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MEDIATORS TO MEET IN CONFERENCE; TALK OF HUERTA'S RESIGNATION; MEXICAN ATTACK AT VERA CRUZ

HUERTA, CARRANZA AND U. S. ASKED TO NAME SPOKESMAN

Peace Envoy Wants Representative Designated to Discuss Pacification.

STEP IS DECIDED UPON
AFTER ALL-DAY SESSION

Believed Acceptance Will Prove Beneficial in Allowing Time for War Spirit to Subside.

SCOPE OF MEDIATION UNFIXED

No Word From Either Federal or Rebel Leader Regarding Proposal for Armistice Between Mexican Factions.

Huerta, Carranza and the United States have been asked to designate representatives to confer with the Ambassador of Brazil and the ministers of Argentina and Chile in their efforts to evolve a plan for the general pacification of Mexico and the establishment of a stable government in the republic below the border.

This is the sixth step in diplomatic progress made by these mediators within a week.

Ambassador de Gama and Ministers Naon and Suarez called on Secretary Bryan last evening, asking him to designate the commissioner for the United States government. At the same time they telegraphed Gen. Huerta in Mexico City and Gen. Carranza in Juarez, requesting each of them to send a spokesman to represent their interests in the conferences to be held in Washington.

Following their visit to the State Department, Secretary Bryan and the President held a lengthy conference at the White House. Secretary Bryan, on leaving the conference, said no representative for this government had yet been decided upon.

Action Follows All-Day Session.

No announcement of the subject to be considered by the representatives of the three parties to the mediation, or of the powers or functions of the new envoys, was made except for the following brief statement which was issued through the State Department on the authority of the three diplomats:

The mediators have delivered to this government and are sending out to Gen. Huerta and Gen. Carranza requests that representatives be appointed to confer with the mediators on the subject of the proposed solution of the Mexican problem.

While it is realized that the representatives of all parties probably pass on points brought up in the discussion with the mediators, they would be able to sound out their support so that before formal proposals actually were made the mediators would have an idea of their probable reception.

Expect Approval of Step.

The envoys felt confident last night that the step they had taken would meet with favor by all concerned, believing there could be no objection to a move calculated chiefly to facilitate the progress of the work.

Thus far the responses from Gen. Huerta and Gen. Carranza have not been clear as to whether the differences between the United States and Mexico arising out of the Tampico incident alone would be considered by their supporters or if they would consent to a general discussion of the Mexican problem. By sending representatives here, it is pointed out, such difficulties would be bridged over, for in an informal conference with the mediators everything pertaining to Mexico could be discussed and even informally submitted before the stage of formal proposals was reached.

Incidentally, it is known that the mediators intend to concentrate their attention on the broad subject of pacifying Mexico, hoping that the differences which arose between the Huerta government and the United States might become secondary in view of a solution of the entire Mexican problem. Names of persons who might be acceptable to all factions in Mexico for the position of provisional president, pending a rehabilitation of the national government, in case the negotiations reach that stage, are being suggested to the mediators.

Huerta and Carranza Silent.

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HUERTALS FIRE ON AMERICAN OUTPOST

Attack Water Works Outside Vera Cruz Following Demand for Surrender.

BUT FEW SHOTS FIRED;
THREAT BELIEVED BLUFF

Nearly 1,300 Troops Are Sent in Support—Gen. Maas Cuts Off Food Supply.

VERA CRUZ, May 2.—A considerable force of Mexicans attacked the American outpost at the water plant nine miles out at 11 o'clock this morning, according to a wireless message received here which was not confirmed.

Supporting troops were at once ordered forward by train from Vera Cruz to El Tejar, where the water works are situated.

No intimation was given in the wireless message as to the size and identity of the attacking force.

But Few Shots Exchanged.

What had promised to be the first fight between the United States Army and the Mexican troops today ended in the exchange of not more than half a dozen shots.

The Mexicans threatened to "attack immediately unless the Americans surrendered their position at the water works at El Tejar within ten minutes," but failed to fulfill their menace.

The Mexicans are still holding a position beyond the water works station and the United States Army has received no orders to advance. At 11 o'clock this morning a Mexican force, estimated at from 200 to 300 men, appeared a mile beyond the water works station, Maj. Russell of the marines had received orders not to assume the offensive but his men watched the Mexicans with much interest.

Suddenly a Mexican lieutenant and non-commissioned officer bearing a white flag advanced and presented a demand for the Americans to surrender within ten minutes.

Maj. Russell's reply was: "Hurry right back and do not waste any of the time your commanding officer has allotted."

