

MEXICAN DELEGATES TO MEDIATION CONGRESS AT NIAGARA REFUSE TO SIGN AGREEMENT

SUDDEN HITCH IN PEACE PLANS ON LAND ISSUE

Statement Dictated and About to Be Signed When Mexican Representatives Change Their Minds—Debate Upon Subject Kept Secret—Visit Toronto Tomorrow.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 26.—The wind has suddenly veered once more. What all seemed going well and every one was optimistic and the Mexican delegates, believing they had reached an accord with the Americans, were about to issue a formal statement explanatory of their position on the land question and regretting that it was clearly impossible for them to give guarantees as to the action of a new and sovereign and recognized government, there came a sudden halt.

The Mexican delegates had their stenographic work finished, their hectograph ready to print the document, and then they stopped. They said they had concluded to issue no pronouncements. It would be indiscreet, they said.

Then, when every one, amazed at this sudden stop, was speculating on the reason for it and the air was filled with rumors, probable and absurdly improbable, the American delegates dashed up in their automobiles. There was a hurried mounting of the staircase to the room of the mediators, the door of the mystic chamber was slammed and a prolonged and earnest "conservation" was entered on.

"It was obvious that there must be some more definite assurance respecting the land question to meet the declared purpose of President Wilson. Precisely how it was to be worked out or how it could be worked out was not altogether clear, but little doubt was felt by those participating that it would be worked out.

After the conference between the mediators and the American delegates, Justice Lamar dictated the following statement: "We have begun to discuss the terms and details of a plan of pacification. On a number of them we find ourselves in substantial agreement. Others are still under discussion, and as to them there has been no disagreement. We have an appointment to go to Toronto tomorrow."

JAP WARSHIP SENT MANZANILLO

ON BOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA, May 25 (via wireless to San Diego, May 26).—The Japanese cruiser Idzumi, which has been at anchor in Mazatlan harbor during the artillery duel between the two Mexican armies, departed today for Manzanillo, because of the expected arrival of a Japanese merchantman at the southern port May 29.

Word has arrived from Tepic that Theodore Jones, an American, who had been held in prison there by the federalists on the perfumery charge of murder, has been released by order of General Buena.

Evidence of strong constitutionalist sympathy among the citizens of Mazatlan is being shown. Officers of the American fleet, while ashore today, were stopped in the street by Mexicans, who begged that the American launches be allowed to transport them to the constitutionalist lines. They seemed disappointed when it was explained to them that the rules of strict neutrality which are being observed prevented this act.

M. A. Walsh, who was injured Saturday evening in a caboose on the Southern Pacific is rapidly recovering. Walsh was accompanying two cars of hogs to Portland, loaded by Guy Connor, and had just entered the caboose, when the engine coupled on. The jar threw the telephone against his mouth and the desk against his chest.

WIDOW OF FORMER PRESIDENT AS SHE POSED FOR THE CAMERA MAN



Mrs. Thomas Preston, Jr., formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, recently made a flying trip from England to attend to some business affairs on her estate at Princeton, N. J. Her husband, Professor Preston, of Princeton, is engaged in archaeological and research work in England. The above photograph was taken upon arriving in America.

BARTON GRANTED A NEW TRIAL BY SUPREME COURT

SALEM, Ore., May 26.—Because the prosecutor commented upon evidence which the court had ordered excluded, and because the court refused to give instructions asked for by the defense, the Oregon supreme court today, reversed the circuit court of Coos county in the case of Jesse S. Barton, convicted of an assault upon Miss Madge Yokum.

Barton represented Coos county in the house of representatives last legislative session. Miss Yokum at the time the alleged offense was committed, was employed as a clerk by an abstract company of Coquille, Oregon, with which Barton was connected.

Prior to the indictment of Barton, a petition signed by 170 citizens of Coquille, deploring moral conditions in that town and calling attention to Barton's case, was addressed to the prosecutor and the grand jury. The supreme court held that this showed strong sentiment existed against Barton, and that the court should have given instructions to the jury admonishing it that it must not be guided by sentiment in arriving at a verdict.

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CONSUL SILLIMAN AT VERA CRUZ TO MAKE REPORT

VERA CRUZ, May 26.—John R. Silliman, American vice-consul at Saltillo, arrived here today from Mexico City. He declined to discuss his experiences during his imprisonment until after he had made his official report to Washington.

