

## MEDIATORS BEGIN TASK CONFIDENTLY

### Huerta Rumor, Though Denied, Encourages.

## RETIREMENT IS COUNTED ON

### Reported Announcement Is "Merely Premature."

## PROCEDURE IS AGREED ON

### Opening Day Given to Preliminaries and to Presentation of Views of Mediators to Representatives of America.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 20.—Marking a new era in the relations of the nations of the Western hemisphere, delegates from the United States, Mexico and three great South American republics formally opened today the mediation conference which they hope will bring peace to Mexico.

Confidence in the amicable settlement not only of the differences which have arisen between the United States and the Huerta government, but in the ultimate pacification of all Mexico through the avenues of diplomacy was reflected here tonight by the mediators.

### Mexicans Have Full Powers.

A distorted dispatch from Mexico City to the effect that General Huerta was ready to retire, although contradicted by corrected dispatches, which said that he had given his delegates no instructions to offer his resignation, was received with interest. It was said that an error in transmission had given rise to the first statement.

Authentic advices through diplomatic sources several days ago said that the Mexican commissioners were clothed with full power to act and had been authorized to agree to the elimination of Huerta if necessary to bring about a settlement of their country's internal and international troubles. This last step, it was said, would be taken only after it was apparent to the commissioners that there was no hope of a settlement on any other basis.

### Report "Merely Premature."

The attitude of all the Mexicans in attendance upon the diplomatic council was similar to that displayed when they were informed in New York a few days ago that the German Ambassador in Washington had received a dispatch from Mexico City that General Huerta had expressed his willingness to retire under conditions honorable to himself or if necessary to a solution of the Mexican problem. Their feeling was that the reported announcement was "merely premature." This phase was taken from the expression of one of the diplomats when he was informed of the correction in today's dispatches.

It was indicated in statements made here that if an announcement of willingness to retire comes from Huerta in the near future it would be welcomed as making more remote any possibility of the resumption of hostilities between the United States and Mexico.

### Carranza's Aid Hoped For.

It was argued also that with Huerta out the mediators might entertain hope that Carranza and his constitutionalist followers would be brought into the conference, or become parties to any agreement reached. Speaking of the erroneous dispatch, one of the principals of the conference said he regretted that the news proved premature. He said he felt certain that the announcement soon could be made with confidence that it would stand.

"Had it been true," one of the mediators said, "it would have made our work so much easier as it would have paved the way to an early understanding."

The Mexican delegates declined today to discuss the specific instructions given to them before their departure from the Mexican capital beyond saying that while their powers were broad and ample, such questions as to the resignation of Huerta and the conditions under which it would be submitted would finally have to be referred to General Huerta himself for approval.

### Hopeful Message Received.

The Brazilian Ambassador received today a message from the Brazilian Minister in Mexico City couched in the most hopeful terms about mediation and intimating, it is understood, that General Huerta was prepared to relinquish office. Similar intimations have come to European diplomats in Washington, and for the last three days it has been taken for granted in diplomatic circles that the problem before the mediators was not so much the elimination of Huerta, but what was to follow his retirement, and in what government could be established and what persons would be acceptable to all interests in Mexico.

The Mexican delegates asserted that they represented no political or personal interests in Mexico and felt they were nonpartisan in their views.

"We are as devoid of political connection as Justice Lamar, for instance," said Augustine Rodriguez, one of the Mexican commissioners.

### Delegates Friendly and Cordial.

The sentiment of disinterestedness which the Mexican commissioners expressed in their informal talks was

## DAY IS HOTTEST MAY 20 SINCE '75

### TEMPERATURE AT 4 O'CLOCK P. M. IS 86 DEGREES.

### May 13, of This Year, Is Still 1914 Champion With a Thermometer Reading of 87 Degrees.

In all the 39 years since 1875 that temperatures have been officially registered in Portland only one 20th day of May has been hotter than yesterday, when the mercury jumped to 86 degrees, at 4 P. M. On May 20, 1892, the thermometer at the Government Weather Bureau reached 87 degrees.

