

MEDIATORS ENJOY LIFE AND ARE KEEPING COOL

Colony of Diplomats Takes Time to Learn New American Dances and See the Sights

ALSO HOLD DISCUSSIONS

Optimism Prevails and Results Are Expected to Follow the Conferences Being Held.

[By Fred S. Ferguson, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 26.—The "common ground of understanding" in the Mexican mediation program is slowly being reached. The Mexican delegates today were expected formally to make known their position on what is conceded to be the crux of the entire plan for rehabilitation of Mexico—the breaking up of the vast estates held by the powerful hacendados and some plan of distribution of this land so that the poor may share.

The constitutionalists based their revolt on this agrarian reform. It was not expected that a complete plan for division of land could be reached without their participation, officially or unofficially in the mediation proceedings. It was learned today, however, that the Mexican federal delegates are taking a broad view of the entire situation and that they believe a settlement may be possible without the constitutionalists. Scarcely more than preliminary discussions have as yet taken place either on the questions of Huerta's continuance of power, or land reform. But an air of increasing optimism was apparent among all parties to the conference today.

The mediators were expected to meet with American delegates today. It has definitely been stated that the mediators have no intention of taking up the question of the establishment of a provisional government in Mexico. They do not consider that within their province. Any discussion naming a commissioner or otherwise providing for government, pending a general election, will rest with the American and Mexican delegates. All is now not weighty diplomatic discussion in the mediation colony. Having become accustomed to their surroundings, members of the Mexican party are seeking amusement. As the delegates and mediators worked with their problems last night, strains of an orchestra floated up from the ball room on the ground floor. The four Rabasa sisters and other members of the party held an informal party. Mexicans and Americans were in the crowd and the young Mexican girls were soon initiated into the mysteries of the hesitation and other dances.

Word From Carranza.
WASHINGTON, May 26.—Important dispatches from General Carranza and Villa are in the hands of

Secretary Bryan. They were sent from El Paso in code by George Carothers, special representative of the state department. They express the exact position of the constitutionalists toward the Niagara Falls peace conferences. While details were withheld, today, it is understood that both Carranza and Villa expressed hope that the Niagara conferences would be productive of beneficial results. They are said to have agreed to consider carefully all of the recommendations of the mediators and to accept, for themselves and their followers at least, the principles of any settlement agreement which eliminates Huerta and re-establishes constitutional government. The messages were to be considered by the cabinet today. It was stated that Villa has sent word that he and his troops expect to be in front of Mexico City within a fortnight and that if the mediators are to accomplish anything, they must act very soon.

Mexicans Reverse Decision.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 26.—The Mexican delegates to the mediation conference today suddenly reversed themselves and decided not to issue a statement on the land problem, one of the big questions at issue in the efforts to restore peace in Mexico.

After announcing such a statement would be given out at noon, the delegates held an extended conference during the morning and then changed their minds. No reason was given for the change in plans. It could not be learned whether instructions from Mexico City had resulted in the decision. For the first time since Sunday the Americans met with the A. B. C. mediators today. Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann arrived at the Clifton hotel at 11:30 and went directly to the conference room for a conversation with the ambassadors.

CHURCH MERGER IS BROUGHT UP

Effort May be Made for the Combining of all of the Presbyterians.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 26.—Action that may ultimately result in a union of all Presbyterian bodies in the United States was taken up last night by the general assembly of the southern Presbyterian church when it adopted the report of the committee having the report under consideration. The plan will be returned at the next assembly when it may be adopted. If adopted, it must then go back to the presbyteries and can become effective only when three-fourths of them approve it.

The Rev. L. E. McNair of Nashville, Tenn., presented an interesting report from the committee on Bible cause. The report states that last year 1,706,459 Bibles were distributed through the nine home agencies, an increase of 230,222 over the previous year. The total issue of Bibles for the year was five and a half millions, an increase of over one million over the preceding year.

The society employs twelve hundred Bible missionaries throughout the world and a more generous support of its work was urged.

MORGAN'S BOOKS TO BE EXAMINED

Interstate Commerce Commission Will be Permitted to Look Into Them.

LEDYARD IS RELEASED

Subpoena Was Cancelled and He is Invited to Testify Voluntarily in New Haven Deals.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, May 26.—Presumably to permit an examination of the personal books and vouchers of J. P. Morgan and Co. and of the late head of that firm, the interstate commerce commission's probe of alleged "looting" of the New Haven railway was postponed today until June 3. Simultaneously a subpoena served two weeks ago upon Wm. C. Ledyard, was cancelled and Ledyard, a former New Haven director, was invited to appear voluntarily, sign a waiver of immunity and testify. In accepting, Ledyard, much chagrined, said he would "tell the whole truth," although it differed in many details from the statement of former President Mellen.

