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## WILSON'S CABINET HOPES FOR PEACE

MEMBERS ARE MORE CON-  
FIDENT THAT MEDIATORS  
WILL AVERT WAR.

## PEACE SEEMS BETTER

Funston's Reports Tell of  
Order in Vera Cruz.  
Other Places Quiet.

Washington.—Expressions of confidence that the mediators would avert war between the United States and Mexico came from several members of the cabinet, after President Wilson discussed the whole situation with his official family.

The president is decidedly hopeful. He is anxious that no untoward incident or indiscreet acts on the part of the forces in Mexico should cloud the horizon when mediation conferences begin at Niagara Falls.

Secretary Bryan explained at length the three South American mediators at the lighthouse on Lobos Island. He said that the mediators were not to be seized in any military operation, but that the American government had undertaken to keep the mediators safe and to protect the navigation. Mr. Bryan told the mediators also that the navy and army were seeking to insure the arrest of five South American soldiers during the landing at Vera Cruz and that a report would be made.

Secretary O'Shaughnessy conferred with President Wilson at the White House. It was the first talk he had had with the president since his arrival in Mexico and it was understood that some of the indignities in the Tampico incident which broke with Huerta were well as some details that came up in the mediation conferences.

Secretary Lamar of the United States Court and Frederick W. Lehman, former solicitor general, have been named as the American representatives to the mediation conference at Niagara Falls, Ont., the day studying reports and trying themselves generally to the Mexican problem.

In the tense phase of the situation believed by the news that J. C. McMan, American vice consul at Vera Cruz, had been ordered released by the Huerta government.

## WOULD AMEND EDUCATION.

Education Committee Reports Religion  
Not Employed Enough.

Washington, D. C.—Our people are brought to see that education is the basis of our civilization and that the destruction of the church schools is a development of spiritualized leadership.

It was the keynote of the report of the committee on education presented to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which commends the wisdom of the board of education in creating a million dollar fund, the income of which is used in efforts to advance Christian education. The policies of the board in bringing the charters of church schools and colleges into conformity with the laws of the church matter of selection of boards of trustees is endorsed and the committee recommends that the board of trustees, Sunday schools and educational in an endeavor to advance Christian education and to raise \$500,000 of the proposed million dollar endowment fund during the present quadrennium.

## Southern President Resigns.

Atlanta, Va.—Charles H. Hix, president of the Norfolk Southern Railroad, announced his resignation, effective June 1. The reason given is needed. He has been head of the Norfolk Southern since November 1, 1912, which time he was vice president of the Seaboard Air Line.

## New Method of Teaching.

Philadelphia, Tenn.—New methods of child hygiene were discussed by Dr. Frances Sage Bradley of the Georgia Health Division at the national conference of health and corrections here. The speaker declared that every school should have every community abundance of material for the demonstration of the laws of hygiene and sanitation and expressed the belief that the method utilized by the teacher in hygiene training and intelligence

## NATIONAL TRIBUTE TO DEAD MARINES

PRESIDENT LAUDS HEROISM OF  
THE FIRST WAR VICTIMS AT  
VERA CRUZ.

## THOUSANDS LINE STREETS

President and Many Dignitaries Were  
In Long Procession in New York.  
Wilson's Speech.

New York.—To the men of the navy who died in the occupation of Vera Cruz the city, the state and the nation paid tribute in a demonstration chiefly remarkable for its silence and solemnity. For four miles through the city streets the funeral cortege passed and behind with bared head rode the president.

Perhaps a million persons saw the seventeen coffins, each on a caisson, borne from the Battery plaza in Lower Manhattan to the navy yard in Brooklyn. Such was the feeling of the masses that the silence at times was oppressive. There were a few sporadic outbursts of applause as the president's carriage passed, but these were quickly hushed.

Though there were but seventeen of the dead in the procession, Secretary of the Navy Daniels made it plain that the ceremonies were for all who had died at Vera Cruz—not only the seventeen whose bodies were brought up by the cruiser Montana but also for Clarence Harshberger and Henry Pulliam, who have since died.

The religious ceremony at the navy yard was more impressive, if possible than was the sight of the slow moving cortege. "I never was in a battle or under fire," said President Wilson in his brief address, "but I fancy it is just as hard to go your duty when men are sneering at you, as when they shoot at you."

"We have gone to Mexico," he said, "in another part of his address, 'to serve mankind if we can find the way. We don't want to fight the Mexicans; we want to serve them."

"A war of aggression is not a thing in which it is proud to die, but a war of service is a war in which it is a proud thing to die."

## HUERTA FILES NEW PROTEST.

Complains Over Action of United States in Occupying Island on Coast of Mexico.

