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POSSESSION OF TAMPICO MAY EMBARRASS REBELS

As Their Victories Grow Demands of Nations Loom Up.

THE OPINION OF EXPERTS

Question of Rebels Obtaining Arms While Embargo is On Gives Washington Some Concern.

Washington, May 14.—Tampico's fall, enlarging the Constitutionalists' sphere of control and giving them a seaport through which munitions of war may be directly imported, injected into the Mexican situation to-day new phases to occupy the attention of official Washington. The last conference of the South American mediators was held and later one of the envoys, Ambassador Da Gama, departed for Niagara Falls.

Interest to-day centered on Tampico and the vigorous prosecution of the Constitutionalists campaign southward. The American government already has begun representations to the Constitutionalists to secure protection for American and other foreign operatives returning to the oil wells; American warships have gone up the Panuco River to their old stations before the town. At the mouth of the river are the Federal gunboats with a part of the Federal garrison. The captains of the ships have asked for an interview with Rear Admiral Mayo, which was granted but its purpose has not been divulged.

REBELS NEED MORE ARMS.

Discussion to-day centered chiefly on the question of shipping arms and ammunition through Tampico. The Constitutionalists are short and wish to avail themselves of the first opportunity to replenish their stock. Arms were prevented from reaching the Constitutionalists through the embargo which was replaced by President Wilson some time ago.

At Manzanillo and other west coast ports no effort have been made to prevent arms reaching Huerta and the belief was general here to-day that the Constitutionalists would have no difficulty in importing munitions through Tampico in any quantity.

The presence of the Huerta gunboats in Tampico harbor after evacuation by the federals has led to the conjecture that they will be used in blockading the port. It is believed that it was the purpose of learning whether Admiral Mayo would respect such a blockade that the commanders of the federal gunboats asked for a conference.

OPINION OF EXPERTS.

Naval experts here agree that so long as the federal commanders are able to make this blockade really effective, it must be respected by foreign shipping. The recognition of an effective blockade by a belligerent does not, it is said, involve political recognition of either party to the strife.

The state department regards the Lobos Island lighthouse incident as closed.

Secretary Bryan today acquitted of any blame Lieut. Commander Jeffers, of the destroyer Fanning, who gave the light keeper a certificate that he had taken possession of the light by force.

HIS BRAVERY REWARDED.

President Gives Young Man Job Without Examination.

Washington, May 13.—Paul V. Sauls was rewarded for his heroic defense of the Tallahassee, Fla., post-office against two robbers, when the President today issued an executive order appointing him to a clerical position in the government without examination. Sauls, who is 22 years old, will become a clerk in the Jacksonville office.

Four years ago, while substituting for his father as watchman in the Tallahassee federal building, Sauls fought off two safe blowers, fatally wounding both.

PRAYERS FOR MEDIATION.

Prayers for the Success of the Plan Asked in Methodist Churches.

Washington, May 14.—Prayers for the success of mediation in composing the Mexican situation were requested in all Methodist Episcopal churches on Sunday, May 17, in a communication addressed to the churches today by Earl Cranston, senior bishop of the church.

In his statement Bishop Cranston called upon district superintendents and pastors of the church "to pray publicly in the congregation on Sunday, the 17th, and to exhort all the people to continue to pray in private for the Divine blessing on the efforts of the mediators and for the spirit of conciliation and good will among the representatives of the governments concerned to the end that peace may prevail and friendly relations be perpetuated. The hour is critical and the church may render great service by such outpouring of faith and good will. This is the Master's way."

TRAFFIC PASSING THROUGH CANAL

Suspension of Railroad Service Brings About Premature Opening of Canal to Trade.

Washington, May 14.—For the first time water borne traffic is now passing through the Panama canal, according to reports that have been received at the headquarters of the Panama Railroad in New York.

Though confirmation of the report has not reached the Washington office of the Isthmian canal commission, it is known that ample provision had been made by Colonel Goethals for the institution of water service beginning not later than May 10th. As a matter of fact, according to the Panama Railroad reports, the service actually began last Saturday and a steady stream of barges in tow is now passing through the canal.

Tremendous congestion in inter-oceanic commerce caused by the suspension of service on the Tehuantepec Railroad in southern Mexico brought about this rather premature opening of the canal to trade. Several of the great freight liners, which in conjunction with the similar service on the Pacific, maintained trade lines between Europe and the far East via Tehuantepec, have recently appeared at Colon and Panama offering cargoes for shipment overland far beyond the capacity of the Panama Railroad.

Colonel Goethals has not yet reported to Washington just when the canal will be opened to merchant shipping, but the understanding here is that the waterway is practically finished and that even now there is a sufficient channel through the Culebra cut for almost any warship or liner.

