

NEW HITCH HALTS MEDIATORS' PLANS

Recognizing or Rejecting Constitutionalists in Proceedings Latest Issue.

DECISION UP TO BOARD

Foreign Pressure Expected to Force Administration's Hand as to Policy of Admitting Arms Into Mexico.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Messages which flashed between the American delegates to the Mexican mediation conference at Niagara Falls and the Washington government today were declared in official circles tonight to relate to the hitch in the progress of negotiations which has arisen since the note was sent last week to the South American mediators outlining the position of the Mexican constitutionalists.

It was reported that the subject of recognizing or rejecting representatives of the constitutionalists as participants in the peace conference now was squarely up to the mediators themselves.

Whether mediation would come to naught in case the South American envoys should determine to reject all proposals for enlarging the scope of the conference so as to include representatives of the Mexican revolutionists was the uppermost subject of discussion throughout the day in Washington.

Definite Statement Expected.

Administration officials have uniformly declined to make any definite statement as to the policy regarding the admission of arms into Mexico, but there is ground for the belief that under pressure from foreign governments there soon may be some authoritative pronouncement on the subject. Regarding General Funston's action in levying fines upon the German liners Ypiranga and Bavaria for irregularity in landing their cargoes of munitions of war, Secretary Garrison said that there might be an appeal from the German government. Action on the appeal, if brought, would be taken by the Secretary of State and not the Secretary of War, Mr. Garrison added.

Other Cargoes Approaching.

Other cargoes of war material are commonly understood to be approaching the Mexican coast, some from Japan on the Pacific side and it is rumored that a consignment of arms from Birmingham, England, soon would be on its way to Mexico.

With relation to the fines against the German steamers a dispatch from General Funston today announced that he simply executed his orders to enforce the Mexican law in imposing the fines.

The German contention in the subject is that the arms and ammunition on the two liners were originally ordered from Germany and France by the Madero government; that the German government recognized General Huerta as the lawful successor to Madero and consequently that Huerta was the proper consignee.

REBEL ENVOYS TAKE STAND

United States Must Decide if Carranza Joins Mediation.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Constitutionalist representatives in Washington tonight issued their first formal statement since the Niagara Falls mediation conference began. Luis Cabrera on behalf of himself and his colleagues, Rafael Zubaran and Jose Vasconcelos, outlined the constitutionalist attitude toward the question of representation at Niagara Falls, maintaining that it is for the United States and not the mediators or the representatives of General Huerta to decide whether representatives of the constitutionalist cause should take part in the deliberations.

"Should the constitutionalists participate in the Niagara conference," the statement said, "is the question to be decided before any other point. Who is to decide this question? Is it Huerta? Is it the mediators? Is it the United States?"

"Certainly not Huerta. The mediators as such are not interested parties in the agreement to settle differences between the United States and Mexico. The chief function of the mediator is to limit his efforts to bringing the parties together and drawing them apart is opposed to the very purposes of the mediation.

"Should a conflict arise between England, which recognizes General Huerta, and Mexico, no one could question the propriety of England's dealing with Huerta. But in this case the conflict is between Mexico and the United States. The United States has not recognized Huerta as the legal President of Mexico. Neither has it recognized the constitutionalists as the legal rulers of the country. But for the purpose of settling the present international conflict the United States can decide if it is satisfied to deal only with Huerta or if it wants both factions to be represented in order to insure the success of the mediation.

"Should the mediators, by themselves, decide that the United States ought to deal with Huerta alone, they would leave the role of mediators and appoint themselves arbiters not only of the international conflict, but of the internal, domestic affairs of Mexico."

LOCAL WAGE CASE FILED

Frank C. Stetler's Appeal From Minimum Law in Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 1.—The first case to reach the Supreme Court in which the validity of a law fixing a minimum wage was involved, was docketed here today.

It was the attack of Frank C. Stetler, a paper box manufacturer of Portland, Or., on the minimum wage law, under which the Industrial Welfare Commission fixed a minimum wage of \$8.64 a week for women.

KERMIT'S PLANS CHANGED

Civil Wedding to Be June 10 With Religious Ceremony Next Day.

