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PEACE NEARING IN MEXICO AS HUERTA WAVERS

Provisional President Weakens, Sends for Lind and Will Accept Mediation Within 24 Hours—Wilson Sends Ultimatum to Dictator.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Peace is near in Mexico. Latest advices received here today from Mexico City indicate that Provisional President Huerta is wavering and that he probably will accept American mediation within twenty-four hours.

Officials of President Wilson's administration admit that the international drama now being staged is the most thrilling of any in which the United States has taken a leading role in a decade.

President Wilson acquiesced to Huerta's request for further delay with the provision that he will deliver his Mexican message to congress within twenty-four hours unless the peace proposals are accepted.

Asks Huerta's Retirement

It was officially stated this afternoon that the administration will fulfill Lind's latest suggestions if they are acceptable to Huerta. Huerta is not asked to resign. President Wilson only asks assurance that he will retire after a successor is chosen at a genuine election.

The postponement of the president's address practically amounts to an ultimatum giving Huerta twenty-four hours in which to decide. The administration has learned that the request for more time came direct from Huerta. It was submitted to John Lind last night by Foreign Minister Gamba.

Advices just received here say that Lind, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires, Huerta and Gamba are conferring at the palace, and it is generally believed by government officials here that acceptance of Lind's proposals, perhaps slightly modified, will be the outcome.

Lind Ready to Go

Lind had his baggage packed preparatory to going to Vera Cruz, en route home, when the request for delay arrived.

It is known that President Wilson intended barring the Mexican situation completely, and it is believed Huerta feared the effect this message would have on the United States and Europe by turning the world's sympathy against him.

The president's address is already printed and the resolution authorizing a joint session of congress is ready. The president also has consulted with the foreign committees of congress and they have approved his stand.

Warning to Huerta

The words in Tumulty's announcement "The president expects to deliver his address at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon" are interpreted here as a warning to Huerta that no further delay will be tolerated.

The president was all smiles today and the satisfaction he feels over the latest developments in Mexico showed plainly. He told callers today he hoped it would be unnecessary to ever deliver the message.

The president is confident that today's conference in Mexico City will bring peace. It was officially denied that Lind had ever been recalled, but it was evident that he abandoned hope until the moment Huerta weakened.

Government officials did not attempt to explain Lind's departure from Mexico City, but said they were sure he would return there. No direct word had been received here from Lind.

CONGRESS REFUSES TO PROBE JUDGE SPEER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The house this afternoon rejected the resolution calling for an investigation of the conduct of United States Judge Speer of Georgia, on the ground that the charges were not sufficiently explicit. Favoritism was included in the charges against the jurist.

HUERTA'S PLEA HALTS MESSAGE ANOTHER DAY

President Postpones Reading of Paper to Congress Discussing Mexican Affairs—Lind Makes Fresh Proposals for Further Time.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 26.—John Lind, President Wilson's special emissary to Mexico, left today in the direction of Vera Cruz, but it is believed he intends to return here in view of Provisional President Huerta's request for delay. This probably will necessitate further conferences between Huerta, Lind and Mexican Foreign Minister Gamba.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—New proposals made to the Mexican government by John Lind, the envoy of President Wilson and fresh pleas from Provisional President Huerta for further time to consider the latest suggestions, today caused President Wilson to postpone the reading to congress of his Mexican message until Wednesday. The president originally intended to present his message to congress in joint session this afternoon.

From the highest authority it was learned that Lind's latest proposals contained the following:

Lind's New Proposal

"Immediate cessation of hostilities; an arrangement for an armistice between the factions; provisions for an early and free election and Huerta to make an early announcement promising not to be a candidate for the presidency.

Both Lind and the Mexican government, through Mexican Foreign Minister Gamba, asked the president to postpone the reading of the message. The hour now set for the reading of the document is 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Secretary Tumulty announced the hasty change in the president's plan before 11 o'clock today. The president had been expected to deliver his message to congress at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The text of the announcement follows:

President Announcement

"Last night about midnight, after a conference between the president and the foreign committees of the two houses, a despatch came from Mexico which stated that Lind had united with Mexican Foreign Minister Gamba in requesting the president to postpone his address to congress until Wednesday for the purpose of affording the Mexican authorities an opportunity for further consideration of the American government's proposals in view of certain supplementary suggestions by Lind. The president, of course, consented, and is expected to address congress at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon."

