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—Every Aspect of Mexican Situation Has Been Laid Before Mediators—Take the Position That They are Counsellors, Not Dictators, of the Destinies of the Mexican Republic—Working on Theory That Should International Question be Brought Into Discussion United States Would Have Right to Say Whom It Would Recognize as Provisional President.

Washington, May 25.—Satisfactory reports from the Mexican mediation conference at Niagara Falls today increased the hope of the Washington government that international warfare can be averted and ultimately peace brought to Mexico.

Although the interchange between American commissioners at the scene of the negotiations and the president of the United States were not disclosed, it was declared that a satisfactory basis for working out the international dispute between the Huerta government and the United States had been reached. Moreover it was asserted that the prospect of the Mexican revolution within a reasonable time was encouraging. No assurances have come from general Carranza that he will accept any of the Constitutionalists to the mediation conference even as listeners and informants. Details were given in official quarters, however, that Carranza had flatly refused to consider any form of mediation proposals. In fact, men close to the Constitutionalists party asserted that Carranza is watching mediation developments carefully and that he is giving serious thought to some proposals that have been suggested.

May Need Carranza.

The point is made in some quarters here that, even should Carranza's forces complete their triumphant campaign by capturing the seat of the Huerta government in Mexico City, such a climax would not pacify Mexico and their still would be need for mediation. With the cause of revolution triumphing, it is believed that the strong men in the revolt must be established in the wake of military conquest and that such only can be effected through the good offices of the powers which have undertaken to compass the Mexican situation.

SMOOTH PROGRESS TOWARD A COMMON AGREEMENT.

Relative Positions on Main Issues Have Not Yet Been Decided at Niagara.

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 25.—Smooth progress toward a common agreement on all phases of the Mexican problem is being made by the mediators, and the American and Mexican delegations are working with emphasis by the mediators tonight at a day of conferences, principally with the Mexican delegates.

The three American diplomats made it plain that the mediation of the Mexican situation, both internal and international, had been laid before the delegates from the United States and Mexico, which had yet been reached for the treatment in any specified order of the issues involved. Nor has the relative importance of the issues been defined. The discussion thus far has been of a general character. The mediators have taken the position that they are essentially counsellors, and not dictators, of the destinies of the Mexican republic. They will not suggest names for the provisional presidency, nor will they recommend any form of government. From the Mexican delegates themselves must originate proposals concerning the internal affairs of their country, and these suggestions will be transmitted by the mediators to the American delegates for consideration.

Diplomats Fulfilling Mission.

The mediators feel that the work of mediation properly begins at the instant when it was important to avert war, and if by their work they shall have prevented bloodshed and can assist the people of Mexico to organize the machinery of a constitutional government, they will have fulfilled their mission. They do not conceive it to be their duty to undertake to legislate upon questions which properly fall within the jurisdiction of the constitutional government when established. To do so would naturally evoke resentment from any self-respecting people. The most they can do in this direction would be in the line of suggestion and kindly recommendation.

The theory under which the internal questions are being brought into discussion is that the United States has a right to say whom it will recognize as provisional president of Mexico, and therefore can indicate in advance who will be acceptable.

On the agrarian problem, too, suggestions must originate from the Mexican delegates. Thus far the talk on the land question has reached the merits of the subject itself. The argument has been whether Mexico's land problem could be properly discussed in an international tribunal. The Mexican delegates have shown a serious disinclination to have it included, because they regard it as a purely internal question. The American delegates on the other hand, have maintained that as the land question has been a fundamental cause of unrest, breeding revolution after revolution, some programme should be considered and perhaps suggested with a view of influencing a gradual settlement of the question.

The purpose of the American delegates, it is said, is to place the gold problem so conspicuously before the world as an obligation of the future provisional government that no new administration could ignore it.

EXPOSED PLOT TO PROVOKE AMERICAN INTERVENTION.

Former Rebels Warn to Fire Across Texas Border at American Troops.

