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WILSON AND CABINET DECIDE TO AWAIT MEXICAN DEVELOPMENTS

Still "Sit Tight" at Vera Cruz Pending Action of the Mexican Forces

SEC. BRYAN DENIES THAT HE MAY RESIGN PLACE
Congressmen Said to be Favoring More Active Steps to Settle Situation

MAY BRING ABOUT PEACE

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—President Wilson announced tonight that he had accepted an offer from Brazil, Argentina and Chile to use their good offices to bring about a peaceful settlement of the difficulty between the United States and Mexico.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Unconfirmed rumors of the killing of Americans by mobs in Mexico City, the arrest of American railroad employees at Orizaba and the information forwarded to Washington that the officers at Vera Cruz considered the situation at Mexico City and throughout the republic grave, aroused activity in the Washington government today.

Although no new military orders were issued, plans for perfecting operations at Vera Cruz and along the border were considered by General Witherspoon, chief of staff, and Major General Wood, who has been chosen to direct the military operations in co-operation with Secretary Daniels. It was declared that there has been no change in the policy of the government to "sit tight" at Vera Cruz, unless retaliatory measures should be resorted to by Huerta or some overt act by the Constitutionalists should demand a forward movement into Mexico.

Appeals for more troops from the border states were received today. The War Department is busy working out plans for calling into service the militia under the terms of the new volunteer army laws.

Reports of dissension in the cabinet over Mexico were denied and Bryan branded as false the rumors again circulated that he intended to resign.

ONLY WAGING WAR ON HUERTA

Sec. Bryan Reiterates Stand of United States to General Carranza Today.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—A note which the State Department has dispatched to General Carranza, through American Consul Agent Carothers, it was made known today, reiterates the intention of the American government merely to secure reparation from General Huerta and not to engage in hostilities against the Constitutionalists.

GEORGE BAER IS STRICKEN

President of Reading Railway Overcome by Paralysis on Street Today.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 25.—George F. Baer, president of the Reading Railway Company, was stricken on the street with a stroke of paralysis. He was carried home and his physicians say his condition is serious.

SALE MONDAY of household furniture, beds, tables, chairs, etc., cheap if taken at once.

CONGRESS TO RUSH MEXICO

Undercurrent Desirous of Forcing Developments Evident in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—An undercurrent of desire in Congress for more aggressive action in Mexico became apparent today, several members of the House and the chairmen of important committees agreeing that the plan to "sit tight" in Vera Cruz awaiting retaliatory developments might result in embarrassing international complications.

GOV. WEST TO GET VOLUNTEERS

Send Blanks to Oregon Mayors to Recruit His Mexican War Cavalry Regiment

PORTLAND, Or., April 25.—Governor West has forwarded blanks to all mayors of Oregon to be signed by those desiring to enlist in a cavalry regiment, for which he has issued a call for volunteers.

FEDERALS TO PROTECT U. S.

Mexican Governor at Mazatlan Makes Reparation for Attack on Consulate

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Following a demonstration in front of the American consulate last night at Mazatlan, Admiral Howard reports the governor made all possible reparation and a guard of Federal soldiers is now protecting the consulate.

SPAIN REPRESENTS MEXICO

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Senior Riano, Spanish Ambassador, announced he had taken charge of affairs for the Mexican government in Washington.

FREE TOLL IN PANAMA CANAL

Pacific Northwest Delegation Appeals to Senate in Behalf of Vessels

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Representatives of the Pacific Coast commercial interests appeared before the Senate Inter-oceanic Canals Committee in opposition to the proposed repeal of exemption from tolls of American coastwise vessels passing through the canal. William Booth of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce argued that southern California would benefit from water competition with the railroads if the tolls were free.

GUNBOAT AT GUAYMAS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—The gunboat Yorktown arrived at Guaymas from Mare Island and the commander reported all quiet.

USE WAR AEROPLANE

VERA CRUZ, April 25.—An aeroplane from the American fleet made a flight over Vera Cruz today.

REPORT FOUR AMERICANS SLAIN BY MOBS IN MEXICO CITY

No Confirmation of Report Published at Vera Cruz—Developments at Vera Cruz.

NO CONFIRMATION OF KILLING OF AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—The State Department said that no official dispatches have been received from Consul Canada confirming the report that four Americans were killed in Mexico City. Canada has reported nothing more serious than the pulling down of the Washington statue and the stoning of the American Club.

FOOD IS SCARCE

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WOUNDED DOING WELL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—The Navy Department received a report from Admiral Badger that all the wounded are improving and the surgical cases were doing "surprisingly well."

VERA CRUZ, April 25.—El Dictamen, the Vera Cruz newspaper, says that four Americans were killed by mobs in Mexico City. It declares it has received this information from the capital.

