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By John Edward Nevin.
Washington, April 28.—Official notification that General Huerta has agreed to accept the good offices of Argentina, Brazil and Chile to arbitrate the differences between the United States and the Mexican provisional president was handed to Secretary of State Bryan today by the Spanish minister here.

"We can only say the outlook is hopeful; premature publicity might spoil everything," was the extent of the information it was possible to get from the South American mediators between the United States and Mexico today.

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Waiting for Proposals.

This much was known—mediation had been accepted by both the Washington and Mexico City governments and the mediators were waiting for proposals. When the proposals have been submitted there will begin the work of reconciling them. It was admitted that this probably will be a more than difficult undertaking.

If Mexico can develop a strong man, however, it was the general opinion that something can be accomplished. It was agreed on all hands that neither Huerta, Carranza nor Villa will do, since it would be impossible for all factions of Mexicans to agree on any one of them. The mediators therefore were looking over the lesser factional chieftains, hoping to find one likely to answer their purposes.

It was learned on high government authority that the administration has no disposition to drive a hard bargain, but it was said the president would insist upon two things—Huerta's elimination and guarantee of the reestablishment of constitutional government in Mexico.

The mediators were of the opinion that Huerta realizes his position is impossible and will be glad of a chance to get out of it with some measure of dignity—and, it was assumed, with his pockets well lined with money. Should he refuse, however, it was the general belief that the better class of Mexicans would force him out. Huerta's elimination probably would not press demands for indemnity for the death of the bluejackets and marines who fell at Vera Cruz.

More Delay Is Expected.
In any event it is said several days were expected to elapse before there would be definite developments, and in the meantime war preparations were going forward as briskly as ever. Secretary Garrison was engaged in

STORK VISITS MOTHER, GENERAL IN MEXICO



General Frederick Funston.

San Francisco, April 28.—With the father on a transport off Vera Cruz, a daughter was born at the Letterman general hospital, Presidio, San Francisco, yesterday, to General and Mrs. Frederick Funston.

Completing the plan to use the state militia as a regular army adjunct. To have the program fully formulated was deemed desirable, even though the state troops should not be called into the field.

The administration was deeply concerned over the rebels' attitude. If a break should occur between Carranza and Villa it was thought extremely likely the former and his followers would go entirely over to Huerta, which might be expected to make the dictator more stubborn in his negotiations with the United States. Secretary Bryan was thoroughly convinced that Villa's support was to be relied on but he was not so certain that the rebel general could control his men.

Chairman William F. McCombs, of the Democratic national committee, has made a canvass of the party leaders and reported that opposition to hostilities was general except on the part of a few jingoes. This report's

effect has been to influence the administration to exhaust every other means before using physical force further. Every honorable means, it was stated, will be resorted to to preserve peace.

British Marines Rescue Americans.

Washington, April 28.—Admiral Mayo reported today that Tampico had been held off so long were expected Sunday night in a storm by Rev. D. H. Trimble at Centenary Methodist church. He said the president probably will fail to avert war only because the Mexican people have not reached the plane of mind or spirit where they can interpret aright this motive.

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"But do we need an army and a navy big enough to whip Germany or England or strike terror into the heart of France? Here we come in sight of that mad race in armament and naval construction which has its base in international distrust and suspicion. It is breaking the back of the nations of Christendom. England, determined to outstrip any other nation in naval equipment, votes a budget of \$257,000,000 for construction of new ships. Russia maintains a standing army of 800,000 men. Germany, 400,000. France, 600,000. The United States spends over \$200,000,000 a year in the maintenance of army and navy. Thus legitimate political rivalry has degenerated into militarism, which is the army idea swollen to unreasonable proportions and the navy idea gone clean mad. The ignorance of the peasantry of Russia and Germany, the difference in intellectual caliber between the masses of Great Britain and the United States is due in no small degree to the unequal military burdens which they bear."

Foreigners Can Leave Mexico.

Washington, April 28.—The Brazilian minister at Mexico City notified Secretary Bryan today that not a single American had been slain there, none was endangered, and only one arrested in the last three days. He also said only one American arrest had occurred at Aguas Calientes and that that was under judicial proceedings and had no connection with an outbreak.

"I have full assurances," added the minister, "that all foreigners will be allowed to leave the capital whenever they please."

Veteran of Spanish War Passes Away

William Spencer Curtis, son of E. D. Curtis, principal of the Sunnyside school, was found dead in his bed by his mother this morning at the family home, 1027 East Salmon street. It is believed he died from spinal trouble brought on by an injury he received in the Philippines when in the service of the United States during the Spanish American war. He was 34 years of age, and had not been in good health for several years.

Last night he complained of feeling ill and retired early. This morning when he failed to awaken at his usual time, Mrs. Curtis went to his room and found him dead. No arrangements for the funeral have been made.

