



REBEL VICTORIES IN SOUTH REPORTED

Early Advance on Capital Predicted.

FUNSTON TO EXTEND LINES

Discretion Given General in Command at Vera Cruz.

MEDIATORS MAKING PLANS

No Attention to Be Paid to General Carranza's Failure to Take Part and Outside Pressure Is Being Brought to Bear.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—While the Mexican situation was outwardly calm today, pending the formal opening of the conference of the South American mediators at Niagara Falls on May 18, there continued an active undercurrent of discussion and preparation for the peace plans and definite reports reached the constitutionalist headquarters here of sweeping victories of their forces near San Luis Potosi and other points far south of San Luis. It was thought their next big battle would be fought.

The news of constitutionalist success reached here in dispatches from General Carranza to Raphael Zubaran, minister of the interior in the constitutionalist cabinet, who had a direct wire set up to the headquarters of General Carranza in Chihuahua today.

Three Campaigns Under Way. General Carranza's messages showed that three converging campaigns were in active operation, each within 200 miles of Mexico City. General Obregon, with 15,000 men operating from the Pacific Coast side, had captured all the intervening territory, was besieging Mazatlan and was threatening Mexico City from the west.

Another division, General Carranza reported, had fought a battle at Penzacos, near San Luis Potosi, which is 300 miles north of Mexico City. This is the southernmost point which the constitutionalists have reached in Central Mexico, and with the army now attacking Tampico they assert that the general advance on the Mexican capital is to be made within a few weeks from three sides.

Rebels Approaching Capital. The significance of these constitutionalist successes lay in the fact that San Luis Potosi is far south of Saltillo, and only 300 miles from Tampico on the west and Mexico City on the south. General Carranza's report of the desperate condition of the federals at Mazatlan was coincident with reports from Rear-Admiral Howard, who said a land and sea engagement was carried on between the federal and constitutionalist forces from Piedad Island, while the federal gunboat Morelos was supported by the federal shore batteries.

Aside from the noteworthy constitutionalist successes, the chief military development of the day was the authorization to General Funston to extend his lines at Vera Cruz as might be required for defensive purposes, without, however, undertaking any aggressive operations. A report came from General Funston that he could obtain no definite information as to active movements by the federals under General Maas, but he construed what they were doing as being merely defensive.

General Wood Makes No Move. No further reinforcements have been ordered to Vera Cruz, nor has there been any sign of General Wood's moving to the front to assume command. The naval situation was shown in reports from Rear-Admiral Baggot as to the Atlantic Coast points and from Rear-Admiral Howard as to conditions on the Pacific Coast side. Admiral Baggot said that sharp fighting had occurred between Mexican federals and constitutionalists between Vera Cruz and Tampico and added that rumors reached him through Admiral Mayo that some of Villa's forces intended to take and burn the city of Tampico. Admiral Mayo put no faith in reports of a truce between federal and constitutionalist elements about Tampico.

Congress again came into the Mexican situation today when a caustic debate took place in the Senate over the resolution of Mr. Lippitt, of Rhode Island, asking President Wilson for information as to his reported support of Villa for next ruler of Mexico. The resolution was tabled by a viva voce vote, but not until Senator Lippitt had discussed reports of the Administration's support of the "villainous Villa," the landing at Vera Cruz and other incidents.

Mediators Perfect Plans. The South American mediators completed their plans for beginning the conference at Niagara Falls. Headquarters will be established at a hotel there. The mediators with their secretaries, stenographers, etc., will make a party of about 15. They will leave here on May 14 to prepare for the opening conference the following Monday. The Huerta delegates are expected to arrive by way of Montreal.

The mediators announced today that they would proceed with their work without regard to the course of General Carranza in coming or remaining. (Concluded on Page 2.)

FRATERNITY FOLK BEST STUDENTS

"BABBS" AT UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FALL BELOW.

