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HUERTA REGIME NEAR COLLAPSE HINTS PRESIDENT

Administration's Policy Toward Mexico Not Altered, Asserts Wilson, After Long Conference with John Lind.

Financial Affairs in Southern Republic Near Crisis—President Imparts Little Information.

GULFPORT, Miss., Jan. 3.—President Wilson's Mexican policy has not been modified. Huerta must go. Until he does, the Washington administration's attitude will remain unchanged.

The president himself was authorized for these statements today, putting an end to all rumors that he had decided finally to use force.

The chief executive motored into Gulfport with Lind's two sons, took them to the pier, gave orders for the revenue cutter Winona to put them on board the scout cruiser Chesler for a visit with their father, and then assembled the correspondents about him.

Much Ado About Nothing

Leaning against the side of his automobile, he declared himself as ready to answer questions. The correspondents all asked the same one in a breath:

"What about the conference between himself and Lind?"

Concerning the conference, the president replied, there had been much ado about nothing. It simply cleared up questions over which many exchanges of messages otherwise would have been necessary. Aside from this, he assured his hearers that there was no special reason for bringing his representative back from Vera Cruz. No new points were discussed, he said—he and Lind were merely mutually desirous of a personal talk.

The president failed, however, to explain why there was so much mystery concerning Lind's visit. He declined, too, to say whether he was more hopeful now than hitherto of a speedy settlement of the Mexican question. He would rather put it, he said, that the situation was little changed.

Yet from his manner it was plain that the president was pleased by what Lind had told him.

He would not permit anyone to quote him, but it was evident from his words that he was as sure the Huerta regime was tottering as when he asserted in Washington two weeks ago that the situation was improving, gradually. It was understood, too, that Lind had informed him Mexican financial affairs were near a crisis.

On his return Lind will remain in Vera Cruz.

After his interview the president had a round of golf.

COURT SUSTAINS STATE BOARD USE REVOLVING FUND

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—Declaring that it will be up to the prosecution to show that the state suffered actual damage by the expenditure of the \$16,000 used from the old state penitentiary revolving fund for the operation of the prison brickyard and the purchase of land and supplies for the state, Circuit Judge Kelly today overruled Attorney General Crawford's demurrer to the answer of Governor West, Secretary of State Olcott and State Treasurer Kay in the revolving fund case.

The attorney general will now file an answer and the case will be tried before the court on its merits. The members of the state board are being sued for the recovery of the \$16,000 on the ground that the money was spent unlawfully even though it was spent for the benefit of the state.

ARMED GUARDS WATCH SALOONS AT COPPERFIELD

Liquor Dealers of Mining Town Are Given Until Monday Afternoon to Ship Stocks on Penalty of Confiscation.

Attorney en Route to Scene, It is Hoped, With Injunction From Court—Miss Hobbs Talks.

COPPERFIELD, Ore., Jan. 3.—Copperfield is being run by the military authorities today, aided by a special committee of citizens appointed by Lieutenant Colonel Lawson, in charge of the detachment of militia here. Colonel Lawson called a meeting of citizens this morning and issued a special order appointing the committee, which he hopes to leave in control of the situation when he leaves Monday.

S. T. Grim, a carpenter, was chosen chairman of the citizens' committee and will be acting mayor. A. W. Parker, school teacher, will be secretary and acting recorder, and the others selected by Colonel Lawson are E. A. Fitch, A. J. Strickland, J. J. Bras, J. M. Dickson and Sam Auklin.

COPPERFIELD, Ore., Jan. 3.—With an armed guard stationed in front of each tightly closed saloon, Copperfield today began its day under martial law. Colonel E. K. Lawson of the Coast Artillery, five militiamen and Frank Snodgrass and John Abbott, two penitentiary guards, were in complete control of the town.

The saloonmen have been given until 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, when the next train is scheduled to depart, to ship their bar fixtures and stocks of liquor out of the county on penalty of confiscation.

Attorney J. H. Nichols, representing the saloonmen, left Baker last night to drive the seventy-two miles across country to Copperfield. It is raining and sleeting in Copperfield and snowing in the hills. It may be late today before Nichols reaches here. His clients are hopeful that he has secured an injunction restraining the governor and militia from interfering with their business. How it would be enforced, with martial law in effect, is another question.

Miss Hobbs Returns

Miss Fern Hobbs, the governor's private secretary, who read the chief executive's order, closing the saloons and demanding the resignation of the town officials, left yesterday afternoon on the same train on which she arrived.

When Miss Hobbs reached Copperfield she was quite nervous, but as soon as she faced the hostile crowd in the little public hall, all apparently unwilling to accept a peaceful solution of their troubles, she became angry and her eyes snapped behind her slightly "school-marmish" glasses.

After reading the governor's order, and hearing the refusal of the saloonmen to close their places of

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EUGENIC LAW STOPS WISCONSIN WEDDINGS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 3.—There was not a single marriage in the state of Wisconsin yesterday, and Alderman John Koerner today placed the blame on the new eugenic law, which became effective January 1. He fears it will cause race suicide and intends to introduce a resolution in the city council Monday asking the governor to call a special session of the legislature to either amend or repeal the law.

