

HUERTA HINTS HE WILL RECONSIDER

New Basis for Negotiation Likely Aim.

CRISIS IN MEXICO IMMINENT

Army, Unpaid, Is Mutinous and Financial Worries Pile Up.

EUROPEAN PRESSURE FELT

Washington Learns Old World Diplomats Are Quietly Backing Up Wilson and President May Not Read Message to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—The Huerta administration in Mexico may reconsider its rejection of the American proposals to restore peace in Mexico and arrange a new basis for negotiations with the United States before next Tuesday.

Strong intimations to this effect reached official Washington tonight along with the information that the financial condition of the Huerta administration was such that a crisis was imminent.

Wilson May Not Read Message.

Should the Huerta government decide to enter into a new basis of discussion, withdrawing its contentions as expressed in the Huerta note replying to the proposals communicated by Mr. Lind, President Wilson in all probability will not read his message to both houses of Congress on Tuesday as he intended.

The President made no effort today to prevent the House from adjourning until Tuesday. It had been supposed that he would read the message Monday and would ask the leaders in Congress to arrange a joint session. Failure to send any word to the leaders was interpreted in official circles as meaning that the United States had practically given the Huerta government until Tuesday to make up its mind finally as to what it would do.

President Remains Firm.

It is positively reiterated that the United States will continue to insist on the resignation of Provisional President Huerta or an announcement of his intention to do so, as well as his elimination from the Presidential race in the subsequent election.

President Wilson passed the day in studying the notes exchanged by Lind and Huerta and preparing his message. The message may be modified by dispatches received Tuesday, and there also is the possibility that the President may find it expedient to postpone delivery of the document.

Reports from Mr. Lind declare that his relations with the Huerta officials are more cordial than before and that they manifest a willingness to find some new ground for a settlement.

American Policy Approved.

European diplomatic pressure, it is known here, is quietly at work in Mexico City in an effort to convince Huerta officials that the policy of the United States is approved abroad. It is learned also from authoritative sources that the Huerta government is facing a mutinous army, dissatisfied because no pay has been forthcoming for weeks. It was apparent tonight that Washington officials expected word from Huerta before Tuesday, and that unless it comes the notes will be proclaimed to the world through the President's message, showing the efforts of the American Government to bring about peace along with suggestion for a definite line of procedure by the United States in the future.

White House officials, however, were confident that the situation would unravel itself. They would not disclose upon what their optimism was based, but it is believed that reports from Lind today were responsible for the new confident feeling.

WILSON'S POLICY IS ATTACKED

London Paper Says President Is Playing Game of His Enemies.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The Saturday Review in a leading article today savagely attacks President Wilson's Mexican policy. It says President Wilson "unconsciously is playing the game of those in the United States who want control of Mexican politics in order to fill their own pockets."

Concluding, the article says: "If he wishes to plunge his own country into a war that would last for years, drive Mexico back to an anarchy, and play the game of his own political enemies he will continue his present policy and try to break down the Huerta regime. On the other side is the alternative of accepting a trifling reverse of policy."

REPORT OF ULTIMATUM DENIED

Mexican Legation at London Is Told Proceedings Are Cordial.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The Mexican Legation here received today a cablegram from the Mexican government instructing it to contradict any rumor to the effect that an ultimatum had been sent to the United States. The message adds: "The rumor is entirely false. Confidential negotiations are proceeding with mutual and full cordiality."

BEST BABY WILL GET \$25,000 PRIZE

PANAMA-PACIFIC FAIR TO TRY TO PICK FINEST CHILD.

Medical Experts to Hold Preliminary Tests in Every State—Contestants to Be From 3 to 10 Years Old.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 22.—That the Child Life Exhibit Company, with headquarters in the Temple of Childhood at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, will essay no less a ticklish task than that of choosing the "best baby in the world," the winner to receive a capital prize of \$25,000, is the most recent announcement of those in charge of the "babies and babyhood" department of the Exposition.