Records Show 74.3 Per Cent of Greek Letter Men and Women Conditioned; 10 2-3 in Others.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—That students at the University of Washington in Greek letter organizations receive fewer conditions, the monthly statements on the records denoting poor scholastic work, than do non-fraternity students in proportion to their respective enrollments was shown today by figures given out by Recorder Stone, who filed the last allotment of warnings for the present college year.

There are 2727 regularly enrolled students in the university. This figure is exclusive of Summer school and students enrolled in short courses. Of the total enrollment 1708 are students without fraternal affiliations. For the past year 7 2-3 per cent of the fraternity and sorority enrollment have received conditions while 10 2-3 per cent of the non-fraternity enrollment have been apprised of poor scholastic standing.

The freshman class is the greatest offender. The faculty and administration has been particularly rigorous in holding students to satisfactory school work this year.

During the past nine months, 1654 conditions were sent to 1472 students.

BRITON IS YANKEE ENSIGN

Senate Allows Foreigner Navy Commission, Awaiting Papers.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—In the first case of the kind on record, the House has passed the Senate bill to authorize the President to appoint Gordon W. Nelson, of New York, formerly of Syn-denham, England, an Ensign in the Navy on graduation at the Naval Academy, conditioned on Nelson's becoming a citizen by January 1 next.

Representative Chandler, of New York, explained to the House that Nelson had failed to take out his naturalization papers on time owing to erroneous advice.

Nelson now will be allowed to take rank as an Ensign, but his commission as an officer will cease if the naturalization papers are not on record at the close of this year.

AUTOPHONES MAY BE USED

System to Reduce Operators 80 Per Cent Considered at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company is considering the advisability of introducing a new switchboard system in this city which would cut down the number of girl operators by 80 per cent, it was learned today.

City Commissioners McBroom and Fasset said they are informed the Pacific company and the Bell interests, with which it is affiliated, are experimenting with what is known as the "auto-manual" system, under which the present type of telephone instruments are retained and switchboards substituted for the "plugging" system.

FIVE IN AUTO FALL 15 FEET

Dr. Sell, of John Day, Driving Own Car, Has Leg Fractured.

CANYON CITY, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Dr. J. W. Sell, of John Day, was seriously injured today in an automobile accident. He was driving a car, with W. L. Greenwell, John Collins, A. C. Martin and William Jones, as passengers.

Just as he was leaving here for John Day he lost control of the automobile and it plunged over a 15-foot embankment. Five of the passengers were bruised. Examination proved that Dr. Sell had suffered a fracture of his right leg, near the hip. The machine turned completely over.

PARK FISH ALL ARE DEAD

Hundreds of Young Chinook Salmon Strangely Wiped Out.

Hopes of the Portland Park Department for an aquarium display in Insular Park were shattered yesterday when several hundred young Chinook salmon in the pool surrounding the central fountain died from some unknown cause.

The fish were put in the pool by the state fish and game department and park officials had mental visions of some day seeing the pool alive with big fish. Yesterday afternoon Park Superintendent Mische found the whole school of Chinooks floating stomach up in the pool.

FISHERMAN THOUGHT LOST

Boat Puller Reports at Astoria That Man Went While He Slept.

ASTORIA, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—It is believed the Chris Adler, a fisherman, was drowned in the vicinity of Tongue Point during the night, shortly after his boat was laid out on the oblique tide.

Wilson, the boat puller, had fallen asleep and did not notice the disappearance of Adler until he was awakened by a passing fish boat. Wilson made the trip to Astoria and notified the police department and the coroner. The boat belonged to the Columbia River packers and was numbered 413.

NEW HAVEN'S HIGH FINANCE EXPOSED

Dummy Official Tells of Signing Checks.

MARKET RIGGED FOR STOCKS

Deal for Two Millions Made With Note as Basis.

MELLEN'S IDEA EXPLAINED

Profits From Gambling in Shares to Have Been Returned to Railroad. Big Figure Transactions Are Forgotten.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Some of the inside details of the organization of the Metropolitan Steamship Company of New Jersey were revealed today when the Interstate Commerce Commission resumed its inquiry into the affairs of the New Haven Railroad and its subsidiaries.

