

WARSHIPS ORDERED HOME FOR REPAIRS

Division at Time to Be Returned From Mexican Waters for Overhauling.

OIL LEASES CALLED OFF

United States Cancels Acts of Federalists During Siege of Tampico. Fates of Consul and Soldier Still in Doubt.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—General slackening of tension in the Mexican situation resulted today in the consideration of plans at the State Department which included the withdrawal of a part of the fleet now on the east coast of Mexico.

Another important development of the day was a conference called by Secretary Bryan, at which British Ambassador Spring-Rice and Minister Van Hays were present.

Similar protests that Dutch and British holders might suffer since the constitutionalists' assumption followed.

The State Department, until without result, endeavored today to open new lines of communication in order to get information as to the facts of Consul Silliman at Saitillo.

"We are now seeking information of Silliman from sources other than Mexico City," Secretary Bryan asserted.

No official information was forthcoming in the case of Private Samuel Parks. The State Department is still without reply to a note in which it requested information about Parks and characterized his reported execution as a "hostile and unfriendly act."

Eye Witness' Name Kept Secret. The War Department, however, received a copy of an affidavit made by A. W. Bland, in which he repeated a story told him by a reputed eye-witness of Parks' death.

Assurances that the family of T. J. Smith, at Tonala, Mexico, is safe under the protection of British and Brazilian diplomatic officers and that every effort is being made to secure his release from imprisonment of Smith himself were received by Secretary Bryan from the Brazilian minister in Mexico City.

EDITOR HIS OWN LAWYER. J. E. Bailey Will Defend Label Suit at Cathlamet Today.

CATHLAMET, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—Acting as his own attorney, J. E. Bailey, editor of a local paper, declares he will defend himself in his trial just begun here on a charge of criminal libel. The jury was completed yesterday.

Judge Alston, of Snohomish County, in whose court the case is being tried, asked the defendant if he had an attorney. Mr. Bailey replied that he did not care for a lawyer, as he had decided to handle his own case, but the court gave the editor till 9 o'clock tomorrow morning to procure counsel.

The editor persists in his declaration that he will defend himself. The case is the outgrowth of charges made by Mr. Bailey in his paper that Mayor Gorman, Councilman Gibson and Prosecuting Attorney Stewart were involved in graft in connection with sewer laying, and that his publication of the stories had resulted in the city's refusal to pay a bill of \$18 for printing. The city officials replied to the \$18 charge, declaring that the bill was held up because the payment would have been illegal, as the contract was not made.

Testimony in the case will open tomorrow morning.

BANDITS LEAVE NO TRACE. Robbers of Spangle Bank Make Clean Get-Away From Officers.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 20.—That three highwaymen that robbed the State Bank of Spangle yesterday of \$4800 have eluded all pursuers and that their trail has been lost developed late today when private detectives searched a small box canyon along Bangman Creek near Waverly into which a Deputy Sheriff reported he had seen the three men enter.

A shot was fired into a hole in the rocks without result, and it was searched without any trace of the fugitives being found.

FIRST MARKET WILL OPEN. Vancouver Citizens to Buy Fresh Farm Produce Tomorrow.

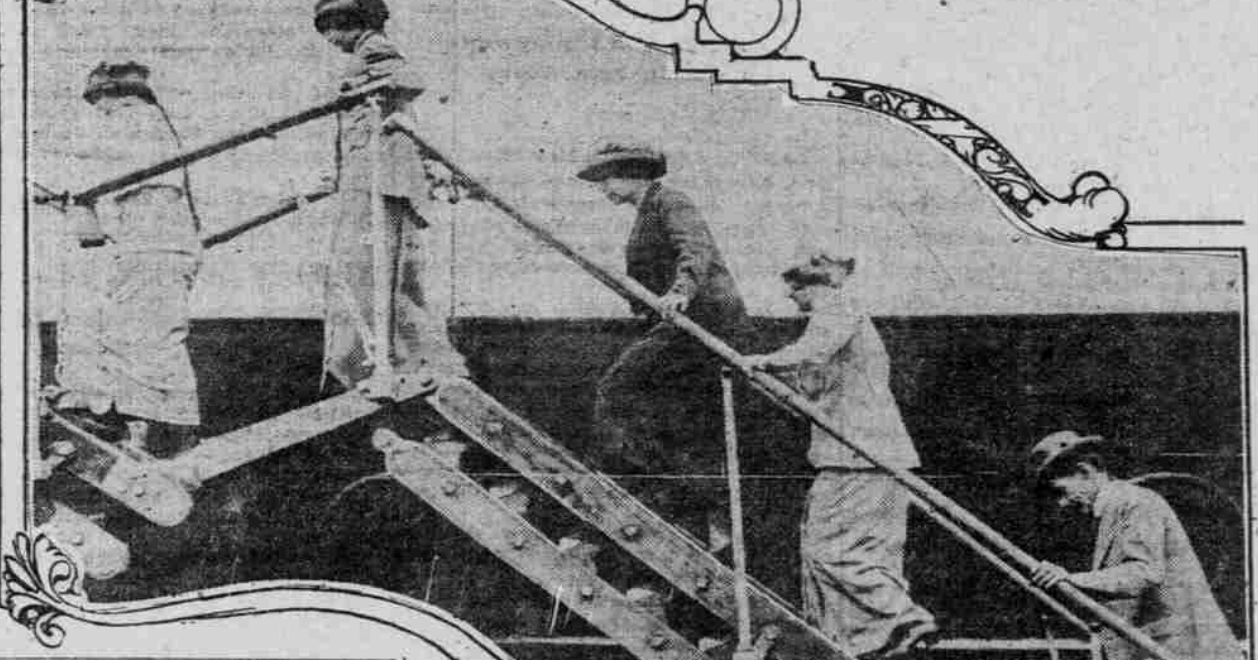
VANCOUVER, Wash., May 20.—(Special.)—The first public market day in Vancouver will be Friday. The City Council has granted permission for the use of Fifth street from Main to Reserve streets for the market. This street has 20 feet of covered sidewalks, which will provide shelter for sellers and buyers.

