

CARRANZA REFUSES INVITATION TO TREAT INFORMALLY WITH HUERTA DELEGATES AT NIAGARA

REBEL LEADER REJECTS OFFER FOR CONFERENCE

On Battlefield Alone Will Constitutionalists Treat With Huerta, Says Private Secretary of Carranza, Who Comes to America on Most Important Mission.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—No formal answer to the invitation extended by the American peace commissioners at Niagara Falls to constitutionalist agents for an informal conference over Mexican peace plans is expected to be made until confidential agents of General Carranza reach Washington late today or tomorrow.

Fernando Iglesias Calderon, Alfredo Breceda and Leopoldo Huerta de Espinosa are en route with special instructions from the constitutionalist chief. In official quarters today it was declared by one high in authority that he saw "absolutely no clouds now on the mediation horizon." In administration circles the hope for ultimate success of the peace conference was considered more promising.

Carranza to Reject

NEW ORLEANS, La., June 23.—Carranza will not accept the invitation of the United States government to send representatives to meet informally with agents of Huerta in any endeavor to select a provisional president of Mexico, according to a statement here today by Alfredo Breceda, private secretary of General Carranza and a member of the latest commission Carranza is sending to Washington.

"Carranza is firm in his attitude that he will not treat with Huerta, except on the battlefield," Breceda said. "We are on a very important mission to Washington of which we cannot talk, but it is not to meet with representatives of Huerta formally or informally."

To Keep Informed

That the commissioners intended to be fully informed of the sessions at Washington and Niagara Falls was indicated by the arrival today from Washington of J. Urquidí, secretary of the constitutionalist representatives in Washington and who delivered the Carranza note to the mediation conference at Niagara Falls.

Urquidí said he was in New Orleans on another mission and probably would leave this week but for what place he would not say. If he had a message for the commissioners he did not make it public.

Breceda denied that he intended to resign the position of secretary to Carranza, as was reported last night from the border.

GREAT MERCHANT SAYS ROCKEFELLER WRONG IN TREATMENT OF MINERS



JOHN WANAMAKER

RATE DECISION INJURES RAILROADS UPON LONG HAUL

NEW YORK, June 23.—L. J. Spence, director of traffic of the Southern Pacific company, issued a statement here today relative to the decision handed down yesterday by the supreme court, in what is particularly known as the inter-mountain case.

"The immediate result of the decision," says the statement, "is largely within the control of the carriers, because the commission expected to recognize the propriety of the trans-continental lines advancing the rates to Pacific coast terminals, which are less than reasonable, wherever they desire to do so, to a basis that will preserve the rates to intermediate points, the majority of which have been prescribed or found reasonable by the commission.

"The unfavorable feature of the decision is in the serious restriction which it puts on the trans-continental lines in their future efforts to meet sea competition—which in the near future promises to become more acute than it has ever been—by requiring them to choose between making rates to Pacific coast terminals to retain business against the competition of the sea and reducing rates to intermediate distances to conform to the prescribed formula of the commission, or abstaining from making rates to hold business against the competition of the sea and thereby surrendering a volume of traffic in which they might have otherwise continued to participate with a measure of profit."

INSANITY NOT TO RECOGNIZE LABOR UNIONS

Wanamaker Believes Capital and Labor Have Right to Organize—Missing Links are Predicted and Misunderstanding Between Employers and Workmen.

PHILADELPHIA, June 23.—"It's an insane thing not to recognize organizations of labor," said John Wanamaker, today, in giving further testimony before the United States commission on industrial relations. He made this statement in reply to a question whether employers should recognize labor unions. On the general question of unionism, Mr. Wanamaker said he believed labor had "suffered frightfully" in the past because of poor leaders, but added that he is seeing a better class of leadership coming.

Commissioner Weinstein of California, who presided today, asked the witness if he could supply the missing link that would bring capital and labor together. Mr. Wanamaker said:

"I believe that capital and labor have the right to organize. On the one side, capital, there is responsibility, and on the other, labor, there is none. There you stop. The missing links, I believe to be prejudice and misunderstanding which must be overcome.

"One of the ways to wipe out this prejudice and misunderstanding is to prohibit labor unions from political parties."