Many other days in May have been hotter. For instance, on May 29, 1887, the thermometer reached 89 degrees, and on May 13, of this year, just a week ago yesterday, it reached 87, topping yesterday's record by 1 degree.

However, yesterday was declared by nearly all Portlanders to be at least hot enough to merit the name of hot, much as, in fact, nearly everyone except the ice men, the elevator men in the skyscrapers and others similarly immune, complained of the heat.

The hourly temperatures yesterday were:

5 o'clock.....84	6 o'clock.....85
7 o'clock.....86	8 o'clock.....87
9 o'clock.....86	10 o'clock.....86
11 o'clock.....86	12 o'clock.....86
1 o'clock.....86	2 o'clock.....86
3 o'clock.....86	4 o'clock.....86

The maximum temperature Tuesday was only 78 degrees, the jump for the 24 hours being a full 10 degrees.

## MISS WILSON ADVERTISED

### President's Daughter Sings for Talking Machine Concern.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 20.—The name and picture of Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson, daughter of the President, are being widely used in Washington and other Eastern newspapers to advertise certain phonograph records. Never before has the White House been invaded by advertisers in such brazen fashion. Stranger still is the fact that no restraint has been placed on the advertisers by the President or other members of the first family.

Miss Wilson, who has a reputation as a soprano, consented to make three records for an enterprising phonograph concern, and it is these records that are advertised in the newspapers, the name and picture of the President's daughter making the conspicuous part of the advertisement.

## PARTY SNUBS EMPEROR

### German Socialists Openly Disrespectful in Parliament.

BERLIN, May 20.—Confusion and uproar marked today the closing session of the German Imperial Parliament. The members of the Socialist party, instead of retiring before the usual cheers for the Emperor were called for, remained and refused to rise.

Speaker Johannes Kaempf immediately called attention to this breach of respect to the Emperor, on which the Socialists shouted, "That is our affair," and tried to drown the cheers with noise and hisses. These were arrested by tumultuous applause from the other parties.

## OREGONIAN AGENT WEDS

### Friends of L. M. Jones Scatter Rice Near Office in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—L. M. Jones, local agent for the Oregonian, and Miss Florence Biled, of Portland, were married at 8 o'clock tonight at the Methodist Episcopal Church, on Vancouver avenue, in Portland. They will make their home here.

Mr. Jones' office was decorated today by friends who wish to call attention to his marriage. Telegrams were "received" from Theodore Roosevelt, who sent a bell-shaped note over his desk, draped in white ribbons, and rice was scattered up and down Main street for 100 feet on each side of the office.

## CHILD GETS FREE TRIP

### Centralia Boy Carried to Aberdeen When His Playhouse Moves.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Going for play into a passenger car of the Northern Pacific Railway, sidetracked at Centralia, just before the car was attached to the train for Gray's Harbor, Paul Markley, 6 years old, was brought to Aberdeen last evening and returned by the company this morning.

A woman who came into the car took the unoccupied part of the seat in which the boy was, and neither the woman nor the conductor said anything about the child's fare.

## COUNTRY DEFEATS ROADS

### Cook County Bonds Lose at Special Election, 1959 to 2082.

MARSHFIELD, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Good road bonds were defeated in the country districts at the special election in this county, although the cities gave good majorities.

The vote was 1959 for and 2082 against.

## FALLING HAILSTONES KILL

### Sixteen Lives Lost in Tornado That Sweeps Mexican Town.

MUZQUIZ, Coahuila, Mex., May 20.—Sixteen lives were lost in a tornado which swept this town yesterday.

Hail stones of enormous size fell and several who lost their lives were killed by being struck by the stones.

## ALDRICH NAMED IN SALE OF TROLLEYS

### Mellen, Senator Fostered Deal.

## INVESTMENTS ARE DEFENDED

### Price High but Property Valuable, Says Witness.

## RECENT LEASES ARE CITED

### Further Admiration for J. P. Morgan as "Master Mind" of Railroad Situation Is Expressed. Death Makes Difference.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—That ex-Senator Aldrich was primarily instrumental in the sale of the Rhode Island trolley system to the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad for \$19,000,000 or \$20,000,000 was the statement made late today by Charles S. Mellen, ex-president of the road, in his testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In resuming the stand Mr. Mellen further emphasized the dominant control of the late J. Pierpont Morgan not only of the properties of the New Haven & Hartford, but of its officials. The witness referred to Mr. Morgan as the "master mind" of the system.