Prepared to Resist Attack.

Maj. Russell then made preparations to resist any attack, at the same time sending a message to the headquarters in Vera Cruz that his outpost was threatened.

Back at headquarters Brig. Gen. Funston and his staff had been conscientiously working out the details of the new government which the brigadier general had been ordered to establish.

The wireless message from the water works station at El Tejar brought about a change in the military command.

Within a few minutes headquarters had notified Maj. Russell that reinforcements were on the way to aid him and in little more than an hour instead of the 240 marines comprising the command, Maj. Russell at the outpost of El Tejar there were in position to support him more than 1,300 men.

The Mexican force, which was estimated to be 200 to 300 men, was composed of two battalions and three companies of marines commanded by Col. José Arce.

Troops Taken From Outskirts.

All these troops had been taken from stations in the outskirts of Vera Cruz, the first station on the Mexican railway, where they were posted. The battalions were commanded by Maj. Charles G. French and Maj. Paul A. Wolf.

When Col. Van Vliet and Col. Lejeune left the water works station Maj. Russell and his men were not at all hard pressed.

The Mexicans, who were attacking themselves with a scattering fire consisting of not more than four or five shots at a range of about 700 yards, from Maj. Russell's lines only one shot was fired.

The water works station at El Tejar forms the most advanced post in the American lines, and was placed so far out of the city only because the authorities regarded it as absolutely essential to protect the city's water supply.

General orders had been given for the American troops not to assume the offensive and not to fire at all unless attacked.

It is not regarded here as at all probable that the Mexicans, former federal commander at Vera Cruz, has any idea of attempting to re-take the city, but he is tightening his long irregular lines about the city, apparently in an effort to prevent the entrance from the country districts of supplies. In this he has been partially successful, and truck gardeners have found it almost impossible to reach the Vera Cruz markets with their produce.

Threat Regarded as Bluff.

It is generally assumed that the Mexican threat today to take El Tejar was little more than a bluff, and it is thought that the Mexicans perhaps hoped the American outpost at that place, which would be considered by their supporters as they would consent to a general discussion of the Mexican problem.

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HUERTA BELIEVED READY TO RESIGN FROM PRESIDENCY

Rebel Leaders Declare Dictator Is About to Yield Under Pressure of "Cientificos."

ACQUIRED TO MEDIATION
"TO SAVE HIS FACE," CLAIM

Declare Supporters Hope to Retain Some Portion of Their Vast Properties.

REBELLION IS TO BE PUSHED

Departure of Villa From Chihuahua and Carranza's Impending Trip South Held to Indicate Vigorous Campaign Is Planned.

SITUATION IN CAPITAL
SERIOUS FOR HUERTA

MEXICO CITY, May 2.—The situation in Mexico City today had every appearance of becoming serious for the administration and in well informed circles it was expected that Provisional President Huerta might resign at any moment.

EL PASO, Tex., May 2.—Several rebel leaders tonight declared that Victoriano Huerta was ready to step down and out under the pressure of his cientifico supporters, who, they said, already regarded rebel success as inevitable.

The constitutionalist leaders said that on account of this belief they would make no concessions when mediation came up as a result of the good offices of the diplomats from Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

Rebel leaders in El Paso said that the good offices of the South American diplomats were accepted by Huerta only as a means of "saving his face."

Out of the negotiations the Huerta supporters, according to the rebels, hope to save for themselves what they can of their vast properties in Mexico and possibly some of their privileges.

Those in authority here are chary of frank statements concerning diplomatic maneuvers, but they have a way of confidential insinuation, exhibition of telegrams and letters, hints and the like which permit the inquirer to gain a fairly accurate knowledge of points in question.

Carranza to Be Represented.

Carranza will be represented at the sessions of the board of mediators at Washington. Two of his representatives will be Rafael Zubaran, now in Washington, and Luis Cabrera, now on his way to the United States from Spain.

Cabrera was president of the chamber of deputies at Mexico City at the time of the overthrow of Madero. Two more may be appointed in the persons of Jose Vasconcelos, a lawyer of Mexico City, and Francisco Urdqui, who is in charge of the federal bureau of plant industry, in consideration of the cost of the government.

The government exposition board has been advised by the controller of the Red Cross is not in any sense a governmental activity, no matter how intimate existing relations, and that the law will not permit the expenditure of funds from the public treasury for the purpose of showing what it has accomplished and the ways of doing so.

