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HUERTA TO RESIGN IF IT IS NECESSARY

AUTHORIZES HIS DELEGATES TO SUBMIT RESIGNATION IF FOUND BEST.

WHO WILL BE SUCCESSOR?

Huerta's Move Not Surprise in Washington but Causes Speculation as to Who Will Succeed Him.

Washington.—General Huerta has authorized the Mexican mediation delegates to submit his resignation in case such a course is necessary to a settlement in peace negotiations. This was stated positively in dispatches from a thoroughly competent diplomatic source in Mexico City to one of the foreign representatives here and confirms intimations given by friends of the delegates here.

According to this information from Mexico City Huerta at first authorized the delegates to discuss only the question of the Tampico conflict leading to the American occupation of Vera Cruz. Later the Mexican dictator, it is explained, came to recognize the necessity of a broader settlement and then conveyed to the delegates assurances that he was prepared to step down should this course be found necessary by them.

The problem causing chief concern to diplomats in Mexico City now is that of the form of administration to be established during the interim before a constitutionally elected president could assume office. No intimations concerning the name of a possible successor to Huerta were contained in the dispatch, this subject being one in which it would be necessary to consult opinion of constitutionalist and other leaders in Mexico.

The information that the Mexican delegates had been given provisional authority to submit the resignation of Huerta did not occasion great surprise here as close friends of the Huerta government's commission broadly intimated that definite elimination of the dictator probably would be one of the first fruits of the Niagara Falls conference.

It was emphasized that the men chosen to act for the Mexican federal government are not pre-eminently "Huertistas," but represent the broader views of best citizens of the federal districts and are desirous above all else of pacifying the republic.

STARVING SAILORS SAVED.

Four Survivors of Steamer Columbian Which Burned at Sea, Picked Up.

Boston.—Four survivors of a boat load of 15 who escaped in the third boat of the freight steamer Columbian, burned at sea May 3, were picked up by the United States revenue cutter Seneca 40 miles south of Sable Island, according to a dispatch received here from the cutter.

When their short allowance of biscuit and water had failed the men maintained life by chewing boot leather and the few stray crumbs of hard-tack. Rain water served them when their water casks went dry. The first two days after drifting away from the Columbian they saw three steamers too far away to be signalled.

The dispatch of Captain Johnston of the Seneca follows:

"Ten a. m., 40 miles south Sable Island rescued lifeboat with officer Robert Teire, Sailors Kendall, Blangere, Fireman Michael Ludwigen, survivors of 15. Officer George Hull died tenth. Peter Trier today. Others between. All died exposure and hunger. Short allowance biscuit and water. Eating biscuit crumbs and boot leather when rescued. Saw three steamers first two days, none since. Much rain. Fine today. All under doctor doing well."

PLATT CORROBORATES STORY OF ROSE.

