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## BLOCKADE OF TAMPICO BY HUERTA'S LITTLE NAVY

After Having Been Ordered, Dictator Suddenly Calls It Off.

### MEDIATION PROCEEDS

Still Waiting for Carranza to State Whether He Will Take Part in Game.

[By John Edwin Nevin, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The attention of the entire world was centered on Tampico today. The remnants of Huerta's naval strength, two little gunboats, were off that port. Their commanders had orders to "blockade" it. The United States has characterized it as an "open port." Rear Admiral Mayo with his squadron is in position to enforce the American characteristic. Up to the present he has received no order to resort to force. His instructions are tentative. His scout ships are to watch the Mexicans and merely report their plan of action. On what they set out to do is expected to hinge the orders that will go to Mayo. Officials here were reticent. They insisted the Mexican gunboats would not be allowed to interfere with the commerce of the only port held by the constitutionalists. It was also stated that in the latest analysis, the Mexicans would not be allowed either to hold up shipping or to bombard the city.

Many officials here believed that there was no intention on the part of the Mexican commanders to make a hostile move. They had to leave Puerto Mexico under orders from Huerta. It was hoped by many officials and especially by Secretary Bryan that the commanders of the gunboats would inform Admiral Mayo they recognized superior force and would drop the blockade plan.

Officials say that they were awaiting events and that it was impossible to forecast a plan of action. They said it all depended on what construction the Mexican commanders placed on their orders. The Antilla with her enormous cargo of ammunition and arms is due at Tampico Wednesday morning. If the port is "blockaded" her commander is expected to ask Admiral Mayo for advice. It is believed that he will be authorized to proceed into the harbor and will be conveyed inside the breakwater by American warships of superior strength to the Mexican. This would put the initiative squarely up to the Mexicans. Officials say they cannot guess what action they would be likely to take.

It was stated at the navy department that uninterrupted communication is being maintained with Admiral Mayo. The cable to Vera Cruz is being utilized, all orders going to Admiral Badger and being conveyed by him to Tampico by wireless. All messages from Mayo and Badger are sent direct to the secretary of state and by him conveyed to the president.

It is understood that the mediators at Niagara Falls have been notified of

this government's intention to insist that Tampico is an open port. Reports from there that the Mexican commissioners would withdraw and mediation abruptly be dropped if the Antilla is assisted into port by American warships was not confirmed here. Secretary Bryan insisted he knew nothing about the matter and intimated that the Antilla incident was not a topic for discussion by the mediators. Other high officials would not talk.

It seemed likely, however, that the events of the coming seventy-two hours would be momentous. The Tampico incident will be settled within that time. Carranza's reply to the mediators in which he will agree to be represented but will argue that he cannot agree to a suspension of hostilities or to consideration of Mexico's internal affairs, will also have been considered. No one here will hazard a guess how the mediators will take this reply. If they accept it, Carranza's ultimate triumph is assured. If they reject it, it is believed nothing can come of mediation unless the final result is adoption of a plan to which the United States can persuade the constitutionalists to agree.

Huerta Backs Down.

[By John Edwin Nevin, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, June 8.—Much relief was manifested in official circles when it was learned today that Huerta has backed down from his plan to blockade Tampico. The change of front obviates the necessity for the United States showing its hand in favor of the constitutionalists.

The Spanish ambassador today officially notified the state department of Huerta's changed position. He declared Huerta gave no reason for the change.

It was known here that the A. B. C. mediators had been bringing pressure to bear on the Huerta commissioners to prevent Huerta raising an obstacle which would defeat mediation. A declaration of a blockade by Huerta would result in the United States defying his power. The inevitable result would be the withdrawal from participation in the mediation conferences.

It was admitted in diplomatic circles here that this action on the part of the mediators had been expected as they were understood to be determined to object to anything that shall interfere with the success of their negotiation. Their influence on the Huerta delegates is admittedly very great. While no official comment was forthcoming, high officials were inclined to accept the pressure on Huerta as indicating that the mediators will allow Carranza to enter their conferences on his own terms. All possible contention will be eliminated and it may be possible to put through a protocol which can have the support of a united Mexico. At least this was the way the white house construed the existing condition. There was noticeable evidence of relief when the word reached there that Huerta's blockade bluff would not have to be called.

