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REPORT U. S. SENDS HUERTA ULTIMATUM--BRYAN DENIES IT

Stated That Huerta Had Been Told to Resign But Bryan Says It's Premature.

WILSON GOES TO PRINCETON TO VOTE

Powers Have Virtually Agreed to Defer to U. S. in Plan to Restore Peace in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—Late today Secretary of State Bryan issued a statement declining to discuss the words "ultimatum," "note," or "advice," saying he had no more to say than the statement itself conveyed. It was as follows: "I have made it a rule not to discuss newspaper reports concerning international affairs, but premature dispatches from Mexico this morning suggest a departure from my rule at this time. No ultimatum has been sent to Mexico and it is unfortunate that the press should give credence to such reports. The harm done by speculation or even inaccuracy in regard to domestic questions is limited, because the people are acquainted with the subject and can make allowances, but as misstatements in regard to international matters may lead to serious consequences, I feel justified in making the above denial."

A discussion that President Wilson might again take the Mexican situation to Congress in a personal address was revived in administration circles today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—President Wilson let the Mexican situation simmer today while he went to Princeton, New Jersey, to vote.

All the officials here are silent on this government's ultimatum that Huerta must resign the Presidency of Mexico without loss of time and must not leave as his successor General Aureliano Blanquet, his Minister of War, or any other member of his official family or of any unofficial circle whom he might be expected to control. The tension over the ultimatum is now relieved by the President's absence and just before he left the White House the President conferred with Secretary Bryan.

The greatest interest centered about Huerta's conference with the Mexican City diplomatic corps. As soon as Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy had delivered the latest note, Huerta called in the diplomats, but no announcement was made of their conference.

An air of confidence in official circles is taken to indicate that the United States is satisfied that virtually all of the great powers have agreed to support the administration's policy, or at least to the extent of observing a strict neutral attitude and allowing the United States to test its plan for restoring peace in Mexico. In the absence of any official statement, but on the basis of expressions of competent observers, it is believed that Huerta has been informed that virtually all the powers diplomatically represented in the Mexican capital are disposed to defer to the United States in the task of restoring constitutional government. Such a statement ordinarily would be accompanied by a pointed inquiry framed to develop Huerta's intentions. It is believed the latest move may not disclose the purpose of the United States in the event Huerta's answer is not satisfactory, as such declaration would virtually mark the last step in the negotiations. Huerta's conference with the diplomatic corps is taken to bear out that theory. The opinion is that it would naturally follow that the de facto President would call on the diplomats to make sure that the positions of their governments had been correctly stated and that they were aligned with the United States.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 4.—No indications are apparent here today that Huerta has delivered any reply to a communication from the United States telling him he must resign the presidency and must not leave as a successor any of his adherents. In unofficial quarters and at the United States Embassy emphatic de-

ANOTHER NATION SIGNS WILSON'S PEACE TREATY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—Secretary Bryan and Minister Membreo of Honduras have signed the treaty embodying President Wilson's peace plan, which was announced by Bryan early in the present administration. Honduras is the fourth nation to conclude such treaty with the United States. The others are Salvador, Panama and Guatemala.

MRS. WILSON TO GET PENSION

Marshfield Woman Will Hold Short Term Record—Others Aided.

COQUILLE, Or., Nov. 4.—Mrs. Sarah Wilson, of Marshfield, will probably hold the record for being the short term pensioner under the Mother's aid law. The county court here yesterday granted her a pension of \$10 per month to end next January, when her youngest child will pass the age limit.

Mrs. Geo. Langenberg, of North Bend, formerly Miss Imhoff, whose husband was killed in a sawmill near Roseburg last summer, was allowed \$10 per month. Mrs. Abell, of Coquille, was allowed \$25 per month.

The application of Mrs. Butler, of Bandon, was rejected as it was shown that she had a husband in San Francisco.

The applications of Mrs. Alice King, of North Bend, Mrs. Corbin, of Myrtle Point, and Mrs. Chase, of Coquille, were continued until next month. Senator Chase presented the application of Mrs. Chase and after telling how worthy she was of it said that she was no relation to him.

