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WAR PREPARATIONS BEING RUSHED IN SPITE OF DENIALS

Reports Current That Attack on Vera Cruz by General Maas is Imminent

FRICION IN CABINET IS STRONG RUMOR

Arms Consigned to General Huerta Ordered Back to German Factories

Washington, May 9.—More war preparations were being rushed today by both war and navy departments but President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan still insisted that the Mexican situation was unchanged.

Reports were current that attacks by General Maas on Vera Cruz and by General Zapata on Mexico City were imminent but the president put small faith in them.

It was generally believed that Federal Supreme Justices Hughes and Lamar and Frederick Lehman, a prominent St. Louis lawyer, would represent the United States before the "A. B. C." mediators.

French Ambassador Jusserand, who had been investigating, told Secretary Bryan that Consul Silliman, concerning whom much anxiety was felt, was safe at Saltillo, his post.

Rumors were current of friction between Secretary Bryan and Secretary Garrison, the former being said to favor a less watlike policy than the latter. The glad tidings were received that the owners of the German ships which were bringing arms for President Huerta to Puerto Mexico, had ordered the shipments returned to Germany. A less satisfactory report was that a shipment of Japanese arms had been landed at Salina Cruz and rushed to Mexico City.

Monitor Ordered Out.

The monitor Ozark was ordered from Vera Cruz to Tampico, presumably to protect foreign oil properties. It was expected ships of moderate draft would be able to pass through the Panama canal within a week. The warship Wyoming steamed from New York harbor to meet the Montana, returning from Vera Cruz with the American dead.

All signs at Mazatlan pointed to the city's early capture by the rebels.

Nurse Corps Leaves.

Leavenworth, Kan., May 9.—Responding to orders from Secretary of War Garrison, members of the federal nurse corps left here today at noon for Texas City, where they are to report to Major General Franklin Bell. Civil service clerks here and messengers were also ordered to report to General Bell.

LOS ANGELES VOTES FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS

Los Angeles, Cal., May 9.—Municipal ownership of an electric generating and distributing plant stands approved today by the voters of Los Angeles by a substantial majority. A proposition to bond the city to the extent of \$6,500,000 for that purpose was endorsed yesterday by a vote of 56,199 to 23,179, a margin of 9,841 over the required two-thirds vote. More than half of the registered vote was cast.

It was stated that construction of the municipal system will begin at once when the proceeds of the bonds sale are available.

100 KILLED WHEN EARTHQUAKE SHAKES ITALIAN VILLAGES

Two Towns Entirely Destroyed and Several Others Badly Damaged.

MOUNT ETNA IN ERUPTION AND REFUGEES FLEEING

Many People Buried in Ruins and Num- bers Spend Night in Open Country.

Catania, Italy, May 9.—That at least 100 were killed and as many more injured in the earthquake which shook this section Friday evening was certain today. It was feared that fuller reports would greatly lengthen the casualty list.

At the village of Bonigiardo alone there were ten dead and 20 injured. Linaera, with a population of about 900, and Zerbati, Pennisi, Belpasso, Marina, Vergine, Mangano and Zafferano were badly damaged.

The roads were choked with hysterical refugees fleeing from their homes. Mount Etna was still in eruption. The inhabitants of the villages at its base had fled to the open country.

The first of last night's earth shocks occurred at 6 p. m. It lasted several minutes. An hour later there was a severer shock which demolished many houses.

Numbers of people were buried in the ruins. Survivors spent the night in the open country.

First estimates were that 30 were killed and 100 injured. Fuller investigation showed that these figures were far too low.

Five hundred soldiers had arrived today and began erecting Red Cross tents. A hospital had been opened.

Destruction of the railroads was delaying the refugees' arrival.

Priests were organizing religious processions, carrying statues of the virgin about the streets and praying for protection.

Terror Grips Villagers.

Aetrosia, Italy, May 9.—Etna was still rambolling today and the thousands of villagers whose homes were destroyed by last night's earthquake were abject with terror. Soldiers and gendarmes were removing the dead and injured from the ruins of the 14 thickly populated towns at the volcano's base.