Villa and His Staff.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, June 8.—General Francisco Villa and staff left for Torreon early today. They will remain there a week, entraining Vill

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## WANDERING IN KING'S PALACE

Man With Medium Sized Jag, Shows How Easily it Could be Done.

### SUFFRAGETTES BUSY

Wild Women in Church Sunday Created Considerable Excitement by Their Demonstrations.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, June 8.—All England was moved today by the amazing exploit of Harry Pike, a young engineer, who broke into Buckingham palace "just to show that it could be done."

Arraigned in Bow street court today, Pike expressed contrition for his deed. He told the court that it was merely the result of bravado originating in drink.

"I'm not a criminal," he declared. "I did it simply to prove that such an entrance was possible."

Prosecutor Muskett said it was apparent to him that Pike's exploit was a foolish freak, resulting from over-indulgence in drink. Pike was remanded for a week.

The young man evaded civil and military guards at night, scaled a high brick wall, topped with sharp spikes, forced a basement window and wandered about the palace corridors at will. At one time he was within a few feet of the queen's private apartments. He might have continued his explorations at will, had he not opened the door to one of the maid's rooms, awakening her. He was captured after a brief chase.

The incident created a stir here today. In view of the recent activity of suffragettes. Extreme care will be exercised at the palace to prevent any militant emulating Pike's feat.

Christine Andrews, a suffragette, was added to the list of prisoners through the movement and Mrs. Mary Fausten, an American, faced charges today as a result of church activity by the "wild women" yesterday. For the first time the suffragettes invaded Catholic churches, interrupting the ceremonies by yelling denunciations of the government. In Westminster cathedral one woman created a tumult and at the oratory of Brompton, fifteen of the "wild women" rioted. Both the Andrews woman and Mrs. Fausten were arrested there. Bitter indignation on the part of worshippers at the oratory caused the suffragettes to be roughly handled. Torn feminine gowns littered the floor of the nave after the battle was done. One of the disturbers, just as she escaped in a taxi, was attacked by a woman of the congregation who struck the "wild woman" violently in the face. Blood spurted from the suffragette's countenance and the crowd who saw her attacked, cheered wildly.

Excitement at Horse Show.

LONDON, June 8.—King George and Queen Mary had another test of suffragette activities today when at the horse show a woman arose near the royal box and started a harangue. The suffragette had no more than got to her feet when royalty's guardians got into action.

"I protest—" she started to say, when policemen grasped her and hustled her, screaming and fighting, from the place.

Five Unions Meeting Today.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—American Federation of Labor officials today called the attention of union labor throughout the country to the fact that five unions are holding annual conventions today. They are the International Stereotypers and Electrotypers of North America, at Newark, N. J.; International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, Denver; International Brotherhood of Bookmakers, Iron Shipbuilders, and Helpers of America, San Francisco; Tile Layers and Helpers' International Union; and Commercial Telegraphers' Union at Detroit.

Three Days Booster Trip.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, June 8.—A solid steel electric lighted train left here today for fifty-seven towns in South Dakota, loaded with business men, members of the Commercial club, on a three days booster trip, to get acquainted with neighboring business men. This is the only trade excursion planned this year, and tons of literature will be scattered through the prairie towns. The train consists of a baggage car, three sleepers, two diners and a combination observation and buffet car.

## EX CONVICTS FROM IOWA

One of Them Shot While the Other Two Escape With Several Thousands.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 8.—With \$22,150, the loot of two daring robberies in their possession, two armed bandits were being hunted by officers racing in a score of automobiles over the country between this city and Centerburg, Ohio, today.

Three bandits early yesterday robbed the farm home of Fred K. and Henry Schwilk, wealthy farmers, near here, of \$21,000 in securities and \$150 in cash. Later when attempting to escape on a freight train they were intercepted and one of the number perhaps fatally wounded by pursuers. The remaining two escaped and returned to the Schwilk farm, there stealing an automobile which they used early today to escape after robbing the merchandise store of E. H. McQuire, Centerburg, of \$1,000 in cash. Cornered in a nearby rye field for six hours by several hundred men, the desperadoes again made their escape and the hunt for them was still in progress before noon today. The wounded bandit, dying in a hospital here, is said to have confessed he is Arthur C. Strom, Des Moines, Iowa, and his companions were Earl and Earnest Jones, ex-convicts of the Iowa state pen. The three had planned, Strom told officers, to waylay and rob the paymaster of the Columbus Supply company, who was due to pass the Schwilk farm with \$3,000, the payroll, late Saturday.

