

HUERTA READY TO AGREE TO TERMS WITH UNCLE SAM

Minister of Foreign Affairs Is Sent to Vera Cruz to Reopen Negotiations with Envoy Lind Which It Is Believed Will Result in Dictator Agreeing to Terms Insisted Upon by United States.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 19.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Forced by the increasing seriousness of the Mexican situation, President Huerta now appears ready to resume negotiations with Envoy Lind, who has been making his headquarters at Salina Cruz for some time. This was indicated yesterday by reports current in semi-official circles. It is announced that Jose Lopez-Portilla y Rojas, minister of foreign affairs, has been directed by the government to reopen negotiations with the representative of the United States. He left yesterday for Vera Cruz for the purpose of making unofficial exchanges with the representative of the United States.

It is believed here that this will lead to negotiations which may yet result in Huerta acceding to the demands of President Wilson to resign the presidency and provide for a free election of his successor.

In the event of an agreement it is believed Huerta will go into the field at the head of the Federal forces and attempt to put down the revolution, as he once before intimated.

Every effort has been made to keep the mission of the minister of foreign affairs to Vera Cruz a secret. Minister Rojas, it is expected, will hold his first conference with Envoy Lind today.

Huerta's intention of taking up with more vigor the campaign against the Constitutionalists was evidenced yesterday when he summoned to the palace sixty of the wealthiest residents in the capital. In the conference that followed he intimated to them in an indirect way that financial support of the federal government at this time would be highly agreeable in view of the campaign he purposed inaugurating against the rebels. Incidentally he reminded them of the decree he issued several months ago, calling upon each of the owners of haciendas in Mexico to equip and maintain a force of ten men for the purpose of the defense of the government. He pointed out that this decree had never been enforced and announced that it would be. He urged those present to immediately obey the order. If this decree is carried out it will give Huerta, with his present troops, a force of five hundred thousand men to cope with the revolutionists.

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, March 19.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A fire broke out in the Windsor Hotel at one-forty-five o'clock this (Thursday) morning. A hundred guests were reported as asleep in the place at the time. The department is still battling with the flames. It is not known at this time whether all the occupants of the place escaped.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Coolly walking into the First National Bank of the little town of San Anselmo at noon yesterday, an unmasked man presented a revolver at the head of the assistant cashier, who was at the window, and reaching through pulled out a tray partially filled with gold. The pile contained \$400 in all.

Other clerks in the bank witnessed the deed, and as the robber backed out of the place they opened fire on him. He ran through the street, followed by practically the entire town, who had been attracted by the noise, and made his escape toward Mount Tamalpais.

Poses spent the afternoon and last night scouring the brush and slopes of Mount Tamalpais, searching for the thief, but he has seemingly made good his escape.

British Subject Whose Death in Mexico is Charged to Rebel Leader



WILLIAM S. BENTON, DRAWN BY HIS FRIEND F. A. SOMMERFELD OF EL PASO

This is the first likeness of William S. Benton, British ranch owner who recently was slain in Mexico and whose death is being investigated by two governments, printed by any newspaper. So far as is known, Mr. Benton never was photographed during his twenty-five years' residence in Mexico. (Courtesy of N. Y. Herald.)

REBELS SAY TORREON WILL FALL IN APRIL

EL PASO, Texas, March 19.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A thorough canvass of the many reports of a conflicting nature received from Torreon have resulted in minimizing the seriousness of the clashes which have taken place between the rebels and Federals at Escalon and Rosario. It is the belief of the Constitutionalist forces at Ciudad Juarez that Torreon will not fall before April 18.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico, March 18.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Close following the murder of Oscar Allan, an American citizen employed as night watchman at the Madera Company's stores and offices at Juarez, bandits broke into the company's warehouses and looted them.

Strict censorship is maintained by General Villa and the progress of the important battles around Torreon are unknown. The report of insurgent reverses is unconfirmed.

HUERTA RUSHES TROOPS TO BESIEGED CITY

CITY OF MEXICO, March 18.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Fifteen hundred federal troops have been sent north to reinforce the government army at Torreon. The detachment that left today is supplied with modern equipment and takes with it ten high-powered automobiles for scouting purposes.

JAPANESE MURDERER GETS LONG SENTENCE

Hatsumura, a Japanese from the Waimea district court, accused of murder in the first degree, was arraigned in the circuit court Wednesday morning and entered a plea of guilty to a charge of murder in the second degree. He admitted the killing, but affirmed that he had no intention of committing the crime, and did so while under the influence of liquor, says the Garden Island. In view of this plea, the man was sentenced to imprisonment at hard labor for a term of not less than twenty nor more than forty years.