Linaera, Cosentini and St. Veneris were completely razed. Several villages from which no reports had been received were, it is feared, also destroyed.

In the earth there were great fissures from which smoke and evil-smelling gases ascended. Most wires were down and communication was almost paralyzed.

SALEM MAN RECOMMENDED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Portland, Or., May 9.—Because of several vacancies on the democratic state ticket for important offices, the executive committee of the democratic state central committee today recommends that democratic voters write in the following names on the ballot:

For member of congress, Second district—James Harvey Grainger, of Baker.

For labor commissioner—George Y. Harry, of Portland.

For justice of the supreme court—Judge T. H. Crawford, of La Grande, and Judge W. T. Slater, of Salem.

The decision to have the name written in was reached at a meeting of the executive committee held here yesterday.

TO MOBILIZE TROOPS.

North Yakima, Wash., May 9.—Preparations are complete today for the mobilization of the Washington National Guard at American Lake, according to Adjutant General Thompson today. Thompson expects orders for mobilization soon.

GALEITY REIGNS AT VERA CRUZ UNDER GUNS OF SOLDIERS

Mexican Senoritas Learning to Flirt to American Ragtime Tunes

STREETS DESERTED WHEN TAPS SOUND

Heavy Bass Voice of Admiral's Orderly Puts Fear Into Mexican Hearts

By William G. Shepherd.

Vera Cruz, Mex., April 28.—(By mail to New York)—The first thing you see in Vera Cruz these days is the American flag, flying over the Terminal hotel, and you find the wide corridors filled with hurrying officers and jacks.

The next thing you will notice will be Captain H. O. McL. Huse. You'll know him by his roar, his mustache, his flashing eye and his supreme contempt for civilians. He is being a kind of doorman for Admiral Fletcher—who is mild beyond words—and in this capacity he stands around roaring to people who come into admiral's headquarters to "sit down", "come here, you", and "stay out of this room."

Admiral Fletcher keeps his door shut, they say, to keep out House's roars. Mothers with babies flee. You try to tell any Mexican in Vera Cruz that the navy is the servant of the American common people and you'll be laughed at. They have learned otherwise from the majestic bellows of the mustached Huse.

Having paid your respects at headquarters and been roared at by Huse you sally forth to see the town.

Field Becomes Famous.

First you cross the ten acre field between the United States consulate and the waterfront. Across this field fled the Madero family and later Felix Diaz from the wrath of Huerta. In the fight the other day it became a battlefield. Dead men have lain on it. Now it is covered by brown tents and the pastured horses of officers.

In the streets that skirt the field the flags of five different nations float above the not-over-two-story business houses as if to say "this isn't a Mexican house; don't shoot at it."

In an entryway you see two playful jacks boxing, sinking their fists into one another's ribs with many grunts and oofs. Around them stands a group of wondering Mexicans who can't understand such rough play.

Next you come to a little crowd of jacks and marines reading a notice on the cable office wall—a notice about the cable office wall—a notice about the days baseball games in the big American cities.

A man in a gray felt hat sits at a table before a cafe, writing. Behold, Richard Harding Davis? At another table is a group of men drinking beer. The one with a stein is Jack London himself. The others are also correspondents. They are relating that they weren't given a chance to get news in the Balkan war and they hope they'll be given a fair shake this time.

Flirt to "Gingo" Music.

Here we are at the plaza. Here in the late afternoon and early evening the Mexicans gather to listen to the band. It is the custom for the señoritas, accompanied by their chaperones, to walk in one direction about the park, flirting with their eyes as they pass. They're doing it now.

Also there is a band playing. It is from the Florida. The tune is one of the late hits in New York. The señoritas can flirt to it just as well as they can to Mexican music.

Sit down at a cafe table. In the ethereal spire across the park sits a jackie among the bells, his feet dangling in space. Jackies have been on guard there ever since the battle, when they toppled six Mexican sharpshooters out of the spire.

On the top of another building is a marine with a flag in each hand, wiggling to the ships in the harbor.