Mr. Curtis was a native of Oregon, and resided in Portland since boyhood. During the Spanish American war he served as a corporal of company F, Second Oregon volunteers in the Philippines. The injury which, it is believed, resulted in his death during the night, was sustained when he, in command of a squad of men, were repairing a railroad track in the islands. He attempted to lift a rail and by accident the steel slipped and he fell under it.

He is survived by his father, mother and three brothers, one of whom resides in San Francisco, another at Eugene and the third in Portland.

Says Farmers Are Inefficient.

New York, April 28.—Asserting that American farmers use their land with only 40 per cent of efficiency, President Frank A. Vanderlip of the National City Bank of New York, blamed poor agriculture for the high cost of living.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S MEXICAN POLICY IS LAUDED BY PASTOR

Failure to Obtain Peace Can Come Only if Mexicans Are Not Appreciative.

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Must Not Ape Europe.

"With them more than with us, the children's bread is education and in the necessities of life has been given to the dogs of war. When one considers the needs of education, in roads, harbors, waterways internal, and the thousand other things that are necessary for the colossal stupidity of militarism becomes apparent.

"These United States because of our geographical position, our history, genius, and mission should cease to ape Europe at her worst in her armed camps, discontinuing our military armaments as is consistent with our largest world influence and encourage the same among the nations of the earth. It is our responsibility as no other people to spread planetary brotherhood and international good will and encourage the submission of all disputes among nations of first magnitude to the Hague Tribunal."

Wife of General Anderson Dead

Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson Dies at Her Home in Portland. Funeral to Be Held Tomorrow.

Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, wife of General T. M. Anderson, U. S. A., retired, died at her home, 654 Everett street, last night. Funeral services will be held for members of the immediate family at the Portland crematorium tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. Anderson was married to General Anderson in 1869 and has shared his distinguished military career with him both in this country and abroad. She was the daughter of Charles Van Winkle one time United States marshal of Virginia and was a native of New Jersey. She had lived in Portland since the general's retirement from active service several years ago. Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband, General Anderson, and three daughters and two sons, Mrs. Charles Gould of Portland; Mrs. William T. Patton, wife of Captain James Patton; Mrs. J. W. Cairns of Manilla, P. I.; Captain T. M. Anderson, now at Vera Cruz, Mexico; and Van Winkle Anderson of Portland.

General Anderson has requested that friends do not send flowers either to the house or crematorium.

Male Nurses for Navy Are Wanted

Lieutenant R. B. Smith of Local Recruiting Station Gets Orders From Department.

Instructions from the navy department have been received by Lieutenant R. B. Smith at the local navy recruiting station in the Morgan building to make special effort to enlist qualified male nurses in the hospital corps of the navy. The instructions state that these men will be sent immediately to the receiving ships and stations.

Men who are qualified professional nurses, or who have a desire for that line of work, who have at least a grammar school education, are enlisted as hospital apprentices or hospital apprentices first class, depending upon their qualifications. The pay for the first rating is \$22 per month and the latter \$33 per month. Clothing, subsistence and lodging furnished free. It is believed that the navy department expects an immediate need for a large number of well qualified trained nurses (males) and apprentices (males), probably owing to the trouble in Mexico.

Car Kills Woman.
Los Angeles, April 28.—Mrs. Theresa Carter was killed at Abila station by a suburban car.

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—The latest Paris idea is that of making the collars and cuffs of white organdy. We have copied this idea in these waists and had the organdy hemstitched on the edges, and added a silk cord in the neck, which ties in loops in the front opening. —These waists have just arrived and go on sale at Spec'l Price \$2.45
—Third Floor.



SUMMER DRESS FABRICS AT SAVINGS

\$1.25 DRESS LINENS, SPECIAL 98c YARD

—This is the new "Creaseless Linen," which has gained such popularity this season. We have just received a new shipment of this linen, which is guaranteed fadeless and fast and to come from tubing as fresh as new. Woven in a cross weave, but with a soft finish—full 45 inches wide and thoroughly shrunk. In pink, Copenhagen, brown, lavender, cadet and white.

60c COTTON CREPES, 49c YARD

—A very diversified assortment of crepes in plain and brocaded effects, in all the new shades, including flesh, tan, lavender, brown, pink, sky blue and tango. This is the correct weight for dresses and waists.

60c SILK STRIPE VOILE, 49c YARD

—This material has a sheer even weave with silk stripe and comes in plain white and solid colored grounds with beautiful combination figures. An ideal fabric for waists.

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—This serviceable material comes in light grounds with floral designs in pink, blue and lavender, as well as the plain colors, in all the most wanted shades.

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—They are made of CHAMBRAY, PERCALE, GINGHAM AND LAWN, in plain colors, stripes, figures and checks. In white, black, tan, dark blue, light blue, lavender and gray.

