

ARMY IS PREPARED FOR HOSTILITIES

Funston to Command Advance, if Made.

VERA CRUZ POLICY STANDS

Mediators Meanwhile Embrace Whole Mexican Affair.

CONGRESS ENTERS SCENE

Rhode Island Senator Demands Information on Report That Administration Seeks to Elevate Villa to Presidency.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Secretary Bryan announced tonight the three South American mediators in the Mexican trouble would meet at Niagara Falls, Canada, May 18, to receive representatives of the parties to the controversy. Mr. Bryan said: "The mediators have notified the different parties that Niagara Falls, Canada, has been selected as the place where the mediators will center with representatives of the different parties interested in the mediation and that May 18 has been fixed as the date when the conference will begin."

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Developments in the Mexican situation today were divided between the diplomatic and the military status.

The South American mediators continued their sessions and for the first time it became authoritatively known from them that they considered the whole range of Mexican affairs as properly embraced in their work. Their reply to Carranza had made this clear, and while they have eliminated him from the mediation for the time being, it still was left open to him to enter proceedings later.

Preparation for War Is Made. At the War Department it became clear that the policy at Vera Cruz would be maintained, with no advance of the American forces unless to repel attack. It was known, however, that a definite course of action had been outlined in the event of a resumption of hostilities, and the extension of the campaign toward Mexico City.

In that event Major-General Leonard Wood will be in supreme command, with General Funston directing the advance beyond Vera Cruz, and General Charles J. Bailey, of the Coast Artillery, assuming command of the base at Vera Cruz. This arrangement, however, is wholly in the line of preparedness and signifies no present purpose of being put into operation.

Senator Asks for Information. Congress, after a period of silence on Mexico, again came into the situation. In the Senate Senator Lippitt, of Rhode Island, introduced a resolution calling on President Wilson for information as to published reports that it was the Administration's purpose to aid General Villa to secure the Presidency. During a brief, spirited discussion, Senator Lodge read from a London paper a scathing denunciation of Villa. The Lippitt resolution went over until tomorrow under the Senate rules.

President Wilson and his Cabinet met, but it was announced afterward that only routine had been considered. The sessions of the mediators continued through the day, with the three Huerta delegates now named and understood to be on the way; the United States delegates not yet designated, and Carranza definitely eliminated from mediation as long as he persisted in his present attitude.

Canada Meets With Objections. The destination of the Huerta delegates was not clear. It became known that Huerta wished the negotiations to take place in neutral territory, suggesting Canada as a suitable location. This had encountered opposition on the ground that Canada, being a British colony, might introduce into the negotiations a European element, and also because it was believed the British government was not particularly desirous of having the controversy brought within its domains. It was said that ten days might elapse before definite word on a settlement could begin with the arrival of the Mexican delegates.

The text of the note from the mediators to General Carranza, made public during the day, declared definitely for the first time that "all the difficulties which contributed toward the present situation in Mexico bear either directly or indirectly on the solution of the pending conflict between Mexico and the United States." The mediators therefore announced that all these difficulties "should be made the subject of consideration in the negotiations."

Amistice Is "Indispensable." They also informed Carranza that they considered a suspension of hostilities as "indispensable" to his participation in the mediation. They said in their note to Carranza:

"We have received your telegram, in which you are kind enough to tell us that you deem it inconvenient for constitutional reasons to suspend hostilities against General Huerta, on the ground that such suspension would accrue to the benefit of Huerta"

HUERTA WILL NOT RESIGN, HE AVERS

Dictator Has "No Thought" of Giving Up Place.

Conduct of Government Toward Americans Remaining in Capital Mentioned as Answer to Query.

LONDON, May 5.—(Special.)—President Huerta told the Mexico City correspondent of the Daily Mail yesterday that he was not going to give up his position of chief executive of Mexico. He said:

"I have had no thought of resigning the office which the republic conferred upon me."