MADRID, June 1.—A further change in the date of the church wedding of Kermit Roosevelt and Miss Belle Wyatt Willard was announced today. The religious ceremony is to be performed on June 11 and not on June 10, as stated Saturday.

The civil function will be carried out on June 10.

For baby's comfort—Santiseptic Lotion.

—Adv.

COMMANDER OF AMERICAN FORCES IN MEXICO AT HIS DESK.



GENERAL ("FIGHTING FRED") FUNSTON AT VERA CRUZ.

LAND CASE GOES UP

Oregon-California Grant Sent to Federal Supreme Court.

2,300,000 ACRES INVOLVED

Circuit Appeals Judges Hold That on Account of Importance of Many Questions Highest Decision Demanded.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 1.—(Special.)—The appeal in the case involving 2,300,000 acres of land, part of which is in Oregon, was passed up today by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals to the United States Supreme Court. At the conclusion of the argument, which has been going on for three days, the judges directed that on account of the importance of the many questions involved, a statement of agreed facts be prepared by interested counsel, and presented before July 5. The statement will be certified and forwarded to Washington for decision by the highest court of the land. The land in question is said to represent a value of \$100,000,000.

District Judge Wolverton, of Oregon, rendered a decision forfeiting the immense tract to the United States on the ground that the conditions of the grant had not been lived up to by the Oregon & California Railroad Company, to which the grant had been made. The railroad passed to the Southern Pacific some years ago.

Assistant United States Attorney General C. J. Smyth, who began an address Saturday afternoon, completed his talk this morning. He contended that the decision of Judge Wolverton was just, inasmuch as the railroad companies had failed to transfer the land to bona fide locators on the terms set down in the grant. Congressman A. W. Lafferty spoke for certain of the intervenors, who are attempting to protect their alleged titles to some of the land, and Chief Counsel W. D. Fenton, of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, made the concluding address for the Southern Pacific.

CARRANZA SHOWS PIQUE

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though it was not a formal declaration. The telegram arrived over the National telegraph wires in English, a copy of which follows:

"The dominant sentiment of the constitutionalists regarding the proceedings of the Mediation Commission at Niagara Falls is one of astonishment that there should be such an apparent lack of understanding on the part of that body, not only with regard to conditions in Mexico, but as to the attitude of the constitutionalists regarding the mediators. This lack of understanding is not confined to the Commissioners themselves, but seems to be shared by a large portion of the American press, as well as by the Washington Government."

End of Huerta Seen.

"Judging from what has been published from day to day the mediators appear to consider General Carranza and his followers as a negligible quantity, scarcely worthy of attention and who must perforce agree to whatever conclusion the Commission may reach. They do not seem to be aware of the fact that the constitutionalists are conquerors, that they have inaugurated and carried to almost successful completion a revolution, and that this means the establishment of a government entitled to recognition by the rest of the world."

The recent successes of the constitutionalist army and others that are imminent are conclusive proof that the power of Huerta is practically ended. His troops will not fight. They either run away or join their opponents with every sign of willingness.

"All that prevents the constitutionalists from entering Mexico City today is the physical obstacle of the destruction of the railroads. With communication restored, which is being accomplished with rapidity, the army would

be in Mexico City in less than a week. Yet the constitutionalist leaders point to the deliberations of the Commission and the statements of the press as absolutely ignoring this situation. The Peace Commission even goes so far as to propose that the constitutionalists must recognize whatever provisional government they decide to set up and to declare that they must be forced to recognize that government or be crushed."

"The constitutionalist leaders are wondering how they are to be forced to do this in view of their present accomplishments, and by whom they are to be crushed if they decline to obey the Commission. Calmly, too, the Commission proposes that Huerta shall be permitted to be a candidate for the Presidency in order to merely save his face. Do they think the constitutionalists will consent to this? They declare that they will consent to recognize a provisional government constituted as the Commission proposes of one person selected by Huerta, one by themselves and one perhaps, but not all likely, by the constitutionalists?"

"The constitutionalists make it plain beyond question that they will recognize a government established under the plan of Guadalupe at the triumph of the revolution."

