

PRESIDENT SURE MEDIATION WILL RESTORE PEACE

Members of Cabinet, After Prolonged Conference With Executive, Declare Wilson Confident Serious Consequences in Mexico Will Be Averted—Complications Discussed.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Members of the cabinet, after a prolonged conference with President Wilson today on the Mexican situation, declared the president maintained confidence that mediation would succeed and that further serious consequences in Mexico would be averted.

Most of the discussion in the cabinet meeting, it was said, related to mediation and the views to be presented on behalf of this government by Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann, when the South American envoys seek views of the United States and Huerta's representatives at the Niagara Falls conference.

The situation at Tampico was reported to have been discussed. Complications—that might arise over the foreign-owned oil properties there, should destruction result from the conflict between constitutionalists and federal forces, have been under consideration for some time.

The report from London that Great Britain had ordered the Bristol, a speedy cruiser, to proceed to Tampico, was not regarded as particularly significant here. As the Bristol is of light draft, it was believed she might be used to operate in the Panuco river, along which the British oil properties are located.

Secretary Bryan announced after a meeting that representations made to this government by the South American mediators in behalf of the South American "snipers" under arrest in Vera Cruz, were made at the request of the Huerta government.

TURNED BANDIT BECAUSE DESPERATE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 12.—"I turned bandit because I was out of work and desperate. My wife was sick and my two children in need."

This is James Hogue's explanation today of his attempt last night to hold up the Southern Pacific's coast line limited. After he had obtained about \$1500 in money and jewelry from passengers, Hogue encountered two railroad detectives in the dining car. A pistol fight ensued, in which Hogue received two bullets in the hand and one in the face. The car's cook knocked him senseless with an ice pack, and when he recovered consciousness Hogue turned his pistol against himself, but succeeded only in inflicting a slight wound in the cheek.

Hogue said he used to be a conductor for the Santa Fe in Arizona. Before that he worked for a mining company in Jerome and was a coroner and justice of the peace at Ash Forks, Ariz.

His wife and children live in San Francisco.

SCHOOL TEACHERS INCINERATED AT YUMA

YUMA, Ariz., May 12.—Three women were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed the Hotel Imperial. After the flames had been subdued the bodies of Miss Naomi Strong and Miss Genevieve Brown, school teachers, and Miss Brown's mother, were found together under the head of the stairway had been. The loss was \$8000, partly covered by insurance.

SUFFRAGIST WINNER BY HUNGER AND THIRST STRIKE

LEEDS, England, May 12.—A hunger and thirst strike brought about the release today of Lillian Lenton, a militant suffragette, who was sentenced on May 8 to a year's imprisonment for setting fire to Westfield house, Doncaster.

ROSE RE-TELLS MURDER STORY IN BECKER TRIAL

"Bald Jack," Star Witness, Again Places Blame of Rosenthal Shooting Upon Police Lieutenant—Testimony Substantially the Same as in Former Trial.

NEW YORK, May 12.—"Bald Jack" Rose, star witness of the first trial of Chas. Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal appeared in that role again today. He took the stand shortly before noon and calmly told of the part he played in the events leading up to the gambler's death. Substantially, it was the same story that he told at the first trial.

Briefly, Rose recited how Becker and Rosenthal had entered into partnership in a gambling establishment; how they quarreled; how exposure for Becker was imminent, and how Rosenthal's death was plotted.

Growing Bitterness
Rose then carried the story of the relations of Rosenthal and Becker a step further and told of the gambler's growing bitterness toward the former police lieutenant.

After the arrest of Big Jack Zelig, Becker said, according to Rose, "Rosenthal is getting very dangerous. Can't you do something with Zelig and those fellows to silence Rosenthal?" Zelig was a notorious gunman.

When Rose resumed the stand at the afternoon session he told how he and Becker had got Zelig out on bail and how Zelig was warned that he was out on the understanding his men were to put Rosenthal out of the way. Then Rose interviewed four of Zelig's gunmen, who told him they were ready to do the job. Rose said he reported this to Becker.

Attempt That Failed
Here the witness told of the attempt to kill Rosenthal at the Garden restaurant. He, Webber and Vallon and the gunman were there but were frightened off by a man they thought was a detective.

