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REFUGEES DECLARE HUERTA STARES MONSTER CONSPIRACY IN FACE WHICH MEANS HIS RUIN

Conditions Throughout Capital City Indicate That Climax is Near

SHARING OF LOOT IS PART OF ZAPATISTS PLAN

ZAPATA DECLARES INTENTION OF ATTACKING CITY TODAY-- HUERTA AND BLANQUET CONDEMNED

Vera Cruz, May 5.—That a plot is hatching in Mexico City, is the story that is told by nearly every refugee to this city. General Castro who had a hundred and forty nine mutineers at Jotutla, executed, said the plan contemplated seizure of the army command. The conspirators propose carrying out the plan before the rebels take the city, in the hope of sharing in the expected loot.

General Zapata's declaration of intention to attack the capital today which is published in the local newspapers, is taken to mean that the Zapatistas and the Huertistas will not join hands. The proclamation condemned Huerta in the strongest terms and declared that both he and General Blanquet, war minister, are guilty of death. The proclamation threatens dire vengeance on all who support Huerta.

Administration Worried.
Washington, May 5.—Reports are coming fast and persistent that Huerta's position in Mexico City is extremely precarious. This is worrying administration circles. From all accounts it is certain that the dictator's government is facing its overthrow. Even though the government has been wishing his elimination, the President and members of his cabinet are worried on account of the conditions that will follow.

With the threat of Zapata to attack the city today, with a conspiracy brewing that has as its object the doing away with the president, there seems to be just reason for fear. A situation of this kind is just such a one that would lead him to attack Vera Cruz in his blind folly, little considering that it would mean his speedy and certain ruin, perhaps death.

This being likewise the anniversary of the battle of Puebla, it may be deemed a likely occasion for rioting, and anti-American outbreaks. The mediators declared that while the withdrawal of the invitation to Carranza to participate in the peace negotiations would restrict their work, it would not end it.

Funston Strengthens Force.
Brigadier General Funston has notified Secretary Garrison that he had strengthened the garrison which is guarding the water works some ten miles from Vera Cruz. He has not,

however, extended his lines. Some reports had it that he had been requested to surrender the city of Vera Cruz to federal General Maas, but this is denied by Garrison. There is no intimation that even a first surrender was requested.

Reports that Funston was preparing to make an advance on the city of Mexico are likewise declared to be without foundation.

President Honors Dead.
Secretary Daniels stated the President had decided to go to New York to honor the Vera Cruz jackies and marines who fell during the landing and in the days succeeding. The bodies will arrive on the warship Montana. The program for the reception of these has been withheld.

Church on Wheels in City.
"Chapel Car Good Will" in charge of Missionary Rev. J. Franklin Day, reached La Grande last evening and will spend the day in the city. There will be Gospel services in the car tonight beginning at 8 p. m. Mr. Day has been working Utah and Idaho during the past year, also making Huntington, Haines and North Powder before coming here. In speaking of the trip Mr. Day said that "at almost every stop we have had large crowds in attendance with splendid results. We have found the railroad men very courteous and kind all along the line. Many of them have attended our meetings and a number have become earnest Christians. We are on our way to Enterprise for a campaign, and will stop at other points on the Joseph branch. The car will be here for only one night at this time. We hope to hold a short series of meetings in La Grande on our return." The Chapel car is just west of the depot and all will be cordially welcomed at the service tonight.

Half Million for Grounds.
Cleveland, May 5.—A big fight is on in Cleveland for a half million dollars to build playgrounds for idle youngsters.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, city councilmen, the Chamber of Commerce, and the city school board today were on record to fight shoulder to shoulder to swing a \$500,000 playground bond issue to be submitted to the voters shortly after July 1. The city

already has 34 playgrounds, twenty of which are under supervision of the school board.

"We need a hundred more and we are going to fight for a playground within four blocks of every youngster in Cleveland," School Play Director Peterson announced today. Peterson recently completed a school grounds survey. He reported the following conditions:

Over 41 per cent of Cleveland children are idle in their leisure time. They have no place to play. Fifty-one per cent of these are forced to play in the streets when they play at all.