"According to this plan the commander-in-chief of the constitutionalist army will be the provisional president of the Mexican republic while the elections are being carried out and the constitutional order is restored to the country. They point out the fact that conquerors are not usually wont to permit the conquered to dictate the terms of peace, which is practically what is to be asked of them by the commission."

"Constitutionalists are especially caustic in their comment on the proposal of the commission to take up the agrarian question and propose some form of settlement. They declare that this is a purely internal problem and that they will tolerate no outside interference. Indeed, this is their attitude with regard to the entire proceedings of the mediation commission. They declare that if let alone they will settle the entire Mexican problem in a few months."

Work Done Pointed To.

"They point also to what they have already done and are doing in settling the agrarian problem."

"When shown statements bearing inference that should the Niagara Falls plan not be agreeable to the constitutionalists, they would be forced to accept it or be crushed, the constitutionalist leaders ask how and by whom. "Should any or all of the foreign nations party to the conference at Niagara Falls decide as a result of that conference, called to promote peace, to use force to secure acceptance of their plan, the constitutionalists feel that it would present a situation so contradictory as to be ludicrous."

"The constitutionalists do not acknowledge the right of the bureau to rule concerning this subject especially and the stand of the Huerta party on the matter largely was responsible for the unrest in Mexico."

Powers Told to Look at Home.

"The constitutionalists assert the foreign mediators have not been able to settle this question in their own countries and yet they apparently take it upon themselves to settle so grave a matter for a country of whose local conditions they must be ignorant. The leaders explain the agrarian problem as one for local settlement and that the only parties to the Niagara plan who understand local conditions are men who hold radically opposite views to that of the great majority in Mexico."

General Villa's declaration as given out today by the bureau of information at Juarez said in part:

"I have been informed that our enemies, the men who belong to the party of treachery, are developing intrigues abroad, using my name and exalting my military merits with the objects of making me appear to have ambition which I do not possess, for the purpose of establishing divisions and disorders among the constitutionalists. If victory has accompanied me it has been not only because of my own personal action but also for the courage, patriotism and discipline of my companions in arms."

O.-W. R. & N. Confesses Judgment.

Judgment was confessed in three safety appliance suits by attorneys for the O.-W. R. & N. Company in Federal Court yesterday. A fine of \$100 was imposed in each case. Two charges were for carrying cars without grab irons and the other for allowing a car with a broken brake chain to be carried. Assistant United States District Attorney Rankin prosecuted.

55,000 ENGINEERS TAKE STRIKE VOTE

98 Railways, Involving 140,000 Miles West of Chicago, Will Be Affected.

ALL NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN

General Managers' Committee Insists That Present Payrolls Will Be Increased About 50 Per Cent if Demands Granted.

CHICAGO, June 1.—A strike vote of 55,000 engineers and firemen, on 98 railways west of Chicago, will be taken as the result of the breaking off of all negotiations tonight for increased wages.

The negotiations have been in progress for nearly three months. Practically every railway in the United States west of Chicago, including the Illinois Central and all lines in Canada west of Port Williams, with the exception of the Grand Trunk Pacific, are involved.

The strike vote will affect workers on 140,000 miles of railway, who receive about \$67,750,000 yearly in wages. Demands Mean Big Increase, Is Said. According to a statement issued by the general managers' committee, the requests of the men would increase the pay rolls approximately 50 per cent a year and are unreasonable.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who, with V. S. Carst, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, has headed a committee of employees in the negotiations, said tonight that 30 days would be required to take the strike vote and that in the meantime no new proposals would be submitted.

Employees' Requests Outlined. The committee's statement outlined some of the principal requests of the employees as follows:

Increases in the rates of pay in all classes of service; reduction of the number of hours (after which overtime would be paid) from 10 to 8, in freight service, and from 10 to 9 in passenger service; increase in the basis of figuring overtime to time and a half in freight service and double time in passenger; granting of 30 minutes preparatory time for each trip; allowances for terminal delays; increase in the differentials paid for running Mallet engines; increase in differentials between local and through freight; employment of men on large coal-burning engines, regardless of character or length of run.

45,000 COAL MINERS ARE FIRM

Conference Between Operators and Men Today Hopes for Peace.