Farmers of the county will bring their produce and buyers will get fresh farm products.

HUERTA'S PEACE ENVOYS NOW AT NIAGARA FALLS ON PEACE CONFERENCE.



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HUERTA DENIES TALE

Authority to Offer His Resignation Not Conferred.

STATEMENT IS EMPHATIC

Washington, However, Feels Certain That Mexican Commissioners Have Been Clothed With Full Power to Act.

MEXICO CITY, May 20.—Provisional President Huerta, in an interview today, said that the Mexican peace delegates have no instructions to offer his resignation at the conference at Niagara Falls.

The President spoke with energy and emphasized his words with a characteristic gesture of the right hand.

Prior to this the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Esteva Ruiz, had declared that "ample powers" had been given the Mexican representatives by the government to deal with everything that may be discussed at the peace conference, with the object of solving the international difficulty.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—News from Mexico City of General Huerta's announcement that the Mexican delegates to the mediation conference has no instructions to offer his resignation with interest, although it was regarded as having no particular significance.

Authentic advices through diplomatic sources, alike the Mexican delegates, authentic information several days ago 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 troubles.

This last step, it was assumed, would be taken only after it was apparent to the commissioners that there was no hope of a settlement.

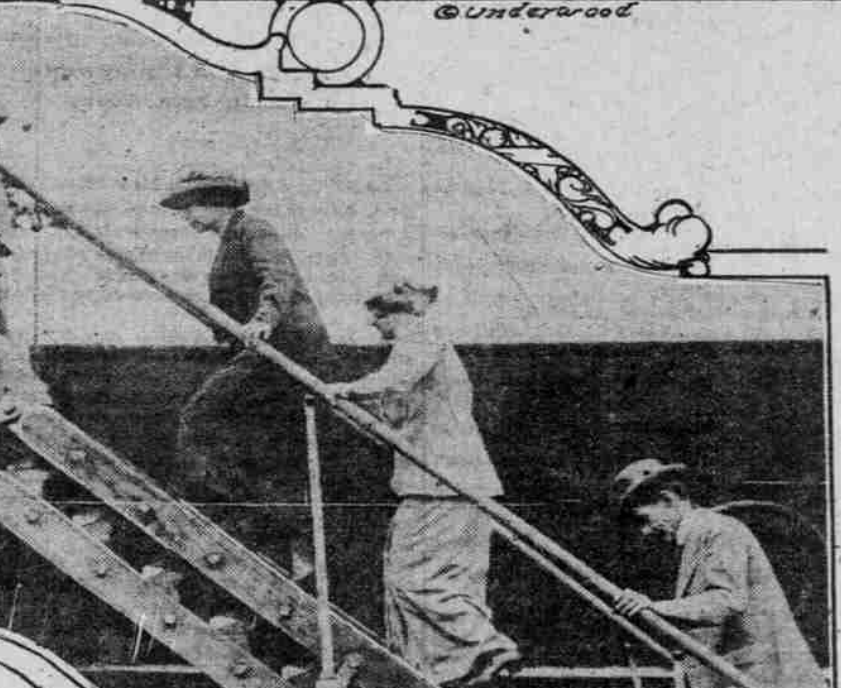
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particularly emphasized in the opening speech of Ambassador Da Gama at the first full conference of the mediation board during the day, in which he referred to "the clear and persuasive voice of reason counselling the sacrifice of persons in favor of the collective good of the people and spreading the gospel of peace and justice."

