

### WAR WITH MEXICO LATE POSSIBILITY

Pressure Brought to Bear on President Two Weeks Ago Revealed at Capital.

### ALL OFFERS ARE REJECTED

Carbajal and Majority of United States Cabinet, It is Said, Urged American Troops for Mexico City—Plea Sent Villa.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Just how close the United States came to being involved in a war with Mexico as recently as a fortnight ago was revealed today by some high officials of the Government.

When General Carranza abruptly rejected the overtures of the peace envoys sent by Provisional President Carbajal and at the same time ignored the diplomatic efforts of the American Government to bring about a peaceful entry of the constitutionalists into Mexico City, drastic measures were urged on President Wilson. Many members of the Cabinet—it is said a majority—argued in favor of sending troops from Vera Cruz to the Mexican capital to prevent the anarchy that was then expected to follow from the failure of the Carbajal government and the constitutionalists to reach an agreement.

President Resists Pressure. The President, however, firmly resisted all pressure, arguing that the sending of American troops to the city even on a mission of order would probably mean war with the approaching constitutionalists.

A few days later actual overtures came from the Carbajal government in an indirect way to the effect that if American troops would come to preserve order they would not be opposed, but assisted. These assurances, according to official messages here, were given by Minister Lujan, of Carbajal's Cabinet, with the authority, it is said, of Senator Carbajal. Other promises were made. The United States was to receive a coal mining concession in Magdalena Bay, the Chamisal claims were to be adjusted, and many other things of interest to the United States were to be arranged.

### All Overtures Rejected.

The President rejected all approaches of this character, believing the constitutionalists themselves would maintain order when they reached the city. He gave his attention instead to the possible split in the north between Villa and Carranza and renewed efforts to harmonize the leaders so that a provisional government recognized by all factions might be set up.

To carry out this purpose, the President sent a personal friend, Paul Fuller, a New York lawyer, to see both Villa and Carranza. Mr. Fuller saw the President and Mr. Bryan secretly in Washington, and has just arrived at Villa's headquarters, where he is cooperating with George C. Carothers, American consular agent, in urging Villa to join with Carranza in maintaining peace in Mexico.

### VICTOR INNES IS JAILED

(Continued From First Page.) on August 3 and obtained a place on the McKenzie River, 20 miles east of here. For a week he has been under surveillance of the Sheriff and a Federal secret service official.

When the Sheriff received the message from Texas tonight he left immediately in an auto and had his prisoner in jail before 9:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Innes refused to make any statement when interviewed over the phone tonight.

Mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis and Miss Beatrice Nelms, her sister, was revealed when their mother, in Atlanta, received a letter from Mrs. Dennis, mailed in San Francisco.

"I killed Beatrice in New Orleans and am going to kill my brother here," the note said. It was dated July 3.

**Murder Not Found.** No such murder had been committed in New Orleans, said the authorities. Marshall Nelms in San Francisco did not know of his sister's presence in the city. All efforts of the police in various parts of the country to find the sisters were unavailing.

Victor E. Innes, ex-Assistant United States District Attorney for Nevada, as mentioned in connection with the affair when checks, said to be for sums totaling nearly \$10,000, written by Mrs. Dennis, were found to have been made payable to him.

On a trip through the South last Spring, Mr. Innes visited in Memphis, Atlanta and San Antonio.

Mr. Innes was in Sacramento early in July. Chief of Police White, in San Francisco, telegraphed Chief Clark, in Portland, July 12, to hold Innes in question him about the affair. Chief Clark declined, as there was no charge against Innes. On hearing of this, Mr. Innes, through his attorney, John McCourt, issued a statement giving his itinerary on his Southern trip, denying any knowledge of the affair and setting forth his business relations as an attorney with members of the family.

**Arrest of Innes Dramatic.** Every effort to avoid discussion of his arrest was made by Mr. Innes tonight.

"I have met Mr. Innes in Eugene before, four years ago," said Sheriff Parker, as the two ate dinner tonight after their return. Mr. Innes immediately accused him, requesting that no mention of his former business in Eugene be made.

