

HUERTA REFUSES TO SALUTE 'OLD GLORY'

Dictator, After Much Quibbling, Declines to Comply With Terms of Ultimatum.

Washington. — General Victoriano Huerta, provisional president of Mexico, flatly refused to accede to the unconditional demand of the United States that he salute the American flag.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in preparation for the arrest of American sailors at Tampico on April 10 came to a close Sunday at 6 P. M., the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the dictator.

The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute be returned.

Differ Over Form of Resolution.

When President Woodrow Wilson reviewed the incident at Tampico and said he deemed it his duty to sustain in full the demand of Admiral Mayo for a salute, cheers came from the Democratic side and from some Republicans. Many members of the minority party were silent, however, a fact which occasioned much comment in the galleries.

Opposition developed along many different lines. Some wanted to give the president authority to deal with the whole Mexican problem; others objected to individualizing Huerta in the resolution, while others thought the use of the word "justified" in reference to the president's course might commit them into an expression of approval of other phases of the Mexican question.

The resolution upholding the president in his course was adopted by the house by a vote of 337 to 37, after a spirited debate. For several hours it was considered by the senate foreign relations committee and a new resolution was reported. The purpose of the new resolution, it was said, was to avoid the appearance of a personal issue between the United States and General Huerta personally, but rather his de facto government and also to avoid any misinterpretation of the attitude of this government toward the Mexican people as a whole.

Ports Will Be Seized.

The crisis thus reached does not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against a government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will send the armed forces into Mexico to seize the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it impossible, it was declared on high authority, for the United States to protect foreigners in the republic further, and foreign governments have been notified of the situation in this regard.

Must Uphold National Honor.

President Wilson stated to newspaper correspondents that he did not believe the mass of Mexicans would support Huerta, but he made it plain he intended to compel the dictator to respect American honor and dignity. The issue, he declared, was one between the United States and a person calling himself provisional president of Mexico—a person, however, whom the United States has refused to recognize and never will recognize.

In effect, he declared that what he wanted from Huerta was full recognition of the honor and dignity of the United States, together with adequate guarantees that such things as the Tampico incident would not again occur.

Substance of President's Ultimatum. The following is a paraphrase of Bryan's telegram to O'Shaughnessy, directing the deliverance of President Wilson's ultimatum:

"Say to General Huerta in reply to yours of April 17 that the president of the United States feels great disappointment at his failure to make prompt reparation for the insult which was offered American sailors, the offense being still further aggravated by the arrest of a mail carrier of the United States at Vera Cruz. In the belief that Huerta would, on consideration, accede to the most reasonable demands of Mayo, this time has been given him.

"You are instructed to inform Huerta that unless he announced his intention to comply with Admiral Mayo's demands by 6 o'clock P. M. Sunday April 19, the president will lay the matter before congress with a view of taking such action to enforce the respect due our nation's flag as may be necessary. General Huerta can arrange the details of the salute with Admiral Mayo if he reconsiders the position taken by him.

The president's recommendations to congress were submitted before a joint session of the senate and house of representatives at 3 p. m. Monday

NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

New Measure Provides for the Mustering of 120,000 Militiamen Quickly.

Washington.—Prompt organization of a volunteer army for service in Mexico or in any other crisis would be provided for in a house bill passed by the senate with amendments.

The bill would revise the law under which a volunteer force was organized for the Spanish-American war in 1898. Its authors contend that a volunteer force could be raised more quickly than under the existing law; that it would do away with a short term of enlistment by making the term of volunteers the same as those in the regular army; would procure the necessary number of men at the beginning of the war for a long period.

Another change in the existing law would give the president, instead of the governors of the states, the authority to appoint all officers for the volunteer forces, requiring him to give preference in their selection to those who have had military training and instruction in the regular army, national guard, volunteer forces or military schools.

Passenger Fares Are Readjusted.

Readjustment of passenger rates on all interstate railroads in the United States in conformity with the long and short haul provision of the law, under orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will become effective on May 1. The new tariffs filed by the roads with the commission indicate a material reduction in fares, particularly from important terminals and rate-basing points to intermediate points.

While some rates on long hauls will be increased, the fares on the shorter hauls to intermediate points will be reduced materially in a great majority of instances. It is provided that no interstate fares may exceed the sum of the local rates, and in the making up of interstate fares the rates fixed by authorities of states must be observed.

"Mileage" Is Cast Out.

The house struck the time-honored "mileage" allowances for congressmen out of the legislative appropriation bill and provided for actual expenses of members to and from Washington.