General Huerta declared that his health was good. In reply to a question as to his sentiments toward Americans he said:

"The conduct of my government and of the Mexican people towards Americans who are remaining here during the present conflict is the best answer to that question."

EZRA MEEKER WINS SUIT

Pioneer Gets Share of Estate Held by Prominent Centralian.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 5.—(Special.)—Judge Rice, in the Lewis County Superior Court, has returned judgment in favor of Ezra Meeker, the pioneer and trail blazer, in his suit brought against E. W. Waddle, a prominent resident of Centralia, to recover land in this city. Mr. Meeker asserted the property belonged to his wife at the time of her death.

Mrs. Waddle and Mrs. Meeker were sisters. When the former died, without leaving any will, Mr. Waddle took charge of the property. The court held that with the exception of a \$2,000 mortgage, held by her husband, it should have been divided among all of her heirs. When Mrs. Meeker died she willed her share to her husband.

ITALIAN TREATY SIGNED

Fifteenth of Bryan Compacts Is Performed in Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Secretary Bryan and Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, Italian Ambassador, today signed a treaty providing that any question between the United States and Italy which cannot be settled by diplomacy shall be submitted to investigation to an international commission of five men. The period of investigation is fixed at one year, although it may be shortened.

The treaty follows the terms of a similar one negotiated by Secretary Bryan and the Netherlands. It is the 15th of the Bryan peace treaties.

ASTORIA STOPS REPEALED

Senator Lane's Bill Passed Allowing Vessels to "Pass Up" City at Bar.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 5.—Senator Lane today secured the passage through the Senate of his bill which permits vessels entering the Columbia River bound for Portland to proceed to their destination without stopping at Astoria, as now required by law, and also permitting outbound vessels to proceed to sea without the Astoria stop.

The bill repeals three obsolete sections in the navigation laws.

NEW MAYOR INSTALLED

Tacoma Officials Assume Duties Without Any Speechmaking.

TACOMA, Wash., May 5.—A. V. Fawcett, elected Mayor here, has been recalled three years ago, entered upon his duties this morning, together with James C. Drake and Charles D. Atkins, who were respectively chosen as Commissioner of Light and Water and Commissioner of Finance.

The Council chamber was packed by an enthusiastic crowd. Without ceremony or speechmaking the Council went directly to business, confirmed a few appointments and adjourned in 12 minutes.

250 CAPTIVES CRUCIFIED

Albanian Invaders Wreak Double Vengeance on Mohammedans.

DERAZZO, Albania, May 5.—Two hundred and fifty Mohammedan Albanians, captured by the Epitro invaders at Hormova, were crucified in the Orthodox Church at Kodra, according to information received by the Albanian government.

The Epitros are said to have set fire to the church afterwards and allowed the bodies to burn.

BIG APPLE CROP EXPECTED

Orchards in Hasum District Will Have Record Yield, Say Growers.

HUSUM, Wash., May 5.—(Special.)—This year's crop of apples is now assured for this section of the White Salmon Valley is the verdict of orchardists. J. R. McCracken states that his orchards will yield 15,000 boxes this year, an increase of 50 per cent over last year.

The Hillmar Orchards, of 40 acres, owned by M. Faust of Portland, will produce the first bearing year about 2000 boxes of apples.

KERMIT WEDS ON JUNE 11

Ambassador Willard Announces Definite Date for Daughter's Marriage.

RICHMOND, Va., May 5.—The marriage of Miss Belle Willard to Kermit Roosevelt will take place in Madrid June 11.

That definite announcement was contained in a cablegram from Ambassador Willard to friends here.

COLORADO PARTIES FOR LAW AND ORDER

Appeal Made for Support of Programme.

LEGISLATURE BEGINS WORK

Bonds for Payment of Militia Are Proposed.

MORE CAVALRY ARRIVES

Colonel Lockett Reaches Trinidad With Regiment and Ludlow Is Occupied by Regulars—State Police Is Advocated.

