



MEDIATION WILL NOT AVAIL, THINKS TAFT

Offer and Acceptance However, Promising.

WILSON'S POLICY CRITICISED

Aid Given to Rebels Blamed for Present Situation.

AMERICANS WILL DO DUTY

People Willing to Go to War if Necessary, but Will Do So "in Service of Mankind" and Not to Make Conquest.

NEW YORK, May 17.—William Howard Taft gave his views on the Mexican situation today in an address at the Free Synagogue's celebration of Peace Sunday.

While the ex-President expressed little hope that the pending mediation conference would accomplish its immediate purpose, he asserted that the offer of mediation and its acceptance constituted an important step toward the future settlement of international disputes in the Western hemisphere.

He said there was no popular pressure for a military policy which the Administration could not resist. He said the people were determined to do their duty, even should that duty involve war. But for war, he added, the people had little enthusiasm.

Aid to Rebels Criticized.

The criticism Mr. Taft leveled at the Wilson Administration had to do with the aid which, he said, the Administration had given to the Mexican rebels.

"In my judgment," he said, "if in our course towards Mexico during the past year we had not exerted such direct influence as we have to aid one of the contending parties, we should not now be so near general intervention and war."

In conclusion he called on all Americans to aid the President in his efforts to find peace.

"Prolonged war between two stable nations is much easier to deal with than such a condition as confronts us in Mexico," he said.

"Disease of Revolution" Prevented.

"What we have there to contend with is the disease of revolution. Eighty per cent of the people are ignorant and illiterate. A three-year's war has laid waste the country, destroyed its industry and exposed all foreigners to lawless violence and all their investments there to destruction. In such a case a neighboring nation may properly intervene and help the forces of law and order to end such anarchy just because it wishes to live in a quiet neighborhood."

Enormous Task Involved.

"We have, say, 50,000 mobile troops of the regular Army fit to take the field in Mexico. If the available military force of Mexicans trained and made hardy by a three years' war were to be massed against our troops, we should need a much larger force than we now have to capture the large strategic inland towns. After we had captured them and dispersed the armies, the forces against us would adopt a system of guerrilla warfare. The best expert estimate of the force required by us to garrison the necessary towns, suppress guerrilla warfare and tranquillum the country is 400,000 men, and it is said that this would take two or three years and involve an expenditure of \$1,000,000 a day.

It would be a dead pull which would wear the patience of the Nation and in which the few lives lost in each battle would total large and would grow less and less tolerable as the dreary contest went on. Disease in that country would thin our ranks more than bullets.

Mexicans Would Be Unappreciative.

"Then, after having lost thousands of lives and expended a treasure double that which it has cost us to give to the world the Panama Canal, we would have on our hands a hostile Mexican people, without any gratitude for our sacrifices.

"Our duty to them and to ourselves would be to give them a government as secure and practicable against a recurrence of anarchical conditions and against them an opportunity for material and intellectual progress. The latter task would be even more difficult than that of the war and the work of tranquillization. It might take us years. Having entered on the war from a sense of duty and retaining control to make our work effective, we would be charged with being landgrabbers.

"Indeed, after the burden of cost, many of our people would be anxious to annex part or all of the tranquilized territory as compensation and in the interest of both peoples.

Warrior's Decline Strengthened.

"With the refusal of one of the warring parties to accept mediation and with the probable defeat of the other." (Concluded on Page 2.)

STIFF SKIRTS AND FALSE CURLS WORN

CRINKLY TAFFETA GOWNS APPEAR IN FASHION PARADE.

"Kiss Me Quicks" on Wires Over Cars and Bicycles Bigger Than Gipsy Queen's Are Popular.

ATLANTIC CITY, May 17.—Every well-dressed woman who appeared in the boardwalk fashion parade today wore a gown of taffeta, the sort that retains its shape just like a stiffly starched apron. Everything now is taffeta, the stiff kind, and the woman who hasn't the taffeta costume with four tiers in the skirt is not in style, according to the boardwalk diktator.