The government exposition board, in its reference, pointed out that great latitude had been given preceding exhibition boards in the matter of preparing exhibits, and that exhibits from Hawaii, the Philippines and Porto Rico had been included in the national exhibition at other international expositions. Controller Downey decided that the Red Cross was not in the same class, although conducted under government supervision, and reporting its finances for government audit.

DR. B. T. GALLOWAY NAMED.

Made Head of New York State College of Agriculture.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

Ithaca, N. Y., May 2.—Dr. Beverly T. Galloway, assistant secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, was today appointed by the board of trustees of Cornell University the new director of the New York State College of Agriculture. He will take office August 1. He succeeds Dean Liberty Hyde



Secretary Garrison Seeks to Aid Mexicans By Adoption of System in Vogue at Vera Cruz in Instituting Military Government

To clear up any misunderstanding as to the reasons for substituting a purely military government for the civil administration set up at Vera Cruz by navy officials, Secretary Garrison last night made public the text of his instructions to Brig. Gen. Funston:

"I have just had a conference with the President about the administration of civil municipal functions at Vera Cruz. Wherever the Mexican official refuses to continue to exercise his function, we think it unwise to place an American civilian in charge, and want a military government carried on by the officers of the Army and the Marine Corps under your command. I have read the proposed regulations for establishment of a civil government, dated April 26. It would be simpler and better to take the system which was in vogue when the Mexicans ran the city, and to put army officers at the head of the various departments, bureaus and other official positions, with duties similar to those that had been performed under the Mexican administration.

"This will appeal to the citizens, because it will be what they have always been accustomed to. It will be better for us than to have American citizens who happen to be on the ground injected into a military administration. Please acquaint yourself as soon as possible with the method of administration of the city government; that is, of all the civil government under your jurisdiction, and act thereafter in accordance with instructions above set forth. Follow as nearly as you can the method pursued by us in the Philippine Islands when the military took over the civil functions from Spain. You may state as your reason for taking this course that since the territory within your jurisdiction is now, and while it remains under your jurisdiction, will be subject to a military government. I desire to have persons directly responsible to my orders and subject to my jurisdiction in all places.

"It would be helpful to you to obtain a copy, if possible, of the general orders issued at time of military government in the Philippines. Inquire among your officers to see if any of them have copies. I would suggest that you inquire among all your officers to learn which of them took any part in the military government in the Philippines or Cuba, as their experience will be very useful to you in this connection. In administration of military government in the Philippines it was found convenient to utilize services of naval officers in certain positions in the civil government, and the office of captain of the port was always filled by a naval officer, the admiral readily furnishing officers on suggestion of commanding general. You should avail yourself of this opportunity."

NO RED CROSS DISPLAY.

Government Exhibit at San Francisco Cannot Include It.

An exhibit of the Red Cross cannot be incorporated in the government exhibit at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at the cost of the government. The government exposition board has been advised by the controller of the Red Cross is not in any sense a governmental activity, no matter how intimate existing relations, and that the law will not permit the expenditure of funds from the public treasury for the purpose of showing what it has accomplished and the ways of doing so.

TEN THOUSAND MINERS QUIT.

Defy Opinion of President of United Mine Workers.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., May 2.—Ten thousand miners in those operations in the Kanawha field affected by the wage agreement remained idle today. The result of a conference between a committee from the district and John P. White, international president of the United Mine Workers' of America, at Indianapolis tomorrow is known.

The miners today appointed a committee of five members to go to Indianapolis and confer with President White. It is reported President White holds that the miners have violated the terms of their contract. Efforts of the district officers to have the men return to work pending a settlement have been unsuccessful.

Several hundred miners in the Paint and Cabin creek districts quit work today. Business men of the Kanawha valley are endeavoring to effect a settlement between the miners and operators. It is reported many of the miners are in favor of a strike no matter what the result of the conference with President White.

TWO DIE IN OAK CREEK FIRE.

No Evidence of Incendiarism, Is Report to Ammons.

DENVER, May 2.—Robert Doggett and Jack Snow were burned to death early today in a fire that destroyed a rooming house, a saloon and three other buildings at Oak Creek mining camp in Routt county, according to a report from Sheriff Chivington to Gov. Ammons.

SAYS SLEMP WILL QUIT.

Former Senator Noel Prepares to Enter Race.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR.
RICHMOND, Va., May 2.—Representative Stump will not be a candidate for Congress this year, and I know what I am talking about.

This was the statement this evening by former Senator John C. Noel of Lee county. Senator Noel was here to spend Sunday and will go from here to Washington. He continued:

"I am so certain that Mr. Slemp will not stand for the nomination that I am preparing to announce my candidacy immediately on my return home next week, after I shall have completed my business in Washington."