El Paso, Texas, May 25.—Rafael E. Miran, constitutionalist agent here, exposed today what he said was a plot to provoke American intervention. He said telegrams had told him

of the movement toward the Texas border of groups of "reds" or former rebels who are serving as federal volunteers. Their intent, he asserted, was to fire across the border at American troops.

According to Musquiz one group was headed for Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Texas, while another was reported as having passed Cuatro Ciencuegas, south of Eagle pass. The exact number of the troops said to be engaged in this plan was not given, but it was estimated that they numbered nearly 1,000.

It was said they had been dispersed in various recent battles in the interior, where they fought with Huerta's army.

FUNSTON VIEWS AS TRIVIAL SHOOTING AT AEROPLANE.

Believes It to Have Been Act of Irresponsible Mexican Trooper.

Vera Cruz, May 25.—The official report of the shooting from the Mexican outpost at a hydro-aeroplane in which Lieutenant Patrick Ballinger of the naval aviation corps, was making his daily practice flight yesterday, indicates that a score of shots were fired. The marine outpost which reported the affair judged only by the reports of the rifles and the statements as to the number of these are conflicting.

Brigadier General Funston views the matter as trivial and probably as having been the act of an irresponsible Mexican trooper or two who whiffed away their time with target practice at the flying boat.

The aviators heard no shots because of the noise made by the motor, nor did the convention congratulating the National Alliance of America and the Lithuanian Patriotic societies was held here tonight. Mayor Martin Scully and other city officials addressed the convention, congratulating the delegates on their progress. Representatives of both organizations from all parts of the country were present. The convention will close Saturday evening, May 30.

Threatened Employer's Life.

Greenwich, Conn., May 25.—Seymour J. Hyde, a New York manufacturer with a country home here today caused the arrest of Joseph Deutch, a farmer employee, who he claimed threatened his life. Deutch claimed that he was related to Mrs. Hyde. He will be examined tomorrow as to his sanity.

New Haven Milliner Held in \$5,000.

New Haven, Conn., May 25.—Mrs. Minnie S. Tornberg, a milliner, in whose store last night were found some bushes which apparently had been used to start a fire, was held in \$5,000 for a hearing on an arson charge today. The fire marshal asserts that the woman recently took out \$2,500 in fire insurance on her store effects.

Another New Woman's Right.

English women were, on April 1, placed on an equality with men under the bankruptcy law. The biased privilege of going legally broke is no longer denied them.—New York World.

Can Call Any Time.

Anyway, it's not as if the United States were a mere temporary institution. Any time Eugenia's Queen wants to come, she'll find it here.—Pittsburgh Gazette-Times.

Have Points in Common.

Though far apart in the styles of gambling, the New Haven and Becker cases are alike in the number of bald, immune witnesses.—New York Press.

Ain't it So?

Ambassador Herrick says regarding his return to Ohio: "J'ai suis prestre." And doubtless he is right. We had suspected something of the kind, all along.—Kansas City Jay.

Another Mystery Cleared Up.

President Wilson laughed heartily at the funny men in the circus, it is understood, now why he likes to make personal visits to Congress.—Kansas City Journal.

Slap on the Wrist.

After reading the President's reference to "smears" in his address, we trust that Colonel George Harvey will feel properly crushed.—Boston Transcript.

A Popular Band.

The biggest I. W. W. band in this country is the I'm with Wilson boys.—Columbia, S. C. State.

Paper From Seaweed.

Paper made from seaweed has been invented by an English chemist. It is alleged to be fireproof, waterproof and odorless.

New Haven—County Commissioner J. D. Walker has been considerably worried over the fact that several crickets have appeared in the concrete landing of the stairway at the entrance of the court house.

Middletown—The Middlesex hospital was opened ten years ago Saturday. Additions have been built to the main building from time to time. There are 46 patients in the hospital.

Cabled Paragraphs

Misappropriation Charged.

Paris, May 25.—Leon Hanx Chapira, the former representative in Paris of A. Musca and Son, a New York hair importing house, was arrested today on the complaint of the assignee of the Musca firm charged with the alleged misappropriation of \$226,000.

Sir Francis Balcay Dead.

