

U.S.-MEXICAN CRISIS SEEMS PROBABLE

Diplomatic Break Held to Be Portended.

CUBAN BREACH FORERUNNER

War Policy Back of Clash With Island Republic.

FABELA'S PAPERS SEIZED

Envoy Recently Searched at Havana. Two Other Latin-American Nations Involved—German Propaganda Active.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—In Mexico's sudden breaking off of diplomatic relations with Cuba is seen an indirect action against the United States.

Those here most familiar with Latin-American affairs profess to see in it the forerunner of more direct action, possibly an interruption of intercourse between the United States and Mexico.

Although without official information of a detailed character, it is understood here that Mexico's real grievance against Cuba is the recent incident in which the Mexican Minister to Argentina, Senor Yaldor Fabela, was delayed in Havana while some official, ostensibly a Cuban customs inspector, searched his baggage and probably removed some papers said to be of an international character.

Mexico Suspects U. S.

This incident, it is believed here to be the real cause of the break and those who entertain this belief are firm in the conviction that Mexico was convinced that the United States was responsible for the incident.

When Senor Fabela's luggage was searched it was maintained by some that the person who did it was not a Cuban official at all, but some other agent in the disguise of a Cuban inspector or gendarme. Later, however, it seemed to have been satisfactorily established that the man really was a Cuban Inspector.

A break between Cuba and Mexico, it is felt, disrupts practically nothing but a long-standing friendly relation.

In the opinion of those in close touch with the subject it may actually give Cuba a free hand, as the Mexican Foreign Minister says in his announcement, but perhaps not in the manner suggested.

German Agents Active.

American agents for some time have been reporting German agents operating in Cuba, some of them crossing frequently to the United States as Cuban citizens or Mexican citizens. A severance of diplomatic relations probably would leave the Cuban government feeling more at liberty to investigate their activities.

When first-class powers are concerned, a break in diplomatic relations inevitably has been followed by war. Between lesser powers this rule often fails to hold good.

Confidential reports here from Havana have said that, quite outside the Fabela incident, well-informed persons there expected Mexico might find some pretext to actually suspend diplomatic relations with the United States.

German Propaganda at Work.

All those who take this view base their opinion on the assumption that German propaganda again is active.

DUCAL PALACE AT MANNHEIM BOMBED

ALLIED FLYERS SPREAD TERROR AMONG RESIDENTS.

Two Tons of Bombs Are Dropped on City, Destroying Chemical Plant and Damaging Railway Station.

ZURICH, Switzerland, May 25.—Reports received here today from trustworthy sources say that when the train carrying Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary on his return from Constantinople was passing through Bulgaria it was bombed by Bulgarian soldiers on leave. Some of the windows are said to have been broken.

LONDON, May 25.—According to information received from the German embassy at Moscow, the members of the Romanoff dynasty now in Kiev have been accorded facilities to leave Russia by way of Germany. Grand Duke Nicholas, the dispatch says, will go to Montenegro, and the Dowager Empress to Copenhagen.

QUOTA MORE THAN TREBLE

Washougal Raises \$1600 in Three Days Without Soliciting.

WASHOUGAL, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—With a quota of \$500, this city raised \$1600 in three days for the Red Cross, without soliciting.

Before the drive started cards were sent to each family in the district, advising that the ladies of the Red Cross would have a booth in the Clarke County Bank to receive voluntary subscriptions. The result was very gratifying. In three days practically every family in the district had sent in their subscription, the average being one day's pay.

The system followed has done away with a great deal of hard work for solicitors.

GRANDFATHER STILL YOUNG

Montana Man, With Son in Service, Accepted by Uncle Sam.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—When James A. House, of Clinton, Mont., bade his friends good-bye and started to war after he enlisted, he had to kiss a number of grandfathers, along with the other relatives he left behind.

Mr. House has a son in service and three daughters in their own homes and yet is possessed of the youth and physical qualifications that made him eligible for a place in Uncle Sam's Army and was readily accepted for the engineers' replacement company when he offered himself to the Missoula recruiting office.

HUNS KILL 65,042 BABIES

Boches Cause 150,314 Deaths in Bosnia in Three Years.

LONDON, May 25.—Figures have been obtained from a Serbian source showing the terrible losses sustained by the Serbian population of Bosnia. In three years, 1915, 1916 and 1917, there were 150,314 deaths of which 65,042 were children under 10 years of age. Of these 12,887 were infants under 1 year.

While before the war there were from 25,000 to 30,000 births annually, the birth rate has been so reduced that in 1915 there were 4648 more deaths than births. In 1916 the excess of deaths over births amounted to 17,711 and in the first half of 1917 to 7568.

UKIAH SAWMILL IS BURNED

Workers Battle Flames and Save Lumber Stored in Yards.

PENDELTON, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—A large sawmill at Ukiah, in the mountains south of here, burned early this morning, according to word received in this city. The origin of the fire is not known.

