

HUERTA NOTIFIES SPANISH ENVOY OF HIS ACCEPTANCE OF MEDIATION PROPOSAL

Through Influence of European Powers, Obtained by Secretary of State Bryan, Dictator Is Convinced that Yielding to A. B. C. Plan for Peace Is His Only Course.

LOSS OF WORLD'S BIG FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN CRISIS IS BIG FACTOR IN CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

Huerta's formal acceptance of the mediation proposal was received by Senor Riano, the Spanish Ambassador, late last night, and was immediately forwarded by him to the representatives of the three South American governments which offered their good offices.

'A. B. C. BEST ARBITERS,' DECLARES MR. TOWER

Former Diplomat Says Republics Are in a Better Position to Act Than a European Powers.

JUDGE GRAY ALSO FAVORABLE

Philadelphia, April 27.—Chariemagne Tower, former Minister to Austria-Hungary and Ambassador to Russia and Germany, expresses the belief that Latin-American countries can perform better service than European nations in the capacity of mediators in the Mexican imbroglio.

"From what I know of the situation," said Mr. Tower, "I should say that the three South American republics—Argentina, Brazil, and Chile—are in a better position to act as arbiters than any European powers would be. Their knowledge of conditions is broader, and I think their offices are more likely to be cordially received than would be the case with one of the European nations."

No official information was given out in regard to the character of Huerta's reply, except that it constituted a formal acceptance by him of the proposal to mediate the present crisis.

POWERS' INFLUENCE USED.

The receipt of Huerta's formal reply followed close upon the disclosure in Washington of the fact that England, France, and Germany have been exerting great pressure upon him to consent to a peaceful settlement of the present difficulties.

Secretary Bryan called the representatives of Germany, England, and France to the State Department yesterday afternoon, and, it is understood, urged upon them the wisdom of having their governments use their influence with Huerta to accede to the mediation proposal.

With all of Latin America and the three powerful governments of Europe pushing him toward a peaceful adjustment of the present situation, Huerta, with his own control of Mexico tottering, has been driven by an almost irresistible force.

In the case of all the Latin-American countries that have recognized Huerta, there has developed a unanimity of opinion in favor of mediation.

With three of the great governments of South America now taking the lead in an appeal for peace in the Western Hemisphere, Huerta has been obliged, if only to be consistent, to give ear to the more mediatory representations.

FINANCIAL INTERESTS DROP HIM.

Washington has good reason to believe that other powerful influences are being brought to bear upon Huerta. It is understood that financial interests in this country and Europe, which have large investments in Mexico, republic, and which up to this time have been inclined to stand behind Huerta, are now convinced that his day of usefulness in the Southern republic is over and that the time has arrived for some solution such as is offered through the present mediation proposal.

GIRL SWALLOWS BICHLORIDE.

Miss Lillian Scheuch, Despondent, Takes 77 Grains of Poison. Despondent over ill health, Miss Lillian Scheuch, nineteen years old, residing at 60 I street northwest, swallowed ten tablets of bichloride of mercury last night.

REBELS ATTACK TAMPICO.

Admiral Mayo reported from Tampico yesterday that the constitutionalists are continuing their attack on the city. The American consul at Tampico is now on board the Dolphin, with the regular force on the Des Moines.

REPORTS NOT ENCOURAGING.

The reports of these informal utterances, though, were not altogether encouraging. It was said that Huerta had

THREE GREAT MEXICAN FIGHTERS. Left to right—Gen. Pancho Villa, the greatest Mexican military leader of modern times; Gen. Venustiano Carranza, head of the constitutionalists, or rebels, who sent a note to President Wilson, "inviting" the American forces to withdraw from Vera Cruz, and Gen. Victoriano Huerta, head of the present so-called federal government at Mexico City, who is said to be ready to go to extreme measures in inducing Carranza and Villa to join him in opposing the invasion of United States forces.



'MEDIATION ABSURD,' SAYS EX-DIPLOMAT

Former Minister to Colombia Thinks United States Is "In a Fine Mess."

URGES AMITY WITH COLOMBIA

Paris, April 27.—In discussing the Colombian treaty today, James T. Dubois, former minister to Colombia, said: "It is exceedingly important to the United States, since we have the Panama Canal, that we can command the wholehearted friendship of Colombia. Colombia is indelibly rich in natural wealth, and unless we can gain her friendship concessions of inestimable value will be given by her to every other enterprising nation except our own."

'AL' JENNINGS VOLUNTEERS.

Former Bandit Offers to Raise Regiment of Oklahoma Cowboys.

