



MEDIATORS PLAN TO ELIMINATE HUERTA

Scheme of Government Being Considered.

LOBOS INCIDENT IS EXPLAINED

Bryan Explains Lighthouse Was Not "Seized."

WILSON FEELS HOPEFUL

Report That Release of Consul Silliman Has Been Ordered Relaxes Tension of Northern Phase of Diplomatic Action.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Elimination of General Huerta and the establishment of a provisional government in Mexico, in which both the Huerta and the constitutionalist factions would be represented is contemplated in a plan which the three South American mediators now are working out to be proposed for the solution of the entire Mexican problem.

Expressions of confidence that mediation would be successful in averting war between the United States and Mexico came today from several members of the Cabinet after President Wilson had discussed the situation with his official family.

President is hopeful. The President is decidedly hopeful. He desires that no untoward incidents or indiscreet acts on the part of any of the forces in Mexico should develop to cloud the horizon when the mediation conferences begin at Niagara Falls next Monday.

Secretary Bryan explained to the three South American mediators in a conference that the lighthouse on Lobos Island had not been seized in any military sense; that the keepers were free to come and go, but that the American Navy had undertaken to keep the lights burning as a protection to the world's navigation. Mr. Bryan also told the mediators that the Navy and War Departments were seeking to learn the facts concerning the arrest of the five South Americans accused of "sniping" at American forces during the landing at Vera Cruz and that a report would be made, probably tomorrow.

O'Shaughnessy at White House. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, who as Charge d'Affaires, conducted the business of the American Embassy at Mexico City during the months of stress in which relations with the Huerta government were in a most critical state, conferred tonight with President Wilson at the White House. It was the first talk he had had with the President since his arrival, and it was understood that some of the indignities, including the Tampico incident, which led to the break with Huerta, were discussed as well as some details that might come up in the mediation conferences.

Justice Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, and Frederic W. Lehmann, ex-Solicitor-General, who have been named as the two American representatives at the mediation conference, spent the day familiarizing themselves generally with the Mexican problem.

One tense phase of the situation was relieved by news that J. R. Silliman, American vice-consul at Saltillo, has been ordered released by the Huerta government.

Vera Cruz Strongly Held. From a military point of view the outstanding feature of the day was a report from General Funston on the situation at Vera Cruz. No attack on the city is apprehended. The General said the federal forces have given no sign of any intention to attack the outlying positions, and even in case of an attack, the American position, he asserted, could not be taken by force.

CONVICT PAROLED TO HARVEST CROP

GOVERNOR HODGES, OF KANSAS, RELEASES FARMER.

Main Under Indeterminate Term in Prison Freed for Sixty Days to Aid Family Now in Need.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 12.—Governor Hodges today granted a parole for 60 days to W. F. Richards, a prisoner at the State Prison, so Richards might go to his home in Saline County and harvest his wheat crop.

Richards entered prison last January under a sentence of from one to five years for selling mortgaged property. He was heavily in debt, and, according to reports to the Governor, his family has been dependent upon neighbors.

Friends recently informed the Governor the wheat which Richards planted last Fall promised to yield an abundant crop. The Governor decided the family needed Richards for the next 60 days more than the State of Kansas did.

RICH MAN AIDS SLAYER

J. A. Patten, "Grain King," Helps to Win Freedom for William Keith.

CHICAGO, May 12.—WILL MAUNTSCHALL Keith was found guilty tonight of murdering Walter Paul, his butcher, whom he shot to death after learning of Mrs. Keith's fondness for Paul. The jury, after five hours' deliberation, held that Keith was insane when he shot Paul, but had recovered and was now sane.

Keith's defense was provided by James A. Patten, millionaire grain broker, whose interest Keith aroused by a letter to Mrs. Patten while in jail awaiting trial. Keith read a newspaper account of Mrs. Patten's interesting herself in another case, and wrote to her begging her aid. Mrs. Patten was in court nearly every day of the trial.

Keith's counsel advanced evidence to show that Keith killed Paul while walking in his sleep.

