

MEXICAN MEDIATION MEET IS POSTPONED

DELAY DUE TO TARDY ARRIVAL OF MEXICANS

Brazilian Ambassador Requests Two Days' Postponement—Denial Issued of Sensational Stories—Confidence Expressed in Ultimate Success of Conference.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—In view of the circulation of sensational reports that the postponement of the Niagara Falls mediation conference was due to a serious hitch, the Spanish ambassador Mr. Riano, who is acting for Mexico in the United States, authorized the statement that there was no political significance whatever in the delay which was due solely to the late arrival of the Mexican delegates.

The opening of the negotiations of the South American mediators in the Mexican controversy at Niagara Falls, Ont., was today postponed until Wednesday, May 20, the state department announced. The sessions were originally scheduled to begin Monday, May 18.

Departure Delayed

After the postponement was announced it was learned that Brazilian Ambassador Da Gama had decided that he would not leave Washington for Niagara Falls today as he had planned. The ambassador delayed his departure pending the development of plans following the postponement. Minister Suarez, the Chilean envoy, also altered his program, which originally contemplated his departure from Washington tomorrow.

The Argentine minister, Mr. Naon, also cancelled his arrangements for leaving Washington tonight and announced he could not say definitely when he would start for Niagara Falls.

After the postponement was announced the mediating envoys conferred at the Argentine legation as to necessary changes in their plans, incident to the effect the delay would have on the plans of the Mexican delegates now on their way north. It was thought possible that the Mexican representatives would meet the mediating envoys in Washington, and that preliminary conferences would be held before the entire peace party proceeded to Niagara Falls.

Arranged By Brazil

The delay in the opening of the negotiations was arranged at the request of the Brazilian ambassador, Mr. Da Gama, in order that the Mexican delegates to the conference, who are speeding northward from Key West today might not be unduly hurried in their trip to Niagara Falls. The Mexican delegation will reach Washington shortly after noon tomorrow.

The mediating envoys it was later learned, will return to the white house this afternoon for a conference with the president. It was also stated that the American delegates, Justice Lamar and Mr. Lehmann would be present. The purpose of the conference was not disclosed, but it was believed possible that some further reason for postponement of formal opening of the Niagara Falls conference might have prompted the meeting.

CALHOUN SEES SHERIFF SELL LAND

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 15.—Sheriff Smith sold \$75,000 worth of land on Euclid Heights belonging to Patrick Calhoun, traction magnate of New York and San Francisco, to satisfy a mortgage of \$1,612,000 held against Calhoun by the Maryland Casualty company. The sheriff's sale comes as the result of a suit by the Cleveland Trust company as trustee for the Maryland Casualty company. Several hundred thousand dollars worth of real estate was sold yesterday. All told, 173 parcels of land, appraised at \$1,513,000, will be disposed of. Calhoun was present again today and witnessed his property go under the hammer without comment.

TEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF RUBBER PLANT

Gasoline Believed to Have Caused Explosion Which Destroys Plant of Mexican Crude Rubber Company at Detroit—Victims Skilled Mechanics—Three Fatally Injured.

DETROIT, Mich., May 15.—Ten men were killed and three injured in an explosion today which blew the plant of the Mexican Crude Rubber company to pieces. There were about 25 employees in the plant. Eleven survivors have been accounted for. Gasoline is believed to have caused the explosion.

Most of the victims were skilled mechanics. One body was blown through the building. Three other bodies were burned beyond recognition. Three men were removed to a hospital and physicians said they did not expect any of the men would survive. Dozens of windows in buildings near the rubber company's plant were shattered.

There were several reports as to the cause of the explosion but survivors said a vat containing a large quantity of molten rubber exploded. Officials of the company declined to issue a statement until they conducted an investigation.

The plant, a one-story concrete building in West Detroit, was almost obliterated. Flying chunks of substance riddled adjoining buildings and heavy concrete blocks were found more than two blocks from the scene of the explosion.

The factory of the Commerce Motor Car company, about 100 feet from the rubber concern, was badly damaged.

CARRANZA HEARS NEWS OF ADVANCES BY REBEL FORCES

EL PASO, Tex., May 15.—General Carranza, who is in Durango, is in receipt of news of tremendous military activity in all quarters of the country, according to a message from Isidro Fabela, acting minister of foreign relations, today. Great activity was reported to Carranza from the forces under General Pablo Gonzales at Tampico and General Alvaro Obregon has sent word that he expected to announce the capture of Mazatlan, on the Pacific coast, within a few days.