"If the law continues in force," said Koerner today, "it will depopulate the state."

County clerks declare the Wasserman test is essential under the new law, and that no licenses can be issued unless it is made. The Wasserman test costs the applicant from \$10 to \$15.

WEST PLANS TO REMOVE SHERIFF RAND OF BAKER

New Law Empowers Governor to Remove Officials Who Do Not Perform Duties—Court Asked to Hear Charges.

Miss Fern Hobbs to Appear Before Circuit Court in Sheriff's Case, Representing Governor.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 3.—Governor West is preparing to have Sheriff Ed Rand of Baker county supplanted by another until the situation at Copperfield is settled. And again, Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary to the governor, will play an important role as representative of the chief executive.

The governor today wired Circuit Judge Gustav Anderson of Baker county asking advice as to the earliest day a hearing can be had to obtain the removal of Sheriff Rand. The governor advised Judge Anderson that Miss Hobbs will represent him as special counsel and present the state's case. The governor also wired Miss Hobbs requesting her to remain in Baker and attend to the matter. Miss Hobbs was admitted to the bar last year.

This action of the governor is taken under the state law which provides that if any officer does not perform his duties, upon a proper showing being made to the court, the governor may remove him from office for ninety days' period and appoint another official to perform his duties.

Governor West received the following message from Colonel Lawson at Copperfield this morning:

"Wire me orders to seize and destroy all intoxicating liquors, gambling outfits and bar fixtures which are yet unpacked, at 4 p. m. Tell family all quiet. Notify railroad company and express company that Copperfield is under martial law and to stop delivery of any intoxicating liquors at this station."

STRIKE PICKETS FORCE CLOSING OF TACOMA SMELTER

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 3.—Unable to gain entrance to the works because of the opposition of armed strike pickets, five hundred employees of the Tacoma Smelter at Ruston were thrown out of work today when the plant was temporarily closed down by order of President W. R. Rust. Two men were seriously injured in a riot early this morning.

Two hundred Austrian laborers went out on strike Thursday morning, but the other workmen refused to join them. When the men reported for duty yesterday, they were met by armed pickets, who had been organized by Joe Ettor, an I. W. W. leader, and denied admittance to the smelter yard. Strikebreakers engaged to take the places of the Austrians were assaulted and driven away.

President Rust declared this afternoon that he would re-open the smelter Monday, when he promised to have a sufficient number of deputies on hand to prevent the pickets from returning to work at the smelter.

LAWSON REFUSES NEWSPAPERS NEWS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3.—The Oregon Journal was notified by telephone at 12:30 today by the manager of the Western Union Telegraph company at Copperfield that a story filed by Jennings Sutor, its staff correspondent, was being held in the office on orders of Colonel Lawson, who has interpreted martial law to include the sending out of press dispatches.

MRS. ELLA YOUNG, HER RIVAL AND TWO OF HER WOMEN CHAMPIONS



Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, one of the world's most widely known educators, has been restored to the superintendency of the Chicago schools by the power of united womanhood. To the activities of her woman admirers can be traced the creation of public sentiment that caused the Chicago board of education to reconsider the election of her successor and reinstate her. Mrs. Young had faced a board of politicians and struggled against the school text book trust, and emerged victorious.

ARMED GUARDS DEPORT COLORADO COAL STRIKERS

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 3.—Deportation of strikers to the Colorado coal fields was in progress here today.

The strikers' expulsion was begun by the Routt county taxpayers' association, an organization with a membership of about five hundred, and thirty-five branches throughout the county.

Deportations were common during the strike in the Cripple Creek district several years ago but there had been none during the present struggle in the coal fields until last night, when a strong body of association members stormed the district court room, seized twenty-five strikers, on trial charged with participation in various disorders, shipped seven of them out of the county at once, and after holding the others overnight, expelled them today, with orders never to return.

President James Ferguson of the local miners' union and Organizer Frank Garner and John Weidburg of the Western Federation of Miners were among the men deported.

The twenty-five strikers being disposed of, members of the league placarded the county with the announcement that, "within a reasonably short time, all able-bodied men must go to work or leave."

It was reported that a force of armed men were marching toward Oak creek, where most of the strikers in this vicinity live, to drive them from the county.

BATTLE AT LADERO STILL IN PROGRESS

LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 3.—Skirmishing between the federal garrison of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico and the rebels who surround the town was still in progress today. Neither side had gained any particular advantage. The rebels charged the federals with all sorts of atrocities.

"FURIOUS" FIGHTING STILL IN PROGRESS AROUND OJINAGA

PRESIDIO, Texas, Jan. 3.—Fighting at Ojinaga was fiercer than ever today.

The rebels increased the fury of their assault just after midnight. They appeared to be gaining ground but the town's defenders were holding out gamely against them.

General Panofill Natera was reported to have succeeded General Ortega this morning in personal command of the rebels. Ojinaga refugees were certain, at any rate, that he was leading today's attack. The rebels, they said, were in the outskirts. In some places the struggle was hand to hand, knives, bayonets and clubs and even gunstocks figuring as weapons.