Other new fashions noticed include little false curls which are fastened on long wires hooked over the ears and stuck to the cheeks with mullage or other sticky substances, which come in bottles especially prepared for the purpose. They call them "kiss me quicks," and every girl is wearing them.

Big ear bangles, bigger than the biggest ever worn by the most beautiful gipsy Queen, also appeared and bid fair to become popular.

ANTIS-MOCK FEMINISTS

"Gallery" Provokes Derision and Prediction as to Fate of Man.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(Special.)—The gallery of feminists, which the anti-suffragists say is the worst gallery of all, has been given to the public. The membership, as described by the anti-suffragists, includes women ranging from "well-known actresses to muckrakers." In publishing this list of suffragists the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage has this preface in the announcement from its Washington headquarters today:

"Woman suffrage and feminism is the movement born of a cubist and futurist age of extremes. A state of society is approaching where man will not figure in the life of woman except as the father of her children. Those who run may read, and those who read modern suffrage literature are impelled to run in self-defense."

TWO BURNED BY GASOLINE

Hubbard Man May Die and House Is Destroyed.

HUBBARD, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Taylor Skees lies in the Hubbard hospital in a precarious condition as the result of a gasoline explosion on his farm near Hubbard at about 9:30 A. M. this morning.

While endeavoring to repair the engine for pumping water at his home a spark from the wires exploded a five-gallon tank of gasoline, which set fire to Mr. Skees' clothing.

M. C. Crittenden, who was helping Mr. Skees, was burned also, and the latter's home was totally destroyed.

MT. VERNON IS RESHINGLED

Home of Washington Gets Fourth Set Since Building in 1743.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—(Special.)—Mount Vernon, the home of the Father of His Country, is to have its fourth set of shingles since it was built, in 1743. The mansion was reshingled in 1785 and in 1840.

In the putting the fourth roofing on the shingles were rounded at one end to make them conform to the original shingles of 1743. The shingles are of cypress, hand made in North Carolina, and are of the same size as those used when the house was first roofed.

PARKS' EXECUTION SEEN

Deserting Huerta Conscript Promises to Tell Story.

VERA CRUZ, May 17.—Additional confirmation of the execution of Private Samuel Parks, of the Twenty-eighth infantry, was received today.

There was brought into the American lines one of Huerta's conscripts who had deserted. He said he was an eye-witness of the execution of Parks and agreed to relate the facts as far as he knew them to the American General in command if in return work were given him here or he was otherwise cared for.

MUZZLING BEGINS FRIDAY

All Dogs Running at Large, Not so Provided, to Be Arrested.

The muzzling of all dogs that are allowed to run at large will be enforced from next Friday, when the ordinance passed by the City Council last month goes into effect.

Officials of the dog pound, the City Health Bureau and the police will cooperate in enforcing the measure. All dogs caught at large without muzzles will be sent to the pound, where a fee of \$3 and the purchase of a suitable muzzle will be required of owners before the animals are released.

RIVAL AIR FERRIES RUN

New San Francisco-Oakland Line Has Trouble on First Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Two rival lines of the San Francisco-to-Oakland aerial ferry were running today, but Roy Francis, who inaugurated the second line, encountered engine trouble in the Oakland estuary and had to drop to the water.

His machine was towed to the foot of Broadway landing in Oakland. Silas Christofferson, of the other line, made one trip and carried one passenger.

Wilson R. Cooke would operate the ferry hydro-aeroplane tomorrow.

REFUGEES TELL OF MEXICAN EXCESSES

American Brig Seized at Manzanillo.

PASSENGERS MADE PRISONERS

Small Boats Trying to Escape Are Fired On.

CONSUL ORDERED AWAY

Official Guarded on Steamer by Soldier Who Flourished Revolver Through Shutters—Several Murders Reported.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Graphic reports of the murder of Americans, the capture by a Mexican transport of the American brig Geneva, the imprisonment of United States Consul Edwards, of Acapulco, and many atrocities on the west coast of Mexico were brought in today by the officers and 150 refugees on the British steamer Cetriana, which arrived from Manzanillo.

