

PRESIDENT STILL HOPES FOR PEACE FROM MEDIATION

Says Situation as Favorable as Possible Until Factions get Together—British Flee Mexico City—Huerta Says Half People of Capital Will Die Before He Resigns Office.

WASHINGTON, July 1.—After a conference with Secretary Bryan, President Wilson authorized the statement today that the Mexican situation was as favorable as it can be until the Mexican factions get together.

While no statement was made at the white house regarding the recess of the mediation conference, officials close to the president said he was very hopeful that Huerta, Carranza and Villa would agree on a definite plan for settling the internal affairs of Mexico.

The president still is hopeful that mediation will bring about peace and he believes that it already has accomplished much good.

British Flee City

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Sir Lionel Carden, British minister in Mexico City, has advised the embassy here that a special train bearing British refugees will leave Mexico City today.

VERA CRUZ, July 1.—"Before I resign, half the people of Mexico City will die with me," is the remark President Victoriano Huerta is credited with having made to friends on Monday while sitting in a Mexico City cafe at tea.

Huerta's Family Remains

The party was discussing the efforts of the mediators at Niagara Falls to find a solution of the Mexican problem. General Huerta was more grim and taciturn than usual and showed little of his accustomed jocularity.

When the passengers who arrived here today left the capital yesterday, General Huerta's family was still there.

Constitutionalists in possession of Taxpan June 29 made a demonstration against Americans in that port. They marched the streets shouting: "Death to the Americans." No one was hurt.

Departure Delayed

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., July 1.—Plans for the immediate resumption of Mediation negotiations were somewhat disturbed today by the suggestion of the United States government that such a move might be interpreted as a disruption of the proceedings.

Justice Lamar conveyed today the views of the Washington government to Ambassador Da Gama and Minister Naon, after which both diplomats renounced their reservation for tonight and said they would not depart until tomorrow.

MOVIES PROTEST CENSORSHIP FEES

BERLIN, July 1.—Moving picture film concerns including the foreign companies, doing business in Prussia, today against an increase in censorship fees and declined to offer any more films for inspection by the censors.

RUINS OF HISTORIC OLD SALEM FROM GALLOWS HILL, WHERE WITCHES WERE BURNED



MOUNT LASSEN'S MOST VIOLENT ERUPTION TODAY

California Peak Bursts Forth in Stupendous Display—Volcanic Ash Falls Thirteen Miles Distance—Sulphur Odor Preceptible 20 Miles Off—Fourteenth Eruption.

RED BLUFF, Cal., July 1.—After less than 24 hours of quiescence, Lassen Peak burst forth early today in a stupendous eruption the 14th in the series that began May 20.

For a little less than an hour the inverted cone of soaring gases maintained the well known volcanic outline. First from the mouth of the crater itself stood up a vertical shaft of jet black ash.

High as the Mountain The air was clear today and from the moment the eruption began at 5:45 a. m. until the spreading cloud of smoke obscured vision, the phenomenon could be observed with precision.

So great was the force of the eruption that the height of the cloud seemed to equal the distance from the mouth of the crater to the plateau at the base of the peak proper. It was almost as if one mountain had been stood atop of the other.

At this distance there was the appearance of what seemed a thin sheet of gases hissing from a crevice or fissure on the north slope, distinct from the main crater itself. Two eruptions seemed to be going on at the same time.

Of the length of this fissure or its position with relation to the main crater were indeterminate today but judging from appearances, the new vent was of considerable length.

Sulphur Odor Preceptible The true volcanic nature of the eruption, as determined by J. S. Diller of the United States geological survey, was further emphasized today by the strong stench of sulphur perceptible at Volta and at Viola, 22 miles down the wind to the north. No ashes fell at the United States forest station at Mineral, which lay up the wind.

These last two successive eruptions of the peak emphasized the warning given by Mr. Diller, after his reconnaissance, that nothing could be predicted of the future behavior of the volcano. It might be absolutely quiet, or it might give off lesser eruptions, gradually dwindling away, or it might blow its head off in convulsions.