Saloon Men in Convention.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, June 8.—Liquor men from all over the state are here today, and more are expected tomorrow for the annual convention of the Iowa State Liquor Dealers association. Reports from the delegates indicate that the liquor business is not prospering. E. W. Wolverton of the Des Moines association saying that in his town 99 per cent of the dealers are either losing money or just able to meet expenses. Twenty percent are making a little money and 20 per cent are making good money.

Generally speaking the liquor men say the law cutting down the opening of saloons to 7 a. m., and forcing the closing at 9 p. m., instead of 10 p. m., is to blame, although many laws antagonistic to the saloon have contributed. Particularly do the saloon men blame the law for 9 p. m. closing.

THE WEATHER

For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday. No important change in temperature.

For Iowa: Unsettled tonight and Tuesday. Possibly local thunderstorms. Cooler extreme north portion Tuesday. Moderate to fresh southerly winds becoming variable.

For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday. No important change in temperature.

Weather Conditions.

With persistent high pressure in the south Atlantic states, the temperature remains high from the Mississippi river eastward, where the day temperature was generally 90 degrees or more yesterday, and there were local showers in portions of the Ohio valley and the eastern states.

West of the Mississippi the weather is generally fair in the southern, and unsettled in the northern districts with local showers in some portions, attending a depression which is passing through North Dakota this morning, and Huron, S. D., reports 1.80 in. of rainfall.

Conditions indicate generally fair, warm weather for this section tonight and Tuesday.

Daily River Bulletin.

Station	Stage	Height	Change	W'thr
St. Paul	.....	14	4.8	x0.4 Pt.C'dy
La Crosse	.....	12	8.1	x2.3 Cl'dy
Dubuque	.....	18	7.8	0.0 Clear
Davenport	.....	15	6.3	0.0 Pt.C'dy
Keokuk	.....	14	7.0	x0.4 Pt.C'dy
St. Louis	.....	30	14.1	-0.1 Clear

River Forecast.

The river will rise slightly from Davenport to Keokuk during the next 24 hours.

Local Observations.

June	Bar.	Ther.	Wind	W'thr
7 7 p. m.	.....	29.95	92	S Clear
8 7 a. m.	.....	30.10	77	S Pt.C'dy

River above low water of 1864, 7 ft. Change in 24 hours, rise 2 tenths. Mean temperature 7th, 84. Lowest temperature 74. Highest temperature, 95. Lowest temperature last night, 76. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

## AN AVALANCHE OF LOVE LETTERS

Rapp Fled From Court Room While His Tender Notes Were Read.

### WIFE ASKING DIVORCE

Enterprising Japanese Photographer Exploded Flash Light in the Court Room.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, June 8.—Before another avalanche of his love letters in which he referred to Mrs. Katherine E. Dean in terms of endearment, Wm. Rapp, Jr., husband of Mrs. Ernestine Schumann-Heineke and defendant in her suit for divorce, capitulated today and fled from the court room.

Rapp's face turned deep crimson when the reading of the letters was resumed today. He listened for a few minutes while the crowd giggled at "darling wonder girl" and other terms he used in conveying his affection to the "blonde lady" named as correspondent, and then stalked out into the corridor. Later in the day's session his attorney attempted to get him to return to the court room for consultation but Rapp stuck to his post in the hallway.

Another futile attempt to stop the reading of the "dearest Nonnie" letters was made by Rapp's attorneys. They argued that the reading of phrases describing Rapp's fiery love for Mrs. Dean, before a big crowd of women and young girls was contrary to public morals. Judge Sullivan ruled that their importance in supporting Mrs. Schumann-Heineke's charges of misconduct, outweighed the possibility that the divorce fans' minds might be poisoned.

Ten letters were read today. They contained some of the same phrases Rapp used in the letters read Saturday with a few variations. Instead of the "Dearest Nonnie" salutation, Schumann-Heineke's husband sometimes began with "Darling Nonnie" or "Darling wonder woman." He complained that he was lonely in Chicago and needed the affection of the New York "blonde lady."