All the representatives from the northwest, except Bryan of Washington and French of Idaho voted in favor of continuing payment at the rate of 20 cents a mile, and both Bryan and French supported 20-cent mileage until they were called on to go on record.

If the senate adopts the new basis of mileage, members and senators will receive only the actual cost of transportation from their homes to Washington and return, which will materially cut the allowance of the Pacific Coast members.

Grazing Entries Favored.

A bill to provide for the opening to homestead entry of "stock-raising lands" in the public domain was reported to the house by the public land committee. It was agreed on after conferences between the house and senate members and officials of the interior department.

The measure would authorize the secretary to designate as subject to entry in tracts of not more than 640 acres "lands, the surface of which is, in his opinion, chiefly valuable for grazing or raising crops and which, in his opinion, do not contain merchantable timber and are not susceptible of irrigation from any known source of water supply."

Entrants in order to perfect title would be required to make permanent improvements on the land tending to increase its value for stock raising purposes amounting to at least \$1.25 an acre.

National Capital Brevities.

President Wilson was asked by Andrew Carnegie to use his influence in getting a federal charter for the Carnegie endowment fund. He opposes an investigation of the fund.

Representative Lobeck, democrat of Nebraska, has introduced a resolution asking the department of commerce to investigate the wages paid in the steel industry.

Action on the resolution of Senators Poinsett and Jones, of Washington, calling on the president to furnish reasons for desiring to repeal the free toll measure, was indefinitely postponed.

Members of the house of representatives decided to present a wedding gift to Miss Eleanor Wilson, who is to become the second White House bride of the present administration when she weds Secretary McAdoo May 7.

Indications are that the treaty between Colombia and the United States for adjustment of issues growing out of the separation of Panama from Colombia would encounter opposition when submitted to the senate for ratification.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Learns English To Testify.

Salem.—As a result of his learning to speak the English language while in prison, Matto Marinovitch, an inmate of the state prison, was pardoned. Marinovitch was arrested two years ago as he was boarding a train at Forest Grove and charged with stealing a watch which he had in his possession. Being unable to speak English he made virtually no defense and was given a maximum sentence. He now speaks the English language fluently and has convinced prison officials and the governor that he bought the watch in good faith of the real thief.

Sandhill Crane Becomes a Pest.

La Grande.—Sandhill cranes are becoming a pest to farmers of Grande Ronde Valley. Although protected by the federal game laws, the birds are devastating acre after acre of wheat fields in this valley. Thousands of them are often seen on one farm, and every spear of wheat they touch is ruined, for they pull it up by the roots. So serious has the pest become that farmers are compiling petitions and memorials to congress to have the law changed. Unless the birds decide to migrate much damage will be done.

Girl Cannery to Test.

Eugene.—Plans for an inter-county fruit and vegetable canning contest between 60 Lane and Marion county girls at the Oregon State Fair, in September, were completed in a conference between F. W. Rader and Luther J. Chapin, county agriculturists, respectively, of these two counties. The contest is arranged for the purpose of introducing modern methods of steam pressure canning in the rural homes of the state.

Shell Explodes, Two Hurt.

Seaside.—Mrs. Robert Spear and her daughter, Helen, were severely injured at their home in this city when a rifle shell exploded in the heating stove. Mrs. Spear was cut in the cheek and one hand and her daughter received injuries in the head and face. Examination of the wood in the stove seemed to indicate that the shell had been placed in the wood before it was cut for burning and that the heat of the fire exploded the powder.

GOVERNOR WILL CAMPAIGN

West Announces Plan for Initiating Constitutional Amendments.

Salem.—Governor West has announced that immediately after the primary election he is personally going to take charge of a campaign for initiating constitutional amendments and measures intended to bring relief to the taxpayers.

These measures will provide for the abolishment or consolidation of various offices and boards and commissions, which his study of state affairs leads him to believe are useless or extravagant under existing conditions.

As there are no public funds for this sort of work, he said the campaign will be carried on through the cooperation of citizens interested in accomplishing the results sought. He said public meetings will be held throughout the state, where taxation matters will be discussed and voters will be given opportunity to sign the initiative petitions.

One of the constitutional amendments that will be proposed will fix a limit for state and county appropriations. The tax rate will be fixed, and the governor said it would be up to the legislature and those who conduct county affairs to cut their budgets to fit the cloth.

Feud and Quarrel End in Slaying.

Roseburg.—As a climax to a feud of many years' standing, Morrison Campbell killed his neighbor, John Becker, in a quarrel over the grazing of cattle on a piece of pasture land. Campbell was held without bail to appear before the grand jury in his preliminary hearing. The grand jury will meet in May.

May Change Date of Annual Synod.