It is understood that this large service is to be operated on about a 12 hours' schedule from the Atlantic to the Pacific, which allows about an hour's delay in each of the locks.

SHOT IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

J. M. Cannon of Laurens Killed by J. G. Sullivan.

Gray Court, S. C., May 13.—John M. Cannon, an attorney of Laurens, and judge advocate on the staff of Governor Bleasde, was yesterday shot and killed in a magistrate's court here by Joseph G. Sullivan, a farmer. A dispute arose during the trial of Sullivan's brother, which led to the killing.

Cannon was chairman of the Laurens county Democratic executive committee and one of the political leaders of this section.

The parties walked from the court room in front of the depot where a dispute arose between Sullivan and Cannon. Sullivan drew a revolver and fired five times, four shots taking effect in Cannon's body. Sullivan was arrested immediately and taken to the Laurens county jail. The body of Mr. Cannon was also taken to Laurens, where the funeral will be held. Both men are prominently connected in politics in this state. Mr. Sullivan was defeated two years ago for the house of representatives and is from one of the best families of the state. Mr. Cannon is chairman of the state Democratic club, a member of Governor Bleasde's staff and was recently appointed a regent of the State Hospital. The killing has caused a profound sensation in South Carolina.

REBELS TAKE TAMPICO AFTER FIERCE STRUGGLE

Federals Retreat, Going Toward San Luis Potosi.

HOSTILITIES END FOR TIME

The Federals Are Maintaining Armistice So Far as Americans Are Concerned.

Washington, May 13.—Evacuation of Tampico by the Mexican federal garrison began at 12:50 p. m. today, according to a relayed wireless dispatch to the navy department from Rear Admiral Mayo. The federal troops were leaving by the railroad.

That the rebels encountered desperate resistance in their final attack, and that they were compelled to carry their fight to the heart of the town, was indicated by Rear Admiral Mayo's report. He reported that at 1 o'clock today, when it was reported that the rebels had occupied Tampico, there was heavy rifle firing in the plaza and that big gun firing continued.

Advices received by Constitutionalists here said the federals were evacuating Tampico, but details were lacking.

The federals were retreating by way of the railroad leading to San Luis Potosi, and it was assumed that they hoped to reach Pachuca, the terminus of a railway line that leads directly to Mexico City. The railroad out of Tampico to Monterey is held by the Constitutionalists.

Small Chance of Escape.

Vera Cruz, May 14.—The fall of Tampico and what it may mean is the subject of general speculation here. It is learned that the Constitutionalists delivered a determined attack on the port, beginning at 4 o'clock this morning. The federal advance posts were driven in and until noon desperate firing was continuous.

In what direction the federals are evacuating the town has not been learned, but it is believed that the Constitutionalists have overrun the territory around San Luis Potosi and Monterey, which would make federal escape in that direction possible only by a continuous running fight for many miles.

Few, if any foreigners, remain in Tampico, according to the last reports received here. A general exodus began when the news spread that the rebels were preparing for a final assault. Many Tampico refugees passed through here, but few were allowed ashore, as the American authorities were not willing to increase the large colony already overcrowding the hotels. With the fall of Tampico hostilities on the Gulf coast of Mexico come to an end, at least for a time.

MAINTAINING ARMISTICE.

The federals are maintaining the armistice so far as the Americans are concerned, according to a note from Gen. Rubio Navarrete published here today. Nowhere else along the coast line, except at Tampico, are there more than scattered posts of federals or Constitutionalists, and the logical movement of the victors from Tampico would be to join forces with those besieging San Luis Potosi.

South of Tampico the nearest federal forces, those on the Mexican Railroad, are merely holding outposts against a possible American advance inland. The country between Tampico and Vera Cruz, and inland to the line of the Mexican National Railroad is barren and mountainous and impossible for military operations. There is no railroad or other means for the Constitutionalists to move against the federals at Paso Del Macho, nor would they gain great advantage by driving them back toward the capital.

The Constitutionalists first attacked Tampico last December and fighting has been virtually continuous since. Twice they drove the Federal garrison into the town and seemed near victory, only to be shelved by the gunboats and forced to retire on the hills. No estimate of the losses on either side have ever been officially obtained.

There is much discussion here as to the possible relations between this port under American control and Tampico under the Constitutionalists control. It is said that Tampico is greatly in need of supplies of all kinds and Vera Cruz merchants hope

BAPTISTS ELECT LANSING BURROWS

Americus Man Will Head Big Southern Baptist Convention.

THREE BALLOTS CAST.

