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ENEMIES PLOT OVERTHROW OF HUERTA SEEMS UPON PROGRAM

Conspiracy Hatching to Overtrow Huerta—Castro Plans Seizure of Army's Command and Sharing With Rebels in Loot of City—Funston Needs 25,000 Men.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., May 5.—That a plot to overthrow President Huerta is hatching in Mexico City was asserted today by nearly every refugee here from the capital.

General Jimenez Castro, who had the 140 mutineers at Jajutla executed, was said to plan seizure of the army command. The conspirators were understood to purpose carrying out their coup before the rebels can take the city, hoping in this way to share with the latter the fruits of the expected loot of the place.

General Zapata's proclamation of his intention to attack the capital today, published in the local newspapers, was taken here as disposing of reports that the Zapatistas had joined forces with Huerta. The proclamation condemned Huerta and War Minister Blanquet to death and threatened dire vengeance on all who support them.

Funston Needs 25,000

It was learned that Acting Foreign Minister Ruiz wanted to resign Sunday and that Huerta refused to accept his resignation. Ex-Foreign Minister Rojas was reported planning to come to Vera Cruz.

The anniversary of the battle of Puebla was not celebrated here today, but a celebration, with fireworks and parades, was scheduled at Mexico City and it was thought likely they would wind up in anti-foreign demonstrations.

Experts estimated that General Funston would need 25,000 men to take Mexico City, that then he would have to have 10,000 more to hold the railroads, 30,000 additional to continue in possession of the territory occupied and another 30,000 in six months—altogether 95,000 troops.

General Funston made a tour yesterday of the outer defenses established by the American forces, with a view to extending his lines. Secretary of War Garrison has given Funston authority to make such extensions if he deems it necessary.

Food Problem Serious

The food problem in Vera Cruz is becoming serious. Supplies from the interior have almost entirely ceased. Hundreds of vagrants have been gathering here since the American authorities took control. The destitute are being fed by the commissary department, but General Funston plans to get rid of those who clearly belong to the vagrant class.

The military authorities expect to try a Mexican woman who is reported to have killed eight American marines and bluejackets. On information from a Mexican "sniper" captured by the Americans, marines searched the woman's house and found quantities of ammunition. She was at once arrested.

7 TANGO GOWNS IN TROUSSEAU OF ELEANOR WILSON

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Details for the wedding at the white house Thursday of Miss Eleanor Wilson, daughter of President and Mrs. Wilson, and Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo were completed today. The white house was being decorated this afternoon and the wedding will be rehearsed tomorrow.

It was reported that Miss Wilson's trousseau includes eight evening gowns, seven "tango" gowns, two suits, five taffeta coat suits, four taffeta street dresses, twelve warm weather frocks, six white skirts, six silk waists, nineteen hats, twelve pairs of shoes and seven parasols. It was also understood that Secretary McAdoo had leased a stone cottage at Chevy Chase, the fashionable suburb.

OVERTHROW OF HUERTA SEEMS UPON PROGRAM

Reports of Precarious Nature of the Dictators Position Causing Anxiety—Government's Defeat Taken for Granted and Huerta's Personal Danger Great.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Reports of the precarious nature of President Huerta's position in Mexico City were causing considerable anxiety in administration circles here today.

From all accounts his government's overthrow seemed imminent and it was taken for granted that his personal danger was great. A situation of this kind was considered just the one to lead him to order an attack by General Maas on Vera Cruz.

Today, being the anniversary of the battle of Puebla, in 1862, when Porfirio Diaz checked the French advance against Mexico City, was also deemed a likely occasion for anti-American outbreaks.

The "A. B. C." mediators said today that while the withdrawal of their invitation to General Carranza to participate, would restrict mediation, it would not end it.

The mediators inclined to blame the Washington administration for Carranza's attitude. They insisted that if the United States consular agent in Northern Mexico had been instructed to suggest to the rebel leader the desirability of his participation in the negotiations, he would have accepted.