The will of Mrs. Schofield, whose husband was formerly pastor of the Marshfield Baptist Church, was filed for probate. Her estate was estimated at \$2400. She leaves it all to her husband during his lifetime and stipulates that after his death the lots in Myrtle Point shall go to her daughter, Mrs. Dailey, and the balance be divided among three other children.

The only other matter to come up yesterday was the case of two Smith boys of Bandon, cited to appear in juvenile court. Their mother was present, but declared she could not compel the boys to come and so Judge Hall issued a warrant for them to be brought before him next Monday.

Presidential Wilson is NOT WORRIED OVER SITUATION ON BOARD PRESIDENT WILSON'S TRAIN, Baltimore, Nov. 3.—No word of comment was obtainable from President Wilson today on the ultimatum demanding Huerta's resignation. The President gave no evidence of being worried over the situation and is calmly awaiting Huerta's reply.

The President was accompanied to Princeton, N. J., by Miss Eleanor Wilson, his youngest daughter, and the Misses Lucy and May Smith, of New Orleans, relatives, who have been guests at the White House. The President was to be in Princeton only two hours, planning to vote for James F. Fielder, Democratic candidate for Governor.

BUSINESS PROSPECTS BRIGHTER HAINES DIES FROM WOUND; HAMPTON IS EXONERATED

C. A. Smith Talks Optimistically of Conditions Generally and the Lumber Trade in Particular—Canal Will Have Beneficial Effect.

"The opening of the Panama Canal should, and I think will, have a beneficial effect on the lumber business of the entire Pacific Coast," remarked Mr. C. A. Smith yesterday in discussing business conditions. "It is something that is needed, too," he added. "The conditions in the lumber industry for the past four years have been anything but encouraging. With the exception of last year I doubt if there was a single mill on the Pacific Coast that earned interest on the investment regardless of profit. Even last year I think 50 per cent of the mills did not make a penny of profit and barely earned interest without dividends. The reason for this disastrous condition of the lumber trade is the world-old cause and effect of supply and demand. The rebuilding of San Francisco created an enormous demand for lumber at good prices. New mills were erected to supply this demand. After being built the owners felt the necessity of keeping them in operation, for like a boat a sawmill deteriorates more rapidly while re-

maining idle than in operation. The result was that after the San Francisco demand was supplied, the market could not absorb the output. Lumber that sold at \$20 per thousand has sold down to \$10 per thousand. In the face of these conditions it has taken courage as well as cash to keep these mills in operation and many have given up the struggle, some running only part of the time and others ceasing entirely. The opening of the Panama Canal will broaden our market and, I think, result in improved conditions.

"The general business conditions of the country are getting better. I notice that bank balances are generally improving and that will ease the money market. The currency bill has a tendency to keep matters unsettled, but with that disposed of I look for a continual forward movement all over the country. On the whole conditions at present are encouraging and I think the prospects are growing better everywhere for more prosperous times."

Mr. Arno Meehan, who was present during Mr. Smith's informal talk remarked that while he thought that opening the Panama Canal would improve the lumber trade of the whole Pacific Coast that Coos Bay would reap greater benefits than any other section.

PULP MILL STARTS FIRST WORK TODAY

The C. A. Smith pulp mill started its first operations today, the filling of the chip house being the first of the preliminary work. The shipment of chemicals needed was made on the Redondo yesterday and should arrive tomorrow. Manager Nerdrum says the new plant has worked fine so far.

Coroner's Jury Finds That Killing Was Done In Self-Defense.

FULL DETAILS OF THE ECKLEY TRAGEDY

Haines Fired First Shot in Duel In Which He Was Killed.

(Special by Long Distance Telephone to Coos Bay Times.)

ECKLEY, Or., Nov. 4.—The Coroner's jury in the case of L. L. Haines, who died from the effects of a revolver wound inflicted by his brother-in-law, Hugh Hampton, found that the shooting was in self defense and completely exonerated Hampton from all blame. Justice Cox, of Langlois, acted as Coroner at the hearing.