Actual choice will lie in the hands of a committee of medical specialists and Dr. Anna Steers Richardson, of the Woman's Home Companion, and the winner of the coveted title will have been picked from a total of 250,000 applicants.

Preliminary contests will be held in every state capital, under the supervision of Mrs. Frank DeCarmo, originator of the "better baby contests," and the winners will compete in sectional eliminations. Contestants will range from 3 to 10 years of age.

BLACKMAILERS DRAIN MAN

Prosperous Farmer Admits to Banker He Is Extortion Victim.

SPENCER, Ia., Aug. 22.—That Frank Rosenkrans, a prosperous farmer near here, has given blackmailers more than \$4000 since last April developed today, when four men were arrested for the crime.

Rosenkrans has made several large withdrawals from his bank account since last April, and his banker, J. H. McCord, asked him what he was doing with so much money. Rosenkrans was finally persuaded to confide in McCord and said that a gang of men had threatened to take his life if he did not advance them money, he demanded. Since April 22, he said, he had given them about \$4000 in cash and notes. Last night Rosenkrans had agreed to turn over \$2000 more. Rosenkrans went to the appointed place with the money, but was accompanied by officers, who hid near the agreed rendezvous. In a short time William Carter, Mack McCarter, Matt Adair and Oscar Cunningham were taken into custody before they had relieved their intended victim of his coin.

BIG TRACTION STRIKE NEAR

Officials of Indiana Lines Refuse to Recognize Employees' Demand.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 22.—Unless there are some 11th-hour developments, a strike against the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern, the Indianapolis & Cincinnati, the Indianapolis, Columbus & Southern and the Union Traction Companies will be declared at 4 o'clock tomorrow morning by the new local of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electrical Railway Employees, according to its officials tonight.

Officials of the four companies say they have not recognized the union and have paid no attention to the list of grievances, which was presented by the men this morning.

GUNS AT PANAMA OPPOSED

Speaker at The Hague Says 2,000,000 American Women Protest.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 22.—Two million women in America protest against the fortification of the Panama Canal, was the assertion made today before the Peace Congress by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of Indianapolis.

Dr. William F. Slocum, of Colorado Springs, a member of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, offered a resolution "inviting the United States Government never to fortify the waterway." It was laid on the table.

The Congress adopted a resolution, introduced by Professor Feldman, of New York, denouncing war loans, and one introduced by Professor Slayden, of Washington, opposing the construction of military airships.

GIRL IS KILLED BY BLAST

Rock Hurled 600 Feet Strikes Linton Child on Head.

As she was playing with her dolls in the dooryard of her parents' home at Linton yesterday afternoon, 4-year-old Alice Ophine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ophine, was fatally hurt by a rock which flew from a blasting shot of the Kennedy Construction Company on the hillside 200 feet away.

The rock, which weighed about ten pounds, struck the child on the forehead, fracturing the skull. Her mother picked the baby up and carried her in her arms to the office of Dr. S. M. Mann, two blocks away, where she died a few moments later. Deputy Coroner Goetsch was summoned and brought the body to Portland.

NEBRASKA TO MAKE ROADS

Governor Announces Intention to Proclaim Two Days.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 22.—Governor Morehead said today he intended soon to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of Nebraska to devote two days to the building of good roads in the state. Governor Morehead signified his willingness to den workers' men's clothing and assist in any such work.

No definite date for the issuance of the proclamation or the days to be devoted to road-building was announced.

DANGERS OF FREE WOOL PORTRAYED

"Tariff for Politics Only" Decried.

MINORITY FAILS TO AGREE

Bill Classed as Distinctly in Favor of Europe.

DEMOCRATS ARE SILENT

"We Have the Votes," Leaders Insist, Confidently Explaining Why They Need Not Talk—Third Substitute Is Introduced.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Stubborn opposition to free raw wool and radical reductions in woolen manufactures proposed in the Democratic tariff bill was conducted by Republicans of the Senate all day today and will be resumed tomorrow.

Senators Warren, of Wyoming, and Penrose, of Pennsylvania, addressed the Senate for six hours, the former characterizing the proposed bill as "tariff-for-politics-only, instead of for revenue only," and the latter asserting that the woolen schedule as prepared by the majority was "distinctly against America and for Europe."

