

WILSON AGREES TO MEDIATION BY 3 REPUBLICS

Good Offices of Brazil, Argentina and Chile Formally Accepted.

HOPE FOR PEACE IS HELD

Candor, However, Impels Administration to Say Plans May Be Frustrated.

RENEWED OUTRAGES FEARED

Soberer Elements of Mexican People Appealed To.

PROMPT RESULTS DESIRED

Wish Expressed That Outcome May Be Made Known Before Hostilities Disappoint Hopes.

DEVELOPMENTS IN PAN-AMERICAN EFFORTS TO AVERT WAR.
President Wilson accepts offer of Brazilian, Argentine and Chilean envoys to mediate.
Envoys transmit acceptance to Spanish Ambassador, who immediately sends it by cable to Spanish legation at Mexico City for presentation to General Huerta.
General Carranza, head of the constitutionalists, informed of it through his representatives here.
Diplomats announce no further steps would be taken by them until replies had been received.
United States acceptance distinctly declares emergency may arise to make negotiations futile.
Army and Navy continue preparations for war.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—President Wilson announced tonight he had accepted an offer from Brazil, Argentina and Chile to use their good offices in an attempt to bring about a peaceful and friendly settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico.
The offer was formally submitted by the three Southern American envoys to Secretary Bryan and laid before the President.
Good Offices Appreciated.
The reply of the President made through the Secretary of State to the diplomatic representatives, was as follows:
"The Government of the United States is deeply sensible of the friendliness, the good feeling and the generous concern at peace and welfare of America manifested in the joint note just received from your excellency tendering the good offices of your Government to effect, if possible, a settlement of the present difficulty between the Government of the United States

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DEADLIER MACHINE GUN TO BE TRIED

ORDNANCE THAT MOWS DOWN REGIMENTS ON WAY.

Weapon Is Not Only Lighter and Faster, but Makes Ammunition Exchange Possible.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25.—(Special.)—Army officers will watch with deep interest the working out of the new Benet-Mercier machine gun in actual war. The gun uses the same ammunition as that used by the infantry in its new Springfield rifle, a shade less than a .30 caliber.

The heavier machine gun used previously had the disadvantage of requiring a half dozen mules where the same number of shots may now be packed on two.

With the new gun the gunner may register more shots, and, it is believed, gain a higher percentage of hits. The feature of ammunition exchange between the machine gun and the infantry along the firing line also makes for increased efficiency.

The gun is served by an assistant, who feeds belts of cartridges containing 20 shots each into the gun.

The Sixth, Sixteenth and Twelfth Infantry, which left San Francisco for the front, are all armed with the new guns, before which it is believed a regiment of Mexican infantry will be unable to stand more than a few moments.

DIVORCED WIFE IS SHOT

Harry Favor, of Prosser, Wash., Flees After Attempting to Kill.

PROSSER, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—Late today Harry Favor shot and seriously wounded his divorced wife, Lucile Shultz, near her home, two miles west of here.

His ex-wife was returning from town with two girl friends in a buggy. Favor stopped them and fired three shots, one striking the left breast and two the left arm. She may recover. Favor threatened his wife three months ago while attempting to abduct her child, for which he served 30 days in the County Jail. Favor is still at large.

RESTRAINT CHAFES T. R.

Berlin Hears Colonel Wants to Organize Brigade for War.

LONDON, April 25.—(Special.)—A Berlin dispatch to the Observer says an American official whose name is not given has arrived there from South America and says he met Colonel Roosevelt and that the Colonel wants to get into the Mexican fray at the earliest possible moment.

The official says Colonel Roosevelt intends to organize a full cavalry brigade, for which all the officers have been selected, to take the field as soon as the War Department sanctions such a course.

