

HUERTA DEFIES UNITED STATES, THEN ASSERTS HE WILL NOT SERVE IF ELECTED PRESIDENT

GLEAM OF HOPE NOW BRIGHTENS MEXICAN CRISIS

After Matters Go as Far as Possible Without War, Situation Improves—Huerta Modifies Defiance by Including All Powers.

Diaz Seeks Protection at United States Consulate, While Staff Is Deported Upon Warship.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—After matters had gone about as far as they possibly could go, short of actual fighting, the Mexican situation improved slightly this afternoon.

That is to say, Secretary of State Bryan announced that the administration had received positive assurances from President Huerta of the latter's determination not to remain in office, even if elected Sunday.

Assurance Not Sure
Washington officialdom took this assurance for whatever each individual official considered it worth.

Moreover, officialdom wanted to know what would happen if Sunday's election should prove resultless.

The Mexican constitution provides that the winning candidate in a presidential election must have a majority as well as a plurality. It provides also that a certain proportion of the country's entire vote must be cast.

Huerta Remains Dictator
If either of these things should happen, Huerta has already declared that he would have to hold over until after another election.

Qualifying Offensiveness
The amendment made his words somewhat less offensive—at least to Americans.

General Felix Diaz' presence in the United States consulate at Vera Cruz

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DRUGGIST SOLD ADMIRAL POISON

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Oct. 24.—Strong testimony for the defense was offered here today by Dr. Jacob Brown in the trial of Mrs. Jennie May Eaton, charged with the murder of her husband, Admiral Joseph G. Eaton.

Dr. Brown swore that he sold Admiral Eaton 4600 tablets, each containing one-hundredth of a grain of arsenic.

HUERTA JAILS PERSONAL AIDES FEARING PLOT

Dictator Trusts No One—Diaz' Staff Arrested and Deported to Havana While Diaz Seeks Refuge at American Consulate.

American Steamer Held While Escaping Legislators Are Arrested and Taken Off for Trial.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 24.—The members of Provisional President Huerta's personal staff, every man of whom was arrested last evening, will be court-martialed, according to information from official sources today, and it was thought some of them might be shot.

The charges against the prisoners were not made public but the impression was that they were caught corresponding with General Felix Diaz.

Defies United States
The provisional president's statement to the foreign diplomats here yesterday afternoon created a tremendous sensation and apparently aroused much enthusiasm among those well enough educated to understand it, by its bold defiance of the United States.

Invites Intervention
He referred with respect to President Wilson and with admiration to the American people, but declared that if Washington refused to recognize him, it would "risk precipitating what might bring Washington face to face with the governments at London, Paris and Berlin, and which might lead either to the setting aside of the

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DETAINED STEAMER ALLOWED TO PROCEED

VERA CRUZ, Oct. 24.—After many hours' detention, the Ward Line steamer Morro Castle sailed from here today for Havana. The Mexican authorities had given their permission for the vessel to leave.

United States Consul Canada had previously issued clearance papers to her in defiance of the Mexican government's orders, but Captain Huff declined to leave without the port officials' consent.

BANDITS LOCK HOUSES THEN DYNAMITE SAFE

ATTICA, O., Oct. 24.—Yeggmen looked more than a dozen residents in their homes here today, cut the telephone and electric light wires and then dynamited the postoffice safe. They escaped with \$2000. Posses are in pursuit.

TWO RESCUERS LOSE LIVES IN DOOMED MINE

All Hope of Saving Buried Men in Stag Canyon Coal Mine Given Up—Dead Estimated at 260, Including Rescuers Who Perished.

Conditions in Mine Steadily Growing Worse—Poisonous Air Fills All Passages and Tunnels.

DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 24.—Stag Canyon coal mine No. 2, unquestionably was on fire this afternoon. Heat and smoke were forcing the rescuers back from the west workings, where it was believed a few men might still be alive.

Alana Bozand and James Laird, the two victims, were helmet men in a rescue party. They entered the mine at 8 last night and, disregarding orders given hours before, to leave the gas-filled tunnel, had stuck continuously at their work until 6 a. m. today.

Conditions in the mine were growing steadily worse today. Despite all efforts to ventilate the tunnels, the air was almost unbelievably foul and thick with coal dust, threatening a fresh explosion at any moment.

The majority of the members of the rescue parties were taken ill as often as they came to the surface, yet there was a constant supply of volunteers. About 12 men were still at the work of rescue in the mine today.

There was some uncertainty as to the exact number of men on the various levels but according to the management's estimate the death toll will number 260, including Bozand and Laird.

The number of rescued was still 26 of these one or two may die.

Practically all hope of saving any more of those still entombed had been abandoned at dawn, though the rescuers continued at their task.

Forty-two corpses were brought to the surface with much difficulty this forenoon.

WORTHINGTON AMES GETS DIVORCE FROM HIS WIFE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.—Worthington Ames, a well-known clubman, was granted a final decree of divorce here today from Mrs. Norma Preston Ames, prominent in California society since her girlhood.

Mrs. Ames did not contest the suit. Ames alleged Mrs. Ames was guilty of desertion and wilful neglect.

FALLING BRICK STRIKES AND KILLS LABORER

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 24.—Struck on the head by a brick which fell from the thirteenth story of the Northwestern bank building, now under construction, Robert H. Watkins, a laborer, is dead today from the injuries he received.