On another side of the plaza sixty marines stand patiently at attention while a famous war artist sketches them. A group of civilians skurries his case. From time to time ye yells, "get out of the way!" or "give me elbow room!"

There's a quarrel at a neighboring table. Two shoe shine boys have been polishing the shoes and leggings of a couple of infantrymen and want 50 centavos apiece. The infantrymen think this extortionate. The Americans may have conquered Vera Cruz but they can't conquer their shoe shine boys, so finally the infantrymen pay up and leave, calling the boys "greaser robbers."

An army aeroplane circles over the town but the people have become so used to it that few even glance upward. By this time evening is falling. A cool breeze blows in from the gulf.

TRIES TO PASS BAD CHECK TO PURCHASE FINERY FOR GIRL

Virgil Churchill Lands in Jail and Con- fesses Crime to Sheriff Each.

FORGED NAMES OF WELL- KNOWN GERMAIS FARMERS

Police Find Another Check for \$40 on His Person After Making Search.

The same old story of a youth's infatuation with his country sweetheart, the forging of a check with which to obtain money to buy her nice things, and the usual result, the jail, was recounted this morning when Virgil Churchill, a young farmer who resides eight miles north of Salem, attempted to pass a worthless check both at the United States National and the Ladd & Bush banks.

Young Churchill, who is about 17 years of age, presented a United States National Bank check for \$40 to Roy Burton, an officer in the Ladd & Bush bank, for payment. Mr. Burton, readily seeing that it was a forgery, inquired of Churchill where he secured the paper, which was signed "A. M. and H. Jerman." The boy told the bank employe that he sold a horse recently and that Jerman Brothers had given him the check. Mr. Burton was suspicious and when he started to show the paper to Will Walton, one of the head men in the institution, Churchill left as quickly as possible and also left the check. Sheriff Esch was then notified of the affair and he came hot-foot to the bank. In the meantime James McFarland, the well-known messenger of the bank, followed Churchill to the White House restaurant and kept tab on the young fellow until Sheriff Esch arrived. Churchill engaged a room from George Brothers and the sheriff walked in on him unexpectedly and inquired as to his reasons for presenting a check to the bank which bore a forged name. At first Churchill strongly denied the forgery, telling the sheriff that he had sold a horse and received the check in payment.

Sheriff Esch made a thorough investigation then. He went through the young man's coat pockets and found a check book which contained another check for \$40. The officer then told Churchill that it was up to him to explain everything. Churchill lost all confidence then and told Sheriff Esch the whole story. He said that he was going with a girl who lived near Gervais, Oregon, and that it was necessary that he purchase her some fine clothes and that he needed \$40 badly. The sheriff asked him why he had checks amounting to \$80 written and the boy was unable to explain.

Churchill was then arrested and lodged in the county jail pending a hearing before Justice of the Peace Webster. He states that his father is in Portland, and that he has been working on a farm north of the city for some time. The sheriff is inclined to believe that if the young fellow had been successful in cashing the worthless checks he would have taken the first train out of Salem for parts unknown.

Churchill first tried to pass the check at the United States National Bank, but that firm refused to recognize the paper because there was no account kept for Jerman Brothers at that place.

Three thousand people or more fill the plaza—soldiers, bluejackets, marines, white-clad men and women, brown Mexican beauties and browner Mexican men in sombreros.

The lights blaze out. The wigwag men are signalling now with electric lights instead of flags. On a balcony stands a little Mexican girl waving her arms in imitation of a wigwag man. She learned the trick from the gringos.

It's almost bed time for her now and for grown up people too, because the city is under martial law and taps sound at 9 o'clock.

Soon the streets will be deserted and the houses dark. The only foot-falls will be those of the guards or of the belated correspondents, working their way from sentry to sentry down to the cable office.

Out in the sand-hills in a circle that reaches miles around the town American soldiers are keeping vigil. Uncle Sam is on the firing line.

PETITION IS CIRCULATED.

A petition for a special meeting of the council to investigate Officer Gaines tonight was circulated today by Roy H. Wasson.

