

U. S. - MEX. SITUATION IS SERIOUS

BOAT LOAD OF AMERICAN SAILORS HELD UP AND ROBBED OFF TAMPICO

VERA CRUZ OCCURRENCE MAY BE REPEATED

Sailors Were Fishing on Tamesi River When Attacked and Were on Official Duty, With Flag Flying From Boat—Serious Consequences May Arise From the Incident.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The most serious of the recently growing list of attacks on Americans in Mexico came to light today. A boatload of American sailors from the U. S. Ship Cheyenne were held up on the Tamesi River, July 6th, within nine miles of Tampico, and the sailors robbed. The American flag was flying from the boat.

Closely resembling the attack on American sailors which led to the occupation of Vera Cruz in 1914, the State Department did not hesitate to regard it as a grave affair and dispatched urgent representation to the Carranza government and the Tampico authorities.

Although the sailors were fishing, they were on official duty, bringing food for their ship, and the American flag flying from their boat denoted that it was on official business.

A preliminary report of the attack reached the navy department July 7th, but was not forwarded to the state department until today. The reason for the delay is not understood by officials of the state department.

The incident is regarded as most serious and as charged with possibilities, because the Carranza forces are in full control in the Tampico district and because it comes as a climax to a long series of attacks on American citizens, all of which have increasingly aggravated the feelings of the United States toward Mexico.

Since President Wilson returned from the peace conference he has turned his attention to a great deal to the Mexican situation. Various reports have been circulated to the effect that the American government policy has undergone a change but there has been no official announcement.

It is known that United States troops along the border have new sets of orders which was evident by the prompt manner in which they crossed into Juarez and cleaned up the fighting there when it commenced El Paso. The extent to which the military establishment has been prepared to meet a military situation in Mexico has not been disclosed but there are evidences that the government is taking measures to be prepared for any eventualities into which it may be forced.

Officials see in the incident of July 6, the making of a more serious situation.

HOLT SERVICE HAS BEEN REMOVED TO ITS NEW QUARTERS

The Holt "Caterpillar" Service Station has recently moved from the Robinson garage to new headquarters at 1625 Jefferson avenue. In the new headquarters which were especially built for this enterprise, a complete line of parts has been installed which will enable Holt "Caterpillar" owners in this territory to have at hand such parts as may be needed from time to time.

BAD CHECK MAN MAKES GETAWAY

ISSUES A FALSE CHECK ON THE PALMER LUMBER CO.

Toggerly Cashes Check and Then Suspicion is Aroused—Man Gets Away.

One, Charles Lethe, is sought by the officers. The reason for this is that he uttered a bad check last evening and got the cold coin of the realm on it from the Toggerly. Fifty dollars in bad money is in the Andrews Brothers till and Mr. Lethe is happily on his way. The bold fellow made out a check on the Palmer Lumber company and endorsed it in the proper manner, asking that it be cashed. Palmer checks are legal tender in La Grande, and the Toggerly had no hesitancy in throwing out real money to the man. But when he had left the store, Al. Andrews, who has handled checks for so long that he can smell a bad one, saw the check was a small one and he knew the Palmer people issued the blue check to employes. Suspicion was at once aroused and officers were sent out to find Lethe but he had left the city, probably in an automobile.

RAPID GAME OF BALL ON TODAY

AD CLUB TEAM TO GO AGAINST NORTH POWDER.

Local Bunch Is in Pink of Condition and Is Prepared for a Genuine Struggle Today.

The local diamond will be the scene of a lively game this afternoon when the speedy Ad Club Ball Team meets the North Powder aggregation. North Powder will be right on the job with the defeat of last Sunday administered by the La Grande team on their own diamond, are coming determined to even things up. A large number of fans will accompany the team.

The local team is in the pink of condition and are prepared for a real struggle. Roy Keen, the heavy hitting pitcher, will be on the mound while Wm. Workman will officiate at the receiving end of the "over seas" battery for La Grande. Tools Garity is giving his brother Bud a tight race and both are putting up a good grade of ball. Frank Crippen is playing a speedy game at 3rd. Among the old reliables that will be seen are Miles Johns, Price, Clark, Childers and Hickey. Pidecock and McGinnis will also be right on the job, in case of an emergency.

PACIFIC FLEET STARTS ON WAY

PRESIDENT WILL GREET THEM AT JOURNEY'S END.

Trip Through Panama Canal Will be First Real Test of Its Military Value.

OLD POINT COMFORT — The Pacific Fleet was well on its way to night. None of the pomp and ceremony which marked the departure of the world's greatest fleet in 1907 attended the sailing of the fleet today under Admiral Hugh Rodman. That is being reserved for the triumphant entry of the ships into the Golden Gates about the middle of August where President Wilson is expected to review them.