The Ambassador's speech of welcome, the informal talks of the Mexican and American delegates together, the social afternoon at tea and formal exchange of courtesies, and the sentiments of hopefulness everywhere expressed, re-echoed the sentiments of patriotism which were voiced by the Brazilian Ambassador, and expressing the thanks of their government for the tender of good offices.

The development of a personal friendliness and the cultivation of good feeling was remarked on by Americans and Mexicans alike as calculated to bring about a helpful spirit of co-operation in the tasks ahead where otherwise antagonism might prevail.

On behalf of the United States and Mexico, Justice Lamar and Emilio Rabasa, respectively, made brief responses echoing the sentiments of patriotism which were voiced by the Brazilian Ambassador, and expressing the thanks of their government for the tender of good offices.



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TOP—SEÑOR LUIS ELGUERO (SECOND FROM LEFT) AND SEÑOR AUGUSTIN RODRIGUEZ (THIRD FROM LEFT). BELOW—SEÑOR RABASA AND FAMILY BOARDING KRONPRINZESSEN CECELIA AT VERA CRUZ.

BRYAN RETAINS TREATY

Senate Not to Act on Columbian Pact With Tolls Issue Pending.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Secretary Bryan announced today he would not send to the Senate the treaty through which the United States hopes to adjust the claims of Colombia growing out of the separation of Panama, until the Senate had acted on the proposed repeal of the toll exemption clause of the Panama Canal law.

Mr. Bryan added that he would not offer the new treaty to the Senate for ratification until it finally had been approved by the Colombian Congress. His latest information from Bogota is that the congressional committee to which the treaty was referred had approved it unanimously.

It had been understood that the treaty would not be considered immediately.

Unionists Gain Seat. LONDON, May 20.—The Unionists gained a seat in the House of Commons for Northeast Derby today. The contest was a three-cornered one, the result being as follows: Major Bowdler, Unionist, 6489; Houghton, Liberal, 6155; Martin, Laborite, 3885.

Futures Bill Agreed On. WASHINGTON, May 20.—The Lever bill to regulate dealings in cotton futures was agreed upon today by the House agriculture sub-committee, and the full committee may consider it tomorrow. It would provide that there should be no tax on legitimate contracts for cotton, but would impose a prohibitive tax on what might be officially determined to be illegitimate contracts.

Tin of good quality is regarded as a substance in some parts of Alaska, where it is found in the richest spots as much as half a pound of tin to the pan is reported, which, at the present price of the ore, would give the gravel a value, not allowing for costs of mining or transportation, of \$15 to \$20 a yard, according to assay.

tin, left cards at the headquarters of the Mexican delegates here and returned the calls of the American delegates by motoring to the American side in an automobile decorated with twb American flags and leaving cards at their hotel. The American delegate, called on Martin Burrell, the Canadian Minister of Agriculture, and he, too, went to the American side to pay his respects.

The Mexican delegate, after paying their respects to the various parties to the mediation, spent most of their time receiving telegrams and writing communications to Mexico City, Senor Alcala de Terroren, ex-Charge d'Affaires in Washington, and other members of the Mexican embassy staff were in consultation most of the time with the Mexican delegates.

The ladies and other members of the Mexican party, the sons and daughters of the delegates, went sight-seeing. Romulo Naon, 11-year-old son of the Minister from Argentina, took an eager interest in the activities of the newspapermen and the photographers, a small army of whom thronged the carpeted corridors of the hotel. He was soon on intimate terms with all the members of the principals to the negotiations have prepared for a long stay.

almost wholly occupied in the presentation by the mediators of their views of the problem and their suggestions for its solution. These, it is understood, were placed before the American delegates informally as a step toward formal presentation later. The delegates were not asked tonight to submit the views of the Washington Government.

The three South Americans intend, so far as possible, to sound out both sides before formally submitting their plans. The general feeling was that tomorrow some of the vital issues in the Mexican problem would be ready for submission.

While no move toward securing participation by the constitutionalists has as yet been made by the mediators, such a step would not occasion surprise, as all plans are being framed by the mediators with a view to extending to General Carranza an invitation to join in a settlement.

Conference Room Overlooks Falls. The conferences were held in an oak paneled room furnished anew for the occasion and furnished only with a long table and 12 chairs. The room is on the fourth floor of the Clifton Hotel, overlooking the falls.

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