Rockefeller Mistaken

Speaking of capital, Mr. Wanamaker said John D. Rockefeller, Jr., "made a great mistake when he put President Wilson in the position of sending troops into Colorado."

"I might be mistaken in this," he said, "but that is the way I feel about it."

Contact with the employes is a remedy for much misunderstanding, the witness said. "There are labor unions which have no other purpose than to protect their wages," he said. "Men who spend their time getting their salaries raised generally fail."

Commissioners Lennon of Illinois and O'Connell of Washington, representatives of workmen on the commission, pled Mr. Wanamaker with many questions. Asked whether he was an advocate of the eight-hour day, he replied:

"Eight hours or less."

On the question of the minimum wage for women, the witness said that as an experiment it should not be condemned.

For Public Ownership

Discussing public ownership as a

(Continued on Page 6)

TOURIST LADEN SHIPS COLLIDE NEAR HAMBURG

Koenigin Luise Smashes into Cobra During Regatta at Cuxhaven—Catastrophe Narrowly Averted—Belgian Steamer Gothland Goes Ashore on Rocks in Dense Fog.

HAMBURG, June 23.—The Hamburg-American tourist steamer, Koenigin Luise collided with the Cobra a small steamer belonging to the same company during the regatta at Cuxhaven today.

Both vessels had on board a large number of persons and a catastrophe was narrowly averted. The shock of the collision was so severe that several of the passengers of the Cobra were thrown to the deck of the Koenigin Luise.

The stem of the Koenigin Luise was stove in and her fore peak was leaking.

The Cobra was badly damaged and admiralships.

LAND'S END, England, June 23.—The Belgian steamer Gothland, from Montreal for Rotterdam, went ashore today on the rocks two miles to the northeast of the Bishop Rock, Scilly Islands.

Two steamers went at once to the assistance of the Gothland, which by-unders to the Red Star Line, but is under charter to a Canadian line. She left Montreal June 12 with 34 third class passengers. She does not carry cabin passengers.

The Gothland struck during a dense fog. Lifeboats from St. Agnes and St. Mary's, in the Scilly Islands, have gone to the scene of the wreck.

The Gothland was re-floated late this afternoon according to a dispatch received by a London news agency.

FORCE RAILROADS TO MAKE REBATES

WASHINGTON, June 23.—With the supreme court's decision sustaining the inter-state commerce commission's inter-mountain rate orders the way is opened for shippers to recover sums estimated as great as \$10,000,000 from railroads which have been charging the old rate while the case was being fought in the courts. Reparation, if any, and the amount, will have to be decided by the commission in a separate action.

FERVENT LOVE LETTERS READ IN SUIT OF MRS. HOLMAN AGAINST HER FORMER HUSBAND



MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK ERNEST HOLMAN

The sensational suit of Mrs. Elizabeth A. C. Holman, of Waterville, Me., against the Rev. Cranston Breton, of Yonkers, N. Y., formerly her husband is attracting wide attention at Hartford, Conn., where the suit is being heard. Mrs. Holman is suing her former husband for having her confined in a Brattleboro (Vt.) asylum in 1912 and keeping her there until she confessed to indiscretions with Frederick Ernest Holman, her present husband. Fervent love letters from Holman to the then Mrs. Breton were read in court. Mrs. Holman is suing for \$50,000.

EMPRESS LYING STARBOARD SIDE POINTING NORTH

QUEBEC, June 23.—When the Empress of Ireland wreck inquiry was resumed today Captain Walsh, marine superintendent of the Canadian Pacific railway, continued his testimony in regard to the number of boats and life belts carried by the liner. In each case the number called for by regulations was found to have been exceeded.

C. S. Haight, of counsel for the owners of the collier Stordstad, which rammed the Empress, questioned the witness about the promotion system in vogue in the Canadian Pacific railway marine service.

Captain Walsh said that the command of the Empress was the highest position in the service.

G. W. Wetherston of New York, who had charge of the diving operations at the wreck, described the trips made to the vessel by Edward Coshoon, who afterwards was injured during his work, and died. He said the diver had established that the Empress was lying on her starboard side, with her bows pointing to the north-east.

Lord Mersey, chairman of the commission, asked what this evidence was intended to show.