Washington.—Huerta's protest over the reported seizure of Lobos Island—an important lighthouse point off the eastern coast of Mexico—by a landing party from the United States torpedo boats was taken up by the South American mediators. Foreign Minister Ruiz in his telegram to the mediators stated that the American arrested the light keepers but had released them after they had turned over apparatus for operation of the strategic beacon. Huerta's government contended this was a violation of the armistice.

It was generally believed that a reply to the note already had been made and in some quarters the conviction was expressed that Ambassador DaGama had taken it up at a white house meeting.

## Shriners Take Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga.—Atlanta is in the hands of the Shriners. It was estimated that 40,000 nobles of the Mystic Shrine had arrived to attend the fortieth annual meeting of the Imperial Council of the Order, which convened here.

The ingress of the Shriners continued through three days. Special trains arrived at short intervals and, with scarcely a break, the air was filled with the blare of trumpets and the roll of drums.

William W. Irwin, the imperial potentate of Wheeling, W. Va., arrived during the day. He was greeted with a salute of 21 guns.

Many of the visitors are living in the special trains that brought them here. The hotel accommodations of the city have been reserved for months and the railroads arranged to park the trains for the accommodation of the overflow.

## Labor Leaders Win Fight.

Washington.—The contempt sentences imposed by the district supreme court upon Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, labor leaders, were set aside by the supreme court for the second time as barred by the statute of limitations. The decision of the supreme court in the contempt cases against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor was handed down. Justice Holmes said that contempts were not to be treated as conspiracies.

## MEDIATORS OF THE MEXICAN TROUBLE



These are the three South American diplomats who are acting as mediators in the Mexican embroglio. They are Ambassador da Gama of Brazil and Ministers Mujica of Chile and Naon of Argentina.

## MORE TROOPS MAY GO TO VERA CRUZ

REPORTED THAT WAR DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO REINFORCE GEN. FUNSTON.

## MOSTLY FOR A PRECAUTION

Huerta Claims That Landing of Additional Soldiers is Violation of Armistice.

Washington.—High tension marked the Mexican situation both on the military and the diplomatic side.

The War Department was the chief center of activity and while no authoritative statement was made beyond Secretary Garrison's formal reply that "no orders for any National troop movements have been sent," it became known that the Administration was considering the question of sending additional troops to Vera Cruz, and probably would do so. This step would not be intended as an aggressive measure, but as a precaution. An evidence of the seriousness of conditions was contained in a report that two German merchant vessels were about to arrive at Puerto Mexico with arms and ammunition for Huerta. It was realized that this, if true, would present an incident similar to the arrival of the Ypiranga at Vera Cruz, which led to the American occupation of that port.

Huerta's protest to the mediators that the United States had broken the armistice by landing additional troops at Vera Cruz, was considered by the Cabinet and later Secretary Bryan announcing the reply of this Government stated that no aggressive steps had been taken by the United States forces and that nothing had been done to violate the suspension of hostilities. The American reply was delivered to the mediators. The mediators themselves also took the view that the question raised by Huerta over the observance of the armistice could be cleared away, and that Huerta could be convinced that the United States had not violated in spirit at least, the armistice.

## VETERANS ENDORSE WILSON.

Old Soldiers in Jacksonville Approve President's Policy By Resolution.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Endorsement of the policy of President Wilson in handling the Mexican situation was one of the last of the actions of the twenty-fourth United Confederate veterans reunion. A general exodus of veterans and visitors began immediately.

Approval of the policy of the President was continued in the following resolution adopted by the veterans: "Whereas the present unsettled condition in the Commonwealth of Mexico appears likely to involve some action on the part of the United States be it resolved:

"That this convention of the Confederate veterans recognizes the discretion of the President of the United States and will heartily support such action as he may take in every possible way."

Richmond, Va., was selected as the meeting place for the reunion in 1915.

## MEXICAN EVENTS HOLD THE CAPITAL

SITUATION WAS SOMEWHAT  
OBSCURED, HOWEVER, BY THE  
WHITEHOUSE WEDDING.

## FEW FOREIGNERS KILLED

Two British Subjects and One American Reported Slain by Bomb at Guadaluajara.

Washington.—Developments in the Mexican situation went steadily forward although the White House wedding somewhat eclipsed other events in official Washington circles.

The two chief reports from Mexico announced the killing of two British subjects and one American at Guadaluajara; and continued heavy fighting at Mazatlan on the Pacific coast where the rebel aeroplane dropped a bomb which killed four persons and injured eight in the streets of the besieged city.

The state department also was informed by Consul Hamm at Durango that the movement of the Constitutionists had begun with marching against Saltillo and Zacatecas.