The Weather

Fair tonight and Sunday; light, variable winds.



Conveying Brave Dead From Vera Cruz Wharf to American Ship



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Washington, May 9.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels planned to sail at midnight on the Mayflower to join the cruiser Montana, carrying the bodies of the marines and bluejackets killed in the occupation of Vera Cruz, off the Virginia capes. It was expected that the Montana, conveyed by the Mayflower and the battleships Wyoming and Tennessee, would reach the battery, New York, Sunday afternoon.

The photo shows the dead bodies of three of Uncle Sam's heroes being transported from the wharf at Vera Cruz to one of the battleships in the harbor.

The battleship Wyoming steamed out of this harbor today to meet the cruiser Montana, bearing the bodies of the marines and bluejackets killed in the occupation of Vera Cruz, off Ambruse light tomorrow. The Montana and its convoys are scheduled to arrive at the Battery at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

JAIL SENTENCE OF 30 DAYS TERMINATES HIGH SCHOOL PRANK

Sentence Suspended When Boys Pay Damages for Ice Cream Ap- propriated.

EIGHT SALEM YOUTHS UP IN JUSTICE COURT

Example Will Tend to Dampen Ardor of Over-Zealous Jokers in Future.

Mischvousness and an unremitting desire to play pranks, at last got Archie Wilson, John Burrough, Charles Smith, Beryl Dart, Miller Hayden, Charles Moffitt and Earl Hendrick, all well known young men of Salem, into trouble. The boys were kaled before Justice of the Peace Webster this morning on the charge of breaking and entering into a dwelling belonging to Jesse George and stealing food stuffs valued at \$8. Young Moffitt and Hendrick were given permission, upon recommendation of County Attorney Ringo, to enter a plea of guilty to petty larceny, and Justice of the Peace Webster sentenced the young men to 30 days in the county jail and suspended judgment with the proviso that the defendants pay the costs and disbursements of the action. The charges against the other defendants were dismissed on the ground that the two pleading guilty were the leaders in the affair.

According to the testimony given at the hearing this morning, several young people, mostly members of the student body of the Salem high school, planned to hold a birthday party for one of the students at Jess George's home last Friday evening. A packer of ice cream, cakes and other dainties was booked in the kitchen, and the seven young men, to play a "high school prank," broke into the kitchen or the George home through a window and stole the entire lunch.

Believing that the youngsters should be taught a lesson, Mr. George swore out a warrant for their arrest upon a charge which, if rigidly prosecuted, would send the lads to jail, according to the justice of the peace, house-breaking being a serious offense. Mr. George stated this afternoon that he had no intention of prosecuting the boys to any serious extent, but, in view of the fact that deprecations have been carried on in the Salem high school for some time now, he thought he would just make an example by bringing the seven lads into a real court. County Attorney Ringo prosecuted the case, but did not use harsh measures with the defendants. The youths were given a good lecture, however, and Moffitt and Hendrick were compelled to pay into the court \$43 to cover the damages done to the taxpayers in forcing the prosecution of themselves.

The boys not only stole and ate everything in sight in the kitchen of the

MILLIONAIRE POST COMMITTS SUICIDE AT SANTA BARBARA

Cereal Food Manufacturer of Battle Creek, Michigan, Tires of Life

FORTUNE ESTIMATED AT OVER \$40,000,000

Places Muzzle of 30-30 Rifle in Mouth and Blows Top of Head Off

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 9.—Charles W. Post, multimillionaire cereal manufacturer of Battle Creek, Mich., committed suicide here today by shooting himself with a 30-30 hunting rifle. He placed the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth and pulled the trigger with his toe, blowing off the entire top of his head.

The suicide occurred early today, just after Mrs. Post and Post's secretary had come into Santa Barbara on business. Post told the nurse who was left with him that he was tired and wished to be alone. A few moments after she had left the room the woman heard a shot, and rushing into the room found the millionaire in his death agony.