SUPPRESSION IS SOLUTION

New York Social Hygiene Worker Talks of Social Evil.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 12.—Miss Maude E. Miner, of New York, as chairman of the committee on social hygiene, told the National Conference on Charities and Correction tonight that suppression was the only solution of the social evil. Regulation, she said, had failed wherever attempted.

In support of the contention that regulation or segregation fails to accomplish its purpose, Miss Miner said that in 12 cities which reported on their activities, 11 have adopted a policy of suppression, and of this number 21 have given up attempts at regulation as failures within the past two years. In no city has suppression been given up for regulation.

PURE BABY MILK IS PLAN

Nurse Association Asks City to Furnish Central Summer Depot.

The city may co-operate with the Visiting Nurse Association in establishing a public milk depot, where specially prepared milk for babies will be kept during the summer months. The association has asked the City Commission to help to the extent of furnishing quarters where the milk may be sold to those able to buy it and given away to those who are not.

The question was considered by the Commission yesterday, and it is probable an appropriation will be made for store-room.

PUGET SOUND FARES RISE

Steamboats and Autos Deprive Trolley of Simple Interest.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Sharp increases in interurban rates out of Seattle and Tacoma on the Puget Sound Electric Railway were authorized by the Public Service Commission today. The 1910 tariffs were designed to allow the company 7 per cent on its investment, but in 1912 it made less than 1 per cent and in 1913 failed to make interest on bonds and depreciation.

Competition of Puget Sound steamboats and auto bus lines are considered responsible for this condition.

TWO GOVERNORS TO COME

West and Lister Promise to Attend Vancouver Celebration.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Governor West and Governor Lister, of Oregon and Washington, respectively, have accepted invitations to be in Vancouver Labor day, Monday, September 7, the first day of the Columbia River Interstate Fair, to take part in Vancouver's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the city. Both have stated they will be here if possible.

Labor day will be the opening day of the fair and an immense crowd is expected.

BRANCH BANK FOR PORTLAND SETTLED

Decision Reached at Regional Meeting.

SPOKANE IS ON WAITING LIST

Inland Empire Appeased With Promise of Next One.

SEATTLE IS ALSO CHOSEN

Salt Lake City and Los Angeles Are Other Cities Provided For.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—(Special.)—Five definite propositions were adopted today by bankers of the Pacific Coast District, who conferred on the establishment of the San Francisco regional bank, as follows:

Branch reserve banks will be established in Los Angeles, Salt Lake, Seattle and Portland.

The six directors not chosen by the Government shall be selected from the Northern California District.

Within 10 days the Northern California member banks shall recommend choices for the directorate.

Each clearing house to vote. Each clearing house shall have a vote for the directorate.

Without visible sign of friction or sectional alignment, the bankers from the principal centers within the Coast Federal Reserve Bank district, met today and adopted five propositions preliminary to the organization of San Francisco's Federal Reserve bank.

Apparently all of the bankers, representing mainly the first-class banks of the region, had agreed in advance that San Francisco and the surrounding cities should receive the majority of places on the directorate of the reserve bank, and the principal interest centered in the allotment of branch banks.

Spokane is Appeased. All the preliminaries were disposed of before the branch bank problem was broached, and then, with little argument, it was recommended to give the branches to Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Portland and Seattle.

If there was any dissatisfaction with this arrangement it was not in evidence, although it is known that Spokane desires to secure one of the branches of the San Francisco Reserve Bank. The Spokane representatives, however, were appeased with the promise that when it became necessary to establish a fifth branch it would go to the Inland Empire.

Previous to the allotment of the branch banks the conference recommended that all of the six directors of

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THE OREGONIAN TO FLASH ELECTION RETURNS. Returns from Friday's primary election will be flashed on screen at Sixth and Alder streets by The Oregonian as fast as they come in Friday night.

The polls close and counting of ballots begins at 8 o'clock. The Oregonian, with a large and efficient organization ready for the work, will start to collect the returns through the city and state at once. The first figures probably will be available by 8:30 o'clock. Returns on the contests for the principal offices will be flashed until after midnight.