Grover C. Richards, of Portland, Me., told how he acted as "dummy" treasurer for the company when it was founded. He testified to going to New York at the request of Warren D. Chase, of Hartford, Conn., and there signing two checks totalling \$3,000,000 without knowing what they were for and without asking.

Richards said he remained in New York about two weeks, receiving \$5 a day and his expenses and signing papers about which he had no clear remembrance.

Warren D. Chase, corroborating some of the statements made by Richards, described himself as a "business man and lawyer" of Hartford, and indicated that he had been active in the organization of the company. He was closely questioned as to where the \$3,000,000 came from which Richards "checked out," but said he was unable to recollect.

Stock "Worked" on Market. Samuel Hemingway, president of the Second National Bank of New Haven and ex-treasurer of the Billard company, a holding concern, told how, as the result of a verbal agreement with ex-President Mellen, the Billard company bought 13,007 shares of New Haven stock from the New England Navigation Company for \$2,000,000.

"We took the shares at 153," said Hemingway, "and gave Mr. Billard's demand note for them. Mr. Mellen's idea was to work the stock on the market and advance the price and also reduce the navigation company's holdings. There was a verbal understanding." (Concluded on Page 2.)

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The Weather. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 77 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees. TODAY'S—Increasing cloudiness probably followed by showers; winds becoming southerly.

T. R. IS 55 POUNDS LIGHTER

Weakness Continues but Condition Is Reported Better.

PARA, Brazil, May 6.—Colonel Roosevelt during his exploring trip through the wilds of Brazil lost 55 pounds in weight.

MAN CALLED I. W. W. FIRES

Saloonkeeper Shot Down in Elma Is Mortally Wounded.

ELMA, Wash., May 6.—Frank Ashberg, a saloonkeeper, was shot and mortally wounded today by Otto Miller, who entered Ashberg's saloon, pointed a pistol at him and said as he fired: "You said I was an I. W. W. Now take that!"

INTERVENTION!



ELEANOR WILSON TO BE MARRIED TODAY

White House Busy With Preparations.

PRIVACY IS CHIEF FEATURE

Vice-President and Cabinet Only Officials Invited.

PRESS NOT REPRESENTED

Officially, Capital Does Not Know Event Is Scheduled, but Gifts From Senate and House and Others Are Received.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The White House tonight was the scene of a family reunion and gathering of close friends who are here for the wedding tomorrow of Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, youngest daughter of the President and Mrs. Wilson, to Secretary McAdoo.

The wedding party rehearsed the ceremony today. The affair will be simple and private, the only officials invited being the Vice-President and members of the Cabinet. There will be no newspaper representatives present, as at previous weddings, according to announcement today.

Girl Chums at White House. Miss Wilson's six girl chums, who would have been her bridesmaids had the wedding been an elaborate one, were guests at the White House tonight. They are Miss Helen Hunter, of Portsmouth, Va.; Miss Henrietta Stoddard, of Wilmington, Del.; Miss Marjorie Brown, of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Susan Fine and Miss Elizabeth Duffield, of Princeton, N. J., and Mrs. Charles Kellogg, of Athens, Pa.

After dinner the young folk went to the theater. All day the White House was busy preparing for tomorrow's event. Relatives and friends were arriving and, although the wedding company will comprise less than a hundred, the activity about the executive mansion was much the same as at the Sayre wedding last November.

Rev. Mr. Beach Named Again. The marriage license was obtained today by I. H. Hoover, the veteran chief usher at the White House. The age of the bridegroom was given as 50 years and that of Miss Wilson as 24. Rev. Silvester W. Beach, of the First Presbyterian Church at Princeton, N. J., who officiated at the last White House wedding, was named as the clergyman for the occasion.

