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CHAOS REIGNS
IN MEXICO CITY
SAY REFUGEES**Anti-Huerta Revolt Imminent—Dictator Again Drinking Heavily and Irresponsible—Capture of City by Rebels Seriously Threatened.****Villa Agents Among Police Stir Up Discord—Grafting Americans Deported by Military Court.**

(By William G. Shepherd)
VERA CRUZ, Mex., May 6.—Utter chaos reigns in Mexico City, according to refugees from the capital, who still continue to reach here a few at a time.

An anti-Huerta revolt unquestionably is imminent, they said. The dictator was declared to be drinking heavily again and in an irresponsible and dangerous condition.

The people are beginning to realize that the city's capture by General Villa is seriously threatened. But what they fear still more is that General Zapata will capture it first. Of Villa and his men they are afraid. Of Zapata and his infinitely more cruel followers they are literally in abject terror.

Villa Agents in Capital

The police are another source of worry. Huerta is said to know that there are Villa agents among them, but to hesitate at an attempt to disarm them, lest he precipitate an outbreak on their part. In the meantime there are rumors that the Villa agents among them are planning to seize the capital.

General Castro's attitude is another source of uneasiness. He is one of the strong men among the soldiers, and an attempt by him to gain control of the army is considered a possibility at any moment.

The prosperous class of Mexicans is even more anxious to get out of the city than are the foreigners. All who can possibly do so are fleeing. They look for disorders from within and for attack from without.

Americans Deported

In Vera Cruz the military court was working to its capacity. Three Americans have been deported. Among them was R. U. Mulcahy. He reported to the military authorities that he knew of a cache of Mexican arms and ammunition and was given a squad of marines to capture them. Instead of leading the marines to the cache he led them to a local gambling house, where he knew the players knew no English and the soldiers knew no Spanish. He then demanded that the occupants of the gambling house give him money. His trick was discovered and he was arrested.

Word was received from the capital that the departure of another party of 500 American refugees for Vera Cruz had again been delayed.

LANE OPPOSES
PAYMENTS FOR
UNEARNED GAINS

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Secretary of the Interior Lane told the house committee on public lands today that he was opposed to paying to corporations the unearned increment on their properties if the government takes over the hydro-electric plants fifty years hence, as provided in the Ferris bill.

If the government purchases the plants, he explained, he thought it should pay only what they are worth today, plus a reasonable profit to the investors. In support of his argument he cited an instance in which Great Northern railroad engineers raised the price of Montana lands which the government sought by \$75,000,000.

The west, Lane added, was aroused over congressional inactivity in developing it.

The Nyssa cheese factory on the Snake river in March made 12,233 pounds of cheese.

ADMINISTRATION
RELIES ON VILLA
TO SAVE DAY**President Wilson and Secretary Bryan Believe Rebels Will Overthrow Huerta Before Mediators Can Accomplish Anything.****Villa Says He Will Capture Three Cities in Ten Days, Opening Way to Capital—No Mediation Plans.**

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The Washington administration was relying on the rebels to save the Mexican situation.

That President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan believed the constitutionalists would overthrow President Huerta before the "A B C" mediators could accomplish anything tangible was learned definitely. This was why the president was willing to have the start on formal negotiations delayed until May 18, when they were scheduled to begin at Niagara Falls, Canada.

Villa Gives Assurance

General Villa has assured George Carothers, the state department's special agent in northern Mexico, that he and his men will occupy Saltillo, San Luis Potosi and Tampico within ten days, clinching the rebels' hold on the north and opening to them two direct routes to the capital.

The only thing which worried administration officials was the fear of dissension among the rebels. There were rumors that Villa and other constitutionalist leaders were quarreling and some observers of the situation were afraid a split might occur, one rebel faction joining Huerta. Nevertheless the administration was hopeful.

No Definite Peace Plans

In the meantime Secretary Bryan said the mediators had submitted no definite plans. It was considered certain that the United States would reject any proposition disposing merely of the Tampico incident, on the ground that that involved a question of national honor, and that questions of national honor are not subject to mediation. On the other hand it was understood Huerta would not consider any suggestion involving his own retirement.