The arrest of N. Sato, an enterprising Japanese photographer, was an incident at the opening of court. Sato exploded a flash light from near the judge's bench just as proceedings were started. He was sent to the county jail and was to be brought before Judge Sullivan this afternoon.

The reading of the letters was interrupted for a few minutes while Mrs. Francis J. Ashton, the private detective who roomed at the Dean apartment in New York told how they came into her possession. Mrs. Dean, she said, left an old trunk in her room. She opened it and found Rapp's letters carefully preserved and wrapped in several old shirt waists. In one of Rapp's letters already read into the record, he particularly cautioned Mrs. Dean about destroying his letters, but expressed the opinion that it was impossible for any one to "spot" him. "Be brave, be faithful, be patient and everything will come out all right," was a sentence in one of Rapp's letters to Mrs. Dean.

Miss Ashton was cross examined briefly by Rapp's attorneys. She held to her stories that she had frequently seen Rapp and Mrs. Dean hugging and kissing in the New York love bower, but she admitted that to the best of her knowledge Rapp and the "blonde lady" had never occupied a room together at night.

### HOT WEATHER IN THE EAST

Mercury is Climbing High and People are Falling Over.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PHILADELPHIA, June 8.—The hottest June 8 since 1900 was predicted here today by Forecaster Bliss of the United States weather bureau where the thermometer registered 86 at 10 a. m. A mark close to 90 is looked for by noon. The high mark of humidity added to the discomfort. No relief is in sight. BHSS added, and temperatures will be high for several days.

Eight Prostrations.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 8.—With eight prostrations reported, the mercury at 85 at 10 a. m., and soaring, Cleveland today prepared for a heat record. Free ice for city poor was being distributed. Weather sharps promised no immediate relief.

## A TALK WITH MR. WILSON

President Tells Newspaper Men His Opinion of the Tolls Repeal Bill.

[By John Edwin Nevin, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, June 8.—President Wilson said flatly today that the Norris amendment to the Panama canal tolls repeal bill is unnecessary. At the same time he declined to indicate whether he would approve the bill if passed as so amended. However, senate administration leaders said they have little doubt that the president will do so although he is likely, they say, to file with his approval, a memorandum setting forth his own views on the matter.

At his conference with newspaper men today, the president said the Norris amendment has not been submitted to him. The executive pointed out that it is impossible either to confer or waive treaty rights by legislation of this character and that in his opinion tacking on a declaration that the United States reserves all of its rights under the treaty, although repealing the free tolls provision applicable to American shipping, was wholly an unnecessary procedure.

In the executive's opinion, the amendment does not raise the question of whether the United States was right or wrong in the original free tolls legislation and he will not announce his position until the bill finally comes to him for approval.

The president believes that the entire conservative program of the administration will pass the house before adjournment. He admitted, however, that there is little hope of the bills getting before the senate. That body, the president believes, will take up only the trust and appropriation bills, once the Panama tolls question is out of the way. He does not expect there will be any action taken on Philippine independence until the December session. Although Representative Jones, chairman of the house committee on insular affairs has submitted a bill to the president dealing with the entire Philippine question, it has not yet been approved and is not likely to be made a part of the administration's legislative program. Rather it is expected that the administration will permit the Philippine problem to be made a non-partisan question.

The president is still hopeful that the Colorado strike troubles will be settled by a compromise between the mine owners and workers. He said today that he will retain the federal troops in the strike zone for some time at least.

The position of the administration is that it is awaiting developments; is hopeful that the better judgment of the factions will prevail and that a settlement satisfactory to both sides will be forced by the business men of the state who realize the danger of the present conditions continuing.

The nomination of the federal reserve board will be sent to the senate probably Wednesday. The president said today that he was very hopeful that he could decide on the governor—the one vacancy still remaining—by tomorrow.

Cruel Papa.

"Your daughter loves me," insisted the impetuous youth, "and you refuse to let her have a husband of her own choosing. Yet you say you would deny her nothing." "That," said the old man grimly, "is exactly what I am doing."

## HARRY THAW ASKS BAIL FROM THE SUPREME COURT

Decision May be Made Monday or Perhaps Not Until October.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, June 8.—Application for bail for Harry K. Thaw was made in the supreme court of the United States today by his attorney, former Governor Wm. A. Stone, of Pennsylvania.