The arrest of Innes at the little mountain home on the McKenzie River was highly dramatic. The narrow valley was filled with smoke from nearby forest fires, which burned along the river from the house, snuggled out of sight from the road in the trees.

The prisoner pleaded the illness of his wife, he referred to the danger incident to making the trip in the smoke-filled valley with fires on either side of the road, and he referred to his two little children who crowded around him in fright, but his pleas were of no avail.

A legal battle, first on the part of Innes to demand release on habeas corpus proceedings, and then an effort to fight extradition to Texas is expected to commence in Eugene tomorrow with arrival of Mr. McCourt, his attorney. The prisoner, who seven months ago was Assistant United States District Attorney, is expected by Eugene officers to make, perhaps, the most brilliant legal fight ever waged in the Lane County Court.

The telegraphic order upon which the Lane County Sheriff left Eugene this evening with instructions to his driver to stop for no speed regulations is as follows:

"San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 18.—Sheriff J. C. Parker, Eugene, Or.—I hold war-

rant for Victor E. Innes and Mrs. Victor E. Innes, alias Ida Mae Innes, alias Margaret Mins, alias Mrs. William Hardman, charge murder. Arrest and wire me at once.

"JOHN W. TOBIN, Sheriff."

**CHARGE, MURDER 'TIS SAID**  
Innes Telephones to Inform John McCourt of His Flight.

Federal secret service men of Portland admitted last night that Innes had been under surveillance by them for at least three weeks, on the theory that an offense against the Federal statutes had been committed, the exact nature of which they are permitted to reveal at this time.

"Mr. Innes called me on the telephone after his arrest," said John Mc-



Victor E. Innes, Under Arrest in Connection With Mysterious Disappearance of Mrs. Dennis and Sister.

Court, his attorney, last night. "He made no statement concerning the case. He said he had been arrested for murder and that it was an outrage. Also he asked me to use my influence with the Sheriff to prevent Mrs. Innes' arrest, as she is in poor health. I did that, and I understand that she will not be arrested."

"Innes said he had been arrested on telegraphic information from the Sheriff at San Antonio, Texas, to the effect that a warrant had been issued for his arrest on a charge of murder. When this case was first discussed locally, I had a long talk about it with Mr. Innes. He denied all knowledge of the subject. I know nothing more than that."

### WOMEN'S BROTHER ACCUSES

Innes Is Charged With Murder and Wife Held as Accessory.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 18.—Warrants for the arrest of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Innes, of Portland, Or., charging him with having murdered Miss Beatrice Nelms and her sister, Mrs. Elois Nelms Dennis, of Atlanta, Ga., who have been missing since June, and for Innes' wife, charging that she was an accessory to the crime, were issued by District Attorney Linden here today.

Marshall Nelms, brother of the missing women, filed the complaint against Innes and his wife, and a telegram was sent to Portland police asking their detention. Nelms and a deputy sheriff expect to leave tomorrow with extradition papers for the return of Innes and his wife, who were arrested tonight at the Innes farm, near Leaburg, Or.

### CASE HANGS ON SHOT

Courthouse Improvised Target Range During Murder Trial.

### DEFENDANT DAVIS TALKS

Man on Trial at Dallas Contends Mother-in-Law Killed by Husband, Who Admits Having Gun After Alleged Denial.

DALLAS, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—To try to identify the bullet taken from the head of Mrs. Eliza Stewart, who was killed at Baiston in June, 1913, Sheriff Grant and Mr. Deschner today repaired to the basement of the Courthouse and fired several shots from the two revolvers that are alleged to have figured in the shooting which resulted in the death of Mrs. Stewart, for whose killing her son-in-law, Louis Davis, is on trial on a charge of murder. One of the guns was that said to have been used by Davis, and the other by G. M. Stewart. The bullets were fired today into a piece of wood after the state had attemped to discredit the contention of Davis that Mr. Stewart shot his own wife during the scuffle.

The defendant occupied the witness stand today in his own behalf, contending, as in his former trial, that Stewart and Ben Agee, a neighbor, who had been called in, began shooting at him as soon as they stepped into the door of the Stewart home.

