

The Mediators Will Not Get Together Until Wednesday

Huerta's Representatives Have Been Delayed--Zapata Reported To Be Advancing On Mexico City. Huerta's Life In Danger

QUIET AT TAMPICO

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 15.—A dispatch received tonight from Admiral Mayo who is at Tampico, says that conditions there have quieted down today and that the Constitutionalists are restoring things to their natural condition and have promised the protection of oil interests there.

MEDIATION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 15.—Confidence that the mediation ultimately would be successful, despite the temporary delay, was expressed by cabinet officers after today's cabinet meeting.

The shipment of arms into Tampico from countries other than the United States was not discussed at the cabinet meeting but one of the cabinet officers in close touch with Mexican affairs said he did not believe the American government would attempt to interfere with foreign shipments in any way.

The cabinet meeting brought out no vital developments, the discussion about policy being brief and general. Speaking of the postponement of the mediation conference, Secretary Bryan said he thought the Huerta delegates wanted the extra two days because their journey was long and connections were close.

Held For Ransom.

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 15.—The Italian ambassador here today made representations to the state department in behalf of F. E. Teza, an Italian representative of the Eagle Oil Company, at Monterey, Mexico, reported held for 10,000 pesos ransom by the Constitutionalists.

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 15.—The mediation conference which was to have been held on Monday at Niagara Falls will not be held on that day.

(Special to the Journal) WASHINGTON, May 15.—Huerta's representatives stated that they had been delayed and would not be able to reach Niagara Falls until Tuesday night and the conference has been postponed until Wednesday.

Huerta has informed the mediators that it is entirely satisfactory with him that the United States has occupied Lobos Island.

HUERTA'S DOWNFALL

(Special to the Journal) EL PASO, TEX., May 15.—The Constitutionalists forces claim that the capture of Tampico assures the downfall of Provisional President Huerta as it will engage Villa's forces to a hundred thousand for a campaign against Mexico City. It is reported that Huerta's forces are diminishing rapidly.

"THE UNLOADED GUN" AGAIN CAUSES TROUBLE

FRANK SMITH STRUCK IN THE FACE BY A BULLET FROM RIFLE

Frank Smith, fourteen years old and a son of Mrs. L. A. Smith, was painfully but not seriously injured yesterday afternoon when a small calibre rifle which was being examined by Glenwood Shaw, son of W. D. Shaw, was accidentally discharged and the bullet entered his face.

The accident occurred in Perry's store on Griffith street where the two boys were examining the rifle and for a short time caused considerable excitement in that section.

A physician was summoned and the lads wound was given medical attention. The bullet was located but will not be removed until today.

THE BECKER TRIAL MOVES SLOWLY ON

HARRY VALLON PLACED ON THE STAND YESTERDAY MORNING

(Special to the Journal) NEW YORK, May 15.—Harry Vallon, testifying today at the trial of Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, corroborated the main points of the story told by Jack Rose on the stand during the last two days.

He admitted under cross-examination that he had known Rosenthal for 15 years and that they had had a disagreement six months before the gambler was murdered. It is a contention of the defense that Rosenthal was a victim of a gambler's war.

Vallon admitted that he had lied on many occasions in respect to the murder but swore that his story was correct in its essential details.

Counsel for the defense fired question after question at the witness, but no important points, however was his story broken.

HURRAH FOR THOMAS

A telegram received last night by the Journal from Jacksonville, stated: "From the latest information obtained, Pender and Onslow counties will be a complete landslide for Hon. Charles R. Thomas. Duplin and Sampson counties will give Thomas a big first choice vote."

MOUNT ETNA IS AGAIN ACTIVE

(Special to the Journal) CATANIA, SICILY, May 15.—MOUNT ETNA, SICILY, May 15.—Earthquake shocks continued throughout the night and early today, while Mount Etna was still active. Only insignificant damage was reported.

Joseph White, of Oriental, spent a few hours in the city yesterday.

Bejo, ten miles South of the city, with five thousand followers who are pillaging the country. Reinforcements have been sent out to check his advance. Reports report that army officers are openly talking of associating with Huerta. The numerous spies are spreading and desertions are increasing rapidly.

CLAIM VIRGINIA WOMAN SLEW HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Victor Hall Indicted Yesterday.

A SENSATIONAL OCCURRENCE Louisa County The Scene Of Foul Murder And Arson.

(Special to the Journal) RICHMOND, VA., Mrs. Victor Hall was today indicted for the murder of her husband at Louisa, Va., a few weeks ago and the burning of his store a few days ago. A sensational trial is expected.