General Carranza expects the first attack on Saltillo by General Villa to be made this week, and is confident that the capture of that town will follow soon, although the possibility of a desperate resistance from the federal garrison is not overlooked.

General Carrera Torres, in command of the constitutionalist troops before San Luis Potosi, also is expected to assault that federal stronghold this week, while the announcement has come from the south that General Zapata, occupying Cuernavaca, has stormed and taken the town of Ajusco.

The American consul and vice-consuls representing Spain, Germany and France, have made visits of courtesy to Carranza, who gave them assurance that foreigners would be protected.

STOCK MARKET CLOSES EASY—GAINS CANCELLED

NEW YORK, May 15.—The stock market closed easy today. Exhaustion of the early buying movement prompted profit-taking sales and the day's small gains were generally cancelled. The slow decline in the afternoon encouraged renewed short selling, in which Canadian Pacific and Amalgamated reacted a point.

CONSTITUTIONAL BOMB DROPPED FROM SKY KILLS FOUR IN MAZATLAN.



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BALD JACK ADMITS TELLING LIES UPON CROSS EXAMINATION

NEW YORK, May 15.—Harry Vallon, fellow-conspirator with "Bald Jack" Rose and others in the plot which resulted in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, for which Charles Becker is being tried for the second time, underwent today the ordeal of cross-examination. He admitted he had lied on many occasions in respect to the murder, but swore his story of the events leading up to the crime was correct in its details.

Counsel for the defense fired question after question at the witness in an endeavor to show his testimony connecting Becker with the conspiracy was false. In no important points, however, was the witness' story broken down.

It became known today that Chas. Platt, known as Becker's press agent, probably will be called as a witness for the state. Platt had no part in the conspiracy to murder Rosenthal and is to be used as a corroborating witness to support the stories of Rose, Vallon and Webber. He was not called at the former trial.

The first witness at the afternoon session was Isaac White, employed by the New York World. He was questioned about a graft expose story that appeared in his paper and which was based on material furnished by Rosenthal. This article was published a few days before the murder.

White said Becker and his attorney, John Hart, called on him and asked to see an affidavit Rosenthal had turned over to the World, in which Becker was charged with being a grafter. A copy of the World article was introduced.

LOBOS ISLE INCIDENT EXPLAINED SATISFACTORY

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Secretary of State Bryan announced today that he has learned from the mediators that the explanation of the Lobos Island incident made by the United States is satisfactory and that Mexicans will return there to take care of the lights.

CANAL TOLLS TO CHANGE PEACE BIRD INTO BLACK RAVEN

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Arbitration of the Panama tolls question was advocated in the senate today by Senator McLean of Connecticut.

Unless such a course was pursued, he predicted the "pretty little bird of peace the United States is talking about will be known to the world as raven instead of a dove."

"I want the good work which we have done at Panama to pay in money and morals both," said Senator McLean. "I want it to mark the hour of victory in ethics as well as engineering."

VACATION LUXURIES UNDER WELFARE LAW

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 15.—The nine conferees, representing laundry employees, laundry owners and the general public, who are considering the minimum wage for women laundryworkers, which they will recommend to the state industrial welfare commission, continued their sessions today. One employer, Frank Nixon, of Raymond, proposes \$7.15 a week as a minimum. An estimate of the annual expenses of a laundry woman, agreed upon by three owners and three employees, fixes the total at \$9.38 a week. This list provides for such luxuries as \$11.00 for vacation and \$8.87 for amusements. It is expected that, as in the case of the store and factory employees, the general public's representatives will cast the decisive vote, fixing a minimum higher than that assented to by the employers' representatives.

MEDIATORS CALL UPON PRESIDENT AT WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The three South American envoys on whom rests the hope of a peaceful solution of the Mexican imbroglio, paid a formal visit of farewell today to President Wilson before their departure for Niagara Falls, Ontario, to begin their peace negotiations.

In the blue room, the president, with his military and naval aides, attired in full dress uniform, greeted the envoys. He wished them success in their mission of peace and expressed the hope that when they return to Washington they will have found the solution of the Mexican problem, which has confronted the United States government for three years.

On the three mediators devolves the real burden of the conference at Niagara Falls. They are to make all suggestions and initiate all moves. From them must come the plan which all parties will take under consideration.