"I told Becker about it," said Rose. "He was mad. He said: 'That detective stuff is all bunk. Didn't I tell you not to be afraid? Do the job in front of a policeman; it makes no difference. Get him and croak him and do it quick.'"

William Shapiro, driver of the gunman's car, testified saying he knew "Bald Jack" Rose and "Bridgie" Webber. He told of receiving a call at his stand in front of the Cafe Boulevard late at night on July 15. He then went to Tom Sharkey's saloon, where he picked up Rose, Harry Vallon and Sam Schepps. "At Bridgie Webber's poker rooms the occupants of the car got out," he said. "Fifteen minutes later Dago Frank, Gyp the Blood, Whitey Lewis and Lefty Louie came out and I was ordered to go to the Metropole Hotel.

"At the Metropole Dago Frank ordered me to turn the car around so it would face toward Sixth avenue. The four men got out and went to the other side of the street. In 15 minutes I heard a shot and then four more.

STILLMAN FREED BY HUERTA'S ORDERS

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senor Olivera, the Brazilian minister in Mexico City, informed the state department today that the Mexican government has ordered the immediate release of Vice Consul John R. Stillman, held a prisoner at Saltillo. The minister added that as soon as Mr. Stillman reached Mexico City he would obtain for him safe conduct to Vera Cruz.

BRITISH WARSHIP SENT TO TAMPICO

LONDON, May 12.—The British cruiser Bristol, now stationed at Portsmouth, was ordered today to proceed to Tampico as speedily as possible.

PRINCIPALS AT OPENING OF SECOND TRIAL OF CHARLES E. BECKER.



Above are shown sketches made at the opening of the second trial of Charles E. Becker, former Police Lieutenant, on a charge of instigating the murder of Herman Rosenthal, a gambler. Mr. T. Meredith Blagden was the first salesman accepted and will be the foreman of the jury. Mr. Manton and W. Bourke Cockran are defending Becker in his new trial.

ASQUITH PLEDGES AMENDMENT TO HOME RULE BILL

LONDON, May 12.—Premier Asquith in the house of commons today pledged the government to introduce an amendment to the home rule measure in the hope of passing it by agreement between the parties. If this offer is accepted, the original home rule bill and the amending bill will become law practically simultaneously. This he contended was the only proper way of carrying out any agreed settlement which might be reached.

The prime minister added that obviously in order to take advantage of the provisions of the parliament act no change could be made in the home rule bill while it was in the committee stage and therefore any debate during that stage would be pure waste of time.

Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, bitterly criticized the "gag" methods he declared Mr. Asquith proposed, and accused him of failing to redeem his pledges to reconstitute the house of lords.

DIPLOMATS NAMED FOR SOUTHERN NATIONS

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Warren D. Robbins of Massachusetts, now second secretary of the embassy at Mexico City, to be secretary of the legation at Guatemala, vice Hugh R. Wilson.

Frederic Ogden de Billier of the District of Columbia, now secretary of the legation to Greece and Montenegro, to be secretary of the legation at Lapaz, Bolivia, vice Charles F. Stangeland.

QUARANTINE ALL COLOMBIAN PORTS

PANAMA, May 12.—A seven-day quarantine has been declared against all ports of Colombia, owing to reports indicating that conditions there in regard to the bubonic plague have become serious.

NO ARBITRATION FOR EMPLOYERS AT SAN FRANCISCO

SACRAMENTO, Cal., May 12.—An effort by the San Francisco consultation board to avert threatened labor troubles in San Francisco by which 12,000 to 15,000 workers in the building trades would be locked out of employment by the Building Trades Employers' association, was defeated today when J. H. Ralston, vice-president of the association telegraphed Colonel Harris Weinstein, a member of the conciliation board in Sacramento that the association would not submit its case to the conciliation board.

P. H. McCarty, speaking for the Building Trades Council and the 15,000 men affiliated therewith, agreed last night to Colonel Weinstein that the labor men would allow the differences to be arbitrated before the conciliation board. The refusal of the employers' association prevents any arbitration however.

LOBOS ISLAND CASE THOUGHT UNIMPORTANT

WASHINGTON, May 12.—State and navy department officials were inclined today to regard as unimportant the Lobos Island incident, which had caused General Huerta to protest that the landing of American forces there to reopen the light-house constituted a breach of the armistice between the two armies. Secretary Daniels said there was no thought of occupying the island in the war sense.