PLANS FOR MILITIA LAID

Oregon Will Concentrate at Clackamas, War Department Decides.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 25.—In event the President issues a call for militia, the Oregon militia will concentrate and organize for field service at Clackamas, under plans arranged by the militia division of the War Department today. The militia of Washington will concentrate at American Lake and the Idaho militia at Boise Barracks.

VICTOR HERBERT IS LOW

Composer in Critical Condition Following Appendicitis Operation.

LONDON, April 25.—The condition of Victor Herbert, the composer, who was operated on this morning for appendicitis, was reported to be critical tonight.

Mr. Herbert suddenly became seriously ill while being shown through Buckingham Palace Wednesday.

AMERICANS SAVED BY GERMAN MARINES

Mobs at Tampico Put Lives in Peril.

SHOT IS FIRED INTO HOTEL

Besieged Ones Handicapped by Lack of Ammunition.

WOMEN TAKEN TO SHIPS

Trouble Starts When American Vessels Leave Positions Near Shore and Steam to Sea—Insults Shouted by Marauders.

GALVESTON, Tex., April 25.—The Tampico situation has continued so serious, according to a wireless message reaching here today, that two torpedo boats yesterday were sent up the Panuco River at Tampico to get Americans. Refugees arriving here from Tampico today said they were saved from rioting Mexicans early Wednesday morning by German sailors.

The story of the riot was told by Americans on the collier Cyclops, which anchored in quarantine here today.

Insults Shouted From Streets.

The trouble started Tuesday night, after the American warships at Tampico had left their positions near shore and steamed several miles out to sea in the afternoon. After dark bands of Mexicans began to parade the streets, shouting insults at Americans, who had withdrawn to the shelter of the principal hotels in Tampico.

About midnight a mob estimated at 600 began throwing stones at the Southern Hotel, where there were 20 American women and 300 American men. William Hanson, an ex-United States Deputy Marshal in South Texas, organized the men, who had a few rifles and pistols, for resistance. The Americans, however, had no ammunition that they did not dare open fire, fearing the Mexicans would kill them after their ammunition was spent.

Shot Fired Through Window.

The mob began pounding on the doors with clubs. One Mexican fired through a window, but no one was wounded. Captain Von Kohler, of the German cruiser Dresden, the refugees said, sent officers ashore notifying the mob that unless they dispersed within 15 minutes he would land marines. The mob withdrew.

The German sailors then took the women from the Southern and from the Imperial hotels aboard boats to ships in the harbor. The men marched out. Some gave their suits to Mexican porters. A few of the suitcases, the refugees said, were torn from the porters' hands by other Mexicans, thrown on the ground and trampled. There was some rioting at the Imperial. The Southern has been for years the headquarters for oil men in the Tampico district.

Coast Artillery Sent South.

NEW YORK, April 25.—The steamships Concho, of the Mallory Line, and the Antilles, of the Morgan Line, left here today carrying, in addition to their regular passengers, 273 members of the Coast Artillery, who had come from Fort Slocum, N. Y. On the Concho, bound for Galveston, were 150 of the men. On the Antilles were the remainder, bound for New Orleans, Mexico.

Repair Ship Vestal Sails.

NORFOLK, Va., April 25.—The United States steamer Vestal, repair ship and tender for submarines, left for Norfolk Navy-Yard at 11:30 this morning, loaded with supplies, bound for Vera Cruz.

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GUNBOAT READY QUICKLY

Governor Returns Vicksburg to Navy 30 Minutes After Asked.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—Just 30 minutes after Secretary of the Navy Daniels today telegraphed Governor Lister that the Government needed for Mexican service the gunboat Vicksburg, which has been used at Tacoma as a training ship for the Washington Naval Militia, the Governor was able to telegraph back that the Vicksburg was ready. He also offered Secretary Daniels the Washington Naval Militia, stating that to a man they were anxious to see service.

The Governor, who had advance information that the Vicksburg might be wanted, communicated with Adjutant-General Llewellyn over long-distance telephone immediately upon receiving Secretary Daniels' telegram. In half an hour all state supplies had been removed from the gunboat. It was turned over at once to the commandant of the Puget Sound Navy-Yard at Bremerton.