The Oregonian, as usual, will be in position to give the first authentic and accurate returns.

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MEXICAN PRELATES TO APPEAL TO POPE

Fears for Fate of Non-combatants Held.

CHURCH AID IS GIVEN HUERTA

Archbishop, However, Said to Favor Intervention.

PARTY IS AT VERA CRUZ

Funston's Proffered Courtesies Embarrass Dignitaries, Who Are Too Nervous to Do More Than Murrur Thanks.

VERA CRUZ, May 12.—Most Reverend Jose Mora del Rio, archbishop of Saltillo, reached here today on a train aboard which were 50 American refugees, 13 of whom came from Saltillo. Most of the refugees had spent two or three weeks in prison.

The archbishop and bishop are on their way to Rome to lay before the Pope the facts in the Mexican situation. It is believed the archbishop has been summoned by the Pope. He is too nervous to do more than murrur thanks.

Frederick Adamson, confidential man of Lord Cowdray, accompanied the party, but his interest, he insisted, merely was to look after the churchmen in his capacity as a British subject.

Chaplain John E. Chenoweth, of the Fourth United States Infantry, introduced himself to Archbishop Mora del Rio and assured the Mexican prelates that he had been instructed by General Funston to extend to them whatever courtesies he was able, but they were too nervous to do more than murrur their thanks.

The unbusiness of the prelates increased when the chaplain expressed a desire to take them to General Funston to present them, but after a hasty exchange of remarks and an apparent inclination to hold back they accompanied the chaplain to the General's headquarters.

General Funston assured them that he wished to extend to them as possible courtesies and asked permission to call. Somewhat reassured, the archbishop told the General that until May 18 they would be guests at the home of a business man of Vera Cruz and would then sail for Europe.

The archbishop's efforts in the capital for months past to induce Huerta to retire from the Presidency are well known, and according to reliable reports, he has said on more than one occasion that he favored intervention.

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ADMIRAL'S SERVANT DESERTS TO MEXICO

VALUABLE INFORMATION MAY BE GIVEN ENEMY.

PHILIPINO'S LOSS TO AMERICA LIKELY TO BE GAIN TO GENERAL MAAS, IF FORMER EVER REACHES LINES.

VERA CRUZ, May 12.—Rear-Admiral Fletcher has lost one Filipino, who had proved himself to be an excellent servant, and the indications are that the Mexican army is strengthened in proportion to the Admiral's loss.

Formal notice of the Filipino's disappearance has been posted and all outposts are watching for his reappearance. He was last seen boarding a train in the direction of General Maas' lines. His ship's clothing had been discarded for blankets and a Panama and it was learned that he carried a pistol.

The disappearance of Admiral Fletcher's servant has been the cause of some vexation, as it is not improbable that he may have carried to the Mexicans valuable information regarding the American forces.

FIREMEN PLAN TOURNEY

State Volunteer Companies Will Be Invited to St. Johns.

ST. JOHNS, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Plans were adopted last night by the newly-organized fire department to hold a tournament here this Fall for all volunteer fire companies in the state. There will be running races of all kinds. Committees were appointed to solicit funds and make arrangements. It is expected to raise \$1000 to finance the tournament.

The volunteer fire department was reorganized with C. S. Currin as president; Ross Walker as secretary, and P. Gilmore as treasurer. Lee Company, former chief, was appointed chief of the department and E. F. Peterson assistant. Major Finley. The department will be composed of 25 members.

JUDGE ADVOCATE KILLED

South Carolina Political Leader Slays Governor's Staff Member.

GRAY COURT, S. C., May 12.—John M. Cannon, Judge Advocate on Governor Blease's staff, was shot dead today by Joseph C. Sullivan, member of a prominent family and a political leader as a sequel to a quarrel that arose at the trial of Sullivan's brother in a Magistrate's court. Sullivan was arrested.

The tragedy occurred only a short distance from the courtroom. Cannon was well known as a lawyer and was prominent in politics in Laurens, his home town.