General Funston reported from Vera Cruz that the Mexicans were concentrating at the most favorable point for attacking the city. Major Butler of the Vera Cruz force was authority for the statement that not only was the track itself, but the bridges on the Vera Cruz-Mexico City railroad were mined.

PROHIS FAVOR NEW
WHITE SLAVE LAWS

PORTLAND, Or., May 6.—After a spirited fight the state prohibition convention in session today adopted a platform including the following planks:

Declaration for the safeguarding of the initiative, referendum and recall; abolition of useless commissions; gubernatorial veto on separate appropriations and semi-annual payment of taxes.

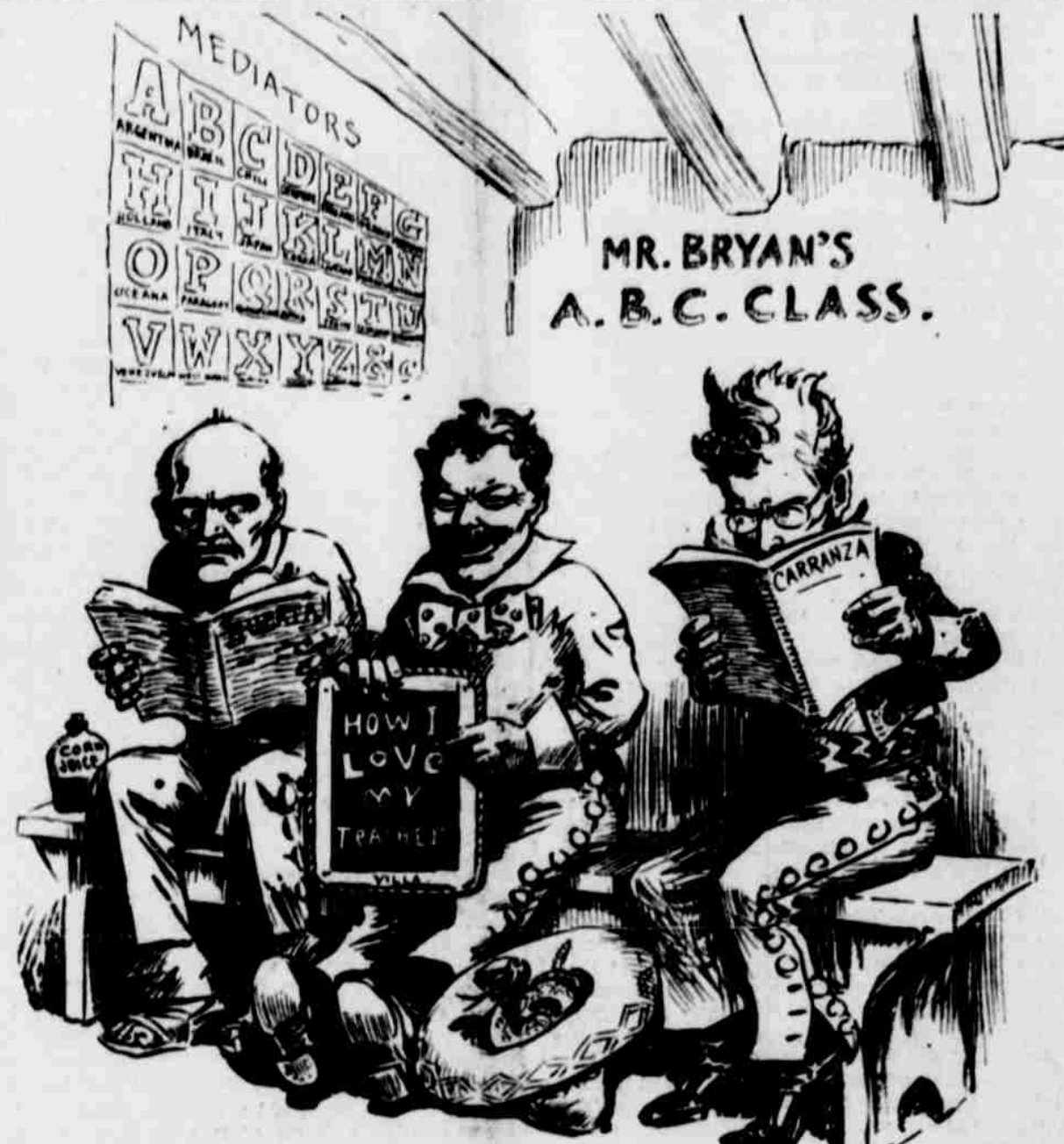
The party also went on record favoring additional legislation for the suppression of traffic in girls. At noon adjournment nominations for state officers had not been made.