Mr. Haight: "It establishes, my lord, that the vessel as she lies, is pointing north 45 degrees east. This is virtually the angle on which we say she was heading when the Stordstad hit her."

MAP OUT PLAN FOR HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

WASHINGTON, June 23.—General approval of an amendment to the rivers and harbors bill for a government commission to map out a comparative plan of internal waterway improvement was given at today's cabinet meeting. Such an amendment was introduced yesterday by Senator Newlands. It is designed to do away with the so-called "work barrel" system of making rivers and harbors appropriations.

FINAL CRISIS IN HOME RULE BILL HOUSE OF LORDS

LONDON, June 23.—The crisis in connection with the granting of home rule to Ireland entered another stage today when the Marquis of Crewe, Liberal leader in the house of Lords, introduced a bill to amend the Irish home rule bill.

The terms of the amending bill are identical with those offered on March 9 by Premier Asquith and contemptuously refused by Sir Edward Carson, the Irish Unionist leader, who described the premier's proposal as a "hypocritical sham."

By the new bill the parliamentary electors of each county in Ulster are to be allowed to decide by vote whether the county shall be excluded from the provisions of the home rule bill for a period of six years from the first meeting of the new Irish parliament.

The situation has never been paralleled in parliamentary procedure in the British Isles. Never before has a bill been presented to parliament to amend a measure not yet on the statute books. This was however, the only means of overcoming the deadlock, as the house of lords refused to consider the main bill until the full proposals of the government were before it.

SPEER NEITHER ACQUITTED NOR FOUND GUILTY

Sub-Committee Regrets Inability Either to Exonerate or Impeach Georgia Federal Judge—Some of Actions Approach Tyranny—Matter Now up to the Full Committee.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—"The sub-committee regrets its inability either to recommend a complete acquittal of Judge Speer of all culpability so far as these charges are concerned or an impeachment." This was the conclusion submitted to the house judiciary committee today by the special substitute committee that for months has been investigating charges of official misconduct filed against Emory Speer, of Macon, federal judge for the southern district of Georgia.

The report, after an exhaustive resume of evidence with severe comments held that some of Judge Speer's official actions "tend to approach a condition of tyranny and oppression," but recommended that no further proceedings be had by the house.

These conclusions now rest with the full committee on judiciary, which is expected to report them to the house for final disposition before adjournment of this session. The sub-committee comprised Representative Webb, North Carolina; Fitzhenry, Illinois, democrats, and Volstead, Minnesota, republican.

Mr. Volstead in a minority report, similarly declaring that there was no evidence warranting impeachment, attacked the majority of the sub-committee for criticizing a judge they declared not guilty.

Nineteen charges were filed. They alleged, among other things, that Judge Speer entertained matters beyond his court's jurisdiction, allowed excessive trustee fees to a personal friend, used his official position for preferment of his son-in-law, abused his authorities by domestic use of government paid court employes, violated laws regarding drawing of jurors, and dissipated bankruptcy estates by appointing unnecessary officials and allowing excessive fees.

FIX VALUATIONS TELEGRAPH LINES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 23.—R. A. Thompson, member of the engineering board of the inter-state commerce commission said today that he had begun preparations, under instructions from Washington, for taking inventory and fixing valuations of the properties of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies and the American Telegraph and Telephone company. The work is to be done under the provisions of the valuation act of 1913.