COLUMBUS, O., June 1.—In the hope of bringing to an end the strike of about 45,000 coal miners in Ohio, representatives of the miners and coal operators will meet here tomorrow in a joint conference.

Delegates from local unions of the Ohio United Mine Workers of America, in convention today, decided to stand firm in their demands for a new wage scale, which was rejected by the operators at a joint conference, April 20. John P. White, international president of the Mine Workers of America, will attend the conference tomorrow.

HUERTAS MAY BE GONE

REPORT IS FAMILY LEFT VERA CRUZ ABOARD YPIRANGA.

Dictator's Wife Said to Have Taken 1,000,000 Pesos With Her—General Out of Capital, Is Rumor.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, June 1.—Coinciding with the sailing of the Hamburg-American steamer Ypiranga from here today, rumors, originating in Mexico City and brought here by refugees, were circulated that Senora Huerta and her four sons were aboard the vessel.

The Ypiranga cleared for Europe by way of Havana. As she left the harbor the German cruiser Dresden unexpectedly hauled anchor and followed to sea. There was a report also that the liner's destination was Puerto Mexico.

Neither Brigadier-General Funston nor any other Army or Navy officer heard the rumor that some of the Huerta family were aboard the Ypiranga until after the steamer had sailed. There is no means to verify the report.

A similar report was in circulation Saturday, but this vessel's officers and agents denied. There was element of mystery, however, in eight locked staterooms, originally reserved for Senora Huerta, the former minister of the interior, which were not otherwise disposed of, although he had proceeded to the United States.

According to reports in circulation in Mexico City, Senora Huerta and her sons went to Puerto Mexico several days ago on a special train escorted by palace guards. They boarded the Ypiranga there and remained in seclusion during the steamer's stay in this port.

General Funston said that this might be possible, as no attempt has been made to ascertain who was aboard the steamer. It was reported also from the capital that Senora Huerta drew 1,000,000 pesos from the bank.

Still another report from the capital had it that Senora Huerta and her sons had left for Puerto Mexico several days ago in a sleeping car, with trainloads of the twenty-ninth Infantry ahead and behind. Refugees declare that they passed a train of this nature this morning on the way from Mexico City and noted that more than 300 soldiers of the twenty-ninth Infantry were aboard.

These reports are generally discredited here but are viewed as showing a general belief in the capital that Huerta may depart secretly at any moment.

RIO GRANDE SALE IS O. K.'D

"Frisco" System Receivers Ordered to Replace Wornout Tracks.

ST. LOUIS, June 1.—The sale of the Rio Grande Railroad and the Brownsville Electric Railway Company, subsidiaries by the receivers of the St. Louis & San Francisco (Frisco) Railroad, was approved today by United States Judge Walter H. Sanborn.

The receivers also were ordered to replace the wornout track throughout the "Frisco" system. Judge Sanborn

The Apple Boom is Dead

And the coroner has gone home, but the apple industry is very much alive.

The wisest of the growers are working together, instead of "every man for himself," as was the case two or three years ago. The losses attending the record-breaking crop in 1912 will not—cannot—happen again. At last the topheavy apple industry is being supported by the strong base of diversified farming.

If your business or interests touch the apple industry in the slightest way, you should read the searchingly frank article,

Apples of the Northwest

By WALTER V. WOHLKE

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issued an interlocutory decree notifying creditors to file all claims against the system before October 1 next.

Dental Society Elects.

ALBANY, Or., June 1.—(Special.)—Meeting in quarterly convention in this city Saturday night, the Willamette District Dental Society elected Dr. Harper, of Corvallis, president; Dr. Amos, of Lebanon, vice-president, and Dr. Hunt, of Albany, secretary, all for the ensuing year. Dr. Little, of Albany, and Dr. Leach, of Corvallis, were chosen delegates to the convention of the State Dental Association in Portland this month.

Astoria Rainfall Below Average.

ASTORIA, Or., June 1.—(Special.)—According to the records in local Weather Observer Gilmore's office, the rainfall in Astoria during the month of May was 2.57 inches, which is 1.57

inches less than the average for the corresponding month of previous years, fell on 11 days, 21 days were clear. The maximum temperature was 86 and two partly cloudy and eight cloudy.



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