First Session of Convention Attended by Nearly 1,500 Delegates.

Nashville, Tenn., May 13.—Dr. Lansing Burrows of Americus, Ga., late today was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, which convenes here for a five days' session. Dr. Burrows' selection terminated an exciting three ballot contest in which his four opponents for the honor were eliminated.

The first session of the convention was attended by 1,459 authorized delegates representing a constituency of more than two million persons from every Southern state and Illinois.

Immediately after convening the delegates entered into the election of officers. Dr. E. C. Dargan of Macon, Ga., who has been president of the organization for three years, announced that he was not a candidate for re-election. Despite this fact Dr. Dargan's name was placed in nomination together with W. H. Wolfe of Dallas, Texas, Edgar Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., Dr. J. B. Cambrell, editor of The Baptist Standard, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Lansing Burrows.

The following other officers were elected by acclamation:

Vice presidents, W. E. Powell, Louisville, Ky.; W. H. Wolfe, Dallas, Texas; H. S. D. Mallory, Alabama, and J. M. Pilcher, Petersburg, Va. Treasurer, George W. Norton, Louisville, Ky.; auditor, William B. Harvey, Louisville, Ky.; corresponding secretaries, High C. Moore, North Carolina, and O. F. Gregory, Baltimore.

During the progress of the election, the visiting delegates were welcomed to the city by Rev. G. A. Lofton, dean of the local Baptist ministers and several committee reports were read.

In his address Dr. Lofton spoke of the progress made by the Baptist denomination since the Sixteenth century. This, he said, was due to "orthodox evangelism, education and practice."

"The greatest menace to this progress," he added, "now is conventional predominance over the churches and the liberalistic tendencies of big money and infidel culture crept into high places of denominational trust through education, literature and pulpit utterance. 'This world can never be redeemed upon the theory of a spotted Bible, chimpanzee racialism, an evolute Christ, minimized sin, a doubtful hell, a Unitarian atonement and salvation by culture and character, instead of grace,' he asserted.

Reports of the home and foreign mission boards were read before the convention this afternoon, but no action upon them was taken. The foreign mission board stated that 5,523 baptisms during the year just closed, the largest number ever reported in one year.

Militant Damages Valuable Picture.

London, May 13.—A militant suffragette, armed with a hatchet, yesterday seriously damaged a valuable portrait of the Duke of Wellington in the Royal Academy. An attendant seized her and took her to the police station, where she said her name was Mary Ansell.

She was committed to jail. The prisoner sent to the Women's Social and Political Union a message asserting that her deed was a protest against the present unjust position of women for which militancy was the only remedy.

General Pena Supercedes General Maas Near Vera Cruz.

Washington, May 14.—News reached Washington through official sources last night that General Garcia Pena, one of the highest ranking officers in the Mexican federal army, has taken command of the forces outside Vera Cruz, superceding General Maas.

to fill the demand. It is certain that the American authorities will foster the resumption of peaceful trading by every possible means.

SMITH-LEVER BILL SIGNED.

Extension Bill, Calling for Farm Demonstration, Becomes a Law.

Washington, May 13.—President Wilson has signed the agricultural extension bill providing for farm demonstration in all the states of the Union.

It will be remembered that quite a fight was made when the bill was before the senate to force a division of the funds with the negro agricultural colleges. This was defeated. When the bill reached the President the same fight was presented to him and he was urged to veto the bill for this reason. The President declined to do so, and the bill is now a law.

The President used two gold pens in signing the bill and sent one of them to Senator Hoke Smith and one to Congressman Lever.

Senator Hoke Smith is sending his pen to the State College of Agriculture at Athens, which is to administer the funds in Georgia, that it may be kept at the college as a souvenir of the legislation which it is believed will be of so much service to the farmers of the state.

SHRINERS WILL MEET NEXT IN SEATTLE

Dr. F. R. Smith of Rochester Elected Imperial Potentate.

Atlanta, Ga., May 13.—Selection of Seattle as the meeting place for 1915 and election of Dr. Frederick R. Smith of Damascus Temple, Rochester, N. Y., as Council, marked today's meeting here of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

The meeting at Seattle will open July 15 and continue for four days. The Washington city was decided upon after its advantages and those of San Francisco, the other city seeking the gathering, had been considered by the Imperial Council late today. The final vote was unanimous for Seattle.

In addition to the election of Mr. Smith as imperial potentate to succeed William W. Irwin of Wheeling, W. Va., the following other officers were elected today:

J. Jutman Stevens, Portland, Me., deputy imperial potentate.

Henry F. Neidringhaus, Jr., St. Louis, imperial chief rabban.