DENVER, May 5.—Three facts stood out prominently tonight in connection with Colorado's industrial conflict:

First—The introduction of bills in the Legislature which, if passed, will pay the expenses of the military campaign of the state militia and give the Governor additional authority in time of internal strife.

Second—The appeal of the Republican and Progressive state central committees to the people of Colorado to unite in support of a programme for the restoration of law and order.

Third—The arrival in Trinidad of Colonel James Lockett and the Eleventh United States Cavalry and the occupation of Ludlow district by United States troops.

Legislation Set in Motion.

At brief sessions of the Senate and House today bills to carry out the law and order programme of Governor Ammons were placed in the hopper and legislative machinery set in motion to expedite the final action. Identical measures introduced in the House and Senate provide a constitutional amendment giving the Legislature authority to enact a compulsory arbitration act and laws giving the Governor authority to close saloons and regulate the sale and purchase of firearms in times of internal disorders.

In addition a bill to establish a state police force was offered in the Senate and a measure for a bond issue to pay the militia and the expense of the military campaign was introduced in the House. Each bill was referred to committees and adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

Law and Order Sentiment Gratifying.

Administration leaders expressed satisfaction at the law and order appeal of the Republican and Progressive state central committees for "all good citizens regardless of party affiliations to unite" in a campaign to secure legislation for the "peaceful and orderly settlement of all industrial disputes." This was taken as a further

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GIRL DIES ON MAN'S GRAVE

Ruth Strong, of Orville, Ends Life Where Betrothed Was Buried.

DAVENPORT, Wash., May 4.—Miss Ruth Strong, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Strong, of Orville, committed suicide Thursday, on the grave of her betrothed, Elmer Gasser, who died a year ago and who was buried near Chewaw, north of here.

Since the death of her sweetheart, Miss Strong had made frequent visits to the grave. Last week she went to Chewaw, hired a heavy rig and drove as usual to the cemetery. When she did not return by dusk, apprehension was felt by an acquaintance in Chewaw, and a trip to the cemetery was made. She had taken poison. No note was left.

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ROOSEVELT TELLS OF TRIP INTO WILDS

Sixty Days Spent by Party in Canoes.

NARROW ESCAPES ARE MANY

One Man Goes Mad, Kills Comrade, Flees Into Jungle.

KERMIT NEAR DROWNING

River Thousand Miles Long; Not on Published Maps, Explored—Colonel Has Severe Fever, but Is Practically Recovered.

PARA, Brazil, May 5.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in an interview with the Associated Press on board the steamer Dunstan, on which he had just arrived from Manaus, gave many interesting details of his exploring trip through the wilds of Brazil. He said:

"This expedition has proved a signal success. It was undertaken originally for the American Museum of Natural History.

"During our trip George K. Cherry and Leo Miller, the naturalists, collected more than 2100 birds and mammals and a few reptiles, batrachians and fish, chiefly from regions not hitherto traversed by any collector, and many presenting specimens hitherto unknown to science.

Thousand Mile River Found.

"The most important part of our trip was geographical. In the exploration of an unknown river we have put on the map a river nearly 1000 miles long, the existence of which is not hinted at on published maps. The upper part of its course was unknown to anybody except the wild Indians along its banks, while the lower part was known to a few rubber men only. The river takes its rise in the high uplands of the western part of the state of Mato Grosso, just north of the 12th parallel of south latitude and between longitude 50 and 60 west of Greenwich.

"We embarked in latitude 12 degrees one minute south and longitude 80 degrees 15 minutes west.

Sixty Days Spent in Canoes.

"The river ran with many doublings and twistings almost due north into the River Madeira, where its entrance was at about 5 degrees 30 minutes south latitude.

"We were 60 days in canoes. In latitude 7 degrees south we passed the last rapids and reached the steamer, when we were but 26 hours from Manaus.

"In latitude 10 degrees 38 minutes south we struck the mouth of a big

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'LITTLE NAVY' PLAN IS LOST IN HOUSE

Underwood and Mann Side With "One Ship" Men.