Frederick W. Lehmann, former solicitor general of the United States and Justice Lamar of the supreme court of the United States, who compromise the American representatives, and H. Percival Dodge, their secretary, were at the state department today, going over officials reports and familiarizing themselves generally with the work ahead of them. While they cannot act finally on propositions submitted them, they will be empowered to answer a good many questions about the American position without reference to Washington. They leave early tomorrow for a daylight ride to Niagara Falls, N. Y. Their quarters will be on the American side of the line to facilitate communication with Washington by telephone and telegraph.

CORDOVA, Alaska, May 15.—The Cordova chamber of commerce called to Secretary of the Interior Lane asking whether a survey would be made of the Chitina-Fairbanks route for the proposed government railroad. Thomas Riggs, Jr., a member of the Alaska railroad commission, to whom the chamber's message was given by Mr. Lane, called the following reply:

LOSES VOICE AS RESULT OF TORTURE IN MEXICAN JAIL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 15.—Tortures inflicted upon him by Mexican federalists at Manzanillo, deprived Charles Bema of the power of speech for several days. Bema, who arrived here today, is still unable to completely control his vocal organs.

Bema is a German. He was aboard a steamer in Manzanillo harbor preparing to come north when two Mexican soldiers boarded the vessel and told him there was a money order awaiting him on shore. He accompanied the soldier and, once landed, was promptly thrown into jail, the charge was that he was "a personal friend of President Wilson."

Later he was accused of being a spy and sentenced to be shot, but he was released on demand of the German consul. When he was released from the Cuartel he was dumb and did not recover his speech for several days.

RESERVE BOARD TWO NAMES SHY

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, vice-president of the Continental Trust company, has declined a membership on the federal reserve board. President Wilson has received a letter from Mr. Wheeler expressing his regret that he is unable to accept the appointment recently offered him, because of business connections which he cannot sever.

The president now has two places to fill on the board. Dr. Adolph C. Miller of San Francisco, Paul M. Warburg of New York City and W. P. G. Harding of Birmingham, Ala., have all accepted. Besides selecting two more men, the president must designate one of them as governor and another as vice-governor. He is canvassing again the list of fifteen names which was before him when he made his first choice.

APATHY RULES AT POLLS TODAY LIGHT VOTE CAST

Little Interest Manifested—Voters Slow in Going to Polls, But They Remain Open Until 8 o'Clock—Estimated But Fifty Per Cent of Registration Will Be Cast.

Candidates seeking office in the democratic, republican and progressive parties were being selected today in Oregon's primary elections. Nominations were being made for one United States senator, three representatives and complete state and county tickets.

Voters were slow going to the polls, this being due to the fact that the polling places were to remain open until 8 p. m., by which time it was expected a large vote would be cast. Although many prohibitionists and socialists had taken advantage of the opportunity to register, their interest in the election was indirect, as they already had named their candidates at nominating conventions.

Record Number Candidates

While there are a record number of candidates seeking nomination, interest in general was not as great as had characterized some previous primaries. It was estimated that the vote would be about 50 per cent of the registration. Fair weather in most parts of the state gave impetus to the city voter to go to the polls, whereas it had the opposite effect on the rural voter who was busy with his crops.

General apathy ruled the primary election throughout Jackson county today, in country and city. Up to noon in the twelve voting places in this city, less than 250 had been cast, or 10 per cent. In South Riverside precinct, in the heart of the residence district, at 1 o'clock but seventeen votes had been cast. Efforts to bring out the vote were met with calm indifference.

General Apathy Rules

At 1 o'clock the women voters began to go to the polls, but the officials had gone to dinner, taking a full hour. Some waited for the reopening, but the majority returned home. In Jacksonville and Ashland the same conditions exist, and reports from the country districts show the farmers were voting slowly. This afternoon it is expected that an increase in the vote will be registered, but it will take Herculean efforts to bring the total up to 50 per cent of the registered vote.

MEXICANS FREE NEWSPAPER MAN

VERA CRUZ, May 15.—A. J. Sutton, a Washington newspaper reporter, has been released by the Mexicans after three days' imprisonment at Cordoba, during which he was subjected to a severe pressure to make him confess that he was a spy. He is to arrive here today on the refugee.

The release of Mr. Sutton, who was first taken into custody with other newspaper men in Mexico City on May 9, was effected by agents of the British consulate here, who induced Mr. Sutton to promise he would leave the country immediately.

CHINESE SMUGGLERS PLACED UPON TRIAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 15.—Fred Fox and Maurice Pettinger were placed on trial in the United States district court today for attempting to smuggle Chinese into the United States at Monterey, Cal., by means of a launch. Contrary to a rumor that the men were ready to confess and disclose a large smuggling ring, the two pleaded to go to trial.