The state department has announced that American Consul Simpson had reported that James Rivington of Boise, Idaho, long imprisoned in a rebel jail at Campos, Sonora, had been released.

BIPLANES COLLIDE; TWO AIRMEN KILLED

LONDON, May 12.—Two army air men, Captain E. D. Anderson and a mechanic by the name of Carter, were killed and Lieutenant C. W. Wilson severely injured when two biplanes collided late today in the air at Aldershot.

STRIKE LEADERS BUILDING NEW TENT COLONY

TRINIDAD, Colo., May 12.—Union leaders in the southern Colorado coal fields strike today began preparations for the erection of a new tent colony at Ludlow. Strikers were engaged in clearing the site of the old colony which was destroyed by fire April 20, when twenty-two people were killed.

Present plans contemplate the erection of the new colony adjacent to the old site.

According to previous statements of the military officers authority for the construction of a new camp was not to be given until union leaders had secured approval of men selected to have charge of the colony and submitted a roster of its inhabitants. When this would be done was not known definitely.

Operators were formulating plans for the operation of mines which were being run before April 20.

MEDAL TO BULLDOG FOR SAVING DOG'S LIFE

PORTLAND, Or., May 12.—For saving the life of another dog, a bronze hero medal was awarded to Buck, an English bulldog, by the Oregon Humane society today. The medal was ceremoniously attached to Buck's collar by his master, John O'Halloran. This is the first time a medal has been presented by the society to a dumb animal.

Several weeks ago Buck's companion, Ted, while swimming in the Willamette river, became exhausted. He sank twice before Buck reached him and pulled him out by his ear.

LIGHTNING FIRES OIL TANKS AT TULSA, OKLAHOMA

TULSA, Okla., May 12.—Two tanks, containing approximately 50,000 barrels of oil, the property of the Pierce Oil corporation, near Tulsa, fired by lightning last night, are still burning and efforts to extinguish them have been abandoned. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

HOKE SMITH OF GEORGIA PLEADS TOLLS REPEAL

Southern Statesman Champions Administration Measure in Senate—Live Up to Treaties—President Referred to South American Neighbors in Address.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia today championed repeal of the clause in the Panama canal act granting exemption of tolls to American vessels in the coastwise trade. He told the senate he would vote for repeal "because of our treaties with Great Britain and Panama," and because, in his opinion, "it is right that the owners of these vessels should bear, for using the canal, a fair part of the cost of our government of building and operating it."

"That coastwise vessels will naturally stop at the ports of Cuba, Mexico, Central America, Panama and perhaps elsewhere. Their cargoes will not be limited exclusively to bona fide coastwise traffic of the United States.

Champions Repeal
"Traffic from foreign countries will be unloaded at ports of the United States to be immediately loaded in a coastwise vessel for passage through the canal for the opposite coast of the United States, thus in reality carrying through the canal foreign traffic on the coastwise vessels without paying tolls."

Reviewing the history of the Panama tolls legislation and quoting from a speech credited to former President Taft early this year, the senator said:

"Mr. Taft was wrong in supposing that the idea of democratic senators and congressmen in voting to free the coastwise trade from tolls was to give a subsidy to our coastwise ships. Had they known that he considered it necessary under the treaty to fix the tolls at a rate which estimated payment of tolls by the coastwise vessel, thus making the freedom of the coastwise vessels from paying tolls a clear subsidy, democrats would not have disregarded their party platform and the established principles of their party by voting for this subsidy."

Treaty Still Governs
Senator Smith declared that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was made a part of the title to the canal zone in the treaty of conveyance from Panama and that talk of terminating it from a legal standpoint was "absurd." Termination of the treaty, he added, "would compel us to give up the canal unless we abandon our attitude as a law abiding nation and resorted alone to battleships and brute force to keep the property."

Outlining the interests which Canada and the countries of South America had in the tolls controversy, Senator Smith said:

"When the president in his message referred to 'other difficulties' to be caused by the passage of our coastwise vessels through the canal without charge, while I do not speak ex-cathedra, I may well conceive that he had in view our general relations with all our neighbors in America and not what many have suggested, some ulterior purpose in connection with the government of Great Britain."

