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VERY OPTIMISTIC

ELPMENTS AT NIAGARA CON ERENCE LAID BEFORE CAB. INET SESSION.

ERTA WILLING TO SUBMIT

onnel of New Government Has en Discussed .- Consider Agrarian Question.

ashington. — Cabinet members optimistic after an exhaustive ew of all communications that passed between President Wiland the American commissioners he Niagara Falls Mexican medi-

was declared that negotiations progressed so far that a prelimiv hasis for peaceful solution of mational difficulties had been hed. This, it was said, soon would the form of a protocal which bably would be signed by agents General Huerta's Government and Inited States. No one would diswhat would be the terms of h a protocol.

hen the Cabinet met the Presit laid before it developments that e come day by day in the exnges between the American comsioners and the mediators and the ations thus far proposed to the th American envoys by the repreatives of General Huerta.

mong the messages received from seat of the peace conference was confirmatory of press dispatches t one of Huerta's own envoys had lared that the agrarian question ald not be permitted to disrupt the ernational effort to avert war been the United States and Mexico to insure the ultimate restoration peace to all Mexico.

While none of the Cabinet members uld talk of details disclosed conming the progress of mediation, all veyed the impression that nothing occurred to cloud the horizone of ce. Secretary Bryan was in an usually optimistic frame of mind. retary Daniels, too, was the perfication of hopefulness. The Secary of War, Mr. Garrison, betrayed evidence of apprehension.

failure thus far of the Constituhalists to indicate willingness to ticipate formally in the conference in was a subject of discussion in cial circles. Some of the Carranza ents in Washington had expected to ar from their chief during the day. ese agents regarded it as probable ald be sent to Niagara Falls.

the purpose of the Constitutional-

s, it was made plain, was to keep of preliminary negotiations, which uld in any way check the march of ir forces toward the Capital. They leve it will not be many weeks ore the Government at Mexico will be in their hands. When t is accomplished, friends of Cariza say he will be ready for the od of all Mexico to send represenlives to the mediation conference.

DETECTIVE FINED \$100.

Irns' Manager Charged With Violating Atlanta Ordinance.

Atlanta, Ga. — Daniel L. Lehon, uthern manager for William J. rns, the detective, was fined \$100 re in the recorder's court and bound er to the state courts because of eged violation of the city ordinances d state laws in connection with an vestigation of the case of Leo

was understood that an appeal buld be taken and that the constitionality of the city ordinances govning the activities of outside deteces would be attacked. It was arged against the detective that he led to report first to the local poe authorities when he began work. milar cases are pending against five her detectives.

Bill For Summer White House. Washington.—A bill to convert the eather station at Mount Weather, buse was introduced in the Senate Senator Swanson of Virginia.

Breaks Speed Limit. Indianapolis, Ind.—Jules Goux, winof the 500-mile race here last ar, broke the record for one lap at Indianapolis motor speedway en he circled the 2 1-2 mile course 1:31.71, a speed of approximately 1.2 miles an hour. This beat the cords set earlier in the day by ddy Tetzlaff and Joe Dawson. In first trial in the elimination laps e Frenchman sent his car down the s ever been seen here.



STARR J. MURPHY



Starr J. Murphy is the personal counsel for the Rockefellers and is assisting and advising John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in the troubles that have arisen over the Colorado mine st

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JURY SAYS BECKER

EX-POLICE LIEUTENANT AGAIN ADJUDGED RESPONSIBLE FOR GUNMEN'S WORK.

MAY DIE IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Prisoner Now Faces Death Unless He is Pardoned, or the Court Interferes.

New York.-Twelve men decided for the second time that Charles Becker was the arch-conspirator responsible for the Rosenthal murder, which nearly two years ago awoke New York to a realization of corruption in the police department and opened a new era of police reform.

Becker, one a police lieutenant, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Only a pardon or interference again by the Court of Appeals can save him from following to the eelctric chair the four gunsome representative eventually men who shot Herbert Rosenthal, the gambler, early on the morning of July 16, 1912. The jury decided that the gunmen were Becker's agents.

> One ballot decided Becker's fate. It was taken almost immediately after the jurors returned from luncheon at an uptown hotel where they went when Supreme Court Justice Samuel Seabury had finished his charge. It was unanimous for conviction. Tears streamed down the foreman's face as he announced the decision and tears stood in the eyes of several other jurymen. They had agreed that the corroboration which the District Attorney failed to present at the first trial to support the stories of Rose, Vallon and Webber, the three accomplices who turned informers, had been furnished by new witnesses at the

> Beckers counsel announced that he would appeal and gained a week's stay for the preparation of his future campaign. The defendant was granted a short meeting with his wife and his brothers and then was taken back to his cell in the Tombs.