Three of the Americans are reported to have been dragged from street-cars and killed in the street, while

the fourth was killed in the Young Men's Christian Association building. Information of the massacre is not confirmed from any other source and is considered doubtful in many quarters.

Vera Cruz today is isolated from communication with the interior and but sparse news is brought by the refugees, which indicates that affairs are bad and are rapidly growing worse as far as Americans are concerned. An intense anti-American feeling is spreading in all directions.

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DENIES RUMOR OF SLAUGHTER

Sec. Bryan Says Americans and Englishmen Were Not Slain at Orizaba.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 25.—Secretary Bryan notified the British ambassador of the reported arrest of a British subject at Orizaba. He was one of twenty railroad employees arrested, the others being Americans. Bryan denied the reports that the prisoners had been executed.

HUERTA SEEKS GERMAN ARMS

Demand on Kaiser's Ambassador at Mexico City Brings a Flat Refusal

VERA CRUZ, April 25.—A demand was made on the German legation in Mexico City to surrender the arms imported for the protection of German residents, according to information reaching here. The German minister replied: "If you get the arms you will have to fight for them."

REFUGEES NOW IN GALVESTON

Vanguard of Several Thousand from Old Mexico Reach Texas Port Today

GALVESTON, Tex., April 25.—The vanguard of several thousand refugees from Mexico arrived on the collier Cyclops from Vera Cruz and Tampico and the steamer Trinidadian from Tampico. The majority are Americans.

NEUVO LAREDO IS IN RUINS

Federals Destroyed Fine Town Across River—None Killed on American Side.

LAREDO, Tex., April 25.—The smoldering ruins of what was once the populous border town of Nuevo Laredo were the only reminders today of the desolation wrought yesterday. Although the American soldiers shot two Federals in the skirmish, it was definitely ascertained today that no one had been injured on the American side.

ALL LEAVE CHIHUAHUA

EL PASO, Texas, April 25.—With the arrival of 97 American refugees from Madera and twelve picked up at Chihuahua, the Americans are now practically all out of Chihuahua state.

ALL IS QUIET IN COLORADO

Lull in Clash Between Strikers and Militia Pending Conference Today

TRINIDAD, Colo., April 25.—With the militia and the striking coal miners resting on their arms in the Ludlow district today, interest centered in the outcome of the informal conference between the strike leaders and General Chase.

MURDERS WIFE AND HIMSELF

Boyd T. Read, Seattle Street Car Conductor, Commits Suicide After Crime.

SEATTLE, April 25.—Boyd T. Read, a street car conductor, who killed his young wife last night and then shot himself, died today. In his pocket was found a note requesting that certain persons in Seattle and Bellingham be notified "if anything happened" to him.

INVESTIGATION IS BEGUN.

DENVER, April 25.—Chief Justice Musser of the state supreme court, Associate Justice King and three other persons to be appointed by the Governor will leave late today for Trinidad to investigate the strike situation. It was learned the inquiry is to be made in the interests of peace.

DEMANDS PROTECTION

VERA CRUZ, April 25.—Consul Canada is arranging to send a demand on General Maas to guarantee the safety of Americans imprisoned at Cordova.

PETITION \$300,000 BOND ISSUE TO COMPLETE HARBOR WORK NOW

BAR DREDGE TO WORK IN BAY

Major Morrow Orders It in Compliance With Capt. Macgenn's Request

Capt. Reed, of the bar dredge Michie has received instructions from Major Morrow for the bar dredge to work on the Pony Inlet Shoal when it is too rough to work on the bar. He got the order yesterday and the weather has permitted him to work on the bar since. Just where the dredgings will be dumped is not known, but it is understood that it will be in the big eddy near Charleston.

Major Morrow some time ago turned down a similar request from the Port of Coos Bay Commission and it is understood that the order now is in response to a personal appeal from Capt. Macgenn, of the Breakwater. Capt. Macgenn informed Major Morrow that the Breakwater was going on a five-day schedule next week and the Pony Slough and North Inlet shoals were liable to delay him. Major Morrow at once issued the order for the Michie to get the shoals out of his way.

Potter Real Expert
Herbert L. Potter, the government expert here to report on the Michie's work, is said to be one of the best dredge experts in the country, having had charge of the work on the famous Ambrose channel at New York.

He has invited Capt. Macgenn and the members of the Port Commission to go down next Wednesday and see the bar dredge work.

It is stated that the bar shoal has been cut until there is now twenty-three feet of water on the bar and that Mr. Potter estimates there will be thirty feet there by this fall.