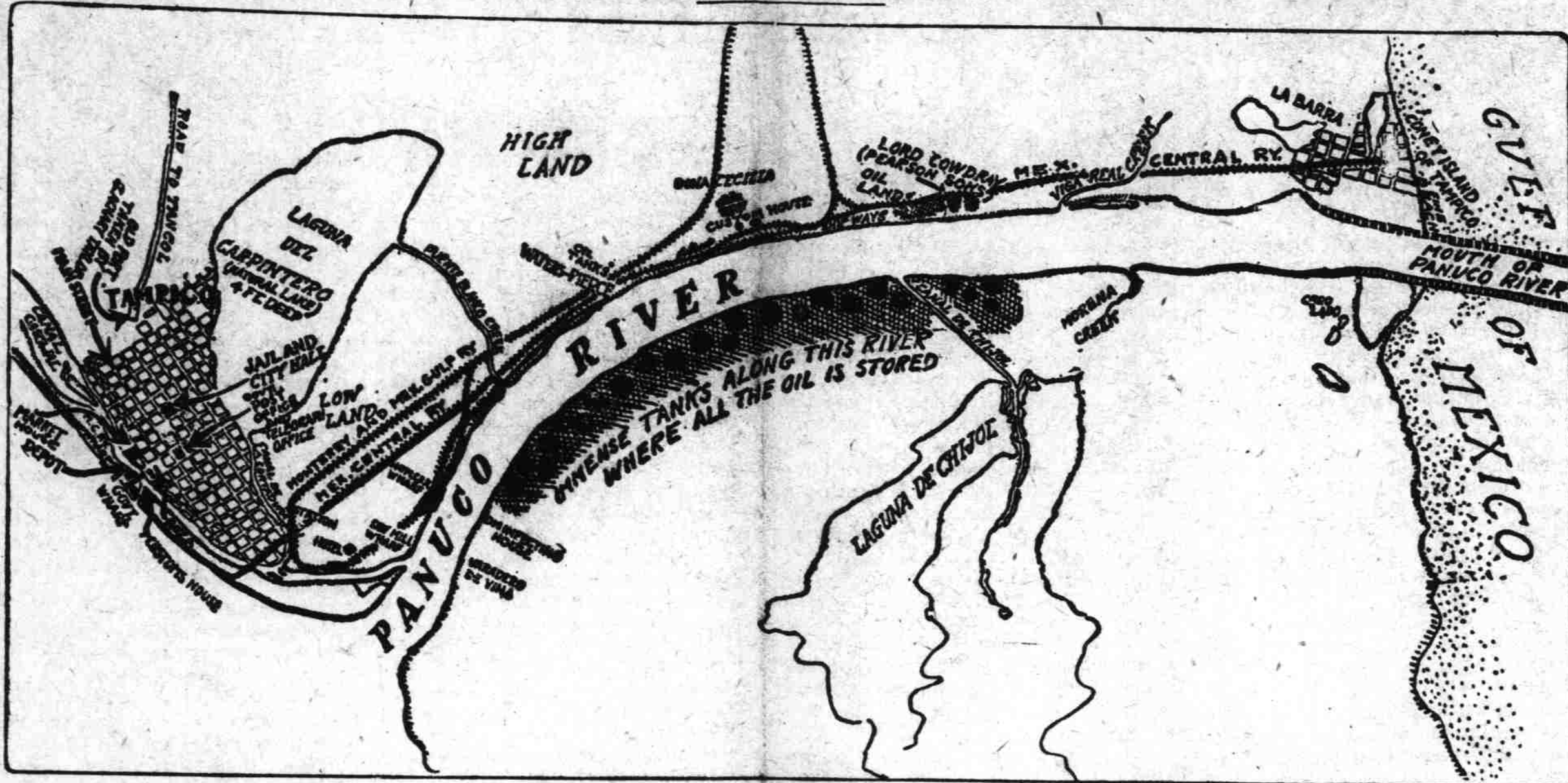
New York.—Chas. B. Platt, one time press agent and adviser for Charles Becker, on trial for the murder of the gambler Herman Rosenthal took the witness stand for the state and corroborated in many details the stories of Jack Rose and others that Becker was the instigator of the murder plot.

VIRGINIA MAN KILLED.

Charlotte.—Dillard Hooker, a young white man, aged 21 years, of Suffolk, Va., was shot and killed at 5:30 p. m. by H. O. Williams, a farmer of Charlotte township, the shooting taking place at Williams' home. Williams fired five times at Hooker, four of the five balls taking effect in Hooker's body. One ball pierced his left lung, one his right thigh, one his left forearm, one grooved his right thigh.

The killing, it is said, was the result of a trivial argument in which Hooker ordered Williams from house.

MAP OF TAMPICO AND ITS ENVIRONS, SHOWING LOCATION OF CUSTOM HOUSE



Tampico's falling into the hands of the Constitutionalists gave them a seaport through which munitions of war may be imported. Above cut shows location of Custom Houses on Panuco River, also Railway Station and other important places.

COLORADO READY FOR THE FUTURE

STATE LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR EXPENSE OF MILITIA.

TO END THE STRIKE TROUBLE

Difficulties Will Be Taken Care of in the Future Without the Necessity of Federal Aid.

Denver, Col.—Despite the fact that President Wilson asked for action the Colorado Legislature was on the point of adjourning.

Governor Ammons in a message to the President said that as soon as bonds, opposed by the Assembly, could be authorized the Legislature would adjourn.

President Wilson warned Governor Ammons that the state of Colorado must be prepared to maintain peace in the coal miners strike districts without Federal aid. The President said Federal troops would remain in the troubled district "only until the state of Colorado has time and opportunity to resume complete sovereignty and control."

"I cannot conceive that that state is willing to forego her sovereignty or to throw herself entirely on the Government of the United States," said President Wilson.