Becker and his wife were talking shortly before 5 o'clock in a room adjoining the sheriff's effice when a court attendant announced that the jury had reached a verdict. Mrs. Becker was not permitted to accompany her husband to the court room. Newspaper men, court attendants, counsel for the defense and District Attorney Whitman and his staff were the only other persons allowed admission. The defendant's two brothers, Jackson and John Becker, the latter uemont, Va., into a Summer White a detective lieutenant, hurried to a side entrance where they stood awaiting the verdict.

Cost of Living Effects Preachers.

Kansas City, Mo .- The effect of the high cost of living on home missions was pointed out in the annual report of the executive committee of home missions, presented to the fourth general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church here. It was asserted that where a missionary could live for \$800 a year ten years ago it ham, Ala., for governor of the board now costs him more than \$1,200. For have been told it is said, that he lack of funds the committee has on aightways at a speed estimated at its hands 250 homeless churches and its hands 250 homeless where or miles an hour, the fastesi that at least 275 other places where or ganizations might be effected.

PEACE CONFERENCE

ADVANCES BEING MADE TOWARD AN AGREEMENT ON ALL PHASES OF SITUATION.

TAKE UP AGRARIAN PROBLEM

Question Has Arisen Whether This Subject Can Be Discussed at the Meeting of the Mediators.

Niagara Falls, Ont .- Smooth progress toward an agreement on all phases of the Mexican problem is being made by the mediators and the American and Mexican delegates. This was stated with emphasis by the mediators after a day of conferences principally with the Mexican dele-

The three South Aemrican diplomats made it plain that every aspect of the Mexican situation, both internal and international, had been laid before the delegates, no formal basis of Gen. U. S. Grant, and son of Gen. from home to join the Union army, had been reached for the treatment F. D. Grant, is a captain of engineers only to be taken from the ranks by in any specified order of the issues involved, nor has the relative importance of the main issues been defined.

The discussion thus far has been general. The mediators have taken the position that they are essentially counsellors. They will not suggest names for the provisional presidency, nor will they recommend any form of Government.

From the Mexican delegates themselves must originate proposals concerning the internal affairs of their country and these suggestions will be transmitted by the mediators to the American delegates.

The theory under which the internal questions are being brought into MONOPOLY the discussion is that the United States has a right to say whom it will recognize as provisional president of Mexico and therefore, can indicate in advance who will be acceptable.

On the agrarian problem too, suggestions must originate from the Mexican delegates. Thus far the question has been whether Mexico's purely internal question.

influencing a gradual settlement of Government." the question. The purpose of the A moment later Mr. Mellen remark-American delegates, it is said, is to ed "every time a railroad official place the problem so conspicuously comes to Washington he has to take before the world as an obligation of off his hat to some government ofthe future provisional government that | ficial." no new Administration could ignore

Other aspects of the Mexican question, however, have not been ignored. The relative importance which should be attached in the parleys to the Tampico incident, the personnel of the new provisional government and kindred questions incident to the transition to another Administration have been talked over in detail. No points have been decided but enough of the viewpoint of the American and Mexican delegates has been recealed to the mediators to warrant them in expressing distinct encouragement over the outlook.

IRISH HOME RULE IS LAW.

Measure Is Passed By House of Commons; Vote 351 to 274.

London.-Home rule for Ireland became practically certain, it was believed by supporters of the measure. The House of Commons this afternoon, on division, passed the measure by a vote of 351 to 274.

John E. Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, in a statement, said that the action of the Commons, was equivalent to the passage of the bill into a

"I hope that the Ulsterites, who are gneuinely nervous as to their position. will abandon unreasonable demands and enter into a conciliatory discussion with their fellow countrymen with regard to the points of the bill upon which they desire further safeguards," said Mr. Redmond.

For the Reserve Board.

Washington .- E. C. Simmons, of St. Louis is being considered for the place on the Federal Reserve Board declined by Harry A. Wheeler. It was said in official circles that Mr. Simmons had been offered the position and was expected to accept. Supporters of W. P. G. Harding, of Birmingwould be given one of the long-term appointments and that the governor to settle questions which led to the would get a short term. George E. landing of American forces at Vera Roberts was brough forward again. Cruz

CAPT. U .S. GRANT III



with the Fifth brigade at Vera Cruz.

FORMER RAILROAD PRESIDENT SAYS GOVERNMENT REGULA-TION IS SOLUTION.

MUST COME

For Economy and Efficiency There Should be One," Says Mellen to Councilor Folk.