London, May 25.—Sir Francis Balcay, a prominent politician outside of parliament, who married in 1897 Mrs. Kate Morrison Foster of New York, died today. He was the president of the University of Chicago as lecturer at the Sorbonne in 1915.

Chair of French at Columbia.

Paris, May 25.—The council of the University of Chicago designated Prof. Paul Hazard to occupy the chair of French literature at Columbia university and formally approved of the nomination of Prof. James R. Angell of the University of Chicago as lecturer at the Sorbonne in 1915.

LONDON MILITANTS SHOUT "KILL THE KING."

Magistrate Warns Them, But Advice is Disregarded.

London, May 25.—Some day an exasperated crowd will break into a procession of militants. What will then happen to you women nobody knows at present. You have to thank the police for being above you owe them a debt of gratitude.

Magistrate Hopkins of the Bow Street Police court thus addressed a suffragette, who was applied for when she shouted "Shoot the king" during the appointment of a receiver for the Metropolitan Steamship company, which Morse formerly controlled. It has been charged that the New Haven railroad, in order to crush the competition offered by the Metropolitan, the company's sound steamers Yale and Harvard and caused them to be sent to the Pacific coast.

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The witness said he was treasurer of the company but could not recall whether he had been secretary also. The president of the company, according to the witness, was Miss Annie Munn, a stenographer. He said he was employed in the office of a lawyer named Davis, a friend of Warren D. Chase of Hartford, one of a group of New England business men allied with Charles S. Mellen, then president of the New Haven.

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MYSTERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT AT SOUTHBRIDGE, MASS.

Overturning of Machine, With Two Fatalities.

Southbridge, Mass., May 25.—Mysterious circumstances surround the deaths of James W. MacDonald of Amherst, Mass., whose bodies were found pinned beneath their automobile on the Hitchcock Hill road today. Medical Examiner Harris C. Bradford said the men had been dead for 20 hours and had been strangled by the weight of the seat twisted across their necks.

Part of the car's equipment was scattered about for a considerable distance from the road, which has been practically abandoned for several years. Tracks of another automobile were found and the authorities are uncertain whether there had been a collision or whether the wrecked machine lost its power and was overturned when an effort was made to back it down the hill.

A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE AT CLEVELAND.

Two Lumber Yards Destroyed and a Portion of the Central Viaduct.

Cleveland, O., May 25.—Fire in lumber yards here tonight caused a loss estimated at \$1,000,000 and destroyed a large portion of the central viaduct which connects the south side with the business part of the east side.

The lumber yards destroyed were those of the Fisher & Wilson Lumber company and the Shurtin Peck & Co. A strong wind blowing and sparks were blown over a large part of the city.

ROOSEVELT'S CAMPAIGN HAS WARLIKE ASPECT.

Rumors That He is to Devote Himself to Criticism of Wilson's Policies.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., May 25.—The campaign preparations of Colonel Roosevelt on a war-like aspect today. Information was received that the president has received since his return from South America has caused him to revise his plans for avoiding public discussion of politics until well on in the summer. Although he has reached no definite conclusion, it is not improbable that before he sails for Europe next Saturday he will make statement of his views on current political subjects. Should he do so, it is said, he will devote himself almost entirely to criticism of the policies of the Wilson administration.

MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPERS PRINT ERRONEOUS REPORTS.

Claim Invasion by Americans Would Remain Until Pacification.

Mexico City, May 25.—Some of the newspapers of the capital continue to publish all sorts of erroneous reports emanating from various sources. An impartial printed a report today, alleged to have come from Washington, to the effect that President Wilson had ordered his delegates at Niagara Falls to notify the Mexican representatives that if the peace negotiations failed Mexico would be invaded by the American army and that the army would remain until the country was completely pacified.

OBITUARY.

Charles H. Bennett.

New York, May 25.—Charles G. Bennett, formerly secretary of the United States senate, died this afternoon at his home in Brooklyn. About two years ago Mr. Bennett suffered a complete breakdown. He recovered and returned to his duties at Washington, but about three months ago became ill again.

Barn and Contents Burned at Union City.