Morgan Never Opposed Openly.

Mr. Mellen admitted frankly that neither he nor any of his directors had the temerity openly to oppose Mr. Morgan's plans, although, he said, he sometimes disagreed with him.

Even in the acquisition by the New Haven of the West Chester property, into which millions of dollars vanished as in thin air, Mr. Mellen, who asserted he did not approve of the purchase, insisted that had Mr. Morgan lived, the property might have been far more valuable than it is today. So, too, it was with the acquisition of the Worcester, Nashua & Rochester Railroad, in which Mr. Morgan, Mr. Mellen said, was responsible for paying \$12 a share more than the stock was really worth. As in the West Chester transaction, however, Mr. Morgan, according to Mr. Mellen, would brook no interference, carrying out his plans practically without regard to the opinions of others interested.

### Excessive Price Admitted.

Acquisition by the New Haven of trolley lines in Connecticut and Rhode Island occupied much attention at today's proceedings. Mr. Mellen conceded that some of the properties had been purchased at too high a price, but added that they were worth more to the New Haven, at the time, than to anybody else.

Mr. Mellen maintained that the trolley charges relate to alleged rebates.

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## RAILWAY HURRIES APOLOGY

### Oregon Short Line Promises Changed Service Will Resume.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—While the Oregon Short Line has violated an order of the State Railroad Commission relative to the schedule of trains between Vale and Brogan, the railroad has assured the Commission that the violation was unintentional and the schedule would be corrected at once.

The Commission some time ago issued an order providing for one train a day between the towns. The railroads, in an order issued last Saturday, announced that the service had been cut from one train daily to three trains weekly.

The Brogan Commercial Club protested against it vigorously.

## REBATE TRUE BILLS FOUND

### United States Grand Jury at North Yakima Find Five Indictments.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Five indictments returned by the United States grand jury this afternoon charge violations of the interstate commerce law against the Potlatch Lumber Company, of Touloussa, Wash., and the Washington, Idaho & Montana Railway Company and also against individuals whose names are not given.

The charges relate to alleged rebates.

## T. R. DONS POLITICAL ARMOR FOR FIGHT

### No Time Lost in Drawing Lines of Battle.

## THIRD PARTY LEADERS GATHER

### Colonel Prepares for One of Hardest Years of Career.

## TRIP TO COAST IN PLANS

### Roosevelt May Reach Pacific Slope in September—Residents of Oyster Bay to Give Distinguished Resident Fete Today.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., May 20.—On the first day after his return from South America, Theodore Roosevelt got back into touch with the political situation, and plans were well under way tonight for the Progressive campaign of 1914.

A large part of the day Colonel Roosevelt passed in conference with George W. Perkins, of New York, chairman of the executive committee of the Progressive National Committee. Mr. Perkins has been steadily at work since the 1912 campaign in organizing the new party in all sections of the country, and his mission to Oyster Bay was to acquaint the ex-President with conditions.

Colonel Roosevelt would not discuss his talk with Mr. Perkins. He said he was not talking politics.

Pinchot Stays Over Night.

Gifford Pinchot, the Progressive candidate for United States Senator from Pennsylvania, also had a meeting with Colonel Roosevelt. He reached Sagamore Hill late today and spent the night there.

Colonel Roosevelt's political activities today removed all doubts whether he would take an active part in the campaign this year. It is known that he expects to make one of the most arduous fights of his career. It is probable that in September he will make a trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast, speaking in most of the states.

On May 30 Colonel Roosevelt will sail for Spain, for the wedding of his son, Kermit, in the intervening period he will attempt to start in motion the machinery for the campaign, and, with other leaders of the party, to decide upon the lines on which the fight is to be made. On his return from Europe, about July 1, he will begin the campaign proper.