After a voyage in the Virginia roadstead preparatory for their voyage the grim dreadnaughts and light destroyers weighed anchor at 8:20 a. m. and turned their prow seaward on a voyage that is the man of the hour's first real test of the Panama Canal and carry to the people of the Pacific board the first great fleet assigned to their defence.

INFRACTION OF PATENTS COMES HIGH

BUTTE AND SUPERIOR MINING CO., OF HELENA, LOSES CASE IN U. S. COURT

PLAINTIFFS ARE AWARDED NEARLY \$20,000,000

Court's Decree Amounts to An Injunction Against the Use by the Helena Company of a Process Patented by the Minerals Separation Ltd., of London, England

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

HELENA, Mont., July 20.—Judge Geo. M. Bourquin, in the United States court today, handed down his decree in the action of the Minerals Separation, Ltd., of London, Eng., against the Butte and Superior Mining Co., of Butte, a matter involving a flotation process.

The Butte and Superior Co. must make payments to the Minerals Separation estimated at between 15 million and 20 million dollars. In effect the decree is a permanent injunction.

The action was originally tried before Judge Bourquin, who found for the plaintiffs. The arguments this morning were on what matter should be included in the decree.

The amounting of profits and damages will be heard by the court October 27. The final decree is expected several weeks after that date.

J. L. Brice, general manager of the Butte and Superior Co., here today said his corporation would continue to operate with the process using more than one per cent of oil.

In today's decree the court held that letters patent issued to Henry L. Sulman and H. F. K. Paeard and John Ballou for improvements in ore concentration, the patents on which the suit is based, are good and valid. Full and exclusive ownership of the same lies with the Minerals Separation, says the decree.

Where the Butte Company used a fraction of one per cent of oil it embodied the patent's process. Where it used more it did not.

The Minerals Company will recover the profits of the Butte and Superior and due damages and the plaintiff will recover costs of about \$7,500 in the Superior court. The question of other costs is reserved for the time. The injunction forbids use of the process in any manner.

DOUBT AUTHORITY OF ORDER TO GO BACK TO WORK

PORTLAND, July 20.—Striking telephone operators and electrical workers are uncertain whether to return to work Monday as ordered from San Francisco. Some think the move is a ruse to get the employees back until the government control ends.

GERMANS SEEKING CREDITS

NEW YORK (AP)—Officials of the Deutsche bank of Berlin have started negotiations with New York banks for establishment of credits for the benefit of German interests here. It is understood the Deutsche bank officials are spokesmen for the German government.

American bankers have been given to understand the amount wanted is considerable, with \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 for a beginning.

WIDOW STOPS MCOY

SOUTH ST. PAUL, Minn. (A.P.)—Mike O'Donnell, St. Paul, and his eight children of the world, showed up Al. McCoy, Beselgo, former mobile weight champion, in the third round of their scheduled 10-round bout here Thursday night.

INSTRUCTOR AT O. A. C.

Miss Lulu L. Day of Postville, a long resident of the Oregon Agricultural college, 1918, has been appointed instructor in bookkeeping. This brings the status of the department of home economics up to 25 members. Indications point to a large increase in attendance for next year. Mrs. May taught at O. A. C. for 10 years.

FOUR DECLARES ENGLAND WILL BE UNPREPARED AGAIN

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON.—The next time England will be in the same position as the last time. She will not be ready and we will have to wait for her," is a statement made by Marshall Foch of France to a correspondent of the Daily Mail in an interview today. The Marshall insists that Great Britain should maintain large reserves of military material, saying: "This is one of the obvious and indispensable precautions to be taken."

SUNDRY CIVIL BILL SIGNED.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The president today signed the Sundry civil bill revised by congress to meet his objections. The agricultural appropriation bill with the daylight repeal rider eliminated by the house for the second time, now awaits the action of the senate.

FINE CAR FOR MRS. HUNTER

BERT HAMILTON DELIVERS ONE OF THE FINEST MACHINES TO BE HAD.

Every Refinement of 1920 Manufacture Contained in Beautiful Car.

Possessed of every improvement and refinement known to the last word in automobile manufacture, the new eight cylinder Brougham Sedan Cadillac, which was ordered some time ago for Mrs. W. G. Hunter of Island City, was delivered to the owner today by Bert Hamilton, of the Hamilton garage.

It is a beautiful machine with full glass enclosed top set on the best chassis made by the Cadillac builders and fitted with every feature known to the industry. The interior is done in velvet mohair and it is without doubt one of most satisfactory machines ever purchased in Union county.

"I am very proud of the car," said Mr. Hamilton, "for it is up to every expectation. Not a thing has been omitted and every feature bespeaks the most modern production of the makers."