LANE OPPOSES STATE CONTROL OF CONSERVATION

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 26.—Governor Ammons of Colorado and others favoring state rather than national conservation of the nation's resources, today tried to delay Secretary of the Interior Lane's speech before the sixth annual convention of the national conference of governors, hoping in the meantime to convert him to their views. Governor O'Neal of Alabama and Governor McGovern of Wisconsin, who favor national conservation, outmaneuvered Governor Ammons and his followers, however, and Secretary Lane spoke today.

Lane advocated the policy of government control of the preservation of resources for the average man, and the saving of some of these resources until they were required by increased population. Most of the western governors were secretly disappointed because Secretary Lane opposed state conservation. A governor Oddie of Nevada presided over the convention.

JEROME SCARES THAW BY THREAT OF MATTEAWAN

Headed Straight for Asylum, Declares Prosecutor—Thaw Refuses to Leave Canada and Denounces Jerome as Paid Avenger of White.

SHERBROOKE, Que., Aug. 26.—"Thaw is headed straight back to Matteawan. He may fight but the end is certain. What's the difference if there are a few months of delay."

This statement, coming today from former District Attorney William Travers Jerome of New York City, the man who sent Thaw to the asylum for the criminal insane, was carried to the fugitive in his cell here. Alarmed over Jerome's prediction, Thaw sent immediately for his attorneys. Then he paced his cell, muttering to himself, while waiting for their arrival.

"Gentlemen," he told them, "I am not going to Vermont. I intend to remain in Canada."

Then in a burst of rage Thaw bitterly denounced Jerome.

"Jerome," he shouted, "is the paid attorney of Broadway chicken fanciers. With his true colors revealed, he has got to fight every step of the way before getting me. He pretends to represent New York state. He really represents Stanford White's friends."

"Jerome's motives are entirely mercenary in prosecuting a sane and innocent man."

Owing to refusal of the authorities to permit the prisoner to go to church next Sunday, Commander Bromwell Booth called today from London ordering two Salvation Army officers to visit him and comfort him spiritually. Their visit was expected momentarily this afternoon. Thaw is otherwise incommunicado on account of complaints that he had been shown undue favors in jail.

HEARST TO NAME FOURTH CANDIDATE

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—The bitterest mayoralty election New York has seen in many years is promised here for the coming struggle to choose a man for Mayor Gaynor's shoes. Republican fusionists, dissatisfied with the selection of John Purroy Mitchell, are likely to renominate Gaynor. Tammany's nominee, Edward McCall, is no more satisfactory to Hearst than are Gaynor and Mitchell, and it is more than probable that Hearst and his Independence league will put forward a fourth candidate.

LILIENTHAL WILL SUCCEED CALHOUN

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 26.—Jesse W. Lilienthal, who soon will assume the presidency of the United Railroads, taking the place of Patrick Calhoun, stated today that so far as he knows there has been no great change in the ownership of United Railroads stock, bringing in new interests. Lilienthal expects to have a free hand in handling the roads, and probably will choose the majority of a new directorate.

THROUGH TRAIN SERVICE ST. LOUIS TO FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 26.—Advices were received here today that B. F. Rush, president of the Missouri Pacific and the Western Pacific railroads, has announced at his headquarters in St. Louis that through train service will be inaugurated soon between St. Louis and San Francisco. Steel cars have been ordered for the trains.

HARRY K. THAW, WEALTHY YOUNG MAN, WHO MADE SENSATIONAL ESCAPE FROM INSANE ASYLUM



This is Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, who escaped from Matteawan Asylum, New York, and is now in Canada. The picture was taken recently when he appeared before a court in a habeas corpus proceeding in an effort to be released.

INDICT ARMSTRONG FOR TAKING BRIBE

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 26.—Charging malfeasance in office and accepting a bribe, two indictments were returned by the grand jury today against County School Superintendent A. P. Armstrong for alleged irregularities while acting as a member of the city civil service commission during the administration of former Mayor Rushlight.

The indictments charge that in March, this year, Armstrong accepted \$20 sent him by C. E. Klingensmith, through Detective Sergeant Robert Craddock, for which Klingensmith received in return a higher rating in an examination taken to become a patrolman.