Evidence has been discovered which conclusively proves that Victor Hall, the young Green Spring merchant, murdered on April 15th, was killed in his bedroom—not in his store, as Mrs. Hall said. The evidence is today in the hands of the grand jury, which is investigating the mystery. It consists of a chip cut from the frame of the door leading from the Hall bedroom into the store. On the piece of wood is a dark red stain. All who have examined it declare positively that it is blood.

It has been examined by the chemist in the Louisa drug store. Dr. T. M. Taylor, also of Louisa, has subjected it to hydrogen test. The reaction was such that the physician is certain the stain was caused by blood.

Commonwealth's attorney William C. Bibb, who visited the Hall store yesterday afternoon with the grand jury, discovered the stain on the door. It was on the inside of the bedroom that Mr. Hall was murdered in bed and his body dragged into the store before the alarm was given. The piece of wood is to be sent to Richmond so that a chemical analysis may be made. It is probable that it will be sent to Coroner William H. Taylor, who will then be a witness in the case.

Thomas E. Watson Again In Trouble

CHARGED WITH SENDING OBSCENE MATTER THROUGH THE MAILS

(Special to the Journal) AGUSTA, GA., May 15.—Thomas E. Watson, former Populist candidate for the presidency was indicted here today for sending obscene matter through the United States mails. This is not the first time that such a charge has been brought against Mr. Watson.

THE STEAMER SHAW OFF FOR BALTIMORE.

The steamer L. B. Shaw, left yesterday for Baltimore with a cargo of lumber. After discharging this cargo, she will take on a cargo of merchandise, leaving there the twentieth.

J. V. Rawls of Bayboro, was a visitor to the city yesterday.

HON. C. R. THOMAS SPEKE LAST NIGHT

DELIVERED AN ADDRESS AT THE COURT HOUSE IN THIS CITY

In a masterful address at the Court House in this city last evening before a large number of the Democratic voters, Hon. Charles R. Thomas, candidate for Congress from this district, asked the support of his hearers and in a plain, straight-forward manner set forth the reasons for his request.

Mr. Thomas gave a brief sketch of his personal career and of his work in Congress during the twelve years that he represented this district in that body. His points were well made and carried conviction to the hearts of his hearers.

Time and again was the speaker interrupted by spontaneous applause and at the conclusion of the address many of the audience cheered Mr. Thomas that they were for him, first, last and all the time.

Funston's Soldiers Guarding The Vera Cruz Waterworks



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THE waterworks at Vera Cruz are an important strategic point, and the Mexican troops have several times threatened the United States soldiers defending them. General Maas is said to have mobilized several thousand federals for the purpose of attempting to retake the plant, which is located several miles from the heart of the city. The illustration was made by a photographer, who, at great risk, penetrated the fighting zone and snapped a group of Funston's soldiers in action and a piece of field artillery.

Gas Tank Explodes With Fatal Results

Thirteen Lose Their Lives And Several Others Seriously Hurt. Property Loss Estimated At Several Thousand Dollars

(Special to the Journal) DETROIT, MICH., May 15.—Thirteen workmen are known to be dead, several are so badly injured that death is inevitable and a number of others are seriously burned as the result of an explosion of a gas tank at the plant of the Mexican Rubber Company near here today.

The gas tank was located near the main building of the rubber company and when it exploded the building was wrecked. The majority of those who were killed were near the tank when the explosion occurred.

Those who were not so seriously injured were on the side of the building opposite the tank. As soon as the accident occurred physicians from all over the city were rushed to the scene and rendered whatever aid they possibly could.

The amount of damage done to the plant was several thousand dollars. The plant, a one-story concrete building in West Detroit, was almost obliterated. Concrete blocks weighing several pounds were found more than two blocks from the scene of the explosion.

The factory of the Commerce Motor Car Company, about 100 feet from the rubber concern, was badly damaged. Nobody in the building however was seriously hurt.

The explosion was witnessed by scores of pedestrians and there were many narrow escapes. One spectator said the concrete factory seemed to split into three pieces, two of which "melted away." The third he said, shot high in the air and broke into fragments which went whizzing in every direction.

Firemen soon prevented the possibility of a conflagration. None of the first bodies removed from the smoking debris was identified before being taken to the morgue.

Insane Negro Is Placed In Jail

WENT ON THE WAR PATH AT COVE CITY YESTERDAY.

