

WILSON REPORTS PROGRESS MADE TOWARD PEACE

Alarmists Reports Contradicted—Ousting of Huerta's Minister of No Concern—Cash Supplies Cut Off From Dictator.

Rebels Will Be Encouraged to Attack City of Mexico If It Is Found—Huerta Secretly Financed.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—John Lind, President Wilson's emissary to Mexico, is not on the point of going on board one of the American battleships at Vera Cruz.

Consul Canada is not getting ready to close the American consulate at the same place.

Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy is not about to close the American embassy in Mexico City.

President Wilson was still confident today that diplomacy will yet solve the Mexican problem.

Progress Being Made

The president made all these things plain at his conference with the newspaper correspondents here today. He made it clear also that he still believed progress was being made in the direction of peace in Mexico.

The Washington administration was not in the least concerned, it was stated, at the ousting of President Huerta's minister of the interior, Garcia Aldape. The incident was not considered any of the United States government's affair.

Huerta, it was pointed out, has had his cash supplies from outside the country cut off. It was declared that it was admitted even in Mexico that this source soon will be exhausted. It is expected that when this happens the dictator's lieutenants will all desert him and nothing will be left for him but to get out in a hurry.

After the Capital

Should it develop, however, that the Huerta administration is being financed through underground channels, it was stated, the rebels will be encouraged to attempt Mexico City's capture.

The raising of the embargo on arms, it was learned, will only be the Washington administration's last step, however. The president hopes to avoid it.

The executive was investigating today the stories of wholesale executions of federal prisoners by General Villa at Juarez. Should they prove true, however, it could not be learned how the information would affect the negotiations with General Carranza.

Carranza's Statement

Senator Catron of New Mexico, who conferred with Villa at Juarez, it was stated, did so only as a private citizen and not as an administration representative. The only instructions to William Bayard Hale,

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BLAME WEATHER BUREAU FOR LOSS IN LAKES STORM

CLEVELAND, O., Nov. 17.—Congressman Gordon telegraphed to President Wilson today asking a full investigation of the service given by the weather bureau in connection with the recent storm on the great lakes as a result of which between 200 and 300 lives were lost and property, according to some estimates, valued at \$10,000,000, destroyed.

The charge has been made, Gordon informed the president, that the weather bureau gave insufficient warning of the storm and was thus indirectly responsible for the heavy losses. Captains of vessels which survived assert that the bureau merely flew the usual storm signals, but did not display hurricane warnings.

ESPEE STRIKERS LEAVE DISPUTE WITH MEDIATORS

Trainmen Agree to Return to Work Pending Result of Arbitration by Federal Board and End What Promised to Be Long Tieup of Traffic.

Four Unions Involved—Effort Made to Adjust Differences Between Parties First.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The striking trainmen on the Southern Pacific lines between El Paso and New Orleans have agreed to return to work immediately, pending the outcome of further negotiations, it was stated today by members of the federal board of mediation and conciliation. Arbitration plans, it was added, would be announced this afternoon.

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 17.—That the strike on the Atlantic division of the Southern Pacific railroad had been settled was stated today at the headquarters of the United Trainmen's unions here. It was understood that the Southern Pacific general officers in New York had ordered the division officials to meet the trainmen's committee.

Four different unions were involved in the strike. They had joined forces and wanted to negotiate with the railroad company through a joint committee. This the company refused to do, insisting on dealing with them separately.

Under the terms of the agreement finally reached the company yielded the points and signified its willingness to accept the joint committee.

If they can do so, the committee and the railroad's representatives will try to settle the differences between the company and its employees. Should they fail, the controversy will be left to the federal mediation board.

PLAN TO SHELVE GOMPERS AND ELECT MITCHELL INSTEAD

SEATTLE, Nov. 17.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor will not be shelved without a fight. He does not take kindly to the plan to have him retire and write the history of the labor movement in America, to make way for John W. Mitchell, whose friends are boosting him for the presidency.

When told that his friends were urging that he get out of the harness, Gompers said:

"I don't know whether I have any ability as a writer, but I know that I have ability as a fighter."