Inasmuch as he is now fifty-four years of age, his sentence probably means life.

ENROLLING "VOLUNTEERS" FOR FEDERAL ARMY

Physical examinations of candidates for the Mexican federal army have been suspended, as evidenced by the accompanying illustration, which shows one of President Huerta's "recruiting" squads with a "recruit," humorously termed a "volunteer," on the way to the barracks in Mexico City. The fact that the "volunteer," shown in the photograph surrounded with soldiers, is a cripple apparently makes no difference to the recruiting officers.



AGAIN FIGHTING FIRE IN COLLIER JUPITER

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Naval officers here were considerably perturbed today over a disaster to the new electrically-propelled naval collier Jupiter. The Jupiter, which is preparing to round the Horn with a full cargo, has caught fire in one compartment, which is now blazing furiously, supposedly from spontaneous combustion. Officers at Mare Island say they believe they can get the fire under control.

The following cable relative to hearings to be held for the selection of a federal building site in Honolulu was received by the Merchants Association yesterday: Washington, March 18.—Treasury department officials have decided to make an investigation of all sites proposed as a substitute for the Mahukala federal building site. The investigation begins in ten days or two weeks. McCann's second report gave a list of five or six sites suitable for substitutes for the Mahukala site, at a saving of a hundred thousand dollars. The government will examine them.

\$14,000 SECURED BY LONE BANDIT

Kidnap Messenger in Express Train, Cools Sacks Booty and Escapes in Woods.

BEAUMONT, Texas, March 19.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—One of the most daring train robberies in Texas in recent years was committed near here last night when a lone bandit made his way into the express car of a passenger train under full speed, held up the messenger, compelled him to open the safe and coolly netted \$14,000 in gold and paper currency.

After blinding and gagging the messenger the bandit caused the train to come to a stop by applying the air and made his escape in the dense woods.

A posse was organized as soon as the train reached here. The officers have only a slight description of the robber.

ST. LOUIS, March 19.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—An explosion in the Equitable Powder Company's plant, across the river in Illinois last night, killed 28 men and injured 100.

The night watchman, the only one in the plant at the time, was killed. 28 men were the force of the explosion that many towns miles away reported it as an earthquake.

The cause of the explosion will probably never be learned.

Troops Patrol the Streets of Paris to Preserve Peace

First Wave of Feeling Over Shooting and Scandal in Ministry Passes, But Government Is Not Relaxing Vigilance.

PARIS, March 19.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The first wave of feeling over the shooting and scandal in the ministry of the interior has passed, and the government is relaxing its vigilance.

However, the crisis is far from passed, it is believed here. The city seems to be a temporary peace, and the government is using every precaution to guard against an outbreak.

At different points throughout the city troops are stationed and throughout the night they were kept busy dispersing small gatherings and breaking up Socialist meetings where efforts were made to keep alive the feeling of discontent.

The police have made a number of arrests and it is understood that from now on a more stern hand will be used in preserving order.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The Senate yesterday passed the urgent deficiency bill, carrying an appropriation of \$10,000,000.

This sum \$500,000 is to be applied to the support of the Mexican refugees being maintained by the United States at Fort Rosecrans, California, and Fort Bliss, Texas.

DEPUTY THOMPSON BEGINS NEW DUTIES

(From Thursday Advertiser.) J. W. Thompson, who came to Honolulu recently from Nashville, Tennessee, to become assistant United States district attorney, made his first appearance yesterday in government work here by conducting the examination of a witness at the preliminary hearing of a bigamy charge against Tamihachi Nakihara of Molokai before Commissioner George A. Davis.

It was later stated by a court official that there is no official record on file of the appointment of Mr. Thompson as Jeff McCann's assistant; that he has not yet taken his oath of office nor has he been admitted as a proctor before the federal court.

"I like Hawaii first rate," stated Mr. Thompson yesterday, "and I feel that I am at home already. The people here are so approachable."

C. C. Bitting, former assistant United States district attorney, severed his connection with that office yesterday. From the story told around the federal court, it developed that Bitting went to his office yesterday, quietly packed his personal belongings and left. District Attorney McCann stated yesterday that he had expected that Bitting would remain in office until the end of the month.

"As far as I know, he has gone," said Mr. McCann yesterday. "He packed his belongings and went away. I am informed he has not seen him today. Mr. Thompson will help me out in my work from today on."

HONOLULU GIRL IS CALLED BY DEATH

(From Thursday Advertiser.) Miss Blanche Hannah Ward died at twenty minutes after four o'clock yesterday afternoon at the Queen's Hospital, blood poisoning being the immediate cause of death. The funeral will be held this afternoon at three o'clock from the H. H. Williams undertaking parlors, Fort street, to the Catholic Cathedral, where religious services will be held, Reverend Father Stephen officiating, and from thence to the Nununu Cemetery.