Mrs. W. G. Hunter, the purchaser, is one of Grande Ronde valley's oldest and best known citizens. She is the wife of the late W. G. Hunter, whose name is legend in Union county, for he was for years one of the leading men and his good works stand as monuments to his memory. Mrs. Hunter is one of the pioneers. No one knows better than she every step of advancement made by the valley. In her earlier years the mode of transportation was by team and on horseback. In those days it was quite a trip to visit Union or Summerville and she has seen the progress come steadily until the automobile caps the whole line of progressive march by annihilating distance.

MILITARY FLIGHT OF 7,000 MILES STAMPS MONDAY

WASHINGTON, July 20.—An airplane flight around the rim of the U. S. a distance of 7,000 miles, will be started from Washington Monday by Lt. Col. R. S. Hartz, commanding officer of Bowling Field, who will fly in an army bombing plane in the interests of reconnaissance and route charting the army air service and will be accompanied by two private pilots and a mechanic. The trip will take the party across thirty states.

The itinerary includes San Antonio, Texas, San Diego, Calif., and Seattle, Wash. The trip to the low east will be completed by American airmen.

BUSH FIRES WIDESPREAD IN IDAHO

LARGE ACREAGE IN THE COEUR D'ALENE FOREST COVERED BY THE BLAZE

STRONG WINDS FANNING FIRE IN DRY FOREST

Over Three Million Feet of Standing White Pine Timber Killed by One Fire in Coeur D'Alene Forest—Number of Minor Fires Are Being Brought Under Control

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SPOKANE, July 20.—Fanned by strong winds from north and west and aided by the extremely dry nature of the forest, two fires in northern Idaho have sprung into raging infernos and at last reports were being unchecked. Call for additional men have been sent out with some success. One fire is on Bear Creek, near Enaville, Idaho, 18 miles west of Wallace. It started this morning and is giving untold trouble to 50 men who are combatting it. 40 additional men are on the way to assist. The blaze has burned over 200 acres mostly of the "burn" of 1910. This blaze is on the Coeur D'Alene forest.

The second serious conflagration not yet under control is on Round Top Mountain, in the Kanikou national forest, between Priest river and Sullivan. While from 50 to 100 acres has been burned over, according to Supervisor Howard Flint the blaze is a most threatening one and may bring disaster to Supervisor Flint's record of not having lost an acre of merchantable timber thus far this season. A call has been sent out for 25 more men. The fire near Newport, which for some time was serious is under control but is being watched closely by residents of the city. The Boulder Creek fire, also in this forest, is being held after burning over 600 to 700 acres of the old "burn." The Caribou Creek fire also is under control. About 80 men are fighting blazes in Kanikou forest. Men from Montana and Idaho are struggling with the conflagration near Heron, Mont., on the Montana and Idaho line, but on the Coeur D'Alene forest. Early reports have stated that 3000 acres were covered by the blaze but tonight it was estimated 2000 had been burned. The Steamboat Creek fire on the Coeur D'Alene forest is now under such control that 20 men have been released for duty elsewhere. It has burned over 450 acres and from three million to 3,500,000 feet of standing white pine timber has been killed. Minor fires have been reported on the Miners' Creek on the North Fork river, 30 miles above Pritchard, on the Murray branch of the O. W. R. & N. railway and at Big Elk, near the headwaters of the North Fork river. About 250 fighters in addition to the regular patrol of 100 men are kept busy.

SPokane, July 20.—Fifty forest service employes and 150 men employed by the Forest d'Orchard Protection Association late tonight had not placed under control the big Pack River fire on the Bend d'Orchard forest according to Supervisor Ryan. The blaze has burned over 5000 acres, chiefly washing, and with strong wind blowing from north and northwest promised to be hard to subdue.

No damage has been done to timber on the U. S. side of the international boundary by the blazes raging there, Supervisor Ryan stated, although he was reported that in Canada the fire had swept over a front of from ten to twelve miles and was still going. The Ruby Creek fire on the Bend d'Orchard was spreading slowly in addition to regular patrol forces of 14 men and 175 horses have been employed, and are fighting the numerous fires.

SERVICE MEN ON LIBERTY LEAVE RACE

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Soldiers, sailors and marines on liberty in the city said they had been given the right to vote in the primary election by colored men during the few days' liberty. Several colored men were invited to the primary election and on colored men were invited to vote. Several colored men were invited to vote and several were invited to vote.

IS RACING FOR MAIL STEAMER

NEW SAVINGS CERTIFICATES TO GO TO ALASKA TONIGHT.