Motion to Eliminate Battleships Altogether Is Swamped—Private Yards Fight for Work.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—"Little Navy" men in the House lost their fight today against the two-battleship construction programme in the annual Navy appropriation bill. An amendment by Representative Buchanan, of Illinois, to provide for one ship was defeated, 148 to 91, while a motion by Representative Witherspoon, of Mississippi, to eliminate all provision for battleships was swamped, 152 to 41.

Democratic Leader Underwood and Republican Leader Mann, with several other prominent figures in the House, voted with the one-ship advocates.

When the House adjourned the remainder of the building programme was pending, with a motion by Representative Mahler, of New York, that at least one of the new battleships be constructed at a navy-yard and one by Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, that both contracts go to Government plants.

Representatives of districts in which private yards are situated are making a vigorous fight against these propositions. Representative Jones, of Virginia, and the battleship New York, built at the Brooklyn navy-yard, cost \$1,000,000 more than her sister ship, the Texas, the product of a private builder.

Chairman Padgett, of the naval committee, said that on account of congestion of work it meant a delay of at least a year to build the ship in Government yards. Consideration of the bill will be resumed Thursday.

WOMAN DIES IN ICY RIVER

Train Passengers Electrified as Suicide Leaps From Bridge.

CLIF ELUM, Wash., May 5.—(Special.)—Passengers and train crew on North-East passenger train No. 4, at noon today, were electrified at the spectacle of a woman, known as Annetta Browning, throwing herself to her death from a wagon bridge that crosses the Yakima River, a short distance from where the train was passing.

She disappeared for a moment beneath the water's surface, but was seen to rise and make a desperate struggle with the current in an effort to reach shore. The current and icy cold water soon overcame her, however, although she remained afloat until she had passed the city. She had divested herself of all her clothing before making the fatal leap.

The woman's clothes were later found on the wagon bridge, a note attached to them, on which she was inscribed: "Life is not worth living."

The woman is believed to be Mrs. Doyle, of Calgary, although little is known of her here.

MORRIS' PAROLE MOCKS

Governor West Shifts Responsibility to Multnomah Officers.

SALEM, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—Governor West today attempted to shift the responsibility for the pardoning of Jesse L. Morris, after he served nine months in Kelly Butte, on a charge of non-support.

Morris, it is alleged, after obtaining his freedom, became intoxicated, visited his home in Portland and attempted to beat his wife and take their children from her. He was returned to prison to serve the remainder of his sentence.

The Governor says the man was given a conditional pardon on the request of Sheriff Word, and that District Attorney Evans, in a letter, said that he had no objection to the pardon being granted.

WOMAN LONE POPULIST

In Prohibitionist and Independent Registrations Women Beat Men.

ASHLAND, Or., May 5.—(Special.)—Jackson County figures at the close of registration, May 2, are as follows: Republican, 4112; Democrat, 2129; Prohibition, 478; Independent, 431; Socialist, 236; Progressive, 278; Unclassified, 57; Populist, 1. Total, 7808, of which 583 are men and 2399 women.

Only in the Prohibitionist and Independent registrations do the women outnumber the men. The lone Populist registrant was by a woman.

WILLIAM MORTON 91 TODAY

Veteran Portland Business Man to Receive Friends 4 to 10 P. M.

William Morton will be at home to his friends at 193 Fourteenth street, from 4 to 10 P. M. today, his ninety-first birthday.

Mr. Morton is one of the few men remaining in Portland who were in business here 50 years ago.

He arrived in Portland March 10, 1863, taking the position of bookkeeper and manager for the commission firm of Richards & McCracken.

PIER BORING NEARS END

Bed Rock on Vancouver Side of Bridge Site Found at 35 Feet.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 5.—(Special.)—Little concerning the beginning of work on the Columbia River interstate bridge has been heard in this country for several weeks, but practically no agitation has been started to have a rehearing.