"These conditions must not last," declared Peterson. Advocates of more playground call themselves city recreationists. They are an organized society behind the movement.

PHONE INTERCHANGE LAWFUL.

Federal Court Upholds Order of Railroad Commission of State.

Portland, May 5.—The state railroad commissions order for interchange of telephone service between the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and the Home Telephone company in the Oregon and Benson hotels in Portland, is held lawful, and the injunction sought by the Pacific company to restrain its enforcement, was denied in a decision handed down by Federal Judge Bean. The decision holds that the commission is adequately entitled to make such an order by the broad terms of the state public utility act.

Becker Again on Trial.

New York, May 5.—Ex-Police Lieutenant Charles Becker today was called for a second trial on charges of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal. The four men who shot Rosenthal down in the glare of Broadway's lights on Forty-second street, Whitey Lewis, Gyp the Blood, Lefty Louis, and Dago Frank Cirofici have paid the penalty with their lives. Becker after being adjudged guilty by a jury and that judgment affirmed by the State Supreme Court, was granted a new trial on technical grounds by the State Court of Appeals, one member of which tribunal voting against another trial for the convicted policeman. District Attorney Whitman today was prepared to take personal charge of the prosecution. It was understood that he will attempt at this second trial of Becker to introduce as evidence, facts regarding an alleged conspiracy to have the gunmen saved by perjured testimony, one of these witnesses, Karl Dresner, having confessed having been paid to give false evidence.

TAVERN UNDER MARTIAL RULE, WEST'S ORDER

SOLDIERS ARE HIKING BY FORCE MARCH ON ROAD HOUSE.

AUTOISTS TO BE SEIZED, CARS TO BE CHAINED

"Menace to Morals" is Governor's Reason for Grasping Extreme Measure—Some Think it Time for Governor to Stage New Act for Political Purposes—Use of Military Resented.

Salem, May 5.—Declaring it a menace to morals, and declaring that the state's laws are being flagrantly violated, Governor West has put the tavern club, a road house at Milwaukie, under martial law. Before night he will be in control with the militia.

The governor declared that a detachment of militia would be sent to the road house where they would immediately take possession of the Tavern in question, and would put under arrest every auto that came to this resort. Autos will be seized and be put under lock and chain.

Just what the governor will do with the occupants of the machines that stop at the place for lubrication is not mentioned. The general opinion prevails that the governor is staging another act for political purposes. It is thought his act will be resented.

Memorial Drawings In.

Washington, May 5.—Drawings for the million dollar George Washington Memorial to be erected in this city are being considered today. The winning architect will receive \$1,500. The Memorial will take the form of a four story building in either Georgian or Italian Renaissance style, containing a great auditorium and subordinate meeting rooms. On the third floor will be rooms for states which will have contributed, preference being given to the thirteen original states. Massachusetts is expected to contribute \$200,000 as a state fund.

Couple Celebrate Golden Wedding

MR. AND MRS. J. P. DELONG MARRIED FIFTY YEARS.

RESIDENTS HERE 28 YEARS

Ten Grandchildren and Two Great Grandchildren Alive.

Today Mr. and Mrs. J. P. DeLong, whose home is eight miles from La Grande on the Booth road, are celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. On May 5th 1864, during the closing days of the Civil War, they were married in Perry county.

A number of federal soldiers came from the south to participate in an event which world loves.

Both were born in Perry county, Ohio, and in September of the same year, started west, arriving in Okauchee, Iowa, where they made their home for eight years. During their stay here the first member of the family died, named Laura Belle. After the eight years had transpired, they moved to Polk county, Nebraska, where they settled on a homestead, living there fourteen years. Then they had the misfortune to lose two of their children namely, Flora Belle and Grace. In 1886 they moved to the Grande Ronde Valley of which they have been industrious, respected and prosperous citizens ever since.

Mr. De Long followed agriculture for a livelihood most of his life and accumulated enough of this world's goods to live in comfort and plenty. Mrs. De Long is as active today as she was on the day of her marriage, and sets a bright example to the younger generation for application to duty and faithful performance of her share of a happy and industrious life. All of the children and some of the grandchildren are in attendance at the celebration. From three to five o'clock this afternoon they are holding open house for their many friends and neighbors who have come to show their love and veneration for the aged and respected couple. The occasion is truly a festive one, which must make the celebrants feel that their life is not only full of merit, but one which their friends venerate.