B. W. Dean, Deputy Sheriff of Curry County, furnished The Times with the following details of the Hampton-Haines shooting at this place.

There had been trouble for some time between Haines and Hampton and Haines had been warned to remain off the Hampton place. But Haines was persistent and on the fatal morning of November 1 he came to Hampton's with his rifle and began investigating all the hog pens and barns about the place. He claimed to be looking for some stock that had disappeared from his (Haines') place and which he claimed had been stolen.

Capt. Whitney, the mail carrier between Eckley and Myrtle Point was at the Hampton place and was a witness of the altercation and shooting.

Hampton went out to where Haines was prowling around the barn and stock pens and warned him to get off the place. This Haines refused to do and took a position in front of the barn door. Hampton started for the barn and asked Haines if he could not go into his own barn.

Haines replied, "Yes," and took a few steps away, but as he did so raised his rifle and fired direct at Hampton and his wife who had joined her husband in the yard. Hampton immediately returned the fire from a Colt's revolver, the shot taking effect in the right shoulder above the collar bone. The shot disabled Haines, but he managed to retain his rifle and fired two more shots at Hampton, but all shots went wide of the mark. Hampton fired two more shots which took effect in Haines' groin and from the effects of which he died in about twenty-four hours, passing away at 9:30 Sunday.

Dr. Stemmler, of Myrtle Point, was called promptly, but was unable to do more than relieve the suffering of the wounded man.

Deputy Sheriff Dean, of Curry County, reported promptly at the scene of the shooting and later assisted the Coroner in securing evidence and made a thorough investigation of the affair and all matters leading up to the shooting. As a result of this investigation and the testimony submitted the Coroner's jury returned a verdict finding Hampton not guilty and completely exonerating him, finding that no blame attached to him.

The body of L. L. Haines was buried at 5 o'clock Monday evening in the family cemetery at Eckley, Rev. E. E. Coder, of Myrtle Point, conducting the services.

EXAMINER CLOSES ARIZONA BANK

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 4.—State Bank Examiner J. C. Callaghan took charge today of the Arizona Bank and Trust Company. The institution did not open for business today. With a capital of \$30,000, surplus of \$75,000 and \$110,000 deposits, the bank is said to have loaned \$117,000 which is now outstanding.

Glass Broke.—A large glass in one of the doors of the postoffice was accidentally broken out.

BOAT CRASHES INTO ICEBERG

Carried No Wireless—Had Hard Struggle Getting Into Port.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 4.—A Furness line freighter, Manchester was dragged into harbor here today her bow a mass of crumpled wreckage and her pumps racing madly to defeat the flood of water that poured into the hull. The steamer, which carried no wireless apparatus, crashed head-on into a giant iceberg Sunday while about one hundred miles east of Bell Isle. Captain Couch succeeded in notifying his agents at Montreal by means of flag signals. He headed for St. Johns after the collision. The sea was swept by a heavy storm and the vessel had a hard struggle reaching port. She reached here in a sinking condition. The Manchester carried a crew of forty officers and men.

INDIANAPOLIS PEOPLE WALK

Street Car Lines Tied up by Big Strike—Professional Men Turn Guards.

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 4.—The street car service, which has been tied up since Friday night by the strike of the employees of the Indianapolis Traction and Terminal company, did not resume yesterday. Many strikers and sympathizers nocked near the Louisiana street barns. The crowds were orderly. Bankers, merchants and professional men were deputized to guard the streets last night in order to let the police have full time to the prevention of destruction of street car property. Sheriff Portius served summons on two hundred representative business men yesterday morning, ordering them to report for guard duty as deputies later in the day. Most of the factories are short handed owing to the inability of their employes to reach their place of business.

LET CONTRACT FOR STREETS

City Council Awards Improvements on Several Thoroughfares.