SEVEN KILLED IN SHIP EXPLOSION

NORFOLK, Va., May 12.—Seven persons were killed in an explosion in the engine room of the Old Dominion ship Jefferson, near Cape Henry, last night. Several were injured. The ship returned to Norfolk, left the dead and injured and then resumed her trip to New York.

The dead are members of the Jefferson's engine room crew, but have not yet been identified. According to local officers of the Old Dominion line, the vessel was not badly damaged by the explosion, which occurred as the Jefferson was passing out from this port for New York.

First word of the explosion reached Norfolk late last night, but that fatalities had occurred was not learned until today.

ATTACK UPON CANON RESENTED BY DEMOCRATS

Medford Partisans Deplore False and Vicious Charges Made by Postmaster Myers of Portland Against Local Candidate for National Committeeman.

Medford, Ore., May 11th, 1914. To the Democrats of Oregon:

As democrats of Jackson county, we deeply deplore the unwarranted, false and vicious attacks being made on W. H. Canon's democracy by certain fledgling democrats, whose enthusiasm is as new as it is misguided, and whose whole aim seems to be to control and dominate the party in Oregon.

After some time had elapsed for the filing of petitions for the office of National committeeman, and there being no candidate in the field, Mr. Canon announced his candidacy for that office, thereupon a certain federal office-holder and recent party enthusiast, whose precedence of mind is much keener than his party zeal, realizing that Mr. Canon could not be handled by the official's gang, put a candidate of his own in the field and procured his high office by inducing other federal officers to circulate the petition of his candidate, and by engaging in a gum shoe campaign in his behalf. Not being satisfied with this flagrant violation of the federal regulations, this gentleman has seen fit to publicly libel Mr. Canon's party loyalty.

As democrats who have worked shoulder to shoulder with W. H. Canon, we resent any innuendo as to his party fidelity as a willful and malicious libel. We know him to be a lifelong democrat and during the years that he has resided in this county he has been a brilliant, untiring and unselfish worker for every candidate; he has always contributed liberally to the campaign funds and given his time freely to every party candidate without a single exception. Our county is overwhelmingly republican, but we have time and again given to our candidates for governor and United States senator majorities in excess of a thousand. W. H. Canon deserves the credit in a large measure for these brilliant achievements and we trust that as democrats you will see to it that these insinuations are properly resented at the polls.

Very respectfully,
E. E. Kelly, W. M. Campbell, D. F. Forbes, R. L. Taylor, W. S. Goudy, J. M. Rader, M. Purdin, J. H. Henselman, H. F. Mender, P. J. Neff, J. N. Hockersmith, E. J. Runyard, Ben Garnett, H. C. Garnett, J. F. White, J. W. Myers, Chas. B. Gay, H. P. Hargrave, Chas. Strang, John Barneburg, Frederick Kelly, R. J. Brevard, W. H. McGowan, Jasper N. Miller, E. N. Campbell, Elmer T. Foss, J. F. Wortman, S. P. Barneburg, L. F. Mego, S. I. Brown, J. A. Skinner, H. B. Patterson, J. A. Perry, E. B. Pickel, J. C. Brown, F. L. Tou Velle, T. E. Daniels, L. L. Jacobs, Wm. M. Holmes, Ben I. Trowbridge, T. J. Williamson, C. L. Hockersmith, G. M. Fountain, W. A. Stewart, H. L. Griffin, R. P. Little, C. J. Carstens, Jeanie Campbell, T. O. Fifer, A. E. Reames, J. T. Gagnon, O. J. Patton, Hattie Campbell, Luella Springer.

\$300,000 FIRE LOSS AT SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Wash., May 12.—Fire today destroyed the four-story building and stocks of the Gottstein Furniture company on Second avenue, between Pike and Pine streets, and did much damage to neighboring stores, causing a total loss of \$300,000. The fire was the most furious that Seattle has known in years. The whole fire department was called out, and street car traffic was suspended for two hours in part of the city. The principal losses are: Albert Hansen, building, \$150,000; Gottstein Furniture company, \$120,000; Helen Igoe, women's clothing, \$15,000; Mrs. A. D. Hesting millinery, \$15,000; Wirth's candy store, \$5000. Losses are well covered by insurance.