Gompers' close friends deny that they have urged him to retire and brand the statement of backers of Mitchell as a subtle attempt to "throw a scare into Gompers" and lead him to retire under the plan suggested rather than face defeat.

"John Mitchell is the greatest leader in labor movements in this, or any other country," said Walker, "and will certainly be a satisfactory head of the federation."

Should Mitchell be elected it will be a great victory for the insurgents of which McDonald and Walker are among the leaders.

\$35,000 GEMS ARE STOLEN IN CHICAGO

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Nov. 17.—L. Gross, a Chicago diamond merchant, reported here today that he had been robbed of gems worth \$35,000 while traveling between Davenport and Minneapolis. The robbery, he said, occurred Friday night.

MANY BIDDERS CONSTRUCTION COUNTY ROAD

State Engineer Bowby Here in Connection With Letting of Contracts Wednesday—Will Also Have Charge of Highway in Clatsop.

Fifteen Bidders Expected on Grading of Siskiyou Highway and Half a Dozen on Central Point Road.

Major H. L. Bowby, state highway engineer, arrived from Astoria Monday in connection with the letting of contracts for the construction of the Pacific highway, contracts for which will be let Wednesday.

"There will be at least fifteen bidders on construction of the road over the Siskiyou mts, and probably six on the surfacing of the Central Point-Medford road. Prospects for speedy construction are bright."

"Clatsop county voted \$400,000 highway bonds last election and has turned the construction over to the state highway commission. They advertise this week for the sale of bonds."

Many bidders are in the city, both for the grading and paving contracts. Among them are representatives of the Barber Asphalt Co., the Clark-Henry Co. and the Warren Construction Co., the James Kennedy Co. of Salt Lake City and Giesch & Joplin of Portland, J. W. Sweeney Co. of Portland and Mulvill Bros. of Alton, Ill.

County Clerk Gardner received a letter Monday from the purchasers of the bonds, stating that notwithstanding reports circulated by disappointed bidders for bonds, the syndicate securing them stood ready to take them as soon as issued.

CONFER TO LOWER COST OF LIVING

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Governor Martin H. Glynn will confer tomorrow, it was stated today at the executive offices here, with the heads of several railroad systems, with noted economists and with national officials concerning an attack at the next session of the New York legislature on the high cost of living.

Among those scheduled to attend the meeting are President Howard Elliott and President W. C. Brown, respectively of the New Haven and New York Central railroads; Vincent Astor and Franklin Roosevelt.

United States Senator O'Gorman of New York, it was added, probably would launch a similar campaign in the national legislature.

RITCHIE IN CHICAGO ON HIS WAY HOME

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 17.—Dispatches received here from Chicago state that Willie Ritchie, lightweight world's champion, would reach San Francisco Wednesday. While in Chicago Ritchie said he liked New York and would return there as soon as he gets through with his 20 round match December 20 with Harlem Tommy Murphy in San Francisco to meet either Jack Britton, Young Shugrue or Freddie Welsh in a ten round contest.

GOVERNMENT SELLS \$67,180 IN TIMBER

PORTLAND, Nov. 17.—A contract for the sale of approximately 10,000,000 feet of saw timber in the Olympic national forest in Washington was today awarded to the Snow Creek Logging company of Seattle by the Portland office of the United States forestry.

EVERYBODY IS WATCHING THE GIANTS-WHITE SOX GAME TODAY



Fred Merkle, Star First Baseman of the National League, With Giants.

VILLA KEEPS GOOD ORDER IN JUAREZ DENIES EXECUTIONS

EL PASO, Texas, Nov. 17.—Gen. Pancho Villa was keeping excellent order in Juarez today. He had chosen municipal officials from among the citizens with one Velarde as mayor and today the port was opened for importations. Pedro Mass acting as customs collector. General Carranza was also expected to transfer his headquarters to Juarez.

The federal prisoners were at work digging graves for the men killed in Saturday morning's fighting. Some of them, it was said, had asked permission to join the rebels, and probably would be allowed to do so.

General Villa today made denial that more than eight of his prisoners had been executed, though one man, he said, was shot while attempting to escape. Those executed, it was stated, were punished for treason. It was unofficially confirmed that they included Col. Contreras and Captain Portillo, of the federal garrison, and Pablo Ebbave and Juan Cordova, of the Juarez police.