Stewart has admitted possession of a pistol during the shooting, but denies that he fired any shots. Testimony of ex-District Attorney Upjohn and N. F. Barnett was to the effect that Stewart had denied at the Coroner's inquest that he had a revolver at the time of the shooting. Mr. Barnett was a member of the Coroner's jury.

Arguments in the case will be taken up when court convenes at 9 o'clock tomorrow.

### BALLOT DOUBLY "DRY"

VANCOUVER TO VOTE IN LOCAL OPTION AND PROHIBITION.

Petition Out to Put Home Rule of Saloons Before Electors—Aim to Offset Victory of "Wets" Win.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Voters of Vancouver will be required, in November, to vote for or against local option in the city and state-wide prohibition. A local option organization has been formed and petitions have been circulated. W. P. Connaway, ex-cashier of a bank here, is president and William C. Bates, Progressive candidate for County Representative, is secretary. The finance committee includes W. Foster Hidden and Charles W. Hall.

It requires 600 names, approximately, to assure placing of the local option question on the ballot. While it was reported at the last meeting that this number of signatures had been obtained, it was decided to glean more names to bolster the petition in event that names are cast out.

The question of state-wide prohibi-

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tion will be on the regular general election ballot. The "drys" say they deem it wise to hold the local option election at the same time, so that the city will be "dry" if they carry the election, in case the state campaign is won by the "wets."

Vancouver has had two local option elections. The first was won by the "wets" by a majority of 138. Two years later the majority was increased slightly.

### Northern Pacific Kills Team.

EILMA, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—A livery team belonging to James Beck of this city, was instantly killed yesterday by the Northern Pacific motor car at Hale's Crossing, just out of town. The three men who were in the wagon narrowly escaped. The team was driven by George Inman and with him were Clarence Strubel and Mr. Dixon.

### Woman Drowns Near Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. Grant Farmer, wife of a prominent rancher of Ford's Prairie, was drowned in a slough off the Chehalis River, west of this city, Saturday night. It was nearly three hours before the body was recovered, and then all efforts at resuscitation were futile. Just how the accident occurred is not known.

### Woodland 11, Vancouver 2.

WOODLAND, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The Bull Moose baseball team of Vancouver played the Maroons of Woodland here Sunday and the Maroons won by the score of 11 to 2. The home team played consistently, while the Vancouver team was quite ragged at times.

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### HUNTERS FACE ARREST

CHARGE MADE FOREST FIRES SET TO RUN OUT DEER.

Forester at Eugene Says Two Men Have Confessed and Others Known to Officers.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 8.—Arrests and prosecution of men suspected of starting fires in the Siuslaw Forests, west of Eugene, are expected by the State Deputy Forester, and an example will be made if possible to warn hunters, whom the forestry officials say, have been maliciously responsible for scores of fires this year.

Carl V. Olesby, Deputy State Fire Warden, today received notice from Frank Fish, his deputy at Lorane, that one man has admitted starting fires. The name is not yet available, for the man is not in custody.

No disposition has yet been made of the case of the 19-year-old boy whose alleged confession implicated other parties. Prosecutions are expected.

"Hunters are responsible for the fires which we have been fighting during the past month," Mr. Olesby said today. "They seek to clear the forest for game. We have just spent \$500 fighting fires on Wolf Creek, which we know were set by hunters. Five fires were set simultaneously along a path taken by a party of hunters whose names we know."

**Centralia Gets Rain.**  
CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—The first rain fell Sunday in Centralia since June 24. It was the longest dry spell in the memory of old timers of this section, and while it caused no material damage to the crops, caused the City Commission much worry in that the water in the reservoir dropped to such a low stage that an order was issued permitting sprinkling only on alternate days.

**Pendleton to Get Another Park.**  
PENDLETON, Or., Aug. 18.—(Special.)—Pendleton is to have another park. The latest addition is to be jointly constructed by the city and by the O-W-B & N, and it is to face the depot. The present site is a triangular area, known for years as "Pendleton's Prairie." In windy weather it is cloudy in dust, and in wet weather it is ankle deep in mud. The Commercial Association of this city has been trying to solve the problem, and now the railroad company offers to donate the land to the city, and help in laying it out in grass on condition that Pendleton will keep it in repair.

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