MINE OPERATORS CLAIM CRITICISM OF JOHN D. UNJUST

DENVER, Colo., May 5.—That recent criticism of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., regarding the present industrial upheaval in Colorado was unjust because the multi-millionaire has no interest in their coal properties and had made no effort to influence their attitude was the declaration today of 20 of the principal coal operators of Colorado in a lengthy telegram to President Wilson. Officials of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company did not sign the message.

"The Rockefeller's have no interest in our properties," said the message. "They don't control them and have never attempted to influence us in any way. The criticism hurled in their direction is unjust."

Along with the admission went a flat refusal to negotiate with any representative of the United Mine-workers of America for a settlement of strike disputes. The operators recited the history of the walkout, blamed union leaders for all lawlessness and denounced the miners' union as "defying organized society to thwart its plans of rule or ruin."

The eleventh cavalry, commanded by Colonel James Lockett, reached Trinidad today. It was said the disarmament of both strikers and mineguards would proceed immediately.

UNUSUAL WEAKNESS IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, May 5.—Unusual weakness marked the stock market opening today. Buying orders at the start were light and initial quotations were about the same as those at yesterday's close. During the first half hour a few issues showed losses of a point.

The market closed irregular.

SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS MEN OPPOSED TO PROHIBITION

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 5.—The local chamber of commerce is overwhelmingly opposed to the state constitutional prohibition amendment, according to a referendum vote of its members. The vote, given out today, stood: For the amendment, 41; against the amendment, 117.

"A, B, C" REPRESENTATIVES NEGOTIATING FOR PEACE BETWEEN MEXICO AND AMERICA.



NEW VIEWPOINT ON CANAL TOLLS GIVEN BY STONE

Party Not Pledged to Subsidies— Passage of Exemption Bill Demonstrated Right of America to Regulate Canal and Opposition to Subsidies Demands Repeal.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A new viewpoint regarding the Panama canal tolls question was voiced in the senate today by Senator Stone.

After asserting that the Baltimore platform did not pledge the democratic party to subsidies, Stone declared that congress had wisely passed the bill exempting American coastwise vessels from tolls.

"America," he said, "has now demonstrated that she has the right to exempt vessels if she desires. But the government has gone far enough simply by making this flat declaration and should now repeal the exemption clause."

"If we cannot now safely and consistently repeal the coastwise provision of the act of 1912 because of what happened three years ago, or because of any platform declaration, we have tied our hands with a Gordian knot. If that is true, then we have revised our historic position regarding subsidies and have become the boldest, most arrogant and most uncompromising advocates of subsidy."

Senator Stone also defended President Wilson, saying: "I am not much disturbed by the lurid flabbergasted daily displayed in newspapers hostile to the president. The job they have undertaken of discrediting the administration and the democratic party so ferociously overdone that their structure of billingsgate and mendacity falls of its own weight."

TO DISPENSE WITH NEW ROSEBURG HOME

SALEM, Ore., May 5.—Governor West stated today that he would recommend to the state board that the proposed new building at the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg be dispensed with and thus save \$20,000 that was appropriated for the building. He said there are not as many old soldiers at the home as had been expected and the management could get along without the building.

MINERS COMING TO PICKET JOHN D.'S OFFICE

NEW YORK, May 5.—That miners were en route from Colorado to do picket duty in front of the Standard Oil offices at 24 Broadway was the declaration here today of Upton Sinclair. Pickets continued at work today despite a downpour. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., remained at his home at Tarrytown.

AGED MILLIONAIRE SHOT BY SON IN FIT OF INSANITY

NEW YORK, May 5.—To prevent him from injuring himself, a policeman was placed today in the cell with Chester Duryea who, unquestionably while suffering from hallucinations, last night shot and killed his father, Hiram Duryea, the multi-millionaire manufacturer, 81 years old.

Duryea surrendered to the police without resistance but today began to show signs of violence, beating his head against his cell walls, cutting his fists by pounding on the bars and screaming for his liberty.

Besides the policeman in the cell a second one watched outside the door. The younger Duryea, a man of 43 years, has been behaving peculiarly for five or six years and has been watched by nurses and physicians from time to time but was never considered dangerous.