CATHOLICS CONDEMN PLAN

Prohibition Amendment Fails of Approval by Missouri Union.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., May 12.—Resolutions condemning the proposed prohibition amendment to the National Constitution were adopted today by the state convention of the Catholic Union of Missouri.

The convention also adopted a resolution asking Catholics to remain away from the Panama-Pacific Exposition on the days ex-Mayor Nathan, of Rome, Italy, is there as official representative of the Italian government.

COXEY'S RANKS THINNED

Army Reduced to 11 by Desertions to Get State Road Jobs.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., May 12.—"General" Jacob S. Coxey's "army," on the march to Washington, reduced from 14 to 11 by three of the privates deserting at Clear Springs, where the army camped last night, arrived in Hagerstown today. The "deserters" remained to work on the state road at Indian Spring.

The "army" is spending tonight here.

IDAHO OFFICIAL UPHELD

Clearwater Treasurer's Receiving Other Pay Held Not Corrupt.

MOSCOW, Idaho, May 12.—(Special.)—In a lengthy opinion handed down today Judge Steel, in the District Court here, refused to order the ousting of Blair Hoar, Treasurer of Clearwater County, on charges made by P. E. McRoberts.

The latter alleged that Hoar was corrupt in office because as Treasurer he received compensation for extra work. The court held his action was not corrupt.

LEG FRACTURE PAINLESS

Damascus Country Farmer Is Hurt Two Weeks Before Knowing It.

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HOUSE DEMOCRATS LIMIT PROGRAMME

Caucus Votes to Cur-tail Endeavors.

RURAL CREDITS ABANDONED

Anti-Trust and Appropriation Bills Alone Remain.

JULY 10 RECESS DESIRED

Woman Suffrage and Prohibition Not Considered, but Can Be Taken Up After Main Questions If There Is Time.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—House Democrats in caucus voted tonight to limit the legislative programme for the remainder of this session to anti-trust measures and appropriation bills. Rural credits will go over until next Winter.

Of the 230 members who attended the caucus, not more than 20 voted against the programme. Majority Leader Underwood explained that the work of the session was being curtailed "in the hope of an adjournment of Congress by July 10." President Wilson had suggested to House leaders who called on him earlier in the evening that he not attempt to make a pass rural credits during the present session.

Two Weeks Given to Trust Bills. The caucus voted to have the House devote the next two weeks to consideration of the anti-trust bills—the Covington interstate trade commission bill, the Clayton anti-trust bill and the Reburn measure for Federal control of railroad security issues. Then the appropriation bills are to be taken up.

The prohibition and woman suffrage proposed constitutional amendments were not considered on the ground that they were not party measures. The action of the caucus, however, does not preclude their consideration in the House if they are reached after the programme as arranged has been disposed of.

Rural Credits Give Way. In presenting the Administration plan, Mr. Underwood said the President had counted on inclusion of rural credits, because of pledges in the party platform, but that with the banking and currency committee absolutely unable to agree, it was impracticable to make it a fixed part of the programme for the present session.

Incidentally, Mr. Underwood referred with feeling to his coming removal from the House to the Senate, saying that this was the last time, in all probability, that he would appear before his colleagues to present a legislative programme.

Rural Credits Bill Introduced. After prolonged hearings by a Congressional sub-committee, the rural credits bill, designed to relieve financial conditions in agricultural sections, was nevertheless introduced today in both Senate and House.

In its present form it is said the bill will lack Administrative support. President Wilson is understood to object to that section of the measure providing for purchase of the private deserting at Clear Springs, where the army camped last night, arrived in Hagerstown today. The "deserters" remained to work on the state road at Indian Spring.

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He has been doing his regular work on his farm. His leg began to hurt him this morning. A doctor was called from Oregon City.

AMMUNITION SENT SOUTH

Five Carloads From Vancouver Headed for Border, Is Report.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Five carloads of ammunition were loaded in the post and sent South, presumably to the Mexican border or to some point nearer the line. The officers gave no information as to the destination of the consignment.

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