Ledyard protested against the delay, declaring he had been in Washington for nearly two weeks waiting to be called. He asked permission to make a statement today. In denying it, McChord handed Ledyard a letter from the commission withdrawing the subpoena. When Ledyard read it, his face blanched and in halting sentences, he said: "I accept. I am willing to tell all. I want to tell the whole truth but to be asked to sign a waiver of immunity carries with it a suggestion of wrong doing. I do not desire immunity and I will gladly testify."

Every book of J. P. Morgan and Co. and the principal accounts of the late J. Pierpont Morgan, touching in any way on New Haven finance are to be thoroughly examined by the interstate commerce commission. Officials announced today that examiners would be sent to New York immediately. The commission thus accepted J. P. Morgan's offer and his declaration that the records of the Morgan firm and the late financier will disprove the testimony of former President Mellen of the New Haven that his father kept secret important transactions. Although early plans today were to continue the investigation of New Haven, there were indications that five former directors would not testify. Certificates on file showed that Wm. Rockefeller, Geo. McCulloch Miller, Samuel C. Morehouse, M. F. Plant and Devere Warner are too ill. An examiner for the commission has already seen Rockefeller but has not reported to the commission. Councillor Folk planned to resume the investigation today with any witnesses who might be on hand.

Folk denied that inquiry had been halted by orders of President Wilson. He and Commissioner McChord said it would "proceed as far as deemed necessary." The opinion gained ground that the commission would observe the request of Attorney General McReynolds and refrain from examining persons who might be given immunity from federal prosecution.

WAS TRICKED OUT OF HIS MILLIONS

Old Man Claims His Son's Widow Has Taken All of His Great Wealth.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DENVER, Colo., May 26.—Declaring he was tricked out of his entire fortune of from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 as the result of a conspiracy, Wm. Barth, 84, multimillionaire real estate operator, announced today that he had filed suit in the district court to recover that sum. He alleges a conspiracy between Mrs. Leona Barth Brookman, widow of Barth's dead son Charles, and Frank E. Brookman, whom she married in New York, December 15, last.

Brookman is general manager of the Equitable Realty company, the largest of the Barth holding companies. Mrs. Brookman is secretary-treasurer of the company, a member of the board of directors and general trustee of the aged millionaire's estate. She has almost absolute control of the estate it is said. Barth alleges the trusteeship was obtained by fraud. Judge George Allen has granted a temporary injunction restraining Brookman, his wife, or the realty company from interfering with the funds of the estate.

SILLIMAN WEAK AFTER RELEASE

American Consul Who Was Locked up by Mexicans and Kept a Prisoner.

COULD HARDLY WALK

He Reaches Vera Cruz Today and Blames General Maas for His Recent Predicament.

[By Wm. G. Shepherd, Staff Correspondent of United Press.] VERA CRUZ, May 26.—Extremely weakened, leaning on the arm of a soldier and showing unmistakable signs of sickness, John R. Silliman, United States consul at Saltillo, arrived here this afternoon from Mexico City. Mrs. Silliman did not accompany him. She is still in Saltillo under the care of the British consulate. Because of the fighting around the town, it was deemed unsafe for Mrs. Silliman to try to leave. Her son said today she was known to be safe. It was with difficulty that the man whose detention in the federal lines all but added new complications to the Mexican situation, made his way afoot, in the broiling sun, across the three mile break in the railroad outside the American lines. An escort of soldiers was waiting for him with a stretcher but Silliman refused to be carried.

"I have no blame for Huerta for my predicament," Silliman said. "General Maas was responsible for it all."

Snake Bite Baby.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DODGEVILLE, Wis., May 26.—Curled up on the chest of two year old Harold Mite, a blow-snake, five feet long, was found by the infant's horrified mother. She killed the snake with a club and ran to the house with the baby, who was unconscious from several severe bites. An uncle sucked the blood from the wounds until a physician arrived and it is believed the boy will recover.

First Train Since February.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LAREDO, Texas, May 26.—Now known as the "constitutionalist line of Mexico," the first passenger train to operate since February, left Nuevo Laredo today for Torreon, marking resumption of service. One hundred and twenty wealthy Mexicans, exiles since February, left on the train for their former homes.

THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Unsettled but generally fair weather tonight and Wednesday, continued warm.

For Iowa, Illinois and Missouri: Unsettled but generally fair weather tonight and Wednesday. Continued warm.

Weather Conditions.

Scattered showers and thunderstorms from the Missouri river to the Lake region attended the passage of the depression from the northern plains to the Lake Superior region since yesterday and the pressure remains low on the eastern slope of the Rockies this morning attended by unsettled but generally fair weather.

Persistent high pressure in the southeastern states has caused warm weather in the central valleys, where the temperature was above ninety degrees at several stations yesterday. Conditions indicate unsettled, but generally fair, continued warm weather for this section tonight and Wednesday.

Daily River Bulletin.