Last night, as his father slept on a balcony at his home at Bay Ridge, the son slipped up to him with a rifle and revolver and shot him several times with both weapons, killing him instantly.

"I was justified," he exclaimed repeatedly when arrested. When an attempt was made to get a fuller explanation from him, however, he lapsed into incoherency.

Duryea had an interval of comparative rationality when arraigned and said he wanted a lawyer. He told the magistrate also that he killed his father in response to "a spirit message from George Washington," and intended to end his own life.

"I was the best friend my father had," he added, "and he was my best friend. If he were here now he could explain the whole matter. I really don't know why I shot him."

G. Duryea, who arranged to act as the prisoner's attorney, got his hearing postponed until Thursday morning. "Chester unquestionably was mentally unbalanced," he said, "and steps had been considered for putting him in a sanitarium."

OREGON PROHIS IN STATE MEET

PORTLAND, Ore., May 5.—With Eugene W. Chafin, twice prohibition candidate for president and Virgil Hinshaw, national chairman of the prohibition party among those scheduled to deliver addresses, more than 300 members of the prohibition party from all parts of the state are in convention here today for the purpose of nominating candidates for state offices and adopting a platform.

Little more than temporary organization was accomplished at the morning session. At noon a luncheon was held at the Portland Hotel at which a number of prominent speakers exhorted the prohibitionists to fight hard to make the state dry at the November election.

E. W. Emerson of Albany was chosen temporary chairman and W. D. McCullough of The Dalles temporary secretary.

OLNEY DECLINES GOVERNORSHIP OF RESERVE BOARD

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Ex-Secretary Richard Olney of Boston having declined the chairmanship of the federal reserve board created by the new currency law, President Wilson was driven today to a revision of the entire list on which he had tentatively decided.

Besides Olney the president was understood to have chosen Paul M. Warburg of Kuhn, Loeb and company, New York; Vice-President Harry A. Wheeler of the Union Trust company, Chicago; President W. P. G. Harding of the First National Bank of Birmingham, Ala., and Dr. A. C. Miller of San Francisco, formerly of the University of California, a teacher, writer and authority of finance and at present assistant secretary of the Interior Lane.

Of these Warburg had accepted and it was thought certain Wheeler and Harding would follow suit.

The positions on the board pay \$12,000 yearly each and the president has said he considers them as important as seats on the federal supreme bench.

Olney followed his telegraphed refusal by a letter of explanation, the contents of which he refused to divulge. It was believed to be foregone conclusion, however, that he declined on account of his age. He is 79.

ACCUSE VILLA OF MANY OUTRAGES

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Senator Lippitt offered a resolution in the upper house this afternoon asking the state department if it was a fact that an alliance existed with General Villa.

Senator Stone objected to the spirit behind the resolution and it went over.

During the house debate on the naval bill Congressman Madden said: "No citizen should go unpunished who tries to force war between the United States and Mexico. I hope someone will introduce a bill making it treason to follow the practices of men of juntas favoring different Mexican elements."

In the upper house Senator Lodge read an appalling list of outrages said to have been committed by Villa during his career.

ADMINISTRATION'S NAVY PROGRAM SUSTAINED

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The house today practically sustained the administration's two-battleship program by voting down the one battleship proposal 91 to 148, as well as a motion to strike out the two battleship provision by a vote of 41 to 152.

WEST INVOKES MARTIAL LAW TO CLOSE DEN

For Second Time Governor Uses Militia to Shut Up Roadhouse at Milwaukee—Claims Joint a Menace to Morals and Rank Violator of State Laws—Known as Friars' Club.

SALEM, Ore., May 5.—Declaring that it was a menace to morals and alleging that the laws of the state were being flagrantly violated at the resort, Governor West today put the Friars' club, a roadhouse at Milwaukee, near Portland, under martial law and before night it will be in the control of the state militia.

This is the second time that the roadhouse has been placed under martial law, the first being July 1, 1912, when the governor was conducting his law enforcement campaign in Portland and vicinity. It was then known as the Milwaukee Tavern.