### Fatigue Now Gone.

One day of the quietude and bracing air of Sagamore Hill wrought a great change in Colonel Roosevelt's appearance. Tonight he was full of vigor. There was no trace of the fatigue so

## BATTLESHIP AIDS WRECKED VESSEL

### REFUGEES RETURNING TO TAM-PICO MEET WITH MISAP.

### Norwegian Steamer Goes Aground on Coast of Mexico and "S. O. S." Call Is Heard by Connecticut.

GALVESTON, Tex., May 20.—The Norwegian steamship Atlantis, which left Galveston May 17 for Tampico with 35 passengers, is aground 100 miles north of Tampico and has been ordered to her assistance. All the passengers have been taken off by the United States battleship Connecticut, according to information received here.

No details of the accident to the Atlantis were given, but wireless messages for tugs were urgent and said that the steamer was pounding to pieces. The Connecticut received the "S. O. S." call from the Atlantis at Tampico. Wireless messages brought the news here tonight. It was believed the Atlantis went aground Tuesday night and that the Connecticut reached her early today.

The crew refused to leave the vessel. Two powerful tugs were ordered from Mobile to the steamer's assistance.

Most of the Atlantis' passengers were foreigners who fled from Tampico after Vera Cruz was occupied by the Americans and were returning there.

The Atlantis is a 734-ton steamship plying between gulf ports.

## WILLIAM MARTIN, 73, DEAD

### Pioneer Jeweler of Salem Awaited End for Six Years.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—William Willard Martin, 73 years old, a pioneer jeweler of Salem, died today after an illness of about six years. Mr. Martin conducted a jewelry store on Commercial street for many years, at one time being a partner of N. Parikh.

When taken ill and informed he could not recover, Mr. Martin retired from business and began studying optometry, receiving a graduate's certificate about a year ago.

He was born in Pennsylvania and came to Oregon when a young man. He was a Captain in the Second brigade, Oregon Militia, during the Civil War. Mr. Martin was a prominent Mason, having been a member of Pacific Lodge No. 59 for many years.

## LINN PIONEER IS DEAD

### A. M. Shelton, of Lyons, Dies Within Week at Albany Hospital.

ALBANY, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—A. M. Shelton, of Lyons, a pioneer of 1847 and a resident of Linn County continuously for almost 67 years, died this morning in St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 85 years. He was brought to the hospital here a week ago.

He was born in Virginia in 1829 and crossed the plains when he was 18 years old. He had been a member of the Masonic lodge at Scio for 38 years.

He is survived by his widow and six children, Harvey Shelton, of Jordan; Mrs. A. R. McCall, of Albany; Mrs. J. N. Hilyeu, of Crabtree; Mrs. R. C. Worthington, of Oswego; Mrs. H. B. Burnmaster, of North Bend and J. W. Shelton, of Lyons.

## WITNESS FEE FIXED AT \$2

### Western Members Prevent Reduction to \$1.50 by House.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 20.—The House today agreed to a provision in the judicial code bill reducing the fees of witnesses in Federal Courts in the Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain states from \$3 to \$2 a day.

As the bill was reported by the committee, it reduced fees to \$1.50, but after urgent pleas by Western members an amendment was accepted adopting \$2 as the uniform fee throughout the United States.

## TWO SAVED AT ASTORIA

### Lookout at Fort Canby Sees Boat Capsize.

ASTORIA, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—A fishing boat containing two men was capsized yesterday in the breakers on Peacock Spit.

The accident was seen by the lookout at Fort Canby, and Captain Rimer and the Cape Disappointment life-saving crew hastened to the rescue, picking up both men.

After caring for the men the crew returned to the breakers and recovered the boat and net.

## FOREIGN DRIVERS ARRIVE

### "Speed Demons" From Europe Reach Indianapolis for 500-Mile Race.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20.—The last of the drivers of foreign cars entered in the annual 500-mile at the Indianapolis motor speedway, May 20, are here today.