Lieutenant Edward J. Minster, royal naval reserve, commander of the Cetriana, got his steamer, loaded with refugees, away from Manzanillo by daring and skilful action on April 28, when it was believed the Mexicans were preparing to burn it at the dock by firing and dynamiting the wharves.

Rifle Fire Directed Against Vessel.

According to the refugees, when news of the capture of Vera Cruz by the United States reached the west coast, it was taken by the Mexicans as the beginning of war. The Mexicans were inflamed to a high pitch, they say, and the Americans abandoned their homes and fled.

As the Cetriana got away from the dock, maneuvering adroitly out of what is reported to be an attempt to hem it in by four Mexican steamers, a rifle fire was directed against it. Many of the bullets struck the steamer.

Upwards of a score of murders, mostly of Americans, were reported by the Cetriana's passengers.

Captain W. H. Ferguson, of the brig Geneva, of San Francisco, was one of the Cetriana's passengers. For nearly a week his ship, crew and four refugees were held as prisoners of war by the Mexicans, he reported. The arrival of the cruiser Raleigh brought about his release.

Water and Food Refused.

"We left San Francisco January 31 and discharged our cargo at Guaymas, (Concluded on Page 2.)

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DR. MORRISON IS BETTER

Rector of Trinity Church Reconvalescing at Hospital.

Rev. A. A. Morrison, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, is slowly recuperating at Good Samaritan Hospital from a breakdown of a week ago, probably induced from nervousness and stomach trouble. He is to leave the hospital in a week, if present favorable conditions continue.

Dr. Morrison suffered a similar breakdown shortly after Easter and was in the hospital for some time.

Fever and chills sent his temperature to a dangerous point at one time, but this condition has been overcome.

WEEK TO BE STORMLESS

Temperatures Below Normal on Pacific Coast Expected.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Generally fair weather over much of the country is the official weather forecast for this week. The bulletin says:

"Temperatures during the week will average near or slightly above the normal over practically all parts of the country east of the Rocky Mountains and somewhat below on the Pacific slope. There is no important storm charted to cross the country during the coming week."

SURVIVORS 13 DAYS AT SEA PICKED UP

Five Still of 16 of 110 Left in Boat.

SEVERAL DIE FROM BURNS

Last of Crew of Freighter Rescued by Cutter.

DEAD THROWN OVERBOARD

Number Dwindles Day by Day, Until at End Those Remaining Are Unable to Signal for Help. Gales Are Weathered.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 17.—After 13 days of terrific suffering in an open boat adrift at sea, five survivors of the freight steamer Cetriana were picked up in the North Atlantic by the United States revenue cutter Seneca today.

Eleven others of the boat's crew who left the Columbian when she was burned just south of Sable Island on May 3 had succumbed to injuries and privations, and their bodies had been thrown overboard. The death roll of the lost freighter now stands at 15.

Twenty-seven other members of the crew were saved by the Cunard liner Franconia and the steamer Manhattan after two days' exposure.

Limit of Endurance Reached.

The men snatched from death by the Seneca today were the first officers, whose names were not given in the radio dispatch from that vessel; Seaman Robert Ties, Oscar Kendall and Peter Bellanger, and a fireman, Michael Ludwigsen. The Seneca reported she expected to reach Halifax tomorrow morning.

The survivors had lived on only a few ship's biscuits and a cask of water, which had long ago been exhausted. They had gone the limit of human endurance.

Hope for this missing third boat had been abandoned after a dozen of the trans-Atlantic liners searched for five days in a wide radius of the spot where the ship had burst into flames.

Several Die From Burns.

To seafaring men it seemed impossible that a small boat could pass through the series of gales that have since swept these waters and the news that the Seneca had picked up survivors was received almost with incredulity here.