The living children who are celebrating with their parents are Mrs. Luella Oliver of Lakeview, Oregon; Miss Anna De Long of Portland; Mrs. Lena Willerling of Seattle; Mrs. Maud Walsinger of Alice, Ore.; Waldon De Long of Lakeview, Ore.; and Ernest De Long of La Grande.

Mr. De Long will be 73 years of age on the 27 of June and Mrs. De Long will pass the 70th mile post. Both are in fair health.

ALIMONY BRINGS RUIN.

Bankruptcy Filed Because of 11 Years of Accumulated Debt.

Portland, May 5.—A debt of \$3,000 and the accumulation of 11 years unpaid alimony at the rate of \$20 per month, due a former spouse, is the principal liability of C. E. Bush, a carpenter of La Grande, who with his wife, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court here.

WAR TOLL GROWS.

Three Men Succumb to Wounds from Vera Cruz Fight.

Washington, May 5.—Clarence Hirschberger, seaman and Harry Pulliam, fireman, who were shot during the capture of Vera Cruz, died this morning, according to reports from Admiral Badger.

OLNEY REFUSES RESERVE BOARD CHAIRMANSHIP

PRESIDENT IS COMPELLED TO REVISE LIST OF NAMES.

OLNEY WAS THOUGHT A CAPITAL CHOICE

Much Speculation is Rife Concerning Successor—Miller or Warburg May Chief Post—Olney Makes no Public Yet—Old Age is Cause.

Washington, May 5.—Ex-Secretary of State, Richard Olney, of Boston, has declined the honor of becoming the chairman of the newly elected federal reserve board. The President is thereby driven to revise the list, which he had considered completely made up. Besides Olney it was thought Paul M. Warburg of New York had been chosen and had accepted. Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago is also a member of the board, together with W. P. G. Harding of Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. A. C. Miller of San Francisco.

It is thought likely the latter three will accept. Wheeler and Miller's acceptance is considered certain. It is thought now that the chairmanship will be offered to either Warburg or Miller. There is much speculation concerning the fifth member to the board.

The selection seems to have met with much real satisfaction and Olney's selection was hailed with much genuine approval, owing to his ability and his aloofness from purely party considerations.

It is thought the new board will have things in working order in the coming month, as the currency measure requires that they signify their acceptance within the 15 days following their appointment. The country is anxious to have the banking question settled.

So far no reasons have been made public why Mr. Olney has refused the important post. Some speculate that it is on account of his advancing years and this is likely, inasmuch as he has been in public life almost forty years.

Y. M. C. A. PLANT CONTRACT LET

VACUUM SYSTEM IS CHOSEN FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY.

Hulme and Spaeth Get Contract, Besting All Competitors.

The heating and plumbing contract for the Y. M. C. A. building has been let and Hulme and Spaeth of this city are the fortunate bidders. The first system proposed was a straight one steam pipe gravity system, and all of the bidders figured on this kind of system.

After these were in and rejected the executive board of the Y. M. C. A. concluded that the building proper would cost somewhat below their original estimate and for this reason they could expend some additional money on a better heating system. This led them to reject all of the original bids and call for others based

O'SHOUGHNESSY RETURNS HOME

New Orleans, May 5.—O'Shoughnessy arrived this morning on his way to Washington. "I'm damn glad to get back to the United States" said he, and showed by an outburst of joy that seemed almost hysterical, that he was in real earnest.

"The situation was very acute when I left, he added, and Huerta held up my mail dispatches for two days before I got them. I do not expect to go back," he continued, "they usually send another man."

Raid for Opium Made.

Federal officers this afternoon made a raid on the store of Jim Livermore and Toy Young company, also on the store of Quang Wah Yuen Co., and most of the Chinese laundries for evidence of illicit use of opium. When seen this afternoon no damaging evidence had been secured, save an opium pipe and several American playing cards. The search had not been completed at the time of going to press, but what evidence had been secured appeared to be of no particularly damaging value.



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