Thus far the outburst have been progressively violent. That of yesterday was easily the most marked of the series up to that time and today's far overtopped yesterday's in grandeur and duration.

So far as is known, nobody was within the danger zone last night or this morning. The district is sparsely populated and those living in the little hamlets 20 miles or more away are thus far in no apprehension.

Manzanita Lake, a small body at the base of Lassen Peak proper and 13 miles from the summit, is reported to have fallen three feet since yesterday's eruption.

ROOSEVELT FEELS FINE AFTER SPEECH

NEW YORK, July 1.—Colonel Roosevelt came back from Pittsburgh today after his speech there last night attacking the Wilson administration. He said he felt fine, notwithstanding his long speech and the fact that he did not retire until midnight.

"If an athlete is a little over-trained or out of condition he doesn't feel right before the game," said the colonel, "but when the game is on he is alright. However," he added, "I shouldn't like to deliver another speech tonight."

HILL FINANCING OF NORTH BANK ROAD EXPOSED

PORTLAND, Ore., July 1.—Before Inter-State Commerce Commissioner A. B. Pugh, the complainants' side of the Astoria rate case hearing was completed today and the railroads began offering testimony and exhibits to defend their position that no change should be made in existing rates in transporting grain and other commodities from the interior.

The feature of the hearing was the revelation of the financial operations of the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway in relation to the parent companies, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific. On cross examination, C. H. George, statistician for the Spokane, Portland and Seattle line, said that of the \$80,000,000 bonds issued by his road, \$73,000,000 had been taken over by the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific at 70 cents on the dollar.

Referring to the financial operations of the Oregon Trunk Railway, which was built on money advanced by the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway, Mr. George stated that the former line had piled up a deficit of \$702,205. Attorney W. S. Fulton asked the witness if he had not heard that this piece of railroading was the greatest crime in railroad history, but witness replied negatively.

CARRANZA MOVES CAPITAL TO MONTEREY

SATHLEO, Mexico, July 1.—General Carranza arrived here today and began preparations to remove his capital to Monterey. He was accompanied by B. Canova of Havana, who claims to be a representative of the United States department of state and George C. Carothers, who has acted in that capacity. They joined Carranza at Monterey last night.

HAITIEN LEADER THEODORE KILLED WITH FOLLOWERS

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Senator Davilmar Theodore, the Haitian revolutionary leader, has been killed in a battle with fifty of his followers near the Dominican frontier. Captain Eberle of the cruiser Washington today so reported his information from two members of the Haitian cabinet.

Cape Haitien is quiet and still in possession of the government forces. Rebels hold the outlying territory and have made several attacks on government outposts. One German cruiser is at Cape Haitien. All service on the American railroad between Cape Haitien and Bathena has ceased owing to continued interruption. Desultory fighting has been reported around Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, where the rebels still hold the city, according to a report from Captain Russell on the battleship South Carolina.

UNCLE SAM'S NAVY DRY BEGINNING TODAY

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Secretary Daniels' famous order banishing intoxicants from the navy went into effect today. It not only abolishes the traditional "wine mess" of the officers, but bars all alcoholic liquors from every ship and shore station of the navy.

Beginning today any officer found in possession of alcoholic liquor on board ship or at any naval station will be guilty of misconduct. Commanding officers will be held directly responsible for the enforcement of the "dry edict."

AUSTRIAN SPECIALIST TO ATTEND SERBIAN KING

VIENNA, July 1.—Professor Francis Civostek, of the medical faculty of the Vienna University, and a specialist for internal complaints, was summoned today to proceed to Servia to attend King Peter.

MEDFORD MAKES LARGE INCREASE IN PHONE SUBSCRIBERS

The regular quarterly issue of the telephone directory has just been turned out by the job department of the Medford Printing company and is being delivered today in the business district of the city. The entire delivery will be completed by the last of the week. A total of over 5900 names are contained in the book, which includes all exchanges in the Rogue river valley.