Although the survivors were too weak from their suffering to tell the (Concluded on Page 2.)

GERMANY PLEDGED AGAINST EXHIBIT

OBLIGATION TO BRITAIN REVEALED TO EMPEROR.

Forceful Personality of One Man, Who Since Has Died, Prevents Participation in Exposition.

LONDON, May 18.—(Special.)—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says he has learned the real reason why the movement headed by Herr Ballin, managing director of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, in favor of the participation of German merchants in the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915 collapsed. The correspondent says the head of the official opposition to participation in the exposition was the brilliant capitalist, the late Dr. Goldberger, chairman of the government exhibition department, whose forceful personality imposed non-participation on the government.

The correspondent says Dr. Goldberger said that the surest way to make participation by Germany unnecessary was to induce Great Britain also to refuse to take part, and it is to be inferred from the correspondent's statements that Dr. Goldberger was responsible for persuading Great Britain not to participate officially.

When Dr. Goldberger died last Fall, the Emperor paid a long visit of condolence to the widow, who told him her husband's death had been hastened by heated antagonisms which had been engendered by Herr Ballin's campaign to secure German participation in the exposition. She enlightened the Emperor for the first time as to how Germany was bound in honor to Great Britain not to participate in the San Francisco exposition.

The Emperor thereupon stopped Herr Ballin's movement in favor of participation.

EPWORTH SESSIONS CLOSE

Albany Man Named League President at Convention in Lebanon.

LEBANON, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—The Epworth District Epworth League convention, which closed a three-day session here tonight, was attended by more than 100 delegates.

Today's programme was as follows: Sunday school; sermon, Dr. J. C. Rollins, of Corvallis. Evening, devotional meeting, led by E. L. Clark, of Lebanon; address by Rev. A. C. Brackenbury, of Brownsville.

At the close of the last service the following officers were installed by Rev. J. T. Abbott: President, Clyde E. Williamson, of Albany; first vice-president, Harry Bowers, of Brownsville; second vice-president, Walter Koenig, of Corvallis; third vice-president, Armored M. Sutcliffe, of Lebanon; fourth vice-president, W. L. Williams, of Cottage Grove; secretary, Edna Cowles, of Albany; treasurer, Otto Schantz, of Eugene.

VOTE IN HOME IS BIG

Withycombe Polls 944 of 1179 Votes in Benton County.

CORVALLIS, Or., May 17.—Dr. Withycombe received 769 out of a total of 873 votes cast for all candidates for Governor in the City of Corvallis. He received 15 precincts heard from out of the 22 in Benton County 944 votes of 1179 votes cast for all candidates for Governor.

The remarkable thing about the vote received by Dr. Withycombe in Benton County is that he did absolutely no campaigning. His name was written in on a great number of Democratic ballots.

WARNING GIVEN FARMERS

Mayor Says High Prices at Public Market Must Cease.

Store prices for farm produce at the new Yamhill-street public market are not to be tolerated by the city. If necessary the prices will be regulated by ordinance, declares Mayor Albee, who, although a staunch believer in public markets, says he believes it would not be right to allow farmers to sell in the streets at the same prices as are charged by grocery men who pay rents and local taxes.

BOWMAN RALSTON IS DEAD

Grand Opera Singer Known in Two Hemispheres Passes in Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 17.—Bowman Ralston, formerly well-known throughout the United States and Europe as a grand opera singer, died at his home here last night after an illness of several months. He was 65 years old.

Mr. Ralston was born in Liverpool and came to America 30 years ago. He had lived at Seattle five years. He is survived by his widow, who was known on the grand opera stage as Elizabeth Fairbairn.

FIVE DROWN FROM LAUNCH

Pleasure Boat Capsizes in Mississippi; Four Are Saved.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 17.—Five members of a party of nine persons in a pleasure launch were drowned today when their launch capsized in the Mississippi River near here.

The dead are: Mrs. Otto Justmann and her two children and two children of John C. Buckholz. Those saved were Buckholz, his wife and one child and Fred Weber, a relative of Buckholz.