There are no fire-fighting facilities, but the workers managed to save all of the lumber in the yards. The loss is not known.

ROOSEVELT HOTLY ANSWERS BURLESON

Message That Sizzles Read in Senate.

ENSOR GREL IS ASSAILED

Executive Toleration of Pro-German Press Charged.

TRUTH DECLARED STIFLED

President Accused of Making Trade With Anti-American Publisher to Secure Support for Administration.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Charges that the administration has used its powers to stifle honest criticism, while at the same time condoning anti-ally and anti-American agitation in powerful newspapers, were made by Theodore Roosevelt today in a reply to Postmaster-General Burleson in their controversy over the Postoffice Department's treatment of publications.

The charges were presented to the Senate by Senator Poindexter, of Washington.

Colonel Roosevelt declared President Wilson personally was responsible for the Postmaster-General's attitude. The Hearst papers, he said, are among those that have received favored treatment.

Great Powers Exercised.

"Since the war began," said Colonel Roosevelt, "the administration has used the very great powers of the Government over the public press to stifle honest criticism of governmental inefficiency or misconduct while condoning (which necessarily means encouraging) pro-German, anti-ally and other anti-American agitation in certain powerful papers, which defended this inefficiency and misconduct; and it has sought from Congress a great addition to the already existing power it has misused.

"I believe that the first article of the Constitution guarantees the right of the people to criticize truthfully the conduct of their public servants and that this right cannot be taken away by any law.

Blow at Truth Alleged.

"During the past year, the action of the Administration, taken largely through the Postoffice Department, has been such as to render it a matter of some danger for any man and especially any newspaper, to speak the truth if that truth be unpleasant to the governmental authorities at Washington.

"The effect of this attitude has been very marked politically. Such conservative power tends to make upright men, even although they are strong men, cautious about telling truths which ought to be told.

Evils Declared Possible.

"It forces weak men to praise the Administration whether it does well or ill. It invites unscrupulous men who desire to serve Germany to gain license to do so and to secure advantages by praising the Administration, especially when it has acted wrongfully or inefficiently and by supporting it politically.

"There are cases where all competent and honest observers are morally certain that political support has been given and is now being given to the Administration by various newspapers, especially German-American and Semi-Socialist newspapers, because of the club thus held over them by the Administration.

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"From the very nature of the case, there can rarely be positive proof in

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Soldiers Replace Strikers.
VICTORIA, B. C., May 25.—Shipyards of British Columbia, where nearly 10,000 men are reported to be on strike for increased wages and shorter work days, will reopen Monday with returned soldiers replacing many of the strikers, it was announced today by R. P. Butchart, director of wooden shipbuilding for the Imperial Munitions Board.

HORNER CONFESSES FOLLOWING ARREST

Woman Asks Marriage and Murder Follows.

PHOTOGRAPH BREAKS NERVE

Slayer Sees Victims' Picture and Admits Triple Killing.

SHERIFF GETS CONFESSION

Officer Subjects Prisoner, Who Is Arrested in Okanogan County, to Severe Cross-Examination, to Which He Finally Succumbs.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 25.—W. R. Horner, a mill worker, who was arrested Friday night in Okanogan County by officials investigating the murder of Mrs. Nellie Bassett and her two children at Kelso, Wash., on May 17, at midnight confessed to the triple killing, according to Sheriff John Stringer.

The confession, according to Sheriff Stringer, was made when Horner, after stoutly maintaining his innocence after a severe cross-examination, broke down when the pictures of the bodies as they were found in a tent near the Pacific Highway were dramatically thrust before his eyes.

"I did it, I did it," he is alleged to have declared brokenly.

"We were sleeping in the tent when she woke up in the middle of the night and insisted on my marrying her," he said. "I refused, and we got to quarrelling. I remember seizing the rifle and shooting all of them as they lay in their beds."

Horne, however, stoutly protested that he did not kill Fred Bassett, husband of the murdered woman, four years ago. Bassett, it is said, was killed by a rifle bullet from behind, while he and Horner were out hunting. Horner tonight maintained that it was an accident.

He likewise insisted that the murder of Mrs. Bassett and her children, Ada and Arax, was not premeditated. A deed to Mrs. Bassett's ranch in Okanogan County, which adjoints that of Horner, was found in the Bassett's possession at the time of his arrest. The deed named \$4000 as the consideration of the transfer. Horner told the authorities tonight he had given her "some money and a note."

Mob Violence Feared.

Horne told the Sheriff he and Mrs. Bassett and her children left Okanogan County last September, and came to Snoqualmie Falls, Wash., where they remained until May 15, before starting on the trip that ended at Kelso. He is said to have collapsed physically before finishing his story.

Rumors that mobs were quietly organizing in Cowlitz County, where Kelso is located, have left the authorities undecided as to whether they will return Horner at this time to the scene of the crime, it is said.

BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS BIG U-CRUISER

GERMANS LOSE ONE OF THEIR BIG NEW DIVER CRAFT.

Heavy Sea Prevents Rescue of Tendon Crew; Another Under-Sea Ship, Disabled, Interced.

LONDON, May 25.—A German submarine of the cruiser type was sunk May 11 in the latitude of Cape St. Vincent by a British Atlantic escort submarine. The Admiralty made this official announcement tonight.

Cape St. Vincent is on the southwest extremity of Portugal.

The statement says:

"One of our Atlantic escort submarines returning to its base reports that on May 11 in the latitude of Cape St. Vincent, while proceeding to meet a convoy she sighted and sank a German submarine of the scout cruiser type. A heavy sea was running at the time. There were no survivors.

"Shortly afterward another enemy submarine was sighted, but by swift diving she escaped the fate of her consort.

"This being the first cruiser submarine destroyed, it has been decided to depart from the usual rule of not announcing the destruction of individual enemy submarines."

HALIFAX AT MERCY OF RIOTING TROOPS

Veterans' Arrest Causes Wild Outbreak.

CITY HALL IS SET ON FIRE

Regiment From Garrison Arrives and Stops Disorder.

POLICE PROPERTY SUFFERS

Enraged Returned Soldiers Take Patrol Wagon, Automobile and 2 Motorcycles and Smash Them—Other Damage Is Done.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 25.—The wildest riot in the history of this city occurred tonight when returned soldiers attempted to rescue other soldiers who had been arrested by the police.

The mob tried to wreck and burn the city hall and the police headquarters, cut the hose when the fire department arrived, and forced the firemen to retreat.

Loaded Rifles Quell Mob.

The mob held sway until the garrison regiment arrived with loaded rifles. Hundreds of marines with loaded rifles and fixed bayonets, landed from warships, succeeded in dispersing the crowds.

Several persons were injured, including three police officers. The damage to the city hall will amount to several thousand dollars.

Bricks and Boards Used.

The soldiers in storming the city hall used bricks, boards and anything that came to hand. Hundreds of panes of glass in the lower floor were smashed. Other groups tried to batter down the doors behind which the police with loaded revolvers stood guard over their prisoners.

Howling with rage the crowds then set fire to the building. The fire department responded but the mob turned on them, cut the hose and attempted to wreck the apparatus. In order to save their equipment the firemen retreated.

Flames Finally Quenched.

While the attention of the mob was thus diverted those inside the city hall put out the flames.

The garrison regiment, with rifles loaded, surrounded the beleaguered building at the same time that hundreds of marines were landed from warships.

Before being scattered, however, the crowd took revenge on the police department. Breaking into the patrol wagon and automobile and wrecked them. Two police motorcycles were thrown into the harbor.

PRINCE GUEST OF WILSON

First Cousin of King George Feted by Administration Leaders.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, first cousin of King George of England, who is on his way to Japan on a special mission, was entertained at luncheon today by President Wilson. Later, with Lord Reading, the British Ambassador, the Prince and members of his party called on Vice-President Marshall at the Capitol.

The Senate had concluded the day's business and adjourned before the visitors arrived, but the Prince was introduced to Majority Leaders Martin and Kitchin and other members of the Senate and House.

YAKIMA MAYOR RELENTS

Tables in Public Cardrooms May Be Used From 6 to 11 P. M.

YAKIMA, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—After standing idle and dust covered for the past two months, the card tables in the public cardrooms of the city were again in use last night.

Mayor F. H. Sweet ordered the rooms closed as a war measure, announcing that he did not believe the men should play cards while laborers are needed. The rooms now may be opened between the hours of 6 and 11 in the evening, but not during the daytime. The Mayor announced he was opening the rooms in the evening at the request of individual members of the County Council of Defense.

FAIR WEATHER PREDICTED

Pacific States to See Some Rain This Week in Northern Section.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday issued by the Weather Bureau today are: Northern Rocky Mountain and plateau regions, showers probably early in week with high temperatures. Generally fair thereafter with little change in temperature.

Pacific states: Fair weather except showers over north portion first half of week with higher temperatures Monday over interior districts.

ABERDEEN BUILDS TEMPLE

Prominent Business Men to "Wait on Table" to 400 Laborers.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Aberdeen's most prominent business men will wait upon the 400 workers who are to erect the city's proposed liberty auditorium on Sunday, June 2. Heading the list of waiters is W. J. Patterson, manager of the Hayes & Hayes bank. The two meals for the liberty hall builders are to be served in the Grow Harbor Motorship restaurant, which will accommodate 400 men to the meal.

The new liberty auditorium will be 60 by 130 feet and will have a ceiling height of 30 feet. It is to be completed without cost to the city and finished will have a value of about \$2000.

CARTOONIST REYNOLDS' LIGHTSOME VIEWS ON SOME RECENT NEWS EVENTS ARE HEREUNDER EXPRESSED PICTORIALLY.