Mr. Silliman intimated that the tales of facing a firing squad and of other indignities he was reported to have suffered were much overdrawn. He said he felt it was his duty to report fully at Washington before making public a detailed account of his arrest and his release through the activity of the British vice-consul at Saltillo.

The trip to Mexico City from Saltillo was interrupted several times by skirmishes between small detachments of constitutionalists and federal garrisons at points along the route. The train on which the consul traveled was preceded by a troop train which was fired on repeatedly, and which was delayed by torn-up sections of the track.

Mrs. Silliman is still in Saltillo under the protection of the British consulate. Her husband apparently feels no anxiety regarding her safety.

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PICTURE CUTTING SUFFRAGETTES GET 6 MONTHS

Militants Who Slashed Masterpieces Sent to Prison for Six Months—Jury Hears Harangue by Indignant Woman—King George Target for Orators—Bombs Found.

LONDON, May 26.—Suffragettes who slashed pictures in the National Gallery and Royal Academy, with several window smashers, were convicted and sentenced today. Six months imprisonment was ordered for each of the picture destroyers, while the window smashers in six cases were condemned to terms of four months.

Several women refused to give their names and were identified by numbers. One frail girl collapsed in court as the result of a hunger strike and it was necessary to give her a restorative. She was carried into court by women wardens.

Protest King's Action
Freda Graham, a suffragette who slashed several valuable paintings in the National Gallery May 22, harangued the jury declared she had attacked the pictures "as a protest against King George's illegal and unconstitutional action in refusing to receive a legal deputation of women."

She added: "What are five pictures compared with 80,000 pictures by the greatest artist of all, which are being shamefully defaced, damaged and degraded by men each night."

Mary Spencer, who damaged a picture at the Royal Academy on May 22, told the judge the only way left for women to express their views was to damage property, as they respected human life too much to destroy it.

Dynamite Seized
Extraordinary precautions have been taken at the Epsom race course to prevent any repetition of last year's tragic interference with the running of the Derby, when Emily Wilding Davison met her death by jumping on the course. A force of 2000 police will be on duty during the race meeting. Arrangements to prevent King George and Queen Mary being subjected to annoyance by suffragettes have been made as perfect as possible.

Five suffragettes arrested in a raid on a West End flat May 21, were brought before a magistrate today. After seeing the exhibits, he took such a serious view of the case that he refused all offers of bail.

The exhibits seized in the flat included a new shrapnel grenade of ingenious manufacture, coils of fuse and plans of houses.

Memoranda were found in the flat regarding payments to militant suffragettes and also concerning traveling expenses, including the journey from Paris to England of Miss Christobel Pankhurst.

Removed From Court
Two of the prisoners became so uproarious in the prisoners' enclosure during the hearing that they had to be removed. One of them, Miss Emmeline Hall, shouted: "I have been forcibly fed twice daily and am nearly dead as a result."

She seemed half demented as she struggled with the police. Her hat was torn off, her clothes disarranged and her hair disheveled. "You devils! You devils!" she shrieked, as she was carried out of the court.

ANTI-TRUST BILL EXEMPTS LABOR

WASHINGTON, May 26.—A tentative understanding has been reached among house leaders to add to section seven of the anti-trust bill which declares nothing in it shall be construed to forbid the organization of labor and agricultural organizations, the so-called labor union exemption provision and an additional provision that such organizations and the members thereof, in themselves, shall not be construed to be in restraint of trade, or in conspiracy in violation of the anti-trust law.

LEADERS OF REBEL FORCES PHOTOGRAPHED AT TORREON



General Villa is now in Coahuila and is leading the attack upon Saltillo. General Carranza is at Torreon, where he will remain until Saltillo is taken. The above photograph was taken at Torreon, and with the leaders is shown Major Pardo, Villa's right hand man.

LEDYARD DENIES MELLEN'S STORY OF NEW HAVEN

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Further testimony before the Inter-State Commerce Commission on financial affairs of the New Haven railroad was postponed today until Wednesday, June 3, to permit special examiners to inspect the books of J. P. Morgan and company and personal papers of the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

Four important witnesses whose testimony is desired still are too sick to appear. Samuel C. Morehouse, George MacCulloch Miller, Devere Warner and Morton F. Plant today sent physicians' certificates to the commission, to show they were too ill to be examined on the witness stand.