They are: Jean Chassagne, who will drive an English car, Albert Guyot, Arthur Duray, René Thomas, Jules Goux and George S. Boillot, who will drive French cars; Josef Christlans, who will drive a Belgian car, and Ernst Friederich, pilot of the German car.

## Cherry Fair Fund Raised.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Citizens of Salem are subscribing liberally to a fund for the Cherry Fair on June 25, 26, 27. It is expected the fair will far surpass any ever held, and the festival will be a permanent affair. A feature will be the state reunion of the Spanish-American War veterans on June 26.

## GOVERNOR TO CLOSE FRIARS' CLUB TODAY

### National Guard to Be Sent to Milwaukie.

## TWO GIRLS TAKEN IN CUSTODY

### West Says He Will Submit Evidence to Grand Jury.

## DETECTIVE WATCHES PLACE

### Drinks Have Been Served and House Will Be Kept Closed During His Term, Asserts Executive in Explaining Action.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Announcing tonight that the two girls had been taken in custody at the Friars' Club in Milwaukie by Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, of the Municipal Department of Public Safety for Women of Portland last night, Governor West declared that the place would be closed tomorrow by the State National Guard and kept closed during the remainder of his administration.

Governor West said further that he had all the evidence that was necessary against the management of the club, and that it would be submitted at once to the grand jury of Clackamas County through District Attorney Hedges. The charges, he said, will be keeping an unlawful house and contributing to the delinquency of minors.

"I sent Tom Kay, special state detective, to the place tonight to keep close watch upon it," said the Governor. "It will be closed tomorrow morning. Martial law is still in effect there. I removed the troops from the club a short time ago because I did not think it was necessary to keep them there, and to cut down expenses.

Evidence Secured Says West.

"The girls' Mrs. Baldwin has in charge were at the club last night drinking intoxicating liquors with men. One of them is 16 years old and the other is 17 years old. I am satisfied drinking has been going on at the club right along. We have a line on the two men later charged with blowing a safe went to the club and bought drinks. Women were with them. We have evidence that chauffeurs were furnished cards to use in getting patrons for the place.

"Some of Portland's prominent young men who foolishly visited the place were used by Wilbur, the manager, to give a semblance of respectability to the resort. In his attempt to establish what he calls the 'respectability of the club' he will undoubtedly find it necessary to give the names of these young men to the grand jury, and it will cause them some unpleasantness when they get into court.

### Secretary to Talk With Mrs. Baldwin.

"Miss Fern Hobbs, my private secretary, has gone to Portland to confer with Mrs. Baldwin tomorrow in reference to the evidence relating to the girls she has in custody, having visited the place. We have a line on the men who were with the girls, as well as others who have had drinks at the resort.

"Wilbur, before becoming connected with the Milwaukie place, conducted a dancehall at Astoria, and I have kept close watch on the Friars' Club. When I withdrew the troops I thought it was unnecessary to keep them there, but I have found it necessary to send them back, and I want to say that the place will be closed tomorrow and kept closed as long as I am Governor."

Governor West several days ago said that when a grand jury investigation of the resort was made the names of the members and patrons would be presented to the jury. His announcement that among them are some of Portland's most prominent young men and that they will have to tell the jury what they know is expected to cause some excitement in the upper set of the metropolis.

## GUARANTY IS ABOLISHED

### Manufacturers Notified of Change in Department Regulations.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Department of Agriculture today began notifying more than 58,000 manufacturers through the country that on May 1, 1915, their guarantees filed under the pure food and drugs regulation would be stricken from the files and that thereafter the serial numbers assigned to them must not be used on the label or package of any food or drug.

This action is in accordance with the regulations adopted recently which abolished the use of the guarantee legend and serial number on foods and drugs.

## JACOB A. RIIS NO BETTER

### Physician Gives No Hope for Improvement of Social Writer.

BARRE, Mass., May 20.—The condition of Jacob A. Riis, writer and social worker, was regarded as critical tonight. His physician said there was no hope of any improvement. The patient retains consciousness most of the time.

Mr. Riis came to his Summer home here two weeks ago suffering from a cold heart trouble.