Ojinaga's streets, the refugees declared, were "filled with dead."

Latest estimates placed the number of the defenders' dead at four hundred and their wounded at 450, of the rebels' dead at 300.

MOTHER KEPT FROM SEEING SAILOR SON

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss., Jan. 3.—None of the bluejackets on the Chester being allowed shore leave, Captain Harry Elder of the tug Gulfport, took Mrs. Pauline Miscuson, an aged, gray-haired woman, out to within about fifty feet of the cruiser to see her son, a yeoman on board.

The Chester's men lined the rail as the tug approached, but as young Miscuson recognized his mother and shouted to her, his companions strolled to the other side of the ship to give the two an opportunity to talk together alone.

Before they had exchanged a dozen words, however, the deck officer appeared and said he was compelled to order the tug to keep off, since the Chester being on a secret mission, no member of the crew could communicate with anyone ashore.

DEATH WARRANT OF TRAIN BANDIT SEALED BY JUDGE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 3.—Superior Judge Gavin Craig sealed today the death warrant of Ralph Ferris, the Southern Pacific bandit who murdered Traveling Passenger Agent Horace E. Montague on a train that he held up near El Monte, December 2. Ferris will go to his death at San Quentin penitentiary on Friday, March 6, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Ferris will be started on his final railroad journey tomorrow morning. Sheriff Hammel personally will accompany his prisoner.

James Ferris, the bandit's father, will not see his son enter the prison gates. He spent his last cent in a futile effort to save his boy from the gallows, and he is unable financially to make the trip. He will not ask the Southern Pacific railroad, by which he is employed, for transportation.

The elder Ferris has not yet abandoned all hope of saving his son's life. He will make a written appeal to the governor for clemency if the appeal his attorney will make to the state supreme court is denied. Ferris received today many letters from women who said they will join his proposed appeal to the governor.

SHERIFF UNABLE TO FIND TRACE OF LOPEZ

BINGHAM, Utah, Jan. 3.—A heavily armed posse under Sheriff Smith today continued searching the Utah-Apex mine for Ralph Lopez, the murderer. A partially completed breastworks, evidently of his construction, was found, as were fragments of mouldy food and two half-filled bottles of claret. There were also in several places the outlines of a form imprinted in the dry earth, where it was conjectured that the fugitive slept. No sounds were heard, however, to indicate that he was alive.

FLOODS RECEDE BUT ANOTHER STORM ENROUTE

Let-up Only Temporary, Says the Weather Bureau—Gale Blowing at Sea—Highest Surf in Years—Sacramento River Rising Slowly.

Train Service Shows Improvement—Western Pacific Tied Up—Cottages Washed Out to Sea.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 3.—California storm and flood conditions were reported improved almost everywhere today. But the weather bureau predicted another storm for tonight. Fair weather prevailed in San Francisco, but Government Forecaster Wilson said it was only a temporary let-up.

"The major part of the storm that visited California yesterday," said Willson this afternoon, "is still hovering off the Washington coast. It is due here before evening."

"It is still blowing hard at sea, and we are keeping our storm signals up from Port Harford to Eureka."

Cottages Washed to Sea

Off the beach here the worst surf in ten years continued unabated. Three cottages were washed to sea a mile south of the beach lifesaving station. Every government wireless station from Mare Island, Cal., to Cape Blanco, Oregon, has been put out of commission by heavy gales.

At Sacramento the Sacramento river was reported rising slowly, but a flood stage was not expected. Conditions were reported more critical at Knight's Landing and Colusa. At these points the water was overflowing the levees, but no serious loss had occurred.

Train and telephone and telegraph service showed general improvement. Water was still standing over the tracks of the Southern Pacific's Oroville branch, but train service was maintained today with little delay.

Traffic Is Crippled

The Western Pacific's line was still badly crippled. Its overland train, which has been held up at Big Bar, near Portola, between two landslides, was still marooned, but a big force of men was at work and officials expected to have the tracks cleared by tomorrow. The train carried about 100 passengers. Eating and sleeping arrangements were made for these and diversions provided. Three passengers who were anxious to reach Oakland, walked from Big Bar to Oroville, a distance of thirty-five miles, and took a train there.

Except for the Guerneville branch, the Northwestern Pacific is running trains on schedule time. The Oakland, Antioch & Eastern electric line has resumed its service to Sacramento. The water along its tracks is steadily receding and it was thought full schedules could be resumed tomorrow.

MITCHELL CONFERS WITH MOYER ON GENERAL STRIKE

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—President Charles H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners and Vice-President John Mitchell of the American Federation of Labor, conferred today with reference to a general strike of all organized workers in Michigan as a means of forcing arbitration between employers and striking employees in the copper country.

Following their discussion, Moyer announced that a meeting of the various unions will be held at Lansing not later than January 12 to go into the matter more fully.

"A general strike would attract national attention," he said, "in conditions at and around Calumet. It should force the mineowners to arbitrate and submit to federal investigation." Moyer was improving rapidly.