Villa was understood today to be planning an immediate resumption of his attack on Chihuahua City, against which the rebels have been operating for some time, but where hostilities were suspended late last week for the descent on Juarez.

GROZIER NOMINATED CHIEF OF ORDINANCE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—President Wilson today sent to the senate the nomination of Brigadier General William Crozier to be chief of the bureau of ordinance, and that of Lieutenant Colonel Ben J. Alford to be an adjutant general with the rank of colonel.

DISASTROUS LANDSLIDE UPON CANADIAN PACIFIC

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 17.—The most disastrous land and rock slide in the history of the Canadian Pacific railroad tore out 400 feet of track near North Bend early Sunday morning, carrying rails, roadbed and telegraph poles into the ravine below. All trains have been cancelled while an army of men is engaged in repairing the damage. An effort is being made to have the road ready for traffic tonight.

WIFE OF GOTHAM'S MAYOR HOME-BODY BUT A SUFFRAGETTE

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—It may be due to the votes for women movement, or to the increasing desire for bizarre information, or perhaps, more likely, to our ever-growing curiosity. Whatever the cause, the fact remains that the New York public wants to know more and more about the men they elect to public office and the spotlight of publicity now turns even to a man's family. John Purroy Mitchell, in the tremendous political upheaval that brought about the complete defeat of Tammany and left the tiger's hide drying on the fence, was elected mayor of Greater New York and immediately the people want to know about Mrs. John Purroy Mitchell.

Well, she is a suffragist. The curiosity seekers learned that right off the reel. Mrs. Mitchell believes in woman suffrage. She even believes in women taking the stump to get the ballot—that is, other women. Mrs. Mitchell herself will never take the stump, though she "believes in the principle," as she puts it.

"I guess I am a home body," she said. "I believe in women working for the ballot, but I could never bring myself to stump. I always expect to dust the piano and do other things like that. I believe in suffrage, though. I go on record now as a suffragist. As long as five years ago I joined the Equal Suffrage Franchise society, but I have never been active for the cause. Nor will my position as wife of the mayor affect my attitude, though as has been suggested, I might now be a valuable acquisition to the cause. I am content to let more aggressive women to do the stumping."

POSTPONE ATTACK UPON MAZATLAN

NOGALES, Ariz., Nov. 17.—The proposed rebel attack upon Mazatlan has been postponed and all was quiet today along the west Mexican coast, according to advices received here.

No word has been received from Victoria, capital of the state of Tamaulipas, where, it was reported late yesterday, a battle was likely.

General Carranza and William Bayard Hale, said to be a representative of the Washington administration, had held no further conference at noon today.

SPURNED LOVER FAILING IN DUEL SHOOT HIMSELF

Disappointed Over His Rejection by Miss Vestal Hoxsey, Ed Underhill Shoots Twice at Himself, Inflicting Superficial Scalp Wound.

Shooting Follows Refusal of Rival, Ed Bortwick, to Fight Duel When Challenged by Rejected Suitor.

Disappointed because of his rejection at the hands of Mrs. Vestal Hoxsey, aged 22, married but separated from her husband, Ed Underhill, aged 27, a miner, employed on county road work under Supervisor Sam Van Dyke, attempted to commit suicide at 8:30 Monday morning by shooting himself in the head with a Colt's 44 revolver at 132 South Grand street. By a miracle the bullet plowed its way from the forehead to the crown of the head inflicting only a scalp wound.

Infatuated With Woman

According to George Hoxsey, brother of the woman, Underhill has been paying court to her ardently, and Sunday asked her hand in marriage. This was met with a flat refusal he says and words followed.

Miss Hoxsey Sunday night went out with Ed Bortwick employed at the West Side livery stables, and this morning is alleged to have challenged his rival to a duel. Bortwick refused, and Underhill then fired two shots at himself, one inflicting the scalp wound, and the other going through the roof.