Stage Height	Change	W'thr
St. Paul	....14	2.4 -0.2 Pt Cl'dy
La Crosse	....12	5.6 x0.2 Clear
Dubuque	....18	Clear
Davenport	....15	6.0 -0.2 Pt Cl'dy
Keokuk	....14	6.2 -0.2 Pt Cl'dy
St. Louis	....30	Pt Cl'dy

River Forecast.

The river will continue to fall slowly from Davenport to Keokuk during the next forty-eight hours.

Local Observations.

May Bar. Ther. Wind W'thr
25 7 p. m.29.91 86 S Cl'dy
26 7 a. m.30.06 75 S Pt Cl'dy
River above low water of 1864, 6.2.
Change in 24 hours, fall 2.
Mean temperature, 80.
Lowest temperature, 72.
Highest temperature, 89.
Lowest temperature last night, 74.
FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

UNION LABOR AND THE PRESIDENT

Breach is Widening Between Them on Provisions of New Anti Trust Law.

EXEMPTION IS REFUSED

Mr. Wilson Was Not Impressed by Committee Which Called Upon Him Today.

[By John Edwin Nevin, United Press Staff Correspondent.] WASHINGTON, May 26.—The fight of organized labor for complete exemption from the Sherman anti trust law and legislating supplementing it, was carried to the white house today. Representative Webb of North Carolina, acting chairman of the house judiciary committee, accompanied by Representatives Carlin and Floyd, the sub-committee in charge of anti-trust bills now before the house, called to tell President Wilson the labor men were insistent that the Clayton bill must be amended with the consent of the administration. They asked advice. The president told them he would not permit any change that would erect a wall around labor unions and make them immune from penalties for illegal actions. He reiterated that house labor leaders had accepted the Clayton bill with a proviso included that nothing therein should be construed as affecting the legality of labor unions, farmers cooperative organizations and the like. This was as far, the president said, as he was willing to go.

Senator Hughes asked that the president and the house leaders get together on a compromise which would prevent the manipulation by employers' association of anti trust laws to harass unionism. The president held that this is the object of the Clayton bill in as much as it provides jury trials for persons accused of violating injunctions and further, that injunctions shall not issue in strike cases except on due and proper notice. Hughes took the position that while this was a step in advance, it did not go far enough and that labor men had been promised consideration by the last two democratic platforms. The president did not seem impressed with these arguments and evidence of a breach between him and labor and radicals in the house is widening, while the subject will now be threshed out on the floor.

NO NEWS SENT FROM SALTILLO

Constitutionalists Used the Wires all Day for a Conference With Representatives in Washington.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] JUAREZ, Mexico, May 26.—The telegraph wire between Juarez and Torreon has been in use for nearly twenty-four hours for a telegraphic conference between General Venustiano Carranza and the representatives of the Mexican constitutionalist party in Washington. As a result, not a word of events transpiring at Saltillo and south, have been received since early yesterday. Geo. C. Carothers, diplomatic representative of the United States government with General Villa's army, has arrived here from Saltillo. He confirmed dispatches that Zacatecas would be the next rebel objective. Carothers will communicate with Secretary Bryan today.

Generals Maclovio and Luis Herrera and Manuel Chao who have been recuperating from fatigue of recent campaigns, have been ordered by Villa to report at Torreon immediately, prepared to lead their brigades against Zacatecas.

Militants Sent to Prison.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, May 26.—Miss Frieda Graham, the suffragette who last week smashed the Bellini paintings and others in the National art gallery, today in London sessions was sentenced to six months in prison. In the same court Miss Mary Spencer, the militant who mutilated a picture in the Royal academy, received a like sentence. Mrs. Graham acted as her own attorney and argued that she was justified in damaging works of art or committing any other acts of vandalism by the refusal of King George to receive the suffragettes. Seven militants charged with window smashing in connection with the Constitutional hill melee, were tried in London sessions today and each sent to prison for four months.

LOVE TRIUMPHS OVER NOBILITY

Kaiser's Son Announces That He Intends to Marry the Girl of His Choice.

HE MAY BE BANISHED

Countess is Not of Royal Blood and Wedding is Therefore Not Approved by Wilhelm.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, May 26.—German nobility, society and officialdom were aghast today when Prince Oscar of Prussia, fifth son of Kaiser Wilhelm publicly announced his engagement to marry Countess Ina Marie, daughter of Count Bassewitz of Mecklinburg. It is the first instance on record where a male of the reigning branch of the Hohenzollerns has been organically engaged to wed. While the young countess is a woman of rank she is not of royal blood. It was confidently expected the kaiser would either break the engagement or banish his son.

Prince Oscar is in his twenty-sixth year. The kaiser has but two children younger than he, Prince Joachim and Princess Victoria Luise, now the duchess of Brunswick. Countess Ina Marie Bassewitz is a half year older than the prince.