Armstrong stated today that he would not resign his present position until all hope of vindication is ended.

He admitted that he was indiscreet and met several candidates for positions prior to the examinations but denies positively that he did any wrong or accepted any money.

M'LOUGHLIN RETAINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 26.—Maurice M. McLoughlin of San Francisco retained his title as national tennis champion here today by defeating R. Norris Williams of Philadelphia in three out of four sets.

The first set was stubbornly fought, McLoughlin winning 6-4. Williams played the San Franciscan off his feet in the second set, winning it 7-5. Williams' efforts in this set seemed to tire him, for he lost his snap in the third set, which went to McLoughlin 6-3. The Californian took the last set easily, winning 6-1.

TWO ATTEMPTS BEING MADE TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL

LONDON, Aug. 26.—Two attempts to swim the English channel are under way today. Henry Sullivan of Boston, Mass., started today from Dover, and Jabez Wolff, an Englishman, who has made several trials and failed, started on a new attempt from Cape Gris Nez, on the French coast.

PERMIT WOMEN TO ATTEND LANE BANQUET

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 26.—San Francisco woman—if they have the price—will be permitted to sit down and feast with Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane when the city extends its greetings to him here early next month. The banquet will be held September 2 or 3, and the tax will be \$6. It will be open to both men and women.

MOVING TO KILL PUGILISTIC GAME

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 26.—Friends and foes of boxing are signing themselves today for a struggle that may decide the fate of the game in California. Grand jury investigation of the conditions that prevail at Vernon, the fight center of Los Angeles, are hinted at, and both sides apparently believe that the final struggle is at hand, as the direct result of the death of "Bull" Young following a bout with Jess Willard.

State Senator W. E. Brown, leader of the anti-boxing forces and a band of his followers worked far into the night preparing a petition by means of which they hope of initiating a law against boxing. The Los Angeles church federation and the ministerial union are behind the petition. Brown avers that a vote would kill boxing by a ratio of five to one.

The Evening City club of Los Angeles at a meeting last night passed resolutions condemning boxing and demanding its suppression.

BEAR RAID MADE UPON NEW HAVEN

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Heavy selling of New Haven and Steel were the features of the stock market's opening today. New Haven established a new low record when it declined two points to the mark of 94 1/2. Steel also dropped a point when several large blocks were sold.

Later New Haven became completely demoralized, dropping to 92 1/2, but rebounded to 94 1/2. Full recovery was made elsewhere, trade becoming dull on the rally. Bonds were steady.

The market closed steady.

AMERICAN CONSUL STABBED BY SPANIARD

HUELVA, Spain, Aug. 26.—William J. Alcock, American consular agent at Huelva, is suffering today from a knife wound sustained at the hands of a Spaniard named Bajrano, who apparently is suffering from the delusion that Americans have stolen patents of an important invention belonging to him. Alcock will recover.

HALF MILLION DOLLAR FIRE LOSS SUSTAINED, FT. WORTH

FORT WORTH, Tex., Aug. 26.—Fire here today destroyed the Trinity Brazier Valley railroad shops, comprising twenty acres of buildings, and many engines. The loss will exceed \$500,000.

CAMINETTI TO FIGHT BRAND OF WHITE SLAVER

Defendant Expects Conviction Because of Public Sentiment—Trial Opens and First Day is Spent Examining Talesmen—One Accepted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 26.—"I expect to be convicted because of the strong public opinion against me, but I am going to fight against being branded a white slaver."

MOVING TO KILL PUGILISTIC GAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 26.—F. Drew Caminetti, indicted under the Mann white slave act for taking Lola Norris of Sacramento to Reno, Nev., for immoral purposes suffered a set back in the very opening moments of his trial here today when Judge Van Fleet denied a renewed request by Caminetti's lawyers for a change of venue to Sacramento.

Following the presentation of Caminetti's denied plea, Attorney Chas. Harris, who, with Maury I. Diggs, faces a charge of subornation of perjury in connection with the notorious cases, also asked a change of venue to Sacramento. This request was taken under advisement by Judge Varn Fleet.

In support of his request Harris gave the names of at least twenty character witnesses among them being specified the three superior judges of Sacramento and District Attorney Wachhorst of the same city.