William S. Brawn, Pittsburgh, imperial treasurer.

Benjamin W. Bowell, Boston, Mass., imperial recorder.

Charles E. Ovenshire, Minneapolis, Minn., imperial assistant rabban.

W. Freeland Kendrick, Philadelphia, Pa., imperial oriental guard.

Ellis J. Garrettson, Tacoma, Wash., imperial first ceremonial master.

W. J. Matthews, New York, having tendered his resignation as imperial marshal, Ernest A. Cutts of Savannah, Ga., was advanced two grades, from captain of the guard to imperial second ceremonial master. For the same reason James S. McCandless of Honolulu was promoted two grades from imperial outer guard to imperial marshal.

Jack T. Jones, Oklahoma City, imperial captain of the guard.

Conrad V. Dyckman, Brooklyn, N. Y., imperial outer guard.

Thousands packed the hills and terraces of Piedmont park here today to witness the annual divisional review of the patrols of the different temples of the shrine and the exhibition drills. It was the third great spectacle staged by the Shriners, two elaborate parades being given yesterday.

Patrols participating included more than 3,000 men. They were divided into eight regiments led by eight bands formed from the 1,000 musicians represented in the various bands of the different patrols. All of the patrols were garbed in brilliant uniforms of oriental design. At the conclusion of the review and drills, the combined bands gave a concert.

Disastrous Fire Visits Varnville.

Hampton Special to Charleston News and Courier, May 14.—Fire completely destroyed property valued at \$70,000 in Varnville, two miles from this place, this morning at 2:30 o'clock. Seven stores and all of the outbuildings appurtenant thereto were destroyed. Insurance amounting to \$23,100 was carried on a portion of the property destroyed.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO VISIT CHERAW

Will Speak at Celebration of Founding of City in July.

THE TIE THAT BINDS HIM.

Cheraw Democratic Club First to Endorse Wilson For the Presidency.

Anderson Special to Charleston News and Courier, May 13.—Visitors from Cheraw here yesterday declared that President Woodrow Wilson has accepted an invitation to visit Cheraw on July 8, and will make an address on the occasion of the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the city. The Hon. Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, and the Hon. David Houston, secretary of agriculture, have also accepted invitations to be present and make addresses.

The Cheraw Democratic Club has the distinction of being the first club in the United States to pass a resolution endorsing Woodrow Wilson for President of the United States. At that time Mr. Wilson was being occasionally mentioned now and then in various parts of the country as a possible candidate. The Cheraw club sent delegates to the Chesterfield county convention instructed to introduce and support a similar resolution in the county convention.

Mr. Wilson, after receiving the nomination at the Baltimore convention, wrote letters of appreciation to the Democrats of Cheraw. He stated that he felt as if he was well acquainted with the people of that town as his father and uncle had preached there and he had heard so much from them about the town and its people. He promised to visit the town the first opportunity he received.

INVITED BY STEVENSON. The visitors here, state W. F. Stevenson went to Washington from Cheraw three or four days ago and presented the invitation to the President, stating it was the earnest desire of the people that he be present for the anniversary celebration.

This celebration will extend through three days and the dates were left open to the President. It is said the President suggested either July 8 or 9, the exact date to be determined later. The committee on arrangements for the town of Cheraw has engagements with representatives of passenger departments of all the railroads in the state, the conference to be held in Cheraw Friday, when plans will be made for special trains and special low rates. Trains will be operated from every section of the two Carolinas, it is declared. Since this is the only invitation President Wilson has accepted for the summer to make a speech, a great deal of importance is attached to what he will have to say. It is thought that he will speak on his policies, outlining what he hopes to accomplish during the remainder of his term.

Nordica Left a Collection of Jewels Valued at \$1,000,000.

New York, May 14.—A notable collection of jewels, valued at \$1,000,000, including the famous Nordica pearl, were disposed of by Mme. Lillian Nordica in her will, some details of which became known today. Mme. Nordica's husband, George W. Young, the New York banker, and her three sisters, it is understood, are her chief legatees.

Only the Work of Youths.

Washington, May 14.—Capt. De Bertier De Sauvigny, military attaché of the French embassy here, has returned from a tour of inspection in Mexico, coming direct from Tampico and Vera Cruz. He reported that the anti-American demonstrations at Tampico, following the occupation of Vera Cruz, were largely the work of youths and boys.

Charleston Dentist Dies.

Charleston, May 13.—Dr. Gustav B. Patrick, a well-known dentist of Charleston, is dead here, and will be buried tomorrow morning. He had been engaged in his profession in Charleston all his life. His death follows a long period of ill health. He is survived by a widow and several children.