Refuses to Ride in Ambulance

After the shooting, the ambulance and Dr. Porter were called. Because the ambulance was driven by Bortwick his rival, Underhill refused to ride to the hospital and was placed in Dr. Porter's auto. An examination showed only a superficial wound, and was released from the hospital an hour after the accident.

Miss Hoxsey's husband, George Pilkington is in California, but since her separation she has been using her maiden name. She was the woman detective in the Earl Potter case.

AVIATOR PATROLS POWER SYSTEM

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—Aviators were immensely interested here today in the news that the Great Western Power company had engaged Robert Fowler to patrol its wires from the Sierras to the sea, carrying with him in his aeroplane a lineman to locate and repair breaks.

Some experts inclined to think the aeroplane had not yet reached a stage of development where it can be depended on for a regular service of this kind, but all agreed a vast field of enterprise had been opened for aviators if the experiment proves a success.

It was said Fowler would begin work for the power company November 20.

Adolph Sutro and Captain Thomas Beckwith had a tumble into the bay during yesterday's aviation meet at the exposition grounds, but were fished out in safety. Robert Fowler's engine stopped at a height of several hundred feet and he and Otto Ryhiski had to descend to the water's surface, where a boat picked them up, but in doing it snapped one of the flying craft's propeller blades, making it necessary to tow the machine ashore.

Roy Francis and Harry and Silas Christofferson made successful flights.

MRS. PANKHURST TO TALK ON SOCIAL EVIL IN GOTHAM

NEW YORK, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst will make an address at the Eltinge theater, it was announced today, on "The Social Evil." The announcement added that she will "call spades spades."

LARGE CROWD AT BIG GAME SPITE OF MIST

Rain Threatens, But People Turn Out From All Parts of Southern Oregon to See Big Players, Who Are Met at Ashland and Given Tour.

Business Practically Suspends in Medford—Banks and Business Houses Close.

Despite the peevishness of the weather man, indications this morning pointed to a big crowd at the White Sox-Giants game. Heavy cloud overcast the sky, and drizzles of rain fell intermittently, causing fears the game would be called, but falling to dampen the ardor of the fans.

Out-of-town visitors began to arrive Sunday for the game, and this morning's train brought large delegations from Southern Oregon points. The special train bearing the baseball visitors arrived at noon, the autos leaving at 10 to meet the party at Ashland for a tour of the orchard districts. The grounds are in good condition, and the rain will not prevent the game.

During the game business will be practically suspended, banks, business and public offices closing.

A full list has been secured for the banquet at the Medford Hotel after the game.

The brides and women of the baseball party will be entertained during their stay here by a committee from the Greater Medford club, teams is as follows:

The probable line-up is: White Sox: Weaver, 11; Rath, 3b; Speaker, cf; Crawford, rf; Chase, 1b; Schaefer, 2b; Evans, lf; Schalk, c; Russell, p; Daly, 1b.

Giants: Snodgrass, cf; Magee, lf; Lobert, 3b; Doyle, 2b; Merkle, 1b; Doolan, ss; Thorpe, rf.

The White Sox-Giants' special arrived at noon. All of the party except attaches and President Comiskey and family, left the train at Ashland for a tour of the valley by auto. Mrs. Comiskey and daughter and other ladies of the party were met by a committee of ladies from the Greater Medford club and taken to the Medford Hotel.

A large crowd of fans greeted the train. Christy Mathewson and Chief Meyers, the Giants' star battery left the teams at San Francisco.

WIVES OWN HALF INTEREST HOMESTEAD SUFFRAGE STATES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The United States supreme court decided today in favor of the women in the dispute between the respective interests of husbands and wives in farm homesteads in the state of Washington.

It affirmed the decision that, under the state law, wives have half interest in government homesteads in Washington after the titles had passed from the government. The decision was rendered in the suit of John Buichser against his step-children, who claimed their mother's half interest in land near Spokane.

PRINCESS FLEES FROM KAISER'S SECOND SON

PARIS, Nov. 17.—That Princess William Eitel Friederich, wife of Kaiser Wilhelm's second son, had deserted her husband was a report widely circulated here today. One rumor stated that the princess had fled here, but was intercepted and returned to Germany. Still another report was that she was secluded in family castle, but had refused to return to her husband.