Naugatuck, Conn., May 25.—A barn owned by Enock Broadbent in Union City was burned tonight together with its contents consisting of an automobile and furniture. Two other automobiles were saved. Mr. Broadbent's horse caught fire but the Naugatuck firemen had no difficulty in extinguishing the blaze. The loss is \$2,500. The origin of the fire is not known.

Small Fire at Danbury.

Danbury, Conn., May 25.—Fire of undetermined origin did damage estimated at \$2,000 and upwards tonight to two buildings at 241-243 Main street, owned by Charles E. Daley and H. J. D. Plaut. The fire started in the stores in the building were considerably damaged by water.

Morse's Dummy Signed Checks

WITH WHICH NEW ENGLAND SECURITIES CO. BOUGHT SHIPS.

\$3,000,000 IN AGGREGATE

Says President of the Company, Was Miss Annie Mann, Stenographer—

Testimony of G. D. McIntosh, Treasurer.

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Men Missing Were Recaptured.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 25.—Three young men in a salitboat, for whose safety considerable alarm was felt last night, were found safe but hungry today by a relief expedition led by former Harbormaster Morris. The salitboat was becalmed outside the harbor shortly after midnight and had been unable to make any progress.

Machinery Fell on Miners—25 Killed.

Mexico City, May 25.—While a heavy piece of machinery was being lowered into a shaft at the Santa Gertrudis mine at Pachuca today it fell, killing 25 miners who were working below. All were Mexicans. Several of the mine bosses were arrested.

Condensed Telegrams

President Wilson will present diplomas to the graduating class of Annapolis on June 5.

A marble statue of Ralph Waldo Emerson, the poet and essayist, was unveiled at Concord, Mass.

Buckingham P. Merriam of Waterbury was elected secretary of the senior class of the Yale law school.

Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador to Italy gave a dinner in honor of Cardinal Gibbons in Rome.

James P. Graves, an adjutant-general in the army of General Robert E. Lee, died in Washington, aged 94.

Enrico Caruso, the tenor, made his first flight in an airplane yesterday in White at the Hendon aerodrome.

Five sailors were drowned when two cutters capsized during a gale at the Imperial Yacht Club's regatta at Kiel.

Lewis Mosher, deputy sheriff at Glenn Falls, N. Y., was killed in a collision of automobiles near Lake George.

The French government has decorated Samuel Roosevelt, the American artist with the cross of the Legion of Honor.

Charles L. Munch, of Jersey City, has resigned as tax commissioner, on which he was appointed May 4. The job pays \$2,400.

The first annual conference of the American League of America will be held at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., on June 2, 3, and 4.

John B. Eberhardt, of Revere, Mass., said to be a deserter of the navy, shot and killed Mrs. Agnes Morris and then committed suicide.

Maurice Geary of New York, attempting to escape the heat, fell to the ground and was killed.

Earle Gray, former governor-general of Canada, arrived in Ottawa with Countess Gray and their two daughters on their way to New York.

An Australian squadron will visit the Panama-Pacific exposition and will also participate in the naval review at the opening of the Panama canal.

Luther Himmereich, a car conductor for Bayonne, N. J., was beaten and stabbed by eight young men when he insisted on their paying their fare.

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Morgan Denies Mellen's Tale

TAKES FULL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LATTER'S REMOVAL

DEFENDS HIS FATHER

Will Place Records of His Firm and Personal Records of His Father Now Available Before Any Proper Tribunal at any Time.

New York, May 25.—J. P. Morgan tonight characterized as untrue the testimony of Charles S. Mellen, former head of the New York and New Haven and Hartford railroad, before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington last week, that J. Pierpont Morgan concealed from New Haven facts regarding the New Haven road which Mr. Mellen should have known.

Mr. Morgan offered to produce before any proper tribunal any time the records of J. P. Morgan and his company and the personal records of his father.

Taking full responsibility upon himself for the change in the road's presidency by which Mr. Mellen resigned and gave way to another, Mr. Morgan said it was untrue that his father's name was taken from Mr. Mellen the management of the road or any part of its affairs.

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