Gifts from friends continued to arrive today. (Concluded on Page 2.)

TWO PLIGHT TROTH AS FERRY LANDS

BUSINESS AND LOVE CONFLICT FOR FOSSIL COUPLE.

Scene Shifts From Vancouver to The Dalles, Where Minister Is Found and Taken on Trip.

THE DALLES, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Howard Hildebrand and Miss Etta Lyle, of Pocatello, Or., and the Rev. James Elvin crossed the Columbia River yesterday morning on the ferryboat. A few minutes later the minister returned with Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand, whom he had married as soon as the ferryboat touched the Washington shore. The young couple went to Vancouver, Wash., Monday to be wedded, but after taking out a marriage license there they were delayed in finding a minister.

Hildebrand had to be in The Dalles early Tuesday morning to file on a homestead and when train time arrived the clergyman had been found they decided to come here and be married, but were informed by Justice Allen, whom they sought, that he could not wed them on their Washington license. He suggested that they procure the help of a local minister who could cross to Washington and marry them.

Captain Price, of the ferryboat, invited the young couple to be married on the boat, which they accepted, and as soon as the craft touched Washington soil Miss Lyle became Mrs. Hildebrand, with the captain, engineer and deckhand as witnesses. Captain Price made a hurried return to the Oregon shore and the newly-weds caught their train by making a quick sprint to the depot.

RURAL PUPILS GO TO CITY

Lower Hood River Valley Districts Begin Consolidation.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—The process of consolidating the school districts of the Lower Hood River Valley for high school purposes has begun. The citizens of a rural district, one of the largest in the rural section, voted last night to close one school of the district next year and to contract with the city school board for tuition for all high school pupils from the district, who will then be sent to the local high school.

Similar action is being discussed by other districts, the residents of which will soon vote on the matter.

FREE BOOK PLAN ADOPTED

Centralia School Board Takes Action When Patrons Favor System.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—Last week the Centralia School Board sent a letter to every patron of the local schools to ascertain the sentiment for and against the free textbook system in the local schools. Seventy-six per cent of the patrons expressed themselves as not only in favor of the system but to be willing to donate books their children have to the cause.

As a result the school board has ordered the system installed. Centralia is the third district to adopt the system in this county, as Chehalis and Winlock already use it.

GAS FRANCHISE HELD UP

Milwaukie Council Thinks Terms Asked Are Too Generous.

MILWAUKIE, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—As to the executive of the Milwaukie City Council last night the franchise of the Portland Gas Company was laid on the table. The franchise was for 20 years at \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet and a minimum charge of 50 cents. The Council wanted the time of the franchise shortened and the charge reduced to 40 cents.

City Engineer Morris announced that negotiations are in progress with Portland for a similar franchise. It was stated that surveys for a pipeline are soon to be made.

Estimates made for the improvement of Front street totaled about \$45,000.

DUKE ACTS AS AUCTIONEER

Consuelo Vanderbilt's Husband Stirrs British Public by New Role.

LONDON, May 6.—Peers are numerous in various lines of business in England, but the Duke of Marlborough, who married Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York, entered an entirely new field at Oxford today, when he appeared as a licensed auctioneer to dispose of the highest bidder of several lots of his Oxfordshire estate.

The novelty aroused a great degree of public interest and the titled auctioneer worked up spirited bidding, disposing of most of the lots at good prices.

WILD WEST SHOWS TABOO

Inhumanity and Tendency to Lower Morals Farmers' Complaint.

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 6.—(Special.)—That buccaroing and bull-dogging steers will soon be a thing of the past is the opinion of many of the residents of this section.

The Idaho County Farmers' Union has adopted resolutions declaring such events conducive to low morals, and encourage vice and gambling. Their resolutions further assert that the exhibitions are inhuman.

Cannery Stock to Be Increased. COTTAGE GROVE, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Now that the cannery is a certainty, the board of directors is receiving numerous applications for stock. The entire capitalization has been subscribed, however. As more money will be needed to conduct the business, a meeting of the stockholders has been called for June 1 for the purpose of raising the capitalization \$500,000.