6 MARSHFIELD MEN AT WORK

Few Donate Labor for Good Roads Day—North Bend Makes Big Event of It

Six Marshfield men responded to the Good Roads' Day call this morning and went out to donate their labor on clearing the new highway near Shinglehouse Slough. The faithful six were Judge John F. Hall, F. P. Norton, Editor J. A. Luse, of The Sun, Contractor C. R. Flanagan, D. L. Rood and E. M. Smith. During the forenoon they cleared a stretch 200 feet long and forty feet wide, but Judge Hall and some of them could not remain all day.

At North Bend, there was a big response to Mayor Simpson's call. Practically every store and mill, except the box factory, closed down and the men were out early. Mayor Simpson led the procession and declared that he would personally clear an acre before nightfall. About twenty-five big bon-fires are burning the brush as it is cleared. The women of North Bend turned out and served lunch at noon for over 200 road workers. They are working on the new road to Empire, east of Bangor.

ULSTER GETS WAR SUPPLIES

Orangemen Land Big Consignment of Arms and Ammunition From Germany

BELFAST, Ireland, April 25.—A consignment of 40,000 rifles and a half million rounds of ammunition from Germany was landed at isolated points on the coast of Ulster last night and distributed by means of 200 autos to the various headquarters of the Ulster Volunteers. The Ulster men reiterated their determination to offer armed resistance to home rule.

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Plan Outlined at Chamber of Commerce to Eliminate Delay of Special Election.

L. J. SIMPSON TELLS OF NECESSITY FOR ACTION

Start Monday to Get Majority of Voters to Sign—Will Outline Projects.

At a meeting of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce last evening, a project was launched for the Port of Coos Bay to issue another \$300,000 block of port bonds to complete the project for a 25-foot channel to the bar and improve the inlets, etc. The plan is to have the bonds issued without an election, a proposed petition signed by the majority of the electors.

The petitions urging the Port of Coos Bay to issue the bonds at once will probably be arranged at a joint meeting of the executive committee of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce and the Port Commissioners next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Chairman Matson has called the special meeting and it is proposed to hasten the matter as much as possible.

Last evening, it was pointed out that there was not time to call a special election if the Port Commission is to continue the present contract with the Dredge Seattle for the completion of the deep channel project. To call a special election would require two or three months at the best and the delay would result in the Seattle being taken away and the work having to be let again on a new contract. It is pointed out by President L. J. Simpson of the Commission, that for the balance of the work on a new contract, the Port Commission would probably have to pay a much higher price for the dredging owing to the easiest part of the work having now been accomplished by the Seattle.

It was stated that the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredge Company, owners of the Seattle, would take the Port bonds at par in payment for work so there could be no question about the sale of the bonds.

Election Not Required.

Last evening, C. R. Peck, Dr. E. Mings and others pointed out that the Port law empowered the Port Commissioners to issue bonds up to ten per cent of the assessed valuation of the port district without an election. The assessed valuation of the Port of Coos Bay District is \$9,000,000 and consequently the bond limit is \$900,000 of which only \$300,000 has been issued. However, it is stated that the second \$300,000 issue will complete all of the harbor work that will be required for years except occasional dredging of new shoals that may form and it is stated that this will be cared for by the government.

Old Agreement Hinds Port.

The reason why the Port of Coos Bay Commissioners cannot go ahead with the bond issue without an election or petition was set forth last night by C. R. Peck. It was an agreement signed by all the candidates for Port Commissioner at the 1912 election that they would not issue bonds in excess of \$300,000. It was signed by the twelve candidates at that election, all of whom are now members of the commission. L. J. Simpson and Peter Loggie have been re-elected since that time, but A. H. Powers, Henry Sengstacken and A. O. Rogers have not and consequently the latter three are bound by the agreement unless released by a petition of a majority of the voters in the district or by a special election.

Mr. Peck explained that there was no legal obstacle to the commission issuing the bonds, that it was merely a moral obligation which the Port Commissioners would not break.

Dr. E. Mings had forgotten about the agreement, which he had also signed. However, he said that in such an emergency as the present, he felt the men would be justified in releasing themselves from the pledge which he said was only campaign "dope."

However, it was agreed that the petition plan, carrying the approval of a majority of the voters in the district, would release the commissioners from the pledge and authorize them to go ahead.

Explains Port Situation.

There was a comparatively small attendance at the meeting last night. Hugh McLain presided as chairman of the meeting. L. J. Simpson made a lengthy address in which he outlined in detail every move of the Port Commission since its inception, telling what money had been received and how it had been spent.

He pointed out that the Port, by taking advantage of the opportunity of making the Southern Pacific and city fill at North Bend, and the Mill Slough and South Marshfield fills, had effected a big saving owing to the people benefitting having paid so far much of the dirt removed from the channel.

He read a detailed statement which

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