DULLNESS RULES
STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, May 6.—Dullness again ruled the stock market today. Little business was transacted at the start, but the general movement was downward. No heavy pressure occurred, however, as bear desires was not in evidence. Lack of demand kept the trading at a low ebb throughout the day, traders apparently waiting for developments in the Mexican situation.

Bonds were steady.

The market closed irregular.



WILL THEY EVER LEARN?

REFUGEES FROM
WEST COAST OF
MEXICO ARRIVE

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 6.—With the Mexican flag flying from her staff, the former mail liner Mazatlan arrived in port today with 200 refugees on board.

The Mazatlan, formerly the Jason, of the Japson Steamship line, was chartered by the United States government to bring refugees north from the west coast of Mexico.

The refugees came from Mazatlan, Topolobampo and nearby towns. On board the Mazatlan were 140 men, 45 women and 37 children, all of whom left their property in Mexico and hurried on board the steamer.

No threats of violence were made against the refugees, but a party of fifty-five, en route to Topolobampo were held up for a day by the Huerta officials and were not released until crews of the torpedo boats in port there made preparations to form a landing party and secure their release.

A number of the refugees are destitute and are being cared for by the Red Cross.

Those arriving today declare that the wildest rumors are being circulated by Huerta officials. The latest was that the Japanese navy had come to the assistance of the Huerta government and had captured three American warships on the east coast.

CHANGE OF VENUE
DENIED TO BECKER

NEW YORK, May 6.—Application by attorneys representing former Police Lieutenant Charles F. Becker, recently granted a new trial on a charge of slaying Herman Rosenthal, for a change of venue was denied here today by Justice Seabury. Defense Attorney Martin Manton moved that District Attorney Whitman be declared in contempt because of alleged interviews given to newspapers prejudicial to Becker's cause. The court will rule on Manton's motion this afternoon.

KERMIT ROOSEVELT TO
WED IN MADRID, JUNE 11

RICHMOND, Va., May 6.—A cable from Ambassador Willard at Madrid said June 11 had been fixed definitely for his daughter's marriage there to Kermit Roosevelt.

PRETTY SENORITAS
ACT AS SMUGGLERS
FOR VILLA'S TROOPS

EL PASO, Tex., May 6.—That numbers of señoritas from the other side of the border have been smuggling cartridges from El Paso to Juarez wholesale leaked out today. There was nothing complicated or mysterious about it. The young women simply looked so innocent and smiled so prettily at the customs guards and soldiers on the international bridge that it never occurred to any one to ask them embarrassing questions.

Finally, however, an infantryman in El Paso happened to hear a jingling sound as a pretty young Mexican girl boarded a Juarez-bound street car and followed. He was rewarded by seeing a cartridge or two drop from the suspect's blouse before she reached the Mexican side of the Rio Grande.

Accordingly, Customs Collector Cobb has stationed women inspectors on the bridges to interrogate suspected women ammunition runners, and, if necessary, to search them.