Junius S. Morgan to Marry.

BOSTON, May 2.—Announcement of the engagement of Junius Spencer Morgan, son of J. Pierpont Morgan of New York, to Miss Louise Converse, daughter of Frederick Shepherd Converse of this city, was made by the young woman's parents today.



FAMOUS STABLES IN COMPETITION

Thrilling Exhibitions in Presence of Vast Throng of Society Folk.

OPENING OF HORSE SHOW
WITH FEATURE PROGRAM

Entries of High Grade in All Classes. Award of Ribbons to Winners.

Tanbark celebrities of a dozen states, representing some of the most famous stables in America, competed in thrilling exhibitions at the opening of the National Capital Horse Show, at 18th and D streets northwest, yesterday afternoon, darkness ringed the curtain on what proved to be the most auspicious first day of any meet ever held under the auspices of the association.

Bearing out the prediction of officials in charge, both harness and hunter classes, in point of number of entries and character of horses exhibited, were of a higher order than those of any previous meet. Many of the contestants among them Misses Anne and Constance Vaulcain, owners of the Broadawn farm, exhibited for the first time at a local show yesterday.

There was the usual number of spills in the hunting classes, but none of the resulting seriously. Miss Carolyn Hazard had a close call when the Virginia, which she was warming up outside the ring preparatory to riding in one of the hunting events, reared and toppled backward, plunging her against one of the stalls. She pluckily remounted and a few minutes later put the horse over the jumps in creditable fashion.

Skillful Bidding a Feature.

Mrs. Allen Potts of Gordonsville, Va., who did not ride any of her hunters last year, was a contestant in the classes for green hunters and corinthian riders. Miss Helen Morris, Mrs. W. Sinclair Bowen exhibited a concert by the United States 5th Cavalry band, the show was more than an hour behind the schedule, when the next lot of two and four yearlings was decided to run these numbers off Monday, with the performances to start at 11 o'clock instead of 2, as previously announced.

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Rider Unseated.

Green hunters made their initial appearance in class 35 and their performances kept the crowd keyed up to a high pitch of excitement. The first spill occurred in this class when Charles Lee, manager of the Delchester farm stud, fell over the second jump, unseating his rider. Folk, the winner, cleared nicely and performed like a veteran. The jump-off of Marrot, owned by Maj. R. G. Paxton, won applause.

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Representative Foster's Report on the Miners' Strike in Colorado.

CITES REJECTION OF PLAN TO ARBITRATE DISPUTE

Submits Copy of Correspondence With Operators—Fixes Responsibilities for Present Conditions.

The full text of the telegraphic correspondence between John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Chairman Foster of the House committee on mines and mining, and the twenty big mine barons of Colorado, headed by J. P. Welborn, president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, the man whom young Mr. Rockefeller says his father believes in absolutely regarding the mine strike situation in Colorado, was made public by Mr. Foster last night.

The telegrams disclose the unfavorable attitude of the mine presidents toward the United Mine Workers of America and also the earnest efforts of Representative Foster and his committee to induce both sides of the deplorable situation to arbitrate their difficulties, for the first time at a local show yesterday.

Representative Foster, in a statement issued with the correspondence, put the situation squarely up to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in these words: "You are toward the United Mine Workers of America and also the earnest efforts of Representative Foster and his committee to induce both sides of the deplorable situation to arbitrate their difficulties, for the first time at a local show yesterday."

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Statement by Chairman Foster.

Chairman Foster's statement follows: "In my conference with Mr. Rockefeller at his office in New York I urged on him the importance of submitting the differences existing between the striking miners and the operators to a fair and neutral board of arbitration, believing that the only solution existing in the state of Colorado could be a mutually satisfactory one."

"I spent the month of February in Colorado, at the direction of the House of Representatives, investigating conditions existing in the coal fields of that state in ten years. I have been over the property and have conferred with and examined the records of both sides of the strike. I understand the issues on both sides. There is nothing in the differences between the two sides which cannot be settled by arbitration. The demand that the union be recognized has been withdrawn. The union is now confronting the strikers and owners. It will resolve to submit the matter to adjustment by arbitration."

Notified of Miners' Concession.

The first telegram sent by Chairman Foster was to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in New York, April 29, stating that William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers, was willing to waive all questions of recognition of the union.

"Are you willing to accept the representative Foster, to enter into negotiations for settlement of strike on that basis and stop the killing of men, women and