The governor said that a detachment of the Oregon National Guard will be sent to take possession of the tavern and that every automobile coming onto the premises will be seized and put under lock and chain.

The chief executive would not say who will be in command of the soldiers or how long he expected to keep the resort under martial law.

The club is operated by W. Wilbur, formerly of Astoria. It was incorporated January 30, 1914, by Wilbur E. Holloway and B. Barish.

Several weeks ago the governor directed Attorney General Crawford to bring suit to have the club's charter cancelled on the ground that it was organized for unlawful purposes, but thus far, he declared, nothing has been done in this direction.

FIVE DROWNED IN OKLAHOMA FLOODS

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 5.—Detailed advice telling of floods Saturday and Sunday in the Canadian and Cimarron river valleys reached here today. Five were known to have been drowned, twelve railroad bridges were destroyed, rail traffic was paralyzed, wires were crippled and immense damage was done to crops. The news was slow in reaching here, owing to the prostration of wire communication.

CARDINAL GIBBONS OFF TO VISIT POPE

HOBOKEN, N. J., May 5.—Cardinal Gibbons, accompanied by a number of Catholic bishops, sailed today for Naples aboard the Prinzess Irene, en route to Rome. Cardinal Gibbons occupied the captain's quarters. The pier was decorated with American, German and papal flags.

RAILROAD OPENS OGDEN GATE TO OREGON SHIPPERS

Freight Destined for Eastern Points Originating in Oregon to Be Allowed the Same Through Rates as Now Apply Through Portland, El Paso and New Orleans.

PORTLAND, Or., May 5.—With the opening of the Ogden gateway today announced by the Southern Pacific company, shipments destined for eastern points originating in Oregon will be allowed the same through rates through Ogden as now apply through Portland, El Paso and New Orleans. The date when this new regime will go into effect depends upon the time required to publish the new tariffs that will be required, but local authorities announce this will be some time between June 15 and July 1.

Closed by Harriman

The gateway will be opened in connection with the Union Pacific system and the Rio Grande. It was closed some time ago while the late E. H. Harriman was in control of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific before the dissolution and since the unmerging has remained as it was then. Harriman's idea was that shipments should be handled by the easiest possible haul, inasmuch as the properties were of one ownership, anyway. That easiest haul, with reference to traffic origination in the Willamette valley, was through Portland and eastward over the O. W. R. & N. Thus the rates were adjusted to make this avenue the most desirable, though it shut off one possible outlet by way of Sacramento and thence over the Central Pacific to Ogden.

Traffic moving by the latter route was subjected to the combination of local rates into and out of Ogden.

Lumber Excepted

In addition to rates to and from Southern Pacific points, the new arrangement will apply on traffic to, and from the points on the Pacific Railway & Navigation company; the Salem, Falls City and Western, the Portland, Eugene & Eastern and the Corvallis & Eastern, all subsidiaries to the Southern Pacific company.

Rates on lumber and shingles will not be included in the new arrangement, according to advices received at the local offices of the company, but it is possible that the through rates on this traffic may be made to apply via Ogden later on.

The chief advantage to the shipper from the opening of the gateway will be a better access to eastern markets.

FUNSTON READY FOR ATTACK BY MAAS' FEDERALS

WASHINGTON, May 5.—General Funston, in charge at Vera Cruz, notified Secretary of War Garrison today that he was strengthening the city's guard without extending his lines.

Garrison denied that this was the result of another demand of the Mexicans for the surrender of the waterworks or even that a second demand had been made. Reports that Funston was preparing to advance on Mexico City were also discredited.

Unofficially, it was stated that the Mexicans had mined the railroad to the capital.

President Wilson and his cabinet held a short session today and at its conclusion it was announced that the Mexican situation was somewhat lightly touched on.

As a result of a conference he had had with the American-Mexican mediators, Bryan said, the cabinet had agreed that the government should mark time pending further negotiations.

SOFIA.—An official announcement here today said that Queen Eleanor had decided to postpone her visit to the United States on account of the Mexican situation.