

Fair, warmer today; tomorrow unsettled; moderate south winds. Temperatures yesterday—Maximum, 52; minimum, 37.

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MEXICO HURLS DEFIANCE AS CONGRESS MEETS

Senate Organizes and Session Will Be Opened Formally on Thursday.

WILSON DEMAND IGNORED

Americans Arrested on Steamer for "Conspiracy" Are Imprisoned in Capital.

Mexico City, Nov. 17.—The organization of Congress was completed this evening enough of the Catholic Senators being persuaded to attend the meeting to make a quorum.

All is now in readiness for the formal opening of Congress on Thursday, in defiance of the demands of the United States.

Gen. Francisco Proneas was made temporary chairman of the Senate. A committee was appointed to meet upon the credentials of the newly-elected members.

It is understood that the recent election for President and Vice President will be declared null and a date set for a new election. It is unlikely, however, that the Congress will also nullify its own election.

The oil concession will undoubtedly be taken up early in the session. Also the new special tax program.

Three hundred passengers, who were arrested on board the steamer Benito Juarez on Saturday at Manzanillo, because of a demonstration in favor of Carranza, which had taken place aboard the steamer before she left Ensenada, were brought here today and imprisoned.

Blanquet Plans Coup. Quiet prevailed in the city today, but as usual there were many disturbing rumors, the most alarming of which was that a coup d'etat was planned by Gen. Blanquet, the Secretary of War, who is said to have selected a man of his own to succeed Huerta as President.

Double guards were stationed around the palace all day, and Blanquet's old regiment, the Twenty-ninth Infantry, was on duty in the palace yard.

The rumor of the Blanquet plan was quickly circulated during the day among those who are usually in close touch with palace developments.

No Change in Situation. At the American Embassy there was no indication of any decided change in the situation. Although it was reported late last night that Mr. O'Shaughnessy was preparing for immediate departure from the capital, it was declared today that he had no intention of leaving for the present.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy spent most of the afternoon on the golf links of the Country Club.

Representatives of the oil companies intend to call upon Huerta with a protest against the proposed imposition of a tax of one peso and twenty centavos on every barrel of oil produced.

A meeting of the Cabinet was held this morning at the palace, but no information could be obtained regarding the subjects discussed.

Juarez Incident May Injure Rebels' Cause; Hale to Make Report

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

The reported execution by Constitutionalists under Gen. Villa of a number of Federal officers and men, captured at the fall of Juarez, may bring about an important change in the policy of the administration. This was apparent yesterday, when President Wilson informed the cabinet of these executions.

If an investigation into this incident furnishes the President with a new insight into the character, disposition, and degree of civilization enjoyed by the forces fighting under the Constitutionalist banner, it may alter his ideas as to the probable course of action to be expected from them in the event of success.

Hale Report Expected. It is supposed that President Wilson will receive a report on the incident from Dr. William Howard Hale, his unofficial envoy to Gen. Carranza, leader of the Constitutionalists. It was evident from statements emanating from the White House yesterday that, however indefinite his instructions—if they were indefinite—Dr. Hale does represent the President and speaks for the Washington administration.

MEXICAN BLOCKADE IN 3 DAYS, IS REPORT

German Minister Indicates United States Will Take Action in Conference with Heads of Concerns.

FATHER OF TRIPLETS NAMES ALL HIS SONS AFTER THE PRESIDENT

W. A. Booker Writes Nation's Head that Thomas, Woodrow, and Wilson Have Arrived.

President Wilson yesterday was the recipient of a letter from William A. Booker, of Lulu, Mo., announcing that on October 23 the writer had become the proud father of three young Democrats, and potentially voters even in non-Suffrage Missouri.

Out of devotion to the titular head of the Democratic party, Mr. Booker has managed to include in the Christian names of his three infant sons both of the President's regular names and one which earlier in life he discarded.

The little boys' first names are alliterative, Herbert, Hubert, Hobart; and the full names of the trio read, Herbert Thomas Booker, Hubert Woodrow Booker, Hobart Wilson Booker.

"Quite a library, eh?" remarked Assistant Secretary Thomas Hrabany, when he told of "Papa" Booker's communication.

DEFENDS MEXICO AGAINST LOOTERS

Wilson Victorious in Fight Against Foreign Concessionaries.

BRITAIN FALLS INTO LINE

Renounces Hope of Rich Oil Concessions and Withdraws Support from Huerta.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Whether one believes that President Wilson has been too patient in dealing with the Mexican problem, or the contrary, believers in the doctrine of equal rights, upon which this government was founded, must rejoice in the signal victory which has met his efforts to prevent the plundering of Mexico's natural resources by foreign concessionaries.

The powers finally have yielded to pressure from Washington, renounced hopes of rich Mexican concessions, and fallen in behind President Wilson's policy as far as it concerns the protection of Mexico's natural resources. One by one, including England, last but not most important of all, have withdrawn from Huerta the support which he demanded in return for these resources, and which made possible indefinite continuation of his resistance to the demands of the United States.

Without this support, the Huerta regime cannot long continue in power. The act of Sir Lionel Carden, authoritatively reported from Mexico City, in finally telling President Huerta that Great Britain could no longer encourage him in his resistance to this government's demands, marks that victory. It means that Great Britain, the real power behind Huerta's stubborn resistance, has been forced to renounce the rich oil concession promise of his successful friendship against the friendship of this government, backed by the stubborn determination of President Wilson to conserve for future generations in Mexico the wonderfully rich natural resources that yet undeveloped country. And, much as Great Britain desired, nay, needed the rich concessions which Huerta was willing to bargain away in return for British money and a new lease of power, she has decided she needs more the friendship of this country.

The English Contracts. President Wilson has been much hailed on his Mexican policy by those who, failing to appreciate its real objective point, mistake the method for the motive. Diplomacy compelled the President to enter into the "English contracts" in the art of diplomacy. It was not for the President to let it become known that his principal objection to the Huerta regime was that it had contracted with Great Britain to turn over to private interests controlled by the British admiralty immensely valuable oil concessions in Mexico—concessions whose output already had been contracted for by Winston Churchill, First Lord of the British Admiralty, to supply the present and future oil-burning warships of the British crown.

President Wilson has been fighting the conservation fight for Mexico, and his fight has enlisted against him not only British and other foreign interests, but representatives of American capital as well.

He has won his fight and successfully completed the first stage of his plan to restore peace, order, and good government to Mexico. Of course, this marks the success only of the first step in the solution of the problem, but it is a step.

CUPID FAILS TO DENT HEART OF JUSTICE

Mrs. Ida von Claussen Pleads in Vain for Freedom So She Can Wed Wealthy Importer.

New York, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Ida von Claussen today stirred Part II of the Supreme Court, where Justice Searby has been hearing her application for release from the Tombs on a habeas corpus writ by declaring that she wanted to go immediately to City Clerk Scully's office and obtain a license to marry George F. Buckley.

"I am the victim of a conspiracy," she strode up to the bar and addressed herself to the justice. "There are 50 people who came across the street with me from Germany," she continued. "They will come into court and swear I am not insane. My brother says I am, but he hasn't seen me in two years."

Her attorney, Randolph M. Newman, prevailed upon her to go to the corridor, where she started to address a crowd, saying that she could not get justice, but stopped when her name, Mr. Buckley, was called by her name. "Although I am about thirty years of age, he inherited a fortune from a relative, and said he is engaged in the importing business."

Mrs. von Claussen was arrested two weeks ago on the charge of sending a threatening letter to a lawyer. She was

"BOUND ALL AROUND."