Robt. E. Smith Using Airplane, Motor Boat, Auto and Train to Make Scuttle from San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—Carrying a million dollars worth of the new saving certificates issued by the treasury Robert E. Smith, director of the war loan organization of the Twelfth federal reserve district, started at 8 o'clock this afternoon on a race by airplane, motor boat, automobile and train trying to reach Seattle before the departure of the mail steamer for Alaska tomorrow night. An airplane will meet him at Roseburg when the train arrives at that place tomorrow.

FIELD MARSHALL HAIG TAKEN ILL IN PARADE

LONDON, July 20.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig was taken ill and had to be removed to his home in Kingston in a motor car after the Victory parade today. Many had noticed that Marshall Haig looked in white riding at the head of his men.

WILLIAMS FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

COMPROLLER OF CURRENCY ATTACKED BY McFADDEN.

Sensation Sprung When Accusation is Made That Office is Used for Financial Gain.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Charges that John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the currency, aided his brother-in-law, Louis C. Williams, of Richmond, Va., in negotiating for purchase by the government of property in Washington valued at \$4,200,000 and received part of the commission for the sale, was made before the house rules committee by Representative McFadden, Republican, of Pennsylvania. He asked the house to report out his resolution providing for the appointment of a special committee to investigate. He announced that if investigation was not ordered he would prefer charges on the floor of the house and ask for Williams' impeachment.

Denied by Williams

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Comptroller Williams said that the charges reported by Representative McFadden, were "utterly without foundation and a falsehood from start to finish". He said he had no interest in the sale of the Arlington hotel property to the government and received no compensation therefrom.

PEACE RETURN IS CELEBRATED

JULY 19th OBSERVED ALL THROUGH BRITISH EMPIRE

Greatest Demonstration in History of London Seen Saturday—Americans Led Monster Parade

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, July 20.—Laid sea and air forces of the British empire and the allies were represented today in the Victory parade to mark the return of peace.

Several million persons watched the greatest spectacle with entire joy growing as the various sections moved by them. When the British contingent came in sight the applause became a great roar.

The victory parade had its climax at the great demonstration along all Mall and about the pavilion before Buckingham Palace, where King George, Queen Mary, Premier Lloyd George, cabinet ministers, the American ambassador, John W. Davis and other diplomats reviewed the parade. General Pershing, leading the American contingent, was given a tremendous reception. So also were Marshal Foch, commander in chief of the Allied armies and the other leaders, and their contingents. London has not witnessed such a celebration since the late Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee in 1897. Buckingham Palace was decorated on its exterior and for the first time in its history. Huge flags of the allies floated from the upper windows and wide streamers of purple and gold stretched across the facade. The royal pavilion erected close to the beautiful Victoria memorial monument added color to the scene. King George from his seat on the scarlet dais had a clear view through a colonnade of white hyacinths reaching for mounds than a hundred to the Admiralty arch. The troops marched past the reviewing stand on a parade of a dozen battalions. The Americans led the procession. It was 12:30 when they came, marching with swiftness and in perfect precision. As the Americans approached the stand, King George and all the others including Queen Mary, the Aged Queen Mother and Alexandra, and Princess Mary arose.

TREATY MAY BE RATIFIED UNCHANGED

POSSIBLE RESERVATION DISCUSSED AS RECONCILIATION WITH SENATORS.

WOULD INSURE RIGHT OF NATION'S PREROGATIVES

Administrative Leaders Scout Likelihood of President Accepting Any Reservation to League of Nations Covenant, as He Has Sufficient Support to Carry it Unchanged.

WASHINGTON—Altho administration leaders both in executive and senate circles discount the possibility of President Wilson accepting any reservation in the ratification of the peace treaty and the League of Nations covenant some of the Republican senators who have told the President that a majority will favor interpretative reservations are discussing what middle ground may be found on which the opposing forces may unite.

If the administration senators continue to stand firm on their claim, they will have the votes to pass the treaty without change and say that as they will make their fight on that basis they do not care to discuss what might happen if they failed to muster them.

Meanwhile Republicans who favor the League of Nations' idea but have told the President some reservation will have to be made are working on plans which they feel will be acceptable.

If the President is making any effort to sound out the entente powers on possible reservation, as has been reported, none of the usual channels of the entente embassies in Washington is being used and there is no evidence to support that theory.

Discussion among the Republicans seems to range around the following tentative resolution:

"That nothing in article 10 shall be construed to obligate the United States to enter war without a declaration of war by Congress.

"That nothing in the covenant shall in any way impair the Monroe doctrine or curtail the nation's prerogative of administering it as a purely national policy and

"That it shall be understood that in accepting the covenant the United States does not subtract from its sovereign right to determine purely domestic problems such as immigration and the tariffs."

These and other reservations of similar character designed to give additional guarantees of the right of independent national action without violating the fabric of the League might satisfy it is argued, a considerable group of Republican senators who are favorable to some sort of a peace league.

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