Washington.-An absolute monopoly of transportation under government land problem could properly be dis- regulations and control, was suggestcussed in any international tribunal. ed by Charles S. Mellen, former presi The Mexican delegates regard it as a dent of the New Haven Railroad, to the Interstate Commerce Commission, The American delegates, on the as a solution of the American railother hand, have maintained that the road problem. "To get efficiency and land question has bred revolution af- economy," Mr. Mellen said, "there ter revolution and that some program | must be a monopoly and this monopshould be considered with a view to oly is certain to be the United States

Mr. Mellen appeared to have recovered entirely from his fatigue when he appeared before the commission to resume his testimony. He responded to questions fired at him by Chief Counsel Joseph Folk promptly, never hesitating a second for a word. He told at length the story of his steamship transactions with Charles W. Morse. Concerning these Mr. Mellen explained he felt it desirable to confer with Colonel Roosevelt, then President of the United States. He told clined to accept it, because, thus the New Haven would be able to turn the property irto cash.

REBELS STILL ADVANCING. Having Occupied Tepic, They Now Move on Guadalajara.

On board U. S. S. California, Mazatlan, Mexico.—(Via Wireless to San tutionalists having accupied Tepic with a loss of 400 killed and an unknown number of casulties among the Federals has begun its advance on Guadalajara. In advance of the moving troops, a flying squadron of cavalry is working destruction to the Huertoa lines of communication, its main object being the crippling of the railroad from Manzanillo to Guadala-

The capture of Tepic was accomplished after a bloody struggle. Although the losses of the Federals are uncertain it is known 200 were taken prisoners.

Mediation Outlook Bright. Niagara Falls, Ont.-Before attempt

ing in any way to deal with the Constitutionalists forces in Mexico, the three South American mediators let it be known that they are content to proceed to a bi-partite agreement between the United States and the Huerta Government. The mediators have not regarded the absence of delegates representing General Carranza its which were used in an effort to obas a serious detriment to their efforts | tain a new trial for the factory super-

OF KENTUCKY, DEAD

A DISTINGUISHED REPUBLICAN AND FOR FORTY YEARS IN PUBLIC LIFE.

SERVED IN THE UNION ARMY

Ran Away From Home to Enter Into the Struggle of the Civil War at the Age of 14.

Washington.-William O. Bradley United States Senator from Kentucky, died here at 9:45 p. m. after a lingering illness aggravated by a fall.

Senator Bradley was one of the most distinguished Republican leaders of Kentucky in his generation. An orator of unusual ability, for 40 years he had been prominent before the people of his state and the nation.

Born in 1847, he was only 14 years of age when War Between the States Capt. U. S. Grant III, a grandson was declared. Twice he ran away his father because of his extreme youth. As a page of the lower house of the Kentucky Legislature he attracted such attention that at the age of 18 a special act was passed by the Legislature, enabling him to practice law, if he proved his qualifications before an examining committee. He satisfied the committee of his qualifications and made law his profession.

Faced with a strong Democratic majority in his state Mr. Bradley often suffered defeat for office. Twice he was defeated for Congress and four times for United States Senator after receiving the nomination of his party.

In 1887 he was defeated for Governor, but reduced the Democratic majority of the preceding gubernatorial campaign from 47,000 to 17,000. It was this showing that led to his prominence as a vice presidential candidate the following year.

In 1895 Senator Bradley was elected Governor of Kentucky. Victory again settled on his banner in 1903, when a Democratic Legislature by eight votes, after a deadlock finally elected him to the Senate. Tis term would have expired March 3, 1915. His last speech was delivered on

May 6, when he spoke against the repeal of the Panama Canal toll exemption law.

METHODIST HAVE ADJOURNED.

In Session 18 Days the Quadrennial Annual Conference Closes.

Oklahoma City, Okla.-After being in session for 18 days the quadrenial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, formally adjourned. The selection of the place for holding the next conference has been entrusted to a special committee named for that purpose. It is generally believed that either Richmond, Va., or Atlanta; Ga., will be chosen, both cities having extended pressing

Despite the fact that strenuous efforts were made to clear the decks the President he had received an offer of all business at night session, adof \$20,000,000 from Morse for the New journment came with many petitions, Haven steamship holdings and felt in- memorials and resolutions still on the calendar. The majority of the delegates will remain in the city for a day or so, numerous board meetings having been called to meet immediately after the adjournment of the con-

Interest in the last sessions centered in the decision of the conference to not again submit to the an-Diego, Ca.—An army of 5,000 Consti- nual conference the question of changing the name of the church; the adoption of a committee report recommending stricter regulations of evangelists traveling within the bounds of the conference and the adoption of the resolution that both sides have four years consecutive jurisdiction in the various mission fields.

At the afternoon session the com-mittee on education recommended that \$105,000 be raised annually, to be spent at the discretion of the board of education and that all money due the theological department of Vanderbilt University to June 30, 1914, be paid.

Detectives Assert Innocence. Atlanta, Ga.-Declaring their only

crime "his been possibly the public announcement of our belief in Leo Frank's innocence," Daniel S. Lehon, Southern manager for William J. Burns, the detective, issued a statement here defending himself and fellow operatives of the charge of using improper methods in obtaining affidavintendent. Mr. Lehon was indicted for subordination of perjury in connection with the case of Frank.

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