CONGRESS WARLIKE; ACTION DEMANDED

House Leaders Talk of Call on Wilson.

DRASTIC CAMPAIGN WANTED

Sentiment Only Partly Modified by Mediation Plan.

UNREST PLAINLY MANIFEST

Concerted Action Not So Much in Evidence in Senate, but It Is Expected Bond of Silence Will Be Broken Monday.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Though the Mexican crisis has been under suppression in Congress for several days while the President and his Cabinet executed plans of reprisals against the defiance of General Huerta, there is an impelling under-current of feeling in both Senate and House for a declaration of war, which was tempered somewhat tonight by the acceptance of offers of mediation from Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

Leaders in Congress had for several days been informally discussing the necessity for an unequivocal declaration of war, for a sweeping campaign in Mexico and for the ultimate establishment, by force of American arms, of peace and constitutional government in the battle-worn republic.

Breaking of Storm Predicted.

No swell from the under-current reached the surface today, however, but Congressmen in both Houses had predicted a storm would break Monday as soon as American troops reached Vera Cruz to support the Naval forces there. Members who were most positive over the situation believed tonight, after learning of the intermediation proposals, that no further aggressive action toward Mexico should be forced until it should become apparent that the good offices of South American nations to compose the situation would fail.

Although there was evidence of the feeling of dissatisfaction with present conditions in the Senate, probably the most remarkable evidence of unrest was given in the House. During a day devoted under the surface to a discussion of Mexico most of the leaders were in conference and sentiment developed was strongly in favor of war.

Democrats Join Conference.

In the conferences more than a dozen of the most prominent men on the Democratic side participated. Speaker Clark, Majority Leader Underwood, Chairman Flood, of the foreign relations committee; Chairman Fitzgerald, of the appropriations committee, and Chairman Hays, of the military committee, figured in all of them.

The discussion was so outspoken that there was talk for a time of the appointment of a committee, to consist of Speaker Clark and Mr. Underwood, which should call on President Wilson and inform him that the sentiment of the House was for war.

Developments of the day, however, particularly the appearance of hope that mediation by South American republics might bring about a peaceful solution, interfered with this plan, and the conferences ended without definite conclusion, but with most of those who participated convinced that it was only a question of time until drastic action must be taken.

House Leaders Belligerent.

Out of the many conferences the attitude of the House leaders became ex-

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CRACK SHOTS MAN GUNS AT CALEXICO

NEW PIECES TRAINED ON MEXICAN GARRISON.

Entrenchments of Federals Who Worked All Night and Quit at Dawn Are Visible.

CALEXICO, Cal., April 25.—Two three-inch guns brought by the Coast Artillery which arrived here today were pointed at the Mexican garrison. A heavy guard of gunners, considered among the regulars as crack shots, manned the guns.

No explanation was offered by Captain James G. Harbord, ranking officer of the United States regular forces here, for his action, which followed quickly on his arrival.

It is believed, however, that with National and state forces numbering about 500 men with two guns, the encampment east of the town, with no buildings or homes between it and the Mexican garrison, is the best location.

The entrenchments of the Mexican Federals, who worked at night and stopped at daybreak, are plainly visible. They encircle the garrison from the channel of New River eastward about Mexico.

BROWN IS DECLARED SANE

Youth, Who When 14 Killed Father Near Chehalis, May Go Free.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., April 25.—(Special.)—Tom Brown, who 10 years ago, when 14 years old, killed his father near Chehalis and was sentenced to the criminal insane ward in the State Penitentiary, was declared sane today by a jury in Judge Wright's department of the Superior Court.

The verdict returned by the jury after 12 minutes' deliberation was in three parts: First, that Brown is sane; second, that there is no danger of a recurrence of his malady, and, third, that it is safe for society to have him at large.