There was little public interest manifest in Caminetti's when the trial was begun, the public apparently realizing that the preliminaries would be devoid of sensation. Not a single woman was in court. Even Diggs, partner in Caminetti's escapade, was absent. The crowd of talesmen, the lawyers, the judge, the prisoner and Harris, the involved attorney, were the ramatis personeae.

Following the presentation of the Caminetti and Harris pleas, the examination of talesmen proceeded. It is believed that so much publicity has been given the trial that filling the jury box will be a tedious task and that the calling of a new panel is probable.

First Talesman Accepted

The first talesman to be accepted by both the defense and prosecution was William Adams, a manufacturer. He answered all questions satisfactorily and was immediately sworn in as the first juror.

A procedure different from that at the Diggs trial in filling the jury box was adopted at the outset of the Caminetti case. Instead of waiting until the box is filled to exercise peremptory challenges and excuse prospective jurors for cause, this being done as the talesmen are examined. Already two talesmen have been excused for cause. The government also has exercised one peremptory challenge.

CANADA REFUSES TO SURRENDER THAW

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 26.—Deputy Attorney General Kennedy of New York today visited Immigration Superintendent Robertson and asked for Harry Thaw's surrender. Robertson was not impressed, so Kennedy appealed to Minister of Justice Doherty, who said the law would be strictly enforced, but that he saw no reason why Thaw should be surrendered to New York state.

BOOS TELLS OF TRI-STATE MEET FOR GOOD ROADS

Medford Delegate Who Landed Next Year's Convention for This City Describes Work of Gathering and Plans for New Highways.

By G. E. Boos In 1910 at Seattle, Wash., the "Pacific Highway Association" was organized. Its object being to secure the construction of a first class trunk road along the Pacific slope, from Vancouver, B. C., to the Colorado river at Yuma, Ariz., a distance of 1912 miles and to be known as the International Highway. The route of this International Highway as far as Oregon is concerned as designated by this association runs south from Portland, Oregon to the Southern Oregon border, near Ashland, Ore., passing through all the principal cities and towns in Jackson county. On the south of Oregon it passes through Siskiyou and Shasta counties following the Southern Pacific road, south to Oakland, Cal. The coast route in the state of California is a distinct and separate route. It is a California enterprise and known as the California highway. Its destination is to the northern border of the state and runs through the cities of Eureka in Humboldt county and Crescent City in Del Norte county. The counties of Shasta, Trinity and Humboldt are advocating a route from Redding, Cal., to Eureka, a distance of 179 miles to meet the California highway and these counties must build this lateral at their own expense. Shasta county will raise \$750,000 and Humboldt county, \$1,000,000. Trinity county has already built 28 miles of its highway and is preparing to close a gap of 40 miles.

California's \$18,000,000

The \$18,000,000 appropriated by the California legislature in 1910 is intended for to build both roads, namely the International and the Coast highway in their state. The branches to this coast highway must be built by the counties through which it will be located, namely Shasta, Trinity and Humboldt in California. The Coast highway on the north of the California border is 44 miles from Crescent City to the Oregon line and 51 miles to Grants Pass and if Josephine county will build this stretch of 51 miles then Grants Pass will be the meeting place of the International and the California Coast highways.

The Three States Good Roads Rally under the auspices of the Humboldt Promotion and Development committee was held at Eureka on the 20th of this month. Its object was to promote the tourist travel from the south to the north on the Pacific coast and the organization of a Pacific Coast Good Roads association. All cities of the three coast states were represented by a delegation of Washington was elected temporary chairman of the convention and Bert R. Greer of Ashland, Oregon, temporary secretary. Committees on organization and resolutions were appointed and by vote of delegates from the three states, the Pacific Coast Good Roads association was perfected with the following officers:

Officers of Association President, Dudley V. Saelzler of Redding; vice-president for Washington (Continued on Page Four)

PRINCE DEVOTES LIFE TO WHITE SLAVE FIGHT

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—Prince A. Von Sayn-Wittgenstein has announced that he will make it a part of his life work to drive the white slave dealers from Germany. It is well known that Germany, particularly the peasant districts, is a rich field for the slavers who engage girls on various promises and pretexts and ship them to resorts in Argentina, Brazil and the United States. The prince has begun his campaign by issuing a monthly publication entitled "The Slave Market," the purpose of which is to expose white slavery and instruct German girls about the wiles that are laid for them.