DECLARING SLAIN WIFE INNOCENT, ELLIS REFUSES TO DEFEND LIFE



MRS. WILLIAM C. ELLIS AND CHILDREN
MR. WILLIAM C. ELLIS.

Declaring that he would make no effort to defend himself at his trial for the killing of his wife, William C. Ellis, of Chicago, Ill., who confessed to the murder before a coroner's jury, refused to see a lawyer.

HUERTA'S SATIRE TO DIPLOMATS UNSURPASSED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The state department published the following dispatch from Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy this afternoon as a supplement to Secretary Bryan's announcement that Huerta will not accept an election to the presidency Sunday.

"At a meeting yesterday Huerta received the diplomatic corps in the presence of the cabinet and issued a statement saying he had reason to fear some of his friends would propose him as a candidate for president and would vote for him.

Secretary Bryan said he had received no confirmation of reports that Huerta had declared foreign powers would support him against the United States.

He ordered Consul Canada to protect General Diaz if his life were endangered. Admiral Fletcher cabled from Vera Cruz that the cruiser Tacoma was sent to Tampam because rioting was feared there.

CALUMET STRIKERS PLACED UNDER ARREST

CALUMET, Mich., Oct. 24.—Charged with violating the injunction against picketing, 180 copper mine strikers were arrested here today by militiamen. The strikers were taken to Houghton, where they will be given a hearing before Circuit Judge O'Brien.

PREACHER ARRESTED FOR BLOCKING PORTOLA

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.—The Rev. Samuel Quickmire, pastor of the Howard Street Methodist church, was arrested during the progress of the Portola parade here today on a charge of disturbing the peace.

MULT AND ALBERTS BANK EXAMINERS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—L. L. Mult of Ashland and H. E. Alberts of Salem are today appointed national bank examiners by the secretary of the treasury.

TROUBLE AHEAD CURRENCY BILL STATES BRISTOW

Senate Committee Favors Aldrich Plan of Central Bank Proposed by Vanderslip of Standard Oil Bank—Wilson Firm for Regional Plan.

Government Proposed Central Institution With Government Controlled Branches Favored.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Trouble over the currency bill is ahead, if United States Senator Bristow of Kansas knows what he is talking about, it was predicted today among national lawmakers.

The struggle promised to develop between the partisans of the regional banking system provided for in the Glass-Owen bill, and the supporters of the central banking plan proposed by ex-Comptroller of the Currency Frank A. Vanderlip.

Wilson Stands Pat
President Wilson notified the members of the senate currency committee today that he would not accept under any circumstances the substitution of the central form for the regional plan.

Commenting on the president's notification, Senator Bristow intimated plainly that the senate committee would, nevertheless, base its report on the bill next month on Vanderlip's suggestion. He denied that it was merely a slight variation from the Aldrich currency scheme.

Favor Central Bank
Besides Senator Bristow, it was said Senators Reed of Missouri, Hitchcock of Michigan, O'Gorman of New York and Nelson of Minnesota, members of the currency committee, favor a government-controlled central bank with government-controlled branches.

It was predicted there will be a hard fight on the senate floor unless an amendment is provided.

BOGGS AND TITUS BOTH INDICTED ALSO BLACKMAILER

A John Doe indictment alleging blackmail against Dan Cameron was returned by the grand jury this afternoon. The alleged blackmailer will be arrested at once by the sheriff's office.

Boggs and Titus, alleged to have deceived Myrtle Hanscom and Beatrice Kavanaugh, young girls to Ashland for immoral purposes were indicted for contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Indictments were returned against Richard Doe and John Doe for exploding dynamite in Bear creek for the purpose of killing fish.

W. T. Green was indicted for the alleged burning of a church at Wimer.

W. B. Mynatt was indicted for grand larceny and A. C. Brockman for larceny.

CHOICEST FRUITS FINEST PRODUCTS FOR LAND SHOW

Ashland, Grants Pass and Medford Co-operate to Send Magnificent Display From Orchard and Farm to Chicago Land Show, Nov. 18.

Lowe of Ashland in Charge of Exhibit, Will Give Moving Picture Lectures Daily.

When the doors are thrown open November 18 at the great Chicago land show, the Rogue River valley will be prepared to show the multitudes an exhibit second to none of her annual harvest of fruits and vegetables.

She has collected samples of her various products, packed them in boxes, transports them 3000 miles and places them on an exhibition in the city of Chicago for a reason.

W. D. Lowe of Ashland, who takes about two tons of fruits and vegetables of his own. This valley is exceedingly fortunate in having a man like Mr. Lowe with the exhibit in charge at Chicago.

The club also desires to thank the following citizens for their generous

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DESERTED BRIDE THREATENS SUICIDE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 24.—Spurred by grief of a girl bride, officials of the district attorney's office here are combing the city today for R. Baker, who is said to have disappeared from Portland several weeks ago.

Meanwhile Mrs. Hattie Baker, his wife, has promised to make no further attempt to end her life until the office has exhausted its means of finding the man.

According to Deputy District Attorney Joos, the young woman attempted last yesterday to leap from a window in his office on the eleventh floor of the hall of records.

Joos seized Mrs. Baker as she leaped to the window ledge. Stenographers in his office calmed her, and after her promise had been exacted, she was taken to a hotel.

Baker declared that she does not wish to press charges against her husband, but merely seeks a reunion.

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 24.—Holding a dead pet cockatoo to his chest, Anthony Delpolio, an aged fortune teller, was found dead of gas asphyxiation in his room here today.