The Marshfield City Council last evening awarded contracts for a large amount of street work and equalized assessments on a number of other streets preliminary to awarding the contracts. Among the contracts let were:

Seventh street—Hagquist & Bjorquist, grading at 45 cents and sidewalks at 30 cents. C. R. Flanagan bid 49 cents on grading and Moon & Barclay bid 47 cents. The improvement extends from Ingersoll to Johnson.

Hemlock from Sixth to Eighth—Hagquist & Bjorquist got the plank roadway work at \$1.20. Wm. Peart got the grading at 32 cents and Johnson & Larsen got the bridge work for \$593.37, the wood curb at 13 1/2 cents and sidewalk at 29 cents. McLain & McLain were other bidders, there being a big variance in the prices.

South Broadway from Central to Mill Slough—Johnson & Larson got the sidewalks for 46 cents and the Coos Bay Paving and Construction Company got the balance of the

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RESIGN RATHER THAN PROTECT STRIKE BREAKERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 4.—Thirty patrolmen of the Indianapolis police force turned in their badges today rather than ride on street cars and protect strike breakers. A squad of fifty more detailed to guard a car which was about to start, protested so strongly against riding on it that the effort to resume traffic was abandoned and the police returned to patrol duty on the streets. The police joined in the cheering which followed the order sending the strike breakers back to the barn.

POLICEMEN REFUSE AID TO STRIKE BREAKERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 4.—Special precautions against violence in the street car strike were taken today, in the fear that additional crowds on the streets due to election day would result in serious trouble. Almost the entire police force was on duty. Mayor Shank defended the policemen who had been ordered to turn in their badges for refusing to board a car to aid the strike breakers. The Mayor ordered the patrolmen to return to duty. "I take this stand because I do not believe it is the duty of policemen to run cars," he said. "It is his duty to protect lives and property, and not to operate or assist in operating the cars of the street car company."

COOS BAY IS PROMISING

Julius Kruttschnitt Tells Why Road Here is to be Built Before Natron Cut-off.

EUGENE, Nov. 4.—Nature of the territory to be served was given as the reason for the present close-down of work on the Natron-Klamath Falls cut-off, in a brief interview given out here by Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of directors of the Southern Pacific Company.

"The Natron line is to be a through line," said Mr. Kruttschnitt, "intended for a freight service between the large cities of the coast more than for the development of territory along its line. The convenience is to the company rather than to the people, hence its completion can be deferred.

"The Coos Bay line serves more people; it opens up rich territory all along the way to Coos Bay and back of the bay is a vast region of undeveloped resources. By building this line we will open up business for ourselves and furnish transportation to many communities that are yet cut off from the world.

"A considerable portion of the Natron line is through the mountains, comparatively unproductive. Thus, in fact, all new construction in the West, will have to wait until earnings and time justify the work. We have a great deal of new line in Oregon now. We have just finished 125 miles of the line to Tillamook, and our electric lines through the valley are quite complete. We will have to spend a vast amount of money in Oregon yet, just on the projects under way."

ELECTIONS IN SEVEN STATES

Three Choose Governors—Others Elect Senators and Judges—City Elections.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Seven states hold elections today. Three—Massachusetts, New Jersey and Virginia—choose Governors; Maryland elects United States Senators and State Controller; Pennsylvania two Superior Court Judges; Kentucky two Circuit Judges and Legislature; New York nine Supreme Court Judges, a Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, an Associate Judge, an Assembly and two State Senators. New Jersey also elects a new Legislature. Congressmen are to be elected from four districts—the third Massachusetts, the thirteenth and twentieth New York and the third Maryland. Many cities will choose new officers, notably New York, Philadelphia and Cincinnati.

DEMOCRATS WIN IN PITTSFIELD, MASS.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Nov. 4.—The total vote for Governor in this city was as follows: Bird, Progressive, 907; Foss, Independent, 783; Gardner, Republican, 1655; Walsh, Democrat, 2035. The vote of 1912 was: Walker, 2126; Foss, 2325; Bird 949.