In the midst of the day's discussion, Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, introduced the third minority substitute for the woolen schedule, the others having been proposed by Senators Penrose and Smoot. The wide divergence of minority views on the subject of wool demonstrated in this triumvirate of measures was pleasing to Democratic leaders, who confidently asserted that they did not need to talk because "we have the votes."

Vote May Be Delayed.

Though an effort will be made by Chairman Simmons, of the finance committee, and other majority members to get a vote on the woolen schedule by tomorrow night, the vote may be prolonged until next week. Senators Smoot and La Follette planning to debate the measure at length.

Senator La Follette's proposal was distinguished chiefly by its rate of 15 per cent ad valorem on first-grade raw wool, a rate originally suggested by Democrats of the House ways and means committee before President Wilson insisted on free raw wool. The La Follette measure also proposed that second-grade raw wool be free and would provide ad valorem instead of specific rates, though contrary to arrangements of the tariff board and the views of his Republican colleagues, Senators Root and Penrose.

"From the British standpoint," said Senator Penrose of the Democratic wool bill. (Concluded on Page 2.)

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PAGE SET BY COMMANDER

Col. C. J. Bailey Hikes 11 Miles in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Colonel C. J. Bailey, commander of the coast defenses of Puget Sound, set a pace yesterday for the best of his young men, when he "hiked" from headquarters at Fort Worden to headquarters at Camp Garrison in 2 hours 17 minutes. The distance covered is close to 11 miles.

During the tramp Colonel Bailey rested only 18 minutes.

Children to Invade Strike Zone.

CALUMET, Mich., Aug. 22.—That the Western Federation of Miners is preparing for a long struggle in the copper mining strike district is indicated by preparations begun today to send children of strikers to other cities. It is said that between 500 and 1000 children will be sent to homes in Marquette County alone.

THAW'S CHAUFFEUR THREATENS TO TALK

Prisoner Has Quarrel With Attorneys.

GLOSE WATCH KEPT ON CELL

Aide Intimates He Should Get More Than Attorney.

THAW 'QUEER,' SAYS JAILER

Stanford White's Slayer Telegraphs That Legal Aid Be Furnished Matteawan Gatekeeper—Prison Doctor Says Inmate Is Sane.

SHERBROOKE, Quebec, Aug. 22.—"Gentleman Roger" Thompson, the New York chauffeur, held under the Dominion immigration laws as having aided Harry K. Thaw, legally a lunatic, to cross the Canadian frontier, announced from his cell tonight that he was "up against it" and that if the Thaw family did not come to his rescue he would perhaps in justice to himself be forced to tell all he knows about Thaw's escape from Matteawan and thus complicate the proceedings under which Thaw's lawyers hope to obtain his release on a writ of habeas corpus on Wednesday next.

Tonight Thompson removed the smoked eyeglasses he has worn since his arrest and openly admitted that the name Mitchell Thompson he had given the authorities was fictitious, and that in reality he is Roger Thompson, car salesman and daredevil chauffeur, who drove the black machine which whisked Stanford White's slayer away from Matteawan.

Thompson Says He Needs Money.

"Sure, I'm Roger Thompson," he said. "I need money and help now and it's up to the Thaw. I was framed and I'm getting in this case and they ought to stand by me now. I haven't a cent and if they admitted me to bail I couldn't raise the money. The other four fellows mixed up in the game made their getaway. But I stuck to Thaw to the finish and I'm the goat. That's pretty hard."

Counsel has been employed for Thompson by the Thaw family and it is through their efforts that his arraignment today as a violator of the immigration laws was postponed until Friday next. His lawyer is Louis St. Laurent, of Quebec. It was admitted by the chauffeur that the "Thaws" retained St. Laurent and that they expected him (Thompson) to "keep his trap shut." He added grimly that he thought they ought to do more than give him a lawyer. "All they want," he said, "is to keep my case separate." (Concluded on Page 2.)