Information from the Argentine, Brazilian and Chilean mediators showed that they were preparing to begin work in Niagara Falls, Ont. They declared that despite General Carranza's self-elimination, the Constitutional side of the Mexican problem would be fully considered by the mediators at the coming conference.

A man close to the president said it would not be surprising if a justice of the supreme court of the United States should be one of the representatives of the American government. Justice Mahlon Pitney, though a Republican, is a close friend of the president and may be chosen. Justice Day was a member of the Paris conference and is a former supreme court judge.

## Gen. Young Chosen Commander.

Jacksonville, Fla.—After the election of a commander-in-chief, adjournment was taken, when officers of the Army of Tennessee and of the Army of Virginia and other divisional organizations will be elected. General Young received approximately 1,100 votes and General Robertson 800. Texas cast its entire 343 votes for Robertson. One hundred survivors of General Forrest's famous cavalry offered their services to President Wilson in the event of war with Mexico.

## THE NAVAL BILL IS PASSED.

Appropriation Measure Adopted Without Roll-Call Gives Navy \$139,560,334.

Washington.—The house passed without a roll-call the annual naval appropriation bill, carrying \$139,560,334 and providing for the entire Administration naval construction program. The building program includes two battleships, one to be built in some Government navy yard; six torpedo boat destroyers, one sea-going torpedo boat, three coast defense submarine torpedo boats, to be constructed on the Pacific Coast and four submarines.

## 173 DIE IN SICILY FROM EARTHQUAKE

SEISMIC DISTURBANCE BRINGS  
DEATH AND RUIN TO VILLAGES NEAR MT. AETNA.

## TERROR IS NOW PREVAILING

People Working in Fields See Their  
Homes Crumble and Families  
Perish.

Catania, Sicily.—A great earthquake brought death and destruction to many villages near Mount Aetna. The number of dead up to date was officially placed at 173, with about 350 injured. A large part of the devastated territory has not been inspected.

The affected zone extends from Zaffarna, the highest village on Mount Aetna, to the sea, between Airre Reale, on the south, and Giarre on the north. It includes Linera, the center of the disturbance, Pisanlo and Santa Verena. In Linera alone 110 persons were killed and 300 injured. In Bongardio 13 dead and 27 injured have been taken from the ruins. At Constantini 16 were killed and many injured.

These villages and many smaller places were levelled. The entire district presents a spectacle of desolation, ruin and death. Many of the injured had not been taken from the debris. All train service has been abandoned owing to the collapse of bridges, broken tracks and obstructed tunnels.

## MEDIATORS MEET MAY 18.

Judge Lamar and Joseph W. Lehman Will Represent United States.

Washington.—The opening of the Mexican mediation conference at Niagara Falls on the scheduled date—May 18, was assured when word was received of the departure of the Mexican delegates from Mexico City for the conference.

Preparations for dispatching reinforcements to General Funston at Vera Cruz should such a movement become necessary, went forward steadily, work on twelve transport to carry troops, horse and supplies being pushed, but no warlike development occurred. The military apparently is being held well in leash to avoid the possibility of embarrassing the mediation negotiations.

A threatening cloud disappeared from the diplomatic horizon, when the German steamer Kronprinzessin Cecilie, reported to be carrying arms and ammunition for Huerta, returned to Vera Cruz, without debarking her war stores at Puerto, Mexico, and it was announced that the munitions on this and a second German steamer, the Bavaria, would be returned to Germany. The possibility either of a seizure or blockade of Puerto, Mexico, or of an act, perhaps interpretable as a violation of the military status quo, in favor of Huerta, thereby was eliminated.

Justice Joseph P. Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, and Frederick W. Lehman, of St. Louis, formerly solicitor, will represent the United States in the conference.

## Suffragists Move on Capitol.

Washington.—Several thousand women, from virtually every state in the Union, paraded along Pennsylvania avenue from the White House to the Capitol and presented to members of Congress petitions adopted at meetings all over the country a week ago. Five hundred and thirty of the marchers carried these petitions, one for each member of the senate and house, asking the adoption of the Bristow-Mondell resolution, amending the Constitution to enfranchise women. Massing themselves on the east steps of the Capitol and with several bands and a chorus of 100 girls at the entrance to the building, the enthusiastic paraders sang "The March of the Women" by Dr. Ethel Smyth of England and only heard once before in this country. This demonstration was witnessed by thousands of persons who filled the immense plaza.

## Millionaire Post Kills Self.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—With a bullet from a rifle which he had concealed, Charles W. Post, millionaire manufacturer of cereal foods, killed himself at his winter home here. Evading the nurse who had been attending him since he returned from the east a few weeks ago, he went to his apartment, placed the muzzle of the rifle in his mouth and pulled trigger with a toe. Mr. Post was convalescent from an illness which necessitated a major operation sometime ago at Rochester, Minn.

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