New Rochelle, N. Y., April 27.—"Al" Jennings, the former bandit, has offered to recruit a regiment of Oklahoma cattlemen for service in Mexico and has telegraphed his offer to President Wilson, to which he has received the following reply from the President's secretary, J. P. Tumulty:

VERA CRUZ AWAITS FUNSTON.

Military Governor Has Yet to Report Arrival to Washington.

Secretary of War Garrison said last night that when Gen. Funston sailed for Vera Cruz, he received orders to land his troops immediately upon arrival, and to take command of the land force now in the Mexican city.

SEIZES TRENTINI'S PROPERTY.

Arthur Hammerstein Gets Attachment Writ Against Singer.

New York, April 27.—Arthur Hammerstein today obtained a writ of attachment in the Supreme Court against whatever property Emma Trentini, the singer, may have in this State.

FELIX DIAZ PUZZLED.

May End Seclusion and Rush to Aid Dictator Huerta.

New York, April 27.—Gen. Felix Diaz, nephew of Porfirio Diaz and bitter personal enemy of Huerta, is in seclusion in New York, trying to decide whether to go to Mexico, waive personal feelings and support Huerta, or to remain in this city and maintain a policy of "watchful waiting."

DROPS DEAD AT JUBILEE.

Philadelphia Priest Falls Into Brother's Arms at Celebration.

Philadelphia, April 27.—His failure to heed the warnings of physicians and avoid excitement is today given as the reason for the Rev. Father Dionysius Francis Best, general superior of the Carmelite Order in the United States and Canada, dropping dead in the Holy Trinity German Catholic Church here.

KNOX, JR., RETURNS TO SHOPGIRL BRIDE

Son of Former Secretary of State Reconciled to Wife with Whom He Elope.

ARE PLANNING TRIP TO EUROPE

Special to The Washington Herald. Philadelphia, April 27.—Phylander C. Knox, Jr., son of former Secretary of State and former United States Senator Knox, and his wife, who before he eloped with her from Providence, R. I., on March 7, 1913, was Miss May Gertrude Hoier, a shopgirl of that city, have become reconciled.

MRS. STETSON DENIES MOTHER CHURCH WAR

Says She's Letting Science Directors Who Excommunicated Her "Overthrow Themselves."

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London, April 27.—The Ulster crisis was again brought to the front in Parliament today. Drastic action was promised by Premier Asquith, who is also minister of war, because 7,000 rifles and a cargo of ammunition was smuggled into Ireland and distributed at the headquarters of the "Ulster volunteers," who are opposing home rule.

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U.S. TROOPS MAY BE ORDERED TO COLORADO TODAY

Rockefeller Mine Interests Refuse to Compromise with Strikers.

WILSON IN CONFERENCE

Hurried Action Is Expected to Follow the Failure of Foster's Mission.

SOLDIERS HELD IN READINESS

House Committee Probably Will Go to Scene to Investigate Killing of Women and Children.

CONFERENCE AT WHITE HOUSE.

The strike situation was considered at a White House conference last night. President Wilson discussed it for an hour or more with Secretary of War Garrison and Senator Thomas of Colorado.

Consideration was given advice that mine guards, in the guise of militiamen, had fired on men, women and children, killing many of them and that a state of anarchy existed around Trinidad with which the State authorities found themselves unable to cope.

The President and his conferees waited patiently for a report from Chairman Foster, but this was not received until long after Secretary Garrison and Senator Thomas had left the White House.

Upon arriving at his office in the War Department last night Secretary Garrison said that he would have nothing to say on the strike situation. It is the understanding, however, that papers are prepared dispatching troops to the scene of the trouble, and that they will be ready to go forward promptly if the President gives the word.

Expressed here that by noon today Federal troops will be on the way to Colorado. The President is prone to be reluctant to take such a step, but he is believed to have reached the conclusion that all the evidence in hand warrants the dispatch of troops to Colorado in accordance with the request for them made by Gov. Ammons, of that State.

TROOPS AVAILABLE NOW.

While practically all the land military is now being headed for the Mexican border, troops are available for service in Colorado. There are two troops of the Twelfth Cavalry now at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, which can be used for the purpose.

Administration officials are greatly stirred by the reports of atrocities in the strike region.

"Nothing that has happened in Mexico compares with the awful things that have taken place in Colorado," said a cabinet official. "The public mind has for the moment been centered on Mexico, and has not observed the great domestic struggle between the strike-breakers and the miners and the militia of Colorado."

It is considered altogether likely that Chairman Foster, accompanied by other members of the Mines and Mining Committee, will go to Colorado. Recent advice as to alleged misuse of the militia and the killing of women and children may impel the committee to broaden the inquiry authorized by the House so as to embrace the recent developments.