GIRL SAVED FROM DROWNING FATHER

MOTHER RUSHES IN SWIFT CURRENT TO RESCUE.

LOGATORS' CASES ARE TO BE PROBED

Mass of Testimony Is Being Arranged.

DUPES MAY NUMBER 20,000

Special Prosecutor Arrives From Washington.

500 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Over \$1,000,000 Estimated to Have Been Garnered in Fees for Illegitimate Filings on Area in Railroad Land Grant.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Rushing into the swift current of the Willamette River to her arm pits, Mrs. E. C. Welch fought for several minutes to rescue her 19-year-old daughter from the clutches of her drowning husband. Sitting on the bank, she saw her husband suddenly begin to drag the daughter, Eva Welch, whom he was teaching to swim, out into the deep current. Three times she saw her sink. She pushed out a board, but the girl was unable to grasp it. Then she herself plunged in, and was successful, just as she reached the last step she could have taken and still retained her feet.

E. C. Welch probably died of heart failure rather than by drowning. He was teaching the daughter to swim near the milling district. Suddenly, without a cry or struggle, he began dragging the girl to the swift deep water. After the mother rescued the girl she called for help.

A. W. Lord, an employee of the Eugene woolen mills, responded, and drew the body from the water just before it passed over the rapids, a short distance below.

Welch came here with his family a few weeks ago from Bellingham, Wash., where he was employed by a logging company as an electrician. He has been employed at odd jobs while in Eugene.

He carried no insurance, and the family is said to be virtually without means of support.

RAILROAD WINS DECISION

Commission Denied Authority in Interstate Dealings.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Holding that the State Railroad Commission has no authority to compel a railroad to supply a shipper with cars for inter-state shipments, the Supreme Court of the United States has reversed the verdict in the case of F. V. Martin against the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company.

Martin asked the railroad for cars to move his fruit, and they were denied him. He appealed to the Commission, and it ordered the company to supply the cars. The cars were not supplied and Martin filed suit for damages and was given judgment for \$1250.

The mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case was received by the clerk of the Oregon Supreme Court today.

BARN FIRED BY LIGHTNING

Loss to Two Buildings, at Roy, and Contents Will Reach \$1500.

ROY, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—A bolt of lightning in one of the worst and most sudden thunder storms that has ever occurred in this neighborhood fired the barn of Henry C. Carson, at Carson's Station, on the United Railway, about 27 miles out of Portland, this morning at 10 o'clock.

The barn was filled with hay and grain. The loss of barn and contents amounted to about \$1500. An adjoining warehouse, also filled with hay and grain, was fired, but a heavy rain storm following immediately after the flash put out this second blaze and the contents were saved. Several trees were destroyed in the vicinity by the lightning.

GERMANS ARE THREATENED

Chinese Rebels at Nanking Tell of Intent to Shell Consulate.

BERLIN, Aug. 22.—Advices received today by the German foreign office from Nanking, China, indicate that trouble is impending between the German naval officers and the Southern revolutionaries, who threaten to bombard the German consulate and the German cruiser Emden.

The insurgent leader sent a letter to the German consul at Nanking declaring that the Emden had bombarded the rebel positions on Lion Hill, and announcing his intention of retaliating on the German cruiser and the consulate. The consul denied the allegation. In the meantime the German armored cruiser Scharnhorst has been sent to Nanking.

TRIPLETS WEIGH 20 LBS

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Jones, of Rooster Rock Proud Parents of Trio.

CORBETT, Or., Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Triplets, two boys and one girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Jones, of Rooster Rock, August 9.

The three babies have an aggregate weight of 29 pounds, and are in perfect health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are the parents of eight children, the eldest being 11 years old.

SCHOOL HALTS FOR CIRCUS

Board Postpones Opening One Week So Children May Attend Show.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—(Special.)—Another week of vacation and a circus are the added attractions for school children of Los Angeles. The board of education today officially approved the circus and pronounced it educational.

School was to begin September 3, but as the circus will be here three days that week, the Board postponed the opening until September 15.