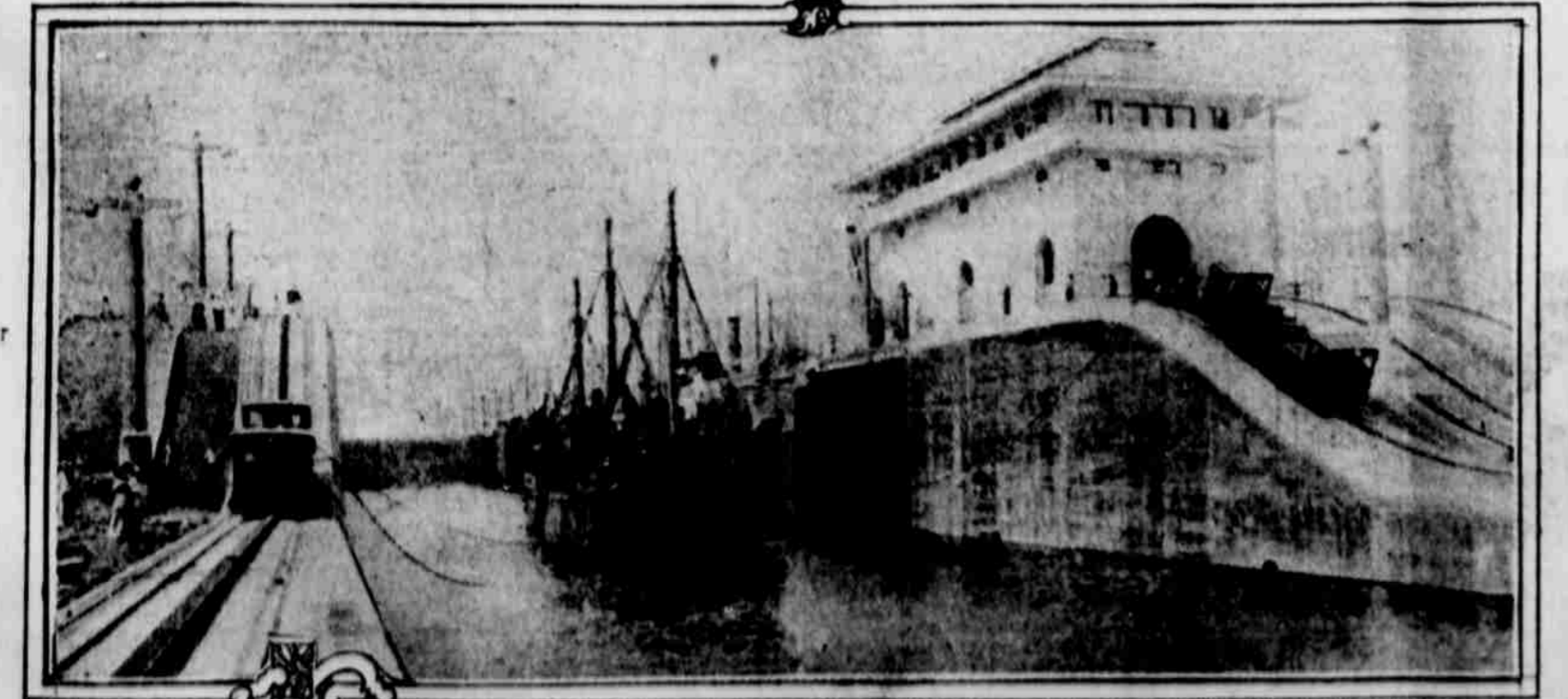
The Pacific district of the inter-state commerce commission, comprises Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Arizona, Wyoming, New Mexico, Alaska, Washington and the Philippines.

PROVES NEED OF FEDERAL CONTROL

WASHINGTON, June 23.—That a national harvester company, or the American Sugar Refining company, or the American Tobacco company would never have been organized and even the Standard Oil company would not have survived the dissolution of the original Standard Oil company trust in 1892.

The senate bill is substituted for the house bill. The two measures are alike in principle, but the senate bill would make "safest competition" and empower the commission to prevent such competition and would allow an investigation of foreign trade conditions and their effect on United States export trade.

ELECTRIC TOWING ENGINES IMPORTANT FACTOR IN PANAMA CANAL EFFICIENCY



THE TENDER SEVERN ENTERING MIDDLE EAST CHAMBER OF GATUN LOCKS, TOWED BY ELECTRIC ENGINES

One of the most important single factors in the practical use of the great Panama Canal is the system of towing with electric motors which run on either side of the waterway and which in the tentative tryouts of the mechanism made thus far have proved to be perfectly attuned to the work. Unlike the old mule drawing system long in vogue on the canals throughout the country, these electric haulers travel along in perfect union, and the ship in the locks sweeps along as easily and evenly as if under her own steam in midocean. The machines received their first tryout when five United States submarines, after they had gone through evolutions in the Gatun Lake, were towed back to Colon with the tender Severn, and at that time and since then in use as tows for the sugar vessels from Balboa they have worked without a hitch and to the great satisfaction of the canal officials.