WATERFRONT PEACE SEES ALL MEN BACK

Union Longshoremen Handle Cargoes.

CHECKERS' OLD STATUS HOLDS

American-Hawaiian and "Big Three" Lines Affected.

BEAR TO LEAVE ON TIME

Better Understandings in Future Expected as Result of Amicable Settlement Reached by Employers and Men in San Francisco.

Steamship employers and representatives of the longshoremen's and checkers' unions having negotiated an amicable settlement of their differences over the unionizing of checkers, which was productive of a chaotic condition at portions of the waterfront for several days, union longshoremen discharged the "Big Three" liner Bear yesterday, after having refused to handle her cargo since her arrival Saturday. The checkers on strike also returned to their former positions on the dock, but under the same conditions as were in effect before the trouble.

San Francisco Settlement Indorsed. A settlement was reached as a result of conferences held late Tuesday night, following an agreement entered into between steamship and labor interests in San Francisco. The American-Hawaiian line is a party to the arrangement, as well as the "Big Three" line. As they were the only steamers' interests concerned here, the maritime fraternity once more follows the even tenor of its way.

Behind the move for a cessation of strike conditions, say steamshippers, was the desire to avoid further inconvenience to the public, a condition that had attained a serious aspect, cargo having been delayed and dissatisfied passengers having seriously threatened travel. The checkers returned at the wages paid previous to the strike, although it is stipulated that any questions bearing on wages, as well as other phases of employment, may be referred by the checkers to the employers and a decision sought on the merits of each subject.

Such a harmonious understanding is expected to promote a feeling between men and employers that will pave the way for peaceful solutions of differences arising from the affiliations of the checkers with unions.

Future Peace Hoped For.

The subject is of general interest to water carriers on the Coast and there is reason to believe that future negotiations will be thrived out at San Francisco, the operating headquarters of a majority of the lines, also the Pacific Coast head of the International Longshoremen's Association. For convenience in handling such matters, the water carriers have an association, the executive committee of which made up of R. P. Schwerin, vice-president, and General manager of the Pacific Mail; C. W. Cook, of the American-Hawaiian; J. H. Bennett, of the Pacific Navigation fleet; R. C. Thacker, of the Luckenbach line; G. L. Blair, manager of the San Francisco & Portland; Melville Dollar, of the Dollar Steamship Company, and A. A. Moran, of the Arrow Line.

The Bear will sail on time this morning and the Beaver is due from the south in the afternoon. The Navajo, of the American-Hawaiian, which was discharged and loaded by nonunion men, will not return immediately.

UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND

North Yakima Stranger Asks Shelter for Horse, Admits Theft, Dies.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 6.—(Special.)—An unidentified man was this morning found dead at the home of H. A. Henkle, 13 miles from the city in the Yakima reservation, where he applied for shelter Tuesday night. He told Henkle that the rig he was driving had been stolen in North Yakima and that he had passed forged checks at Tacoma and Sunnyside, and was being pursued by officers. He asked that his horse be cared for and returned to its owner, declaring he would not be alive in the morning.

The coroner believes the man died of alcoholism. He stole the horse and buggy on the street here Tuesday afternoon, and is believed to have been the man who passed a worthless check in a North Yakima saloon a few days ago.

SHEARING SEASON OPENS

Baker Plants to Handle Many Large Flocks in Few Weeks.

BAKER, Or., May 6.—(Special.)—Sheep shearing has started on a large scale in the John Day country. The season is somewhat earlier than usual, because of the mild spring. The Sels & Ashford shearing plant at John Day started operations yesterday to shear 20,000 sheep.

A. R. Buchanan, who has been buying in that district, has acquired several large flocks and will take 25,000 sheep to John Day for shearing this week. Other sheeps in Grant County all expect to be shearing their flocks within the next week or ten days.