Miss Ward was a daughter of the late James Ward and his wife, Mrs. Kellipanaia Ward, also deceased, and was born in Honolulu nineteen years ago. She had been living with her aunt, Mrs. Solomon H. of Waialeale, Oahu, and was educated at the Kawili Seminary, concluding her studies last recently at Normal School here.

(From Thursday Advertiser.) A large audience filled the big assembly hall of the Academy of the Sacred Hearts at Kaimuki last night when a very pleasing musical and literary entertainment was given by the pupils of the academy in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival in Honolulu of the Reverend Mother Mary Lawrence, now head of the convent of the Sacred Hearts, Fort street.

Bishop Gilbert and members of the clergy, many former pupils of these institutions and others were present. Mother Mary Lawrence arrived in Honolulu, together with nine other sisters and four priests, among the latter Father Damien, the "Molokai Martyr," by the ship R. W. Wood, on March 19, 1864, fifty years ago today.

BEST MEDICINE MADE

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SKIRMISH IS EXPECTED IN SENATE

Jones Resolution Calling Upon President to Submit Correspondence with Foreign Powers Over Repeal of Panama Canal Tolls Bill Expected to Bring Out Facts Heretofore Kept from Public.



ACCIDENT CAUSED BY STEEP GRADE

"We Cannot Build Fool Proof Bridges, Even to Save Paheco," Says Whitehouse.

(From Thursday Advertiser.) I brought a serious charge against City Engineer Whitehouse at the meeting of the supervisors, and it should not be treated as a joke," said Supervisor Paheco yesterday.

"I accused Whitehouse of responsibility for the death of the Japanese who was drowned last week in the Wahiawa reservoir, because he has had the money to repair that bridge and make it safe for the past three or four months. Now that is a serious charge. Either it is true and Whitehouse is responsible, or it is not true and I am an ass."

The supervisor explains that the board voted \$3700 last November to repair the bridge, which amount is yet unexpended.

What Was Done. "The bridge has been placarded as unsafe for heavy loads ever since I examined it last November and reported to the board," said Mr. Whitehouse last night, when asked for some explanation of the matter. "The bridge was built ten years ago, when the traffic at Wahiawa was light, and it was never intended for the heavy traffic now using it. It is on the main road, however, and we cannot close it to rebuild it. My plan is to rebuild in sections, using the original plans, but substituting heavier timbers. I made recommendations and estimates and the board agreed to them, but by the time the ordinance had passed third reading the reservoir had filled and it was impossible to go ahead as planned."

Cutting Away Grades. "Work is now being done on the cutting away of the grades on each end of the bridge, however, so that such accidents as that of Saturday cannot recur. It was not the fault of the bridge that the accident happened, but the fault of the driver of the machine, who slid onto the bridge from the curve on the approach, which has a steep down grade. Hardly any sort of a guard rail could have prevented the car from jumping the bridge. The driver is kanuaina to the road and the dangerous condition of the bridge, and should have known better than to have traveled at the rate he did. We cannot build fool-proof bridges, not even to save Paheco."

An inspection of the bridge will be made by a special committee, headed by Mayor Fern, today.

RAIN WELCOMED BY RESIDENTS OF KAUAI

What is familiarly known as a "Ni-hau storm" broke over the entire island of Kauai Monday morning, and heavy showers kept up most of the day. The rain was probably heaviest around Keolu, Waimea, Makaweli, Elele and McBryde plantations. Keolu seemed to miss a part of it, but enjoyed quite steady showers. In Lihue and around to Hanalei showers were frequent and heavy, according to the Garden Island.

Coming at this time, the rain will do lots of good, particularly between Keolu and Keolu, that section missing two last rain which visited Lihue.

BRIBERY DISCOURAGED ON GARDEN ISLAND

The Chinaman accused of bribing Judge Dickey, at Kawaihau, had his case thoroughly aired in Judge Dickey's court last week, says the Garden Island of Kauai. It appears that the defendant had "slipped" \$25 over to the court, which the latter took, but, like all good officials, proceeded to prefer charges against the defendant \$30. Notice of appeal was given by Mr. Haunestad, attorney for the Chinaman.

It is reported that contracts are soon to be let for the construction of another great tunnel and ditch system to bring water from the Keolu side of this island for irrigating Honolulu plantation. Financing of this enterprise, which will call for an investment of over half a million dollars, is being managed by a group of San Francisco capitalists associated with John A. Buck, it is said.