Lewis Cass Ledyard made a statement saying he wanted to deny much of the testimony of Mr. Mellen and protesting against the hearing being closed without his testimony. He read a letter of May 23 to Commissioner McChord, in which he said:

"The testimony of Mr. Melen is at variance with my recollection in a number of particulars, and I think a very partial and inaccurate impression of the affairs of the company would be given, unless other witnesses, having knowledge of the matters under inquiry, are afforded an opportunity to testify."

Mr. Ledyard announced he would accept the suggestion that he be a voluntary witness. He asked that he be notified when he could testify.

Reports made at the meeting of the state grange showed that in many parts of the state young women were thrown out of employment by the operation of the minimum wage and eight-hour law.

SLAYER OF SWEETHEART SLAYS SELF

LISLE, Ill., May 26.—Reginald A. Barr, leaving behind him a note declaring that his slaying of his sweetheart, Florence Bentley, at Downer's Grove, three miles from here, last Saturday night, was accidental, jumped beneath a moving train here early today and was killed.

It was his fourth attempt at suicide. In a note he said he took a drug twice in an effort to die, beside the body of his sweetheart, but both times failed.

He next jumped into a quarry pit, but he hit in the stagnant water. "I couldn't sink," said the note. The clothing on his body was wet when taken on the tracks. The note said Miss Bentley was killed when he tried to kiss her. She

PANAMA CANAL TOLLS REPEAL IS OPPOSED BY JONES

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Panama canal tolls exemption repeal was debated again today in the senate. Senator Jones, republican of Washington, led off with an attack on the bill.

The American people will not have their rights foreclosed in this way. "They approved this legislation," said he. "Repeal this law now and the people will re-write it and insist on it."

Senator Jones said the time to arbitrate the dispute with England was before the repeal and not afterward. Advocates of repeal, he said, had exercised "Huertian ingenuity seeking out reasons."

Senator Sutherland of Utah introduced a resolution calling on the president to submit to Great Britain a proposal for the creation of a special, impartial tribunal for arbitration.

BILL HANLEY OFFERS ROSE SHOW \$90 CUP

Wm. A. Hanley of Burns, progressive nominee for United States senator, has sent the Medford Rose society a \$90 cup to be offered at the Medford Rose Show June 5 and 6, for the best basket of 24 roses exhibited. Other cups are offered by the Medford Pharmacy, Martin J. Reddy, the Commercial club and the Colony club.

FEDERAL TROOPS FIRED UPON AT COLORADO MINES

TRINIDAD, Colo., May 26.—For the first time since they assumed control in the strike districts of the Colorado coal fields it was learned today United States troops were fired upon last night. The shooting occurred at a miner's camp at Segundo, near Trinidad, where twenty shots were fired at the federal troops.

The shots were fired at a patrol from a hillside overlooking the camp after a trooper, who had dodged a missile thrown at him through a window, answered a shot fired at him from the darkness.

The patrol, starting to search for the person firing the shot, was surprised by a fusillade of shots coming from the direction of the hills. Captain Cushman reported that one man was seen to run from concealment in a ditch.

Colonel Lockett, commanding the federal troops, would make no comment relative to the shooting.

HOPE FOR NEGRO SAY PRESBYTERIANS

CHICAGO, May 26.—"There is hope for anybody who can smile, and the negro has never forgotten how to smile," said the Rev. John M. Gaston of Philadelphia today before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States in supporting the report of the standing committee on Freedmen.

The report itself, presented by the chairman of the committee on Freedmen, the Rev. H. C. McLelland of Clarksburg, W. Va., told of the advance in the work among the negroes of the south.

In addition to listening to the Freedmen's report, the assembly endorsed the work of the Anti-Saloon league, the National Temperance Union and the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Specific endorsement of the Anti-Saloon league was asked of the assembly in an overture, but the particular request was ordered filed and the blanket endorsement of the societies named together with all similar agencies, was substituted for it.

President Sproule of the Southern Pacific company said there must be a change in public sentiment before railroad construction will begin, and the factories and mills can operate and employ labor.