STEAMER WRECKED
BY EXPLOSION AT
SEA; MANY LOST

SABLE ISLAND, May 6.—A wireless message received here today from the steamer Manhattan stated that the vessel had picked up Captain McDonald and 13 members of the crew of the steamer Columbian and was searching for a missing boat containing 19 others. The liner Franconia yesterday picked up 13 of the Columbian's company.

The Manhattan wireless that an explosion on the Columbian had killed one engineer, and that another man had been drowned while leaving the vessel. The Columbian's crew totaled between 60 and 70 and only 27 men so far have been rescued.

GREEK INSURGENTS CRUCIFY
ALBANIAN MOHAMMEDANS

DURAZZO, Albani, May 6.—Word was received that Greek insurgents in southern Albania had crucified 250 Mohammedan Albanian prisoners at Kodra.

MARTIAL LAW
RULES ROAD HOUSE
AT MILWAUKIE

PORTLAND, Or., May 6.—The clubhouse of the Friars' club at Milwaukie, near here, was under martial law today and a squad of state militiamen under Captain Moshberger of Woodburn, Or., was on guard to prevent anyone from visiting the resort. Martial law was declared yesterday by Governor West because of alleged violations of the law.

The squad of militiamen, consisting of Captain Moshberger, Lieutenant Johnson, Sergeant Boytana and Private Salvin, arrived at the clubhouse at 8:30 o'clock last night and after reading the governor's proclamation declaring martial law, searched the building and threw out picket lines.

All persons are prohibited from trespassing and nothing is allowed to be taken in or out of the building. Automobile parties are being turned away. It was at first announced that automobiles entering the premises would be seized, but this was not done.

The Friars' club is composed of Portland people, many said to be prominent. Its purpose as outlined in the articles of incorporation is to promote the moral, physical and mental welfare of its members, said to number several hundred.

Governor West, however, alleges the organization is a "fake," being "a resort where men, women and young girls congregate to indulge in debaucheries."

DIGGS TAKES STAND
IN HIS OWN BEHALF

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 6.—Former State Architect Maury L. Diggs, accused of criminally attacking Miss Ida Pearring here New Year's eve, took the stand today in his own defense. Attorneys for the defense promised that his testimony would be sensational. It was expected the case would be argued this afternoon and probably would reach the jury before noon tomorrow.

THIRTY-FOUR INJURED
IN WRECK ON WABASH

DECATUR, Ill., May 6.—Part of the Wabash's Continental limited was ditched while crossing a section of track under repair. Thirty passengers and trainmen were injured and four track laborers were killed.

DECISIVE REBEL
VICTORY SCORED
AT ACAPONETA**Oregon Disperses Strong Federal Command Under Sojares, Capturing 1600 Men and Million Rounds of Ammunition.****Rebel Forces Begin Attack Upon Saltillo—Main Attack Begins This Afternoon, Villa Joins Gonzales.**

NOGALES, Ariz., May 6.—Details of a decisive rebel victory over the Mexican federals at Acaponeta, an important city on the border of the states of Tepic and Sinaloa were received today by the constitutionalist junta at Nogales, Sonora.

A message direct from General Alvaro Obregon, commanding the rebels in that section, said that his men had dispersed a strong federal command under General Sojares, capturing 1600 men, three cannon, 200 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition. Obregon had under his standard the troops of the rebel Generals Blanco, Diegues and Buelna.

A later message from Obregon, dated at noon yesterday, said that the rebels had almost entirely surrounded the port of Mazatlan and that its fall was but a matter of days.

Rebel artillery had exchanged shots with the federal gunboat Morelos in Mazatlan harbor, it was stated, and so badly damaged it that it was grounded.

It also was claimed that the rebels have taken the Isla de Piedra, commanding the harbor of Mazatlan, and are mounting cannon there.

EL PASO, TEXAS, May 6.—The federal outposts at Saltillo had already been engaged early today by General Pablo Gonzales' Mexican rebels, according to a despatch received here from Torreón. Only preliminary skirmishing was going on, however, it was stated, the main attack not having begun. General Villa expected to join Gonzales this afternoon.