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Parents Live at Fort Worth. Battle Creek, Mich., May 9.—Besides his widow and parents, Charles W. Post, the millionaire cereal food manufacturer, who committed suicide at his home near Santa Barbara, Cal., today, is survived by two brothers. They are C. W. Post, vice-president of the Postum Cereal company, and Orris L. Post of Fort Worth, Texas. Post's parents also live in Fort Worth.

Post's fortune was estimated at between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000, accumulated since 1895, when he began to manufacture cereal foods.

No Reason for Suicide. Mrs. Post apparently was unable to advance any immediate reason for her husband's suicide. She said his health, while far from good, was no worse than at any time since his return from Rochester. She refused to talk at length, and appeared to be suffering acutely from the shock.

It was learned upon excellent authority that Post yesterday wrote two checks for \$50,000 each. One was payable to his father and the other to a brother. He had intended to mail these today, but, it was said, Mrs. Post dissuaded him, before she left for her trip into Santa Barbara today. The object of the checks was not stated, but it was intimated they might be distributed at the coroner's inquest.

Mrs. Post was the manufacturer's second wife. She was many years his junior, and prior to their marriage six years ago was his stenographer.

Planned Eastern Trip. Recently Post had purchased considerable property in and around Santa Barbara. He was negotiating for several other pieces of land, and was intent upon plans for their improvement. This, coupled with the fact that he had ordered his special car in readiness for an eastern trip May 15th led to a conjecture by some of his acquaintances that his suicide had not been long premeditated.

Coroner Ruiz made a careful search of Post's private apartments for any notes or messages he might have prepared before his death. He said he had found nothing bearing on the case.

Post had spent the winter at his mansion here. His health had been failing for some time, but his friends had understood that he had been improving since he returned here following an operation, supposedly for appendicitis, performed recently at the Mayo Brothers' hospital at Rochester, Minnesota. Post made the trip from Santa Barbara to Rochester in a special train, and being a new record for the trip across half the continent. He was accompanied by two doctors and several nurses.

At Rochester he was found to be much improved, but the operation, it was stated, was performed as a precautionary measure against future attacks.

Made Fortune in Cereals. Charles William Post was born at Springfield, Ill., October 26, 1854. He was the son of Charles Rollin and Caroline Bathrop Post.

Post was educated in the Springfield public schools and also attended the University of Illinois but never graduated from that institution. He first engaged in the hardware business, then was a commercial traveler and still later was manager of a plow factory at Springfield.

Post broke down from overwork in 1884 and for several years was an invalid, traveling for his health until 1891. When his health improved he studied medicine, hygiene and dietetics and this led him into the cereal food business, by which he amassed a fortune.

GOOD HOME ASSURED BY LIFE SENTENCE

Oakland, Cal., May 9.—Hazel Lux, the woman who on February 28th at Emeryville shot and killed her paramour, William Garland, was sentenced today by Judge Frank B. Odgen to a life imprisonment in San Quentin prison. When sentence was pronounced she fell back into the chair from which she had arisen to receive sentence.

"My God!" she screamed. "I could have redeemed myself. I know I could! My God! My God!"

In pronouncing judgment the court reviewed briefly the case and dwelt on the fact that the jury brought in a verdict of only second degree murder. "Had the sexes been reversed and Garland killed you instead of you killing him, the same jury of 12 men would have hanged him."

"Should I obey the recommendation of the jury and give you the minimum sentence of ten years, you would, with good behavior, be released in seven.

Then, what would confront you? A cold and heartless world. You would sink again into the utmost degradation. "If I give you, on the other hand, life imprisonment, the maximum sentence, you are at least assured of a good home for the remainder of your life. If I am convinced that you are trying to make good, some day I will lend my aid to you so that you may again be set at liberty. Then if you attempt to fall back into the old life, you can again be sent to prison. Therefore, Hazel Lux, it is my opinion and I hereby sentence you to imprisonment in the state prison at San Quentin for the remainder of your natural life."

The prisoner was carried screaming and hysterical from the room after four or five women had tried to calm her.

A motion for a new trial was denied. After sentence Attorney Wynmar, for the defense, notified the court that an appeal would be taken.