Laura Moore, colored, and of Cove City, was brought to New Bern yesterday morning and placed in the county jail, by Chief of Police J. R. Jenkins of Cove City.

This woman who has been mentally unbalanced for some time, bit her sister on the arm and hit her child over the head with a stick yesterday morning. After breaking out window panes about the town, finally she went to County Commissioner H. T. Whites' home and went in his parlor. She was raging when she went in Mr. White's house and when men went in to carry her out, she put up a desperate fight but was overpowered and taken from the building and brought to this city. Arrangements are being made to get her in the insane asylum for colored people at Goldsboro.

THIS SHRINER MET HIS DEATH IN ATLANTA GA.

Shot Through The Head When He Entered Home.

TAKEN FOR A BURGLAR

Had Imbibed Too Freely While "Crossing The Hot Sands Of The Desert."

(Special to the Journal)

ATLANTA, May 15.—W. H. Smith a barber of Calhoun Ga., was shot and killed early this morning by J. J. Edwards, president of the Edwards Furniture Company, of No. 215 Marietta street when he was found in the reception hall of the Edwards home at No. 270 Luckie street. Edwards fired one shot, the bullet striking Smith in the temple.

Smith's body was removed to the undertaking chapel of A. O. and Roy Doneho, and probably will be shipped to Calhoun when the police have completed their investigation.

Statements by men who have known Smith for a number of years and the fact that he is known to have been drinking during the evening, have led the police to believe that he had no intentions of burglary at Edwards' home. A souvenir Shriners cap was found lying in the yard, and it is supposed to have been worn by the Calhoun man, as no hat could be found. It is supposed that Smith having been celebrating during the evening lost his way and climbed into the wrong house.

Miss Keron Baker, who lives with the Edwards family was awakened shortly before daybreak by a noise on the front porch and saw the form of a man outlined against her window trying to raise the sash. She ran to Mr. Edwards' room and knocked on his door telling him that a burglar was trying to get into the house.

Mr. Edwards arose, secured his revolver, and stepped cautiously into the hallway, intending to go outside and come upon the man from the rear.

While Miss Baker was giving the alarm, however, Smith left the window where he first heard and walked down the length of the porch to the window of the reception hall, through which he climbed. As Mr. Edwards came into the reception hall, Smith rose up in front of him. Mr. Edwards thinking the man was a burglar, fired one shot. Smith fell to the floor and died without giving any explanation of his presence in the house. No weapons were found in his pockets.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bowden, who live in the other section of the house at No. 279 Luckie street, were aroused by the shot, and Mr. Bowden rushed across the street and called Dr. L. P. Baker. The physician made every effort to revive the man, but Smith was dead within a few minutes after Dr. Baker reached him. He never spoke after the bullet struck him.

Mr. Edwards immediately telephoned the police station and told what had occurred. Call Officers Jones and Gorman went to the Edwards home, and after an investigation of the body and the surroundings, ordered the body taken to the Doneho undertaking chapel.

Smith was identified by J. A. Strain president of the Calhoun Cotton Oil Mills Company, who saw the body after it had been taken to the undertaking establishment. Mr. Strain declares that it is improbable that Smith was attempting to burglarize the house when he got shot.

The man has a wife and one child in Calhoun, and Mr. Strain said he was known in Calhoun as a good man and a good workman. He drank considerably at times, and it is thought he got lost and didn't know what he was doing when he entered the Edwards home.

FLOWER MART AND BASKET SALE TODAY.

The City Beautiful Club will hold their Flower Mart and Basket sale this afternoon at 6 o'clock, on the Clubs plot next to the Athens Theatre, unless prevented by rain.

C. S. Westcott, of Bayboro; S. F. McCotter of Vantemere, S. W. Ferebee and W. J. Swann, of Stonewall, spent yesterday in Kinston, attending an annual barbecue given by Thomas Harvey.

Harry Beard Says He Killed Three People

CONFESSES TO MURDER OF MRS. DENNIS MASSIE AND CHILDREN

(Special to the Journal) CHICAGO, ILL., May 15.—Harry Beard, arrested here today, confessed that he was the murderer of Mrs. Dennis Massie and her son Robert and daughter Mary in their home in Ironton, O. Beard will be taken back to that city to answer for the crime.

Costly Fire Near City of Johnstown

(Special to the Journal) JOSHSTOWN, PA., May 15.—The entire business section of Glenn Camp, located near the city, was burned today. The origin of the fire is unknown. The property loss is estimated at more than a hundred thousand dollars.