The boring for piers to determine the strata in the bottom of the river has been about completed and the boring crew has moved its camp to the slough. The bed rock underlying the river was found on this side at a distance of about 55 feet or less. It was nearly 100 feet on the Oregon side.

FREIGHTER BURNS AT SEA; 13 RESCUED

Survivors Exposed 40 Hours in Open Boat.

OTHERS ARE BEING SOUGHT

Cunarder Cruises in Search of Missing Ones.

WIRELESS IS CRIPPLED

Steamship Bound From Antwerp Takes Fire Off Newfoundland and Explosion Prevents Sending Call for Help.

ON BOARD STEAMER FRANCONIA, Via Sable Island, N. S., May 5.—Thirteen survivors of the steamer Columbian, bound from Antwerp for New York, which caught fire at sea Sunday night, were picked up today by the Cunard liner Franconia, from Liverpool for Boston.

In the boat with the survivors was the body of the chief steward, Matthews.

Another boat, containing the chief and second officer and 17 men, was still adrift. The Franconia cruised in search.

Survivors Suffer Intensely.

Those aboard the Franconia are: James Drohan, wireless operator; Antonio Elias, carpenter; Ivar Iversen, boatswain's mate; August Frim, Jens Jensen, A. Abelnick, quartermaster; Gustav Schirbor, donkeyman; Thomas Connor, John Lei and Arthur Brandt, able seamen; Antonio Cordones and Bennett Rother, firemen, and Frank Wedekind, messroom steward.

The survivors suffered terribly during 40 hours' exposure in an open boat. Their exhaustion was so great that it was impossible to obtain a coherent story from them several hours after they were picked up.

The Columbian caught fire Sunday night when about 300 miles south of Cape Race. A series of explosions followed immediately. Captain McDonald ordered the wireless operator, James Drohan, to send out calls for assistance, but one of the explosions put the wireless apparatus out of commission.

With the vessel belching flames and torn by the explosions, it soon became evident that the crew could do nothing, and the order to abandon the ship was given.

The men left the Columbian in two boats. Chief Steward Matthews was in charge of the first. This boat put away and lay to for a time, but in the dense smoke which surrounded the burning vessel the other boat was not visible, and the steward's boat finally drifted far from the scene.

Of their sufferings during the 40 hours in which they were tossed about and of the death of Chief Steward Matthews during this time, the men could say little when they were brought on to the decks of the Franconia.

Search for Second Boat Made.

Food and sleep were the first considerations. As stores of fresh provisions and passengers were ready with offers of assistance, Captain Miller, of the Franconia, saw to it that the survivors first obtained the required rest.

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VESSEL IS FREIGHTER ONLY

Columbian Believed Not to Have Carried Any Passengers.

NEW YORK, May 5.—The steamer Columbian, which the Cunard liner Franconia tonight reported burned at sea, sailed from London April 16 for Antwerp and thence on April 23 for New York.

The Columbian was a cargo vessel and is believed not to have had any passengers on board. She was 443 feet long, 45 feet beam and 31 feet depth. She was built at Belfast in 1890 and was owned by F. Leland & Co., Ltd., of Liverpool.

The Columbian line late today received a wireless message from the Franconia which read:

"Rescued 13 survivors and Chief Steward Matthews, who is dead, of the steamer Columbian from Antwerp. Crew suffering from exhaustion, said to have been in boat 40 hours. Columbian caught fire Sunday night and almost immediately a series of explosions occurred. The wireless apparatus was destroyed.

"One other boat containing the chief officer and second officer and 17 men is adrift. The Franconia is making diligent search for it."

It developed tonight that the Columbian was running under charter by the Phoenix line, with office in Antwerp, having been borrowed by the Leyland line for this one voyage across.

A Mackay Pentz, local agent of the Phoenix line, tonight estimated the number of the Columbian's crew at between 45 and 60. Of these the Franconia reported having saved 13 alive and the body of another, while 15 were said to be in the boat still adrift, making a total of 33.

There were no passengers, Mr. Pentz said. The steamer had a miscellaneous

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