In response Governor Ammons telegraphed the President that an extra session of the Legislature, just adjourned, had provided a \$1,000,000 bond issue to cover past and future expenses of the state militia. The Governor expressed confidence that as soon as these funds are available the state will be able to control the situation.

"The Colorado mine districts have been under virtual martial law for months. Previous to the arrival of Federal troops three weeks ago the miners were guarded by the state militia. After the militia and strikers participated in a battle at Ludlow on April 20, when 21 were killed and after other serious conflicts the militia was replaced by Federal troops.

The \$1,000,000 provided by the bond issue referred to by Governor Ammons, \$691,000 has been spent in past expenses of the militia.

MEXICAN GUNBOAT SUNK.

Admiral Mayo Reported Vessel Went to Bottom of Panuco River.

Washington.—Admiral Mayo reported that the Mexican Federal gunboat Vera Cruz previously reported to have been abandoned, was sunk in the Panuco River at Tamos.

Admiral Craddock commander of the British naval forces at Tampico, called upon General Gonzalez commander of the Constitutional troops.

Admiral Mayo said he had arranged to call but with the understanding that the visit would be informal.

The American admiral added that business of the port of Tampico is being resumed slowly. Two oil ships cleared. No banks are open and money is extremely scarce.

Rear Admiral Badger reported from Vera Cruz that the cruiser Chester had sailed for Puerto Mexico to join the three other American war vessels there.

SAYS HUERTA MUST EXPLAIN AT ONCE

NEWS OF THE FATE OF PRIVATE SAMUEL PARKS MUST BE GIVEN.

"IT WAS A HOSTILE ACT"

If Infantryman Was Killed as Reported—Is Considered a Breach of the Armistice

Washington.—The United States has demanded of the Huerta Government news of the fate of Private Samuel Parks, the American infantryman, who strayed into Mexican lines near Vera Cruz, declaring that unless information about him was given immediately the American Government would consider that "an unfriendly and hostile act" had been committed in violation of the understanding for a cessation of hostilities pending mediation.

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, it was learned, drafted a strong communication, after receiving word from the Brazilian Minister in Mexico City that Parks had been "executed."

No mention was made in the Minister's report of whether he was shot as a spy after a court martial or whether his body was burned as has been reported persistently to General Funston.

The American Government cabled the Brazilian Minister to inform the Huerta Government the strong feeling of the United States in the matter, directing him to make vigorous representations concerning the incident.

The note asked the Minister to protest to the Huerta Government that if Parks were alive, the failure to explain his whereabouts was in itself an unfriendly attitude and that if the soldier had been executed, as has been reported, such execution of a man who came into the Mexican lines in full uniform was contrary to military procedure of civilized Nations and was an act of hostility.

The receipt of word by the British Embassy from Sir Lionel Carden, British Minister in Mexico City, that J. R. Silliman, massing American Vice Consul, was on his way by rail from Saltillo to Mexico City brought the first news about Silliman in several days, considerably relieving anxiety that had been felt by officials.

The British Vice Consul at Saltillo telegraphed the information to Sir Lionel Carden.

EXPLOSION KILLS TEN.

Chemists With Rubber Company Meet Death When Acids Explode.

Detroit, Mich.—Ten men, most of them chemists, were killed by an explosion of acid and chemicals in the mixing room of the Mexican Crude Rubber Company here. Four other employees taken to a hospital may die. Two men were seriously hurt. The one story concrete building was almost obliterated. Other buildings within a radius of a mile were more or less damaged. The loss was estimated at \$50,000.

The dead are:

Edward Christopher, William McCoy, C. Larsen, Al Hodgkins, Victor R. Burns, William F. Niles, Jose Casco, Gorton Latta, Emon, Aman and George Gleggoria.

TAMPICO IS FALLEN IN HANDS OF REBELS

FEDERAL FORCE ROUTED WITH CONTINUOUS FIRE OF CANNONS AND MACHINE GUNS.

OVER 300 WERE KILLED

Constitutionalists Now Have Full Control of the Mexican Seaport. New Phases in United States.

Brownsville, Texas.—Details of the fall of Tampico were received in an official dispatch by Col. J. Ricaut, commander in Matamoros.

The Federal force under General Zaragoza fled under cover of a downpour of rain, being followed by the forces of General Pablo Gonzales and Gen. Luis Caballero.