—Many of these dresses are suitable for street wear, especially those trimmed with embroidery vest effects and collars, combined with plain materials. Other styles with high or low neck, long or short sleeves and having sailor or turnover collars, side opening, belted or piped waistline. Trimmed with contrasting bandings or pipings. In all sizes.

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85c UNION SUITS, 65c

—Of white lisle thread, swiss ribbed, crochet trim'd, knee length.

\$1.00 UNION SUITS, 75c

—Union suits of fine white lisle thread, low neck, sleeveless, with plain or shell edge, trim'd neck. Some with wide knee, lace trimmed.

\$1.25 UNION SUITS, 85c

—White fine ribbed lisle union suits, low neck, sleeveless, with pretty crocheted neck.

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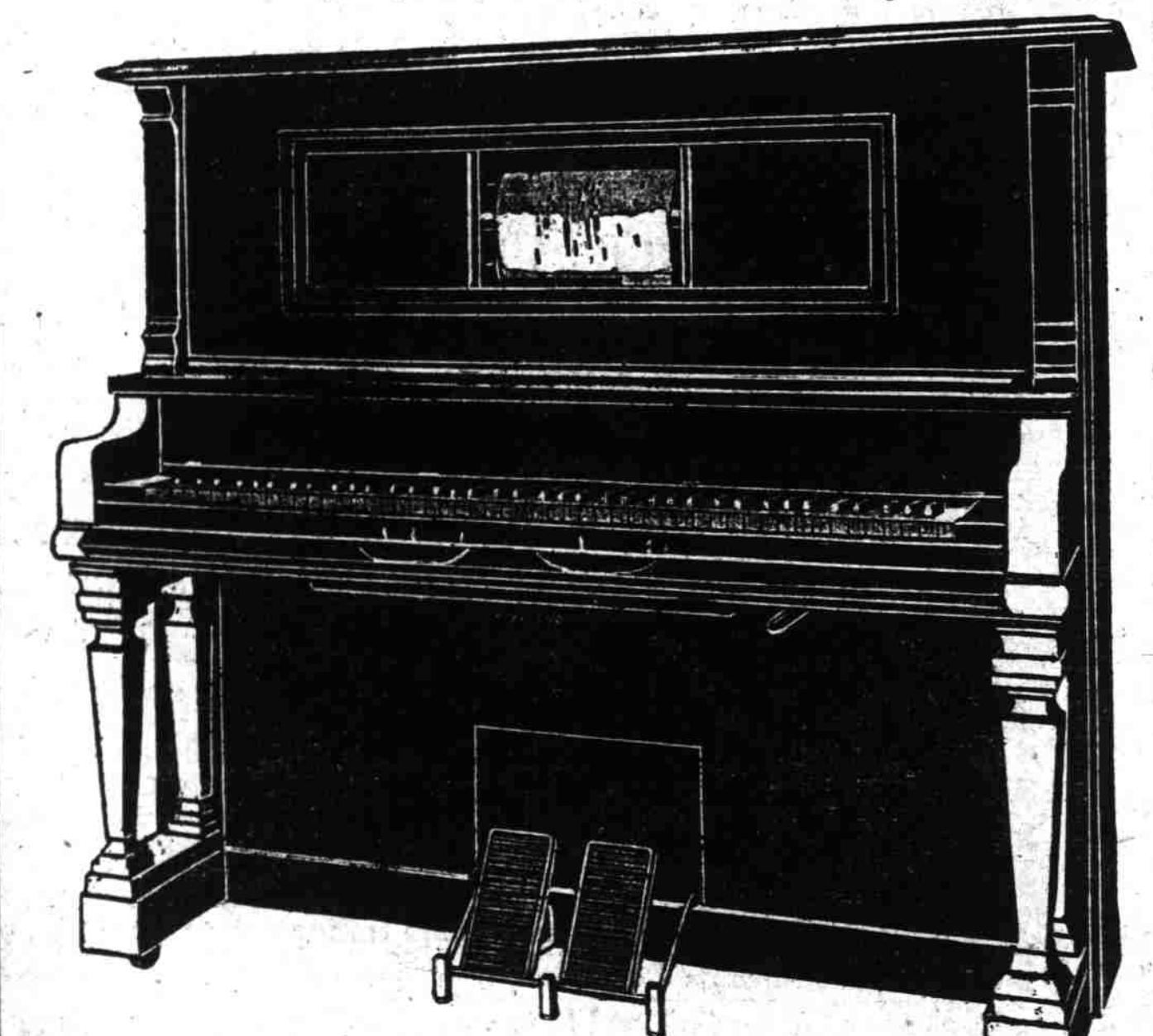
—Genuine Swiss ribbed lisle union suits, made with spliced thighs, low neck, sleeveless, knee length. Also made of fine cotton or lisle with lace trim'd knee.

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