The verdict caused an affecting scene, the prisoner's mother and brothers weeping with joy.

Brown was remanded to the custody of the Walla Walla turnkey until Monday, the time allowed the Prosecuting Attorney of Lewis County to determine whether the state will appeal.

WAR TRAINS RUSH SOUTH

Specials Carrying Troops and Ammunition Pass Ashland.

ASHLAND, Or., April 25.—(Special.)—The passing of troop and ammunition trains southbound is the order of the day here. Recently it required 10 cars to transport the men, animals and equipment of a battalion of United States engineers bound from Vancouver Barracks to Monterey. This morning, a special train conveying three cars of ammunition on a rush order from Vancouver to the Mexican border was making even faster time than the Shasta Limited through this mountain section.

7 AMERICANS FACE DOOM

Unconfirmed Wireless Says Maas to Execute Prisoners.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—Wireless advices tonight from Vera Cruz reported that Mexican Federal General Maas has found seven American prisoners guilty of certain charges and that he proposes to execute them. There is no confirmation of the report.

VOLUNTEER BILL IS SIGNED

President Puts Signature to War Expediency Measure.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—President Wilson late today signed the volunteer Army bill, which provides for the organization of volunteer forces in time of war.

Under the measure bodies of state militia would be taken into the Federal service with their officers, who would be commissioned by the President.

Settlement Rumor Denied.

R. J. Matteson, assistant manager of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, today caused to be posted at the company's mines copies of a telegram from President J. F. Welborn, reading as follows:

"There is absolutely no truth in the

STRIKERS ASKED TO KEEP TRUCE TODAY

Leaders Request Cessation of Violence.

CONFERENCE MONDAY IS HOPE

'Red Cross' Party, Thought to Be Bogus, Detained.

MASS MEETING IS HELD

Union Men Urge That No Troops Be Sent In and Authorities in Counter-Pica Bid Workers Not to Start Trouble.

DENVER, April 25.—Governor Elias M. Ammons tonight at 9 o'clock, by wire, requested President Wilson to "send Federal troops into Colorado immediately" to handle the strike situation.

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 25.—Peace in the Colorado coal camps will continue over Sunday if orders given by strike leaders to their followers are obeyed. Following a conference late today between Adjutant-General John Chase and officers of the United Mine Workers of America, John R. Lawson addressed a mass meeting of strikers here and urged them to abstain from any acts of violence until a conference be held in Denver tomorrow, in which state officers and citizens will endeavor to effect a settlement of the coal miners' strike.

The outcome of the conference was virtually a continuation of the truce arranged last night in Denver. Lawson and John McLennan announced they would go to Denver tomorrow to participate in the conference.

'Red Cross' Party Detained.

A party carrying a Red Cross flag and representing itself as being authorized to act for that organization was ordered under military detention by General Chase at the military headquarters here turned back to Trinidad. General Chase explained that he had been informed by Dr. S. P. Morris, Red Cross district representative at Denver, that the party was not authorized to represent the organization. The party had gone from Trinidad with the intention of making further search of the ruins of the Ludlow tent colony for bodies.

The union leaders asked that present arrangements be permitted to stand and that no troops be sent to Trinidad. Counter Requests Made.

"They asked that no attacks be made upon the strikers, and in return I asked that no attack be made upon a detail which will be sent to Aguilar tonight to get Superintendent Waddell," said General Chase.

Superintendent William Waddell, of the Empire mine, was wounded during the attack upon that property Tuesday.

General Chase added that John Lawson promised no attack would be made upon the troops and said the union leaders had promised to send word to the Aguilar strikers not to molest the soldiers.

"I told the union leaders further," said General Chase, "that the militia was not seeking trouble and was making no attacks upon anyone."

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CARTOONIST REYNOLDS' IMPRESSIONS OF THE WEEK'S NEWS ARE MARTIAL IN TENOR.