Eugene.—To change the date of the annual synod of the Presbyterian church of Oregon from October to July and to hold it in Eugene during the session of the ministerial conference at the University of Oregon was the plan decided upon at the meeting of the Willamette Presbytery here.

Child Saves Babe's Life.

Eugene.—Gladys Wooley, aged 7, dashed in front of a speeding train here and rescued her sister Dorothy, aged 3, who sat on the track. As she leaped away, dragging the baby, a cylinder of the locomotive struck Gladys, tearing her apron. Neither child was hurt.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A Chautauqua Association has been organized in Corvallis.

A three days' fair will be held at La Grande, Or., September 22 to 24 inclusive. J. A. Russell was elected president and Herbert Hunter secretary.

Duncan McKinnon came all the way from Michigan to troll for salmon in the Willamette river at Oregon City. He had enjoyed the sport before.

All dancehalls in the state must be closed by 12 o'clock Saturday nights or the keepers are subject to arrest, according to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford.

The Clackamas county court designated the trunk roads for a "permanent" hard surface improvement if the \$500,000 bond election carries May 15.

I. A. Taylor of Madras is trying to find enough acclimated seed corn to plant 200 acres. His project is so far the largest individual venture in corn so far undertaken in the Pacific northwest.

Representative Hawley introduced a bill to amend the act to authorize the sale of certain lands belonging to Indians on the Siletz reservation, making the net proceeds of the land sales payable to members of the tribe.

Oregon timber, the felling of trees, and their handling in the logging camps will be shown in moving pictures at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Arrangements for this were made at a meeting of the Oregon exposition commission.

The Apple Growers' association of Hood River has wired Representative Sinnott that they were informed that the express companies had issued new rates for carloads of western berries, advancing the estimated weights on 24 pint crates from 17 to 25 pounds, when the actual weight is 19 pounds.

Amid a storm of argument and disapproval on the part of the men of the Oregon Agricultural college who are in favor of retaining the "swallowtail" coat for use in formal affairs, the student body voted the adoption of resolutions declaring against the wearing of the full dress.

At the next meeting of the state land board it is expected that 80 sections, or 51,200 acres of newly surveyed school lands will be offered for sale. The board will advertise for the bids, probably fixing a minimum price of \$7.50 an acre. Most of the lands are in Malheur and Harney counties.

Oregon's oldest woman, Mrs. Mary DeLore, 117 years of age, died at Portland. She was born and reared near the old Hudson's Bay company trading post at Vancouver, Wash., her father being a trapper and her mother an Indian. She raised a large family, but outlived them all.

To reassure commercial and fruit interests around Medford the agricultural department positively assured Representative Hawley that it would maintain a permanent weather station at Medford, giving efficient service for the especial benefit of fruit growers.

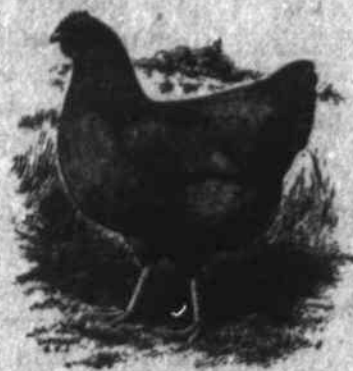
All of the members of the desert land board, except Treasurer Kay, joined with Governor West in demanding that the Des Chutes Land company, of which J. E. Morson is president, furnish the board with a financial statement showing the receipts and expenditures of the company and also a description of all the lands in the company's project which have been disposed of by selling options.

Before a contract can be made for the printing of the voters' pamphlet containing the initiative measures to be submitted at the next election it will be necessary for the emergency board to meet and authorize a deficiency in the public printing fund. It is estimated that the deficiency will amount to about \$15,000 by the end of the year.

State Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff has investigated the state institutions and says he found that the eight hour law is being violated at all of them. He said he would take the matter up with the state board of control immediately and that if the law, as interpreted by the supreme court, was not observed, he would cause the arrest of those responsible.

The special committee of the Oregon Civic League on the department of schools has announced the recommendation of the following two changes in the school laws intended to accomplish a greater efficiency in the public schools: Give the county school superintendents power to nominate all teachers in the county school, and eliminate the one-room one-teacher school by consolidating the schools into several rooms.

For a second time the people of the state are to be given an opportunity of voting on the question of the abolition of capital punishment, for a constitutional amendment providing for its abolishment will be submitted to the secretary of state for approval as to form in a few days. The amendment provides for life imprisonment. Several labor organizations, it is said, have endorsed the amendment. In the election of 1912 the people voted down a measure abolishing capital punishment.



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