The amount of bail was left to be fixed by the court.

The required presence of Thaw in Pittsburgh, regarding litigation over the Thaw estate was assigned as the principal reason for the bail request.

Thaw stated that Sheriff Drew has been requested to take him to Pittsburgh but that the sheriff has not yet consented. It was asserted that Thaw was merely charged with a simple misdemeanor—conspiracy to escape from Matteawan asylum—and that a

## IOWA LEADS IN WOMEN'S CLUBS

Has Greatest Number and the Largest Delegation at Chicago Annual Meeting.

### MISS WILSON TO SPEAK

Daughter of President is on Program for Next Week and Will Deliver Address.

[By Marie Moore, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

CHICAGO, June 8.—Chicago today capitulated to an army of the world's representative women—the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Peacefully the battalions from Texas and New York, Maine and Florida, Panama and Indiana, took possession and for the next ten days, Chicago will be the capital of the feminine world.

With 290 willed delegates in line, the president of the Lone Star state, led the advance guard of club women to Chicago. They arrived at 7 a. m. this morning, but even at that early hour, Mrs. Percy Pennybacker, general federation president, herself a Texan, was at the station to meet them. The delegation included Mrs. Eleanor Breckenridge, San Antonio, southern suffrage leader. Late this afternoon Mrs. Tod Helmuth, New York, will arrive with a special car filled with New Yorkers; the Pacific coast special with 300 women will reach Chicago. But the biggest of all state delegations, Iowa's 800 women, will not come until Tuesday. Iowa is the banner club state of the federation. It has 503 clubs more than any state in the union. Mrs. Horace

Towner, wife of Congressman Towner and Mrs. Homer Miller, state federation secretary, are in the Iowa delegation.

The biennial convention will attract several distinguished guests, but none will receive more honor than Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of President Wilson, who speaks Wednesday, June 17, at the auditorium.

This is the first time a member of the white house family has ever addressed a biennial convention and the Wilson administration brought the first federated club women to the white house. Miss Wilson will arrive late Wednesday and if her wishes are observed, there will be no entertaining in her honor. Miss Wilson's convention theme will be "What Youth Can Bring to the Federation." The young women who will share the program with the president's daughter are Miss Dorothy Loyhed, Minnesota; Miss Laura Ridel, North Carolina; Miss Jessica Briggs, California; Miss Ruth Bush, Louisiana.

In the last two years the general federation has gained 677 clubs. This is twice the number gained during the previous two years. The total number of federated clubs is now 1,500. The total membership is more than 1,000,000. The largest additions in membership were made in Texas, Ohio and Illinois.

Probably the most notable achievement of Mrs. Pennybacker's administration is raising a \$100,000 endowment fund. This fund, established two years ago, will be almost completed during the Chicago convention.

## KILLED DOCTOR WHO HAD REFUSED TO TREAT CHILD

Infuriated Man Fired Six Bullets, All of Which Took Effect.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 8.—Dr. D. Winton Dunn, former mayor of Duquoin, Ill., is dead here today because he refused to treat the child of a man who had not paid an old bill.

Nursing a grudge against the physician because of his refusal, Jesse Joplin entered Dunn's office and calmly announced that he had come to kill him. Dr. Dunn realizing that he was dealing with a desperate man, walked across the room, talking, and suddenly threw the door open and shoved Joplin through it. Joplin whirled and fired six shots, through the closed door, all six bullets taking effect. Dunn realiz-

ing that he was mortally wounded, called a brother physician on the telephone, made an ante-mortem statement and asked that a special train be arranged to take him to St. Louis for an operation.

Joplin returned later to Dunn's office "to finish the job" and was arrested.

"I fully intended killing Doctor Dunn," declared Joplin, according to the police. "I hope he dies from my bullets. If he does not die, however, and I get out of jail, I will finish him the first opportunity I get."

Neither Dunn nor Joplin explained the cause of the shooting, but from other sources it was learned that the doctor had treated Joplin several years ago and that the usual statements failing to get results, the bill was placed in the hands of a collector. The pressing of the claim resulted in Joplin's anger which was inflamed when Dunn later refused to treat his child and resulted in his determination to be revenged.