Confirmation Is Administered.

Bishop Scadding confirmed a class of 22 at Trinity Episcopal Church yesterday morning. In his address he told impressively of the sevenfold gifts of the holy spirit in confirmation. Special music marked the services.

SUPREME BENCH PLACE IS IN DOUBT

McBride, Bean, Harris Are Nominated.

BENSON AND McNARY CLOSE

Returns Not Yet Received From Three Interior Counties.

WITHYCOMBE VOTE GROWS

Total for Benton County Man Now 17,402, With Moser and Crawford Running Second and Third in Primary Race.

The only place left in doubt on the Republican ticket after receipt of additional returns yesterday was one nomination for the supreme bench, the nomination of Thomas A. McBride, Henry J. Bean and Lawrence T. Harris seems assured, while the fourth place lies between Henry L. Benson and Charles J. McNary.

The difference between the two, with all of Multnomah counted, except one precinct, and incomplete figures received from all but three counties, is about 600 votes. This advantage is on the side of Judge McNary. In Multnomah County, Judge Benson ran ahead of Judge McNary, but the up-state vote has wiped out his lead and turned it the other way. One of the missing counties, however, is Lake County, where Judge Benson is said to be strong, and the vote there will alter the returns somewhat, if expectations are borne out.

McNary's Chances Best.

But as the general trend of the voting on the two candidates outside of Multnomah is favorable to Judge McNary, it is indicated that he will receive the nomination by a small lead. Judge Clifton will be very close to the loser.

The latest figures, compiled from incomplete returns from all but three small counties, follow:

Bean	36,828
Benson	30,169
Clifton	29,698
D'Arcy	15,969
Harris	22,604
McBride	32,283
McNary	30,717
Richardson	17,416

Withycombe's Vote Grows.

Additional figures on the voting on the Governorship nomination in the Republican party brought Dr. Withycombe's lead up to nearly 4000 over Gus C. Moser. The complete returns will add 1500 to 2000 more to his plurality in all probability. The figures now stand:

Brownell	3,943
Carter	8,739
Crawford	11,778
Dimpick	9,611
Geer	9,725
Johns	6,581
Moser	18,225
Withycombe	17,402

Brown Far in Lead.

The lead of George M. Brown for the Republican nomination for Attorney General is more than 5000 in the totals of incomplete returns. As now compiled, with Multnomah almost complete included, the figures stand:

Brown	24,688
Farrin	8,964
Grant	19,426
Johnson	19,882
Lord	10,000

Additional figures failed to alter the relative positions of Judge Bennett and Dr. C. J. Smith, candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor. The forecast for Dr. Smith's final plurality is about 1500 over Judge Bennett. The later figures give the following totals:

Bennett	10,044
Cobb	1,673
Manning	4,581
Miller	1,900
Smith	11,348

Progressive Returns Slow.

In the returns sent in from outside counties figures on the Progressive vote for Governor are almost totally lacking. Jackson and Marion Counties seem to have gone for L. H. McMahon, while Union County will apparently give a small plurality for E. M. Gill. Reports from elsewhere are lacking.

In the Second Congressional District the Democrats and Progressives had no avowed candidates for Representative in Congress, but it is thought likely that names were written in. No account of these has been kept by the unofficial compilers and the candidates, if any, will probably not be known until the official count is completed.

In the vote on Republican National Commitment, so far as counted, Ralph E. Williams has a majority over Charles W. Ackerson and the candidates' total, including Multnomah County, is 25,117 and Mr. Ackerson's 27,555.

The counties from which returns are wholly lacking are Lake, Curry and Wheeler. In Curry the only wire communication is by telephone to the county seat, and in Gold Beach the telephone office was not open yesterday. For the same reason the county seat in Wheeler County could not be reached. While there are telegraph offices at Lakeview, it is the invariable rule in elections that it is impossible for any (Concluded on Page 4.)