The countess met the prince while she was a lady in waiting to Empress Augusta Victoria. It was believed at first that the kaiser would consent to the marriage, but apparently he will not, and the countess has not been received in the royal household since the prince's attachment for her became known.

By flatly announcing his intention to marry the girl of his choice, regardless of Hohenzollern precedent and family tradition, Prince Oscar won the instant admiration of the German public. The revelation of the romance that cost the Countess Ina Marie her position as lady in waiting to the empress and which may cost the youthful prince his royal standing as a sweet morsel under the tongues of all Berliners.

Until the prince came forward with his announcement, he was not a very important figure in German life. With four princes between him and the imperial throne, the young man was not considered of much consequence, except when he raced his automobile through Unter Den Linden strasse.

It was not known until now that Prince Oscar had backbone and stamina. Germans are now convinced that he is a "chip off the old block" and a battle royal between the kaiser and his son is expected.

Prince Oscar is without an income, save the bounty of the war lord. The German empire allows the emperor something like \$5,000,000 annually. Out of this he provides allowances for the members of his family. Should the kaiser forbid the match and the prince remain firm, he may be sent penniless out of Germany and have to work to support himself and wife.

RIVER OF DOUBT AND POLITICS

Colonel Roosevelt Will Tell About His Discoveries and Talk Bull Moose.

A CALL ON WILSON

Politicians and Scientists Greatly Excited Over the Visit of the Former President.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, May 26.—Politicians and scientists vied in suppressed excitement in awaiting the advent here today of Colonel Roosevelt. Nine strenuous hours, beginning at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, awaited the colonel.

Senators Clapp and Poinseter, progressive leaders, left here early to meet Roosevelt at Philadelphia for an opening discussion of the political future of the bull moose—and the republicans. Most progressives in congress planned to meet the colonel's train this afternoon and also hold a political conference tonight after his lecture on his Brazilian explorations.

Whether overtures from republican leaders for amalgamation of the progressives and republicans would be made while Roosevelt was here, was one of the interesting possibilities discussed.

Tickets for Roosevelt's lecture tonight at Convention hall before the National Geographical society were at a premium today. Only about half of the membership were able to secure seats.

After an informal depot reception this afternoon, the program for Roosevelt day in Washington included a visit to the Smithsonian institute to view the trophies of his African hunt, a short call upon President Wilson at the white house and a dinner party before the River of Doubt lecture.

Former President Theodore Roosevelt will "tell about it" to President Wilson at the white house this afternoon. The president today let it be known that he had invited the "sage of Oyster Bay" to have luncheon with him, but Colonel Roosevelt discovered that he would not have time. He will, however, go to the white house, before delivering his lecture on his Brazilian discovery before the National Geographical society.

While it was announced that the visit will be one of courtesy, the very fact that Roosevelt is going to the white house caused much comment among politicians. Roosevelt's already avowed opposition to the Wilson Panama tolls policy and the administration's proposed Colombian treaty had been expected to stand in the way of a white house call. The president extended an invitation, however.

The visit of Colonel Roosevelt to Washington has already shoved all other issues into the background. While the colonel has announced that he will not take up for serious consideration political questions until after his return from Spain, some political leaders here hope to get him

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GIRL'S BODY IN THE WOODS; BOY'S BODY ON THE RAILS

Mystery of the Deaths of the Pair is Proving a Puzzle to the Police.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, May 26.—Hunted all night by a posse that wanted him to tell what he knew of the mysterious death of pretty Florence Bentley, Reginald Barr, 24, stepped or fell in front of a Burlington train at Lisle, 20 miles west of Chicago, today and was ground to pieces.

Fragment of his body were collected by the train crew and deposited in the little station at Lisle less than three miles from the secluded spot in the woods near Downers Grove where the body of the 20 year old cloak model was found last night, her face and throat bruised. Barr was her lover and was seen with her on Saturday night when she disappeared. The police believe he could tell how she met her death, an autopsy performed early today having failed to disclose direct evidence of murder.

Miss Bentley was employed as a cloak model by a Chicago house but

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LUMBER YARD SET ON FIRE BY MEMBERS OF THE CIRCUS

Blaze Lasted All Night Long and Was Watched by Thousands.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 26.—After a nine hour fight, practically the entire city's fire-fighting force and equipment brought under complete control at 5 a. m., a fire that swept bars an area of an eighth square mile in Cleveland's lumber yard district with an estimated loss between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000.

Believed started by careless hangers on about the Ringling Bros. circus, the flames swept with remarkable rapidity through the wholesale lumber yards of the Fisher and Wilson company, destroying millions of feet of hard timber and the company's plant. The Saginaw Bay company's yards next were damaged while the flames passed on to the Big Four railway yards, destroying a score of loaded lumber cars and forty cars, the property of the Ringling circus.

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