UP TO JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

Chairman Foster was sent to New York following representations made to President Wilson by Colorado Senators and Representatives that it was within the power of John D. Rockefeller, Sr., to stop the disorder in the coal regions of that State.

"Rockefeller is the dominant figure in the coal fields," said Representative Keating, of Colorado, who introduced the resolution of inquiry under which the House Committee on Mines and Mining is proceeding. "One word from Rockefeller would put an end to the trouble."

Every Colorado member of the House urged President Wilson to send Federal troops to the strike region. They insisted that the only alternative was acquiescence by Mr. Rockefeller in a plan to mediate.

President Wilson was apprised before the call of the Colorado delegation at the White House Sunday, that women and children had lost their lives in the strike district. Mr. Keating took his resolution of inquiry to the President, and it is the understanding that the measure was approved by Mr. Wilson before it was offered to the House.

UNIONIST M. P. DIES.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, April 27.—Sir George Doughty, Unionist member of Parliament from Grimsby, died today, aged sixty.

HOTEL WOODSACK, NEW YORK CITY.

Comfort Without Extravagance.—Adv.

TROOPS STAY ON SHIPS AS FLAG IS RAISED ON SHORE

Debarcation from Transports at Vera Cruz Postponed.

MAY BE MOVE OF PEACE

But Warlike Preparations Go on and Camp Site Is Prepared for Soldiers.

FAMINE PUTS MEN ON RATIONS

Gen. Funston to Take Command as Sailors Are Withdrawn—3,000 Marines to Be with Army.

BY JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Staff Correspondent of The Washington Herald.

Vera Cruz, April 27.—The United States flag was hoisted with impressive ceremony atop the Hotel Terminal today, but the troops which arrived on the transports from Galveston this afternoon were not landed.

The troops will not be landed immediately because of the shortage of food in the city. Their debarcation will be deferred at least until most of the refugees have been taken away.

Unofficially, however, it is said the debarcation was held up by an order from Washington, sent because the prospects for peace have suddenly brightened.

It was reported here today that Huerta had just decided to accept the mediation proposal. This and reports that popular feeling against the Americans has slackened make it possible that the soldiers will not be landed at all.

THERE'S A TRICK IN IT.

On the other hand, though, it is held that Huerta, even if he accepts the mediation proposal, will never finally acquiesce to any plan which calls for his own elimination and disgrace. His acceptance of the mediation proposal is looked on here as merely another attempt to gain time which to shape his own dark plans.

But, whether the troops are landed soon, it is regarded as certain here that the American force will not withdraw from Mexico until the final "showdown" whatever it may be. As things look now all along the line, the outlook is much brighter. But there has been no cessation in warlike preparations on the part of the rear admiral and his command. In respect camp site is being prepared for a large body of troops west of the city on the line of the Mexican National Railway.

Brig. Gen. Funston, who is in command of the troops, was issued supreme command authority as soon as he lands his men and Rear Admiral Fletcher will retire to his ship. The bluejackets who have been doing shore duty since the occupation of the city, will go back

CONGRESS IN BRIEF.

SENATE.

Approved a long list of nominations in executive session, and passed a bill regulating removal of snow from sidewalks in the District.

Hearings on canal tolls repeal bill before Interstate Commerce Commission dragged near to their close, the witnesses being W. R. Wheeler, of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and Joseph N. Teal, of the Portland (Ore.) Chamber of Commerce. Both men presented data in support of free tolls.

Mexican affairs were privately discussed by Senators of New Mexico, with Chairman Stone, of the Foreign Relations Committee, when Fall accused State Department of concealing facts of mistreatment and peril of Americans in Northern Mexico.

Senators Thomas and Shaforth, of Colorado, conferred on demands reaching them from Colorado for presence of Federal troops in Trinidad coal strike zone.

Senator La Follette offered a resolution calling upon Interstate Commerce Commission for all letters and circulars or other printed matter sent them manifestly to influence their decision on the general increase of freight rates.

HOUSE.

With incidental reference to Mexican situation House yesterday debated bill to increase taxes in District of Columbia.

Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, criticized Consuls Canada and Hanna for sending out exaggerated and alarming reports of conditions in Mexico City, Vera Cruz and Monterey.

Representative Kent, of California, praised Villa as strongest man in Mexico and one man standing between this country and general war with Mexican republic.

Agricultural Committee began hearings on a bill to standardize inspection of grain shipped in interstate commerce.

Public Lands Committee voted to report out Ferris bill authorizing Interior Department to lease oil, coal, gas and phosphate lands.

Representative McKellar introduced bill providing that in naming officers to command the volunteer forces of United States the President shall give preference to officers who have been decorated for distinguished services.

Adjourning until noon Tuesday.