the Journal)
 DETROIT, May 12.—The breaking of a large dam near Olivet, caused heavy loss today.

The tracks of the Grand Trunk Railroad were torn up, bridges swept away and the lowlands flooded.

Battle Creek said to be in danger from the ravages of the water.

NINE PERSONS KILLED WHEN BOILER BURST

Accident Occurred On Steamer Jefferson.

SEVERAL OTHERS INJURED Dead And Injured Were Yesterday Carried To Norfolk, Va.

(Special to the Journal)
 NORFOLK, VA., May 12.—Nine persons were killed and several injured when the boilers of the Old Dominion Steamship, Jefferson, exploded last night.

The Jefferson was enroute to New York from Norfolk when the explosion occurred and was off Cape Henry. The noise of the explosion and the flight of the injured men caused a panic among the passengers on the steamer who had retired for the night. Officers and men assured the passengers that there was no danger, and the vessel was anchored. Captain Theodore Cathrin, master of the steamer, sent word of the vessel's plight to Norfolk.

The Jefferson at once turned around and headed back to Norfolk, arriving here this morning. The dead and injured were taken off and after repairs had been made the trip to New York was resumed.

The injured are Chief Engineer W. L. Portlock, First Assistant Engineer H. B. Smith, both of New York City, and M. Olsen, an oiler.

The dead are:
 R. Brooks, Louis Brown, Louis King, E. Coulbary, K. Upshur, H. Miller, all firemen, and J. Lopez, coal passer, the last named being white. The names of three others are unknown.

Chief Engineer Portlock, First Assistant Smith and Oiler Olsen are at the Sarah Leigh hospital, badly injured.

CHARLES H. HIX TO LEAVE NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Hands In Resignation As The President.

TO TAKE EFFECT FRIDAY. Has Been At Head Of The Road Since November 1912.

(Special to the Journal)
 NORFOLK, VA., May 12.—Charles H. Hix, President of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, today tendered his resignation to take effect Friday.

Mr. Hix's health has been bad for some time and it was on this account that he resigned and for the next few months he will take a much needed rest.

Mr. Hix came with the Norfolk Southern Railway Company in November, 1912 and before that time was connected with the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company. He made an efficient official and his action is regretted by the company.

It has been known in local railway circles for several days that Mr. Hix intended to resign as President of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company but as he had not definitely decided, the matter was not given publicity.

Mr. Hix is well and favorably known in New Bern where he has visited a number of times and his friends hope for him a speedy recovery. So far no one has been selected to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation.

"BALD JACK" ROSE REITERATES STORY OF THE KILLING

Repeats His Account Of Herman Rosenthal's Death.

BECKER TRIAL PROGRESSES Several Witnesses Placed On Stand During Yesterday.

(Special to the Journal)
 NEW YORK, May 12.—"Bald Jack" Rose, star witness in the Becker case was placed on the stand today and reiterated the story he had previously told in regard to the killing of Herman Rosenthal.

The afternoon session opened with John J. Brady, a policeman, on the stand. He and the next witnesses were used to prove the crime. Brady described how he had heard five shots and seen the body of Rosenthal lying on the sidewalk in front of the Hotel Metropole, under the glare of the arc lights.

Police Lieutenant Edward B. Frye said that after hearing the shots he ran into Forty-third street. There he saw Patrolman William J. File, now a sergeant, standing on the running board of a taxicab, with a revolver in his hand. Frye also boarded the taxicab and ordered the chauffeur to speed after the car in which the assassins escaped. He failed to see the cartum in Sixth avenue and for that reason the taxicab kept running as far as Madison avenue, two blocks farther on.

In that way he and File missed capturing the murderers. File said he was in plain clothes in the hotel dining room when he saw Bridgie Webber go to Rosenthal's table. The latter went out. Then File heard shots and dashed out.

Louis Krause, formerly a Coney Island waiter, was the last witness of the He told of being stopped at the corner of Forty-fifth street and Broadway by a man who told him if he wished to keep out of trouble he would move on. Krause said he then saw four men fire, Rosenthal fall and four men climb into an automobile and hurry away. He saw Jack Sullivan lift Rosenthal's head from the sidewalk. Sullivan was smiling, said Krause. He said he had later seen the four gunmen in Sing Sing. They were the men he saw fire at Rosenthal.

Miss E. C. Hargett left yesterday morning for Washington, D. C., to spend the summer with her parents.