MEXICANS MASS
TO GUARD RAILROAD

WASHINGTON, May 6.—General Funston notified the war department today that the Mexicans were concentrating at various points "to guard the railroad in case we advance."

Secretary Garrison intimated that Funston had been clothed with discretionary powers.

Consul Boney and his wife of San Luis Potosi were reported safe in Mexico City and preparing to leave for Vera Cruz tonight. There were still rumors, however, that Consul Silliman of Saltillo was in jail at San Luis Potosi.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS
JULY 10 IS HOPE

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Senator John W. Kern predicted today that congress would adjourn about July 10. He issued the following statement after he had conferred with President Wilson at the white house:

"I figure that thirty senators will discuss the tolls bill for an hour and a half each. And surely not more than fifty senators will talk on the trust program. If my figures prove correct we will have three weeks' clear time in which to consider miscellaneous questions without interfering with the adjournment."

FRANKFORT ARSENAL GETS
CONTRACT FOR SHRAPNEL

PHILADELPHIA, May 6.—The Frankfort arsenal here received today a government order for 100,000 three-inch shrapnel shells, the largest contract it has ever handled. One hundred and fifty workmen were working extra shifts.

MINERS REFUSE
TO YIELD ARMS;
TROUBLE LOOMS**Suspect Operators Plan to Employ Jap and Negro Labor in Colorado Strike Belt Protected by Federal Troops.****Conditions Reported Bad—Strikers Fear Mines Will Be Operated Under Soldiers.**

DENVER, Colo., May 6.—Trouble over the surrender of arms in the striking miners' hands was threatened in the Colorado coal fields.

That the strikers suspected the owners planned to operate their mines with negro and apianese employees, protected by federal troops, was plainly intimated in a telegram sent by Secretary William Hickey, of the Colorado Federation of Labor, to Congressman Keating in Washington.

Union leaders here agreed that their rifles were the strikers' individual property and if they declined to surrender them there was no way in which the leaders could compel them to do so. They did say, however, that they would advise disarmament.

Governor Ammons also announced that Captain Dorn, commanding the militiamen who reached Oak creek last night, had reported to him that conditions were bad and he feared an outbreak.

"It is impossible to convince the striking miners that they will get a square deal," telegraphed Secretary of the State Federation of Labor William Hickey to Congressman Keating in Washington today. "with the coal companies importing negroes and Japanese under armed guard. We take this to mean they have the protection of the federal troops."

Officials of the miners' organization did not try to conceal their anxiety to know whether the owners were to be permitted to operate the mines with regulars guarding them.

Attorney General Farrar ruled that Governor Ammons' call for a special session of the legislature restricted the lawmakers to consideration of an appropriation to pay the militia and of the constitutional amendments which the call suggested.

Accordingly ten of the legislators petitioned the governor to extend the call's scope so as to permit passage of a bill regulating the leasing and mining of the state's coal lands.

The strike district was quiet today. The inquest was proceeding at Trinidad on the victims of the battle at Forbes.

ABSENT OWNERS
CAUSE OF TROUBLE
IN COAL FIELDS

WASHINGTON, May 6.—"Absentee ownership is the underlying cause of the Colorado mine war," was the statement here today of Hywel Davies, the eastern mine owner, chosen by Secretary of Labor Wilson as one of the conciliators in the struggle in the western states.

"But it is unfortunate," he added, "that criticism has centered on the Rockefeller. I do not think they own more than a tenth of the Colorado mines."

"We conciliators intend to seek the facts first and then a working basis will be arrived at. We mean to interview everyone, from the governor downwards."

Davies had just returned from a mysterious trip, the purpose of which he would not reveal, though he did deny that he had conferred with either of the Rockefellers. He and his fellow conciliator, William Fairley, a United Mineworkers' official, he said, would start for Denver next week.

Secretary of War Garrison received a notification from Colonel James Lockett, commanding the eleventh United States cavalry at Trinidad, of the latter's call for the surrender of arms at his headquarters tomorrow.