The Medford section of the directory shows an increase of about 100 names over the preceding issue, which can only be construed as an indication of an improvement in business conditions generally in the city. The telephone company have designated present issue the "Blue Book" of Medford, following a campaign of newspaper advertising which resulted in many additions in subscribers. The adjustment in telephone rates ordered by the railroad commission of the state has had practically no effect in the number of subscribers, according to Manager Vance, as a steady increase has been experienced in the past few months, notwithstanding the rate adjustment being up before the commission, and the generally accepted belief that an increase would be ordered. In fact, there was a decided falling off in the number of subscribers up to about a year ago, since which time the rate matter has been before the commission and the increase has come in the past few months while the question of rates was up for adjustment.

Contrary to the general belief, all rates have not been increased, according to the telephone company, but rather a readjustment effected by the commission, based on the value and class of service furnished. Many rates remain as before, about 15 per cent of the total were reduced and a maximum of only 25 cents per month added to any residence rate and 50 cents on business rates. According to the statement issued by the commission, the rates as adopted will in no wise allow the company to pay its taxes, depreciation and operating expenses on the investment of even a single plant, with all duplications excluded, which it would appear, means that a good many thousands of dollars of telephone investment in Medford might as well be in the scrap heap so far as its earning capacity is concerned.

POSTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR SHOW SUBSTANTIAL GAIN

Postal receipts of the Medford postoffice for the fiscal year, that ended June 30, show a substantial increase over last year, the total of the stamp sales for 1914 being within \$1100 of 1911 receipts the banner year in the office's history.

The stamp sales for 1914 aggregate \$29,526.29, an increase of \$1373.22 over last year when the receipts were \$28,153.22. Last year's stamp sales showed a decrease over 1912. The rise and fall of stamp sales are considered the surest barometer of the prosperity of a community.

Last September, low tide in stamp sales for the year was reached with \$6350.10 for the quarter. In the December quarter the total was swelled to \$8602.80, which includes the holiday business. For the first quarter of 1914, ending March 31, the receipts were \$7445.57, and for the quarter that ended yesterday \$7127.73.

The deposits in the postal savings bank have been around \$8000 the entire year.

SANTA FE SHOWS SIGNS OF PROSPERITY

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 1.—Announcing that the retrenchment policy put into effect some months ago had been terminated, the Santa Fe railroad increased today the working hours of 1,000 men in the shops at this point from forty to fifty-five a week. The increase in work time applies to all departments of the shops.

IDAHO DEMOCRATS OUT FOR PROHIBITION

BOISE, Idaho, July 1.—The prohibition forces won in the democratic convention when a plank declaring for the submission of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in the state was adopted, 122 to 50.

SUFFRAGISTS TRY TO FORCE ACTION FROM CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, July 1.—Discouraged, but undaunted by President Wilson's declination to use his influence for congressional action on a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage, leaders of the votes for women fight turned their heavy artillery in the direction of the house rules committee today only to find that a meeting called to vote on the Mondell-Bristow amendment had been postponed until August 1.

According to plans, the committee was to meet and vote on a special rule providing time for debate on the amendment in the house at this session of congress. When the suffragists reached the capitol they were surprised to find the committee room empty and that the meeting had been postponed. Fearing a coup by their enemies, the suffragists posted sentinels to watch the committee room and dispatch others to appeal to individual members to have a meeting.

AMERICA DEVELOPS SIXTY-MILE SPEED

HAMMONDSPORT, N. Y., July 1.—Flying over a measured course, America, the Redman Wauwau maker trans-Atlantic flying boat, developed today a speed of sixty miles an hour. This was attained with the motors throttled to 1200 revolutions a minute as against a possible 1300 minimum. The test was made at this speed to offset a lack of some 300 pounds of lead.

MARCONI TO PHONE ACROSS ATLANTIC

LONDON, July 1.—"Mr. Marconi contemplates being able to telephone from Carnarvon, Wales, to New York before the end of this year," was the statement made today by his manager of the company in testifying before the Dominion Royal Commission on Imperial communication. He added that Mr. Marconi also anticipated increasing the speed of the wireless to three hundred words a minute.