Ten cannon and fourteen machine guns were placed to the north of the city by the Constitutionalists, the official version said. A heavy fire from the machine guns was poured into the defending Federal forces.

The Constitutionalists' cannon played havoc, it was said, with the entire Federal entrenchment. The roar of the 10 cannon at Tampico was almost continuous from the opening of the final assault until the Federals fled in disorder.

The Federal gunboats seemed to have lost their effectiveness and the Constitutionalists claim they paid little attention to them in the latter part of the fight. Two of the Federal gunboats fled down the Panuco River. Reports said that one gunboat was aground, although it was not in action.

The last Constitutionalists attack on Tampico began under the leadership of General Luis Caballero early in April.

Tampico's fall, enlarging the Constitutionalists' sphere of control and giving them a seaport through which munition of war may be directly imported, injected into the Mexican situation new phases to occupy the attention of official Washington.

EXPENDITURES IN MEXICO.

Washington.—A special urgent deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$6,770,632, including more than \$6,000,000 for military establishment for expenditures on account of past and contemplated activity in Mexico and on the Mexican border was favorably reported to the house by the Appropriations Committee. It will be taken up in the house soon.

The military establishment appropriations carried at the instance of the War Department are:

Pay of the Army, \$1,828,663; subsistence \$1,255,538; regular supplies \$306,960; transporting of troops \$2,429,455; incidental expenses \$50,000; horses for cavalry \$405,825; barracks and quarters \$20,000; waters and sewers at military posts \$15,000; mileage to officers, contract surgeons, etc., \$50,000; signal service, \$7,500.

NO DRINKING AT VERA CRUZ.

Washington.—Secretary Daniels announced proudly that Admiral Fletcher had reported that out of the 6,000 American sailors and marines landed at Vera Cruz when that city was seized, not one was at any time found under the influence of liquor. The secretary agreed with Admiral Fletcher that this makes a new record for the navy and is fact, for any navy.

BAPTISTS ELECT LANSING BURROWS

AMERICUS MAN WILL HEAD BIG SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

THREE BALLOTS WERE CAST

First Session of Convention Attended by Nearly 1,500 Delegates From The South.

Nashville, Tenn.—Dr. Lansing Burrows of Americus, Ga., was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention which convened here for a five days' session. Dr. Burrows' selection terminated an exciting three ballot contest in which his four opponents for the honor were eliminated.

The first session of the convention was attended by 1,459 authorized delegates representing a constituency of more than two million persons from every Southern state and Illinois.

Immediately after convening the delegates entered into the election of officers. Dr. E. C. Dargan, of Macon, Ga., who has been president of the organization for three years, announced that he was not a candidate for reelection. Despite this fact Dr. Dargan's name was placed in nomination together with W. H. Wolfe, of Dallas, Texas, Edgar Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., Dr. J. B. Cambrell, editor of The Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Lansing Burrows.

The following other officers were elected by acclamation:

Vice presidents: W. E. Powell, Louisville, Ky.; W. H. Wolfe, Dallas, Texas; H. S. D. Mallory, Alabama, and J. M. Pilcher, Petersburg, Va. Treasurer, George W. Norton, Louisville, Ky.; auditor, William B. Harvey, Louisville, Ky.; corresponding secretaries, Hight C. Moore, North Carolina, and O. F. Gregory, Baltimore.

During the progress of the election, the visiting delegates were welcomed to the city by Rev. G. A. Lofton, dean of the local Baptist ministers and several committee reports were read.

Reports of the home and foreign mission boards were read before the convention, but no action upon them was taken. The foreign mission report stated that 5,523 baptisms during the year just ended, "the largest number ever reported in one year."

The report also showed that receipts for the current year amounted to \$578,478.97, or \$44,000 more than last year's receipts.

SHRINERS TO SEATTLE.

1915 Convention Will Meet in Seattle With Dr. F. R. Smith Imperial Potentiate.

Atlanta, Ga.—Selection of Seattle as the meeting place for 1915 and election of Dr. Frederick R. Smith, of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., as Imperial Potentiate of the Imperial Council, marked the meeting here of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

The meeting at Seattle will open July 15 and continue for four days. The Washington City was decided upon after its advantages and those of San Francisco, the other city seeking the gathering, had been considered by the Imperial Council late today.

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