

could control it. I had more houses when I was president of the New Haven at a salary of \$50,000 than when I was a clerk at \$30 a month.

Mr. Mellen explained that in the various trolley systems, maintained as corporate entities, he was president of the corporation.

"I was not president," said he, "I knew who was."

"Well, if it was not a personal grip," responded Mr. Mellen, "it nevertheless was a good grip."

"My interest in the Massachusetts trolley was personal. C. S. Mellen acquired them in his own capacity. I bought them myself and paid for them myself with my own money."

"Why did you personally favor the consolidation of the trolleys with the New Haven?"

"Because consolidation would result in better service, lower rates and greater satisfaction to the public."

"I don't know anything a railroad can do now except to take off its hat to some government."

Mr. Mellen said he was opposed to the New Haven holding and operating steamships.

"I always was against the plan. I was afraid of disasters on those tender boxes."

our tender of good offices to the United States and to Mexico, which sustained our spirit when almost overcome by the difficulties which beset our path, and which, gentlemen, with your aid and with the aid of your governments, we hope to be able to overcome.

"If we succeed in doing so, we shall have affirmed by a striking example the never-to-be-forgotten lesson that even in the midst of the turmoil of battle and the unchained tempests of hate and conflicting ambitions, above all this, there will be heard the clear and persuasive voice of reason counseling the sacrifice of persons in favor of the collective interest of the people, and spreading the gospel of peace and justice."

On behalf of the United States and Mexico, Justice Lemar and Emilio Habasa, respectively, made brief responses, echoing the sentiments of patriotism which were voiced by the Brazilian ambassador, and expressing the thanks of their governments for the tender of good offices.

Method of Procedure Adopted. The following method of procedure has been approved:

First. The plenipotentiaries of Brazil, Argentina and Chile will preside over the conference. The Brazilian ambassador will direct the proceedings of the conference.

Second. The minutes of the proceedings will be signed by the plenipotentiaries of the three plenipotentiaries who will be counter-signed by the three secretaries of the plenipotentiaries, and said minutes shall be drafted in English, Spanish and Portuguese, and five copies shall be made—namely, one copy for each of the plenipotentiaries and one copy for each of the secretaries. The deliberations shall be secret.

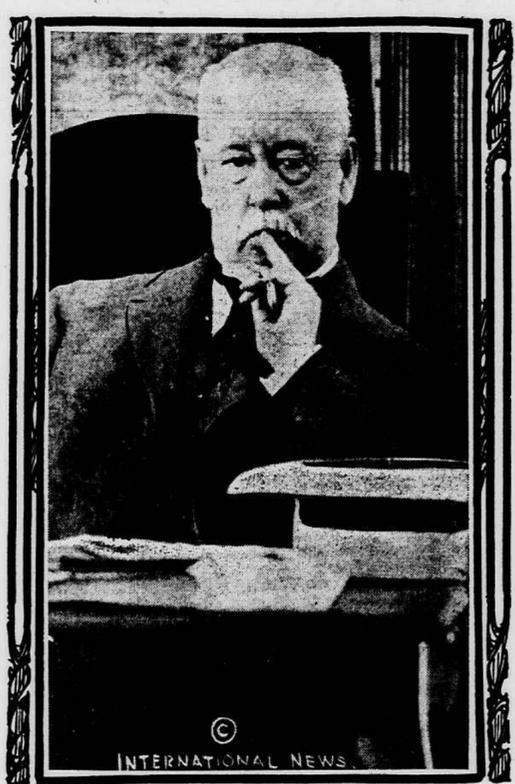
Third. The full conference will be held in the forenoon of the day upon their request; second, for the presentation of basis of settlement; third, for their acceptance or rejection.

Fourth. The conference will be closed by a full final session at which will be the final result of the conference, whatever such result may be.

Fifth. Closing addresses by the plenipotentiaries and representatives should they so desire.

President Wilson and his advisers to give their attention to Niagara Conference.

TESTIFIES IN RAILWAY INQUIRY.



CHARLES E. MELLEN, Former president of the New Haven Railroad Company.

statement that Gen. Huerta was to be eliminated as a condition precedent to the opening of the Panama canal, and the denial from Huerta that his representatives are "instructions" to effect him.

The understanding of officials will be exercised so far as it affects the retention of Gen. Huerta has told his representatives that they could go to any limit in their efforts to reach a settlement with the United States, no matter how such an adjustment might involve his personal fortunes.

Government officials today were pleased over news of cordial and informal personal relations among members of the two missions and the South American envoys that marked the opening of the conference.

Further conferences during the day between the President and Secretary of State were expected.

When the President and Mr. Bryan began their conference there were several members of the American delegation who had arrived overnight relating to their night session with the mediating envoys.

Secretary Bryan was asked if any friction had arisen with regard to the nature of the credentials given the American plenipotentiaries.

He said that his delegates were authorized to concede his elimination, if that appeared to be a precedent necessary to the success of mediation, caused little uneasiness.

REGRETS RANGOR IN TOLLS BATTLE. Distinguished Gathering President as New Clubhouse. No One Tells Members of His "Army" to Keep Off the Grass.

Senator Root Again Argues for Repeal of Exemption to U. S. Vessels.

REVIEWS EVENTS LEADING TO SIGNING OF TREATIES. Declares Ships of All Nations Should Be Treated Alike—No Question of U. S. Control of Canal.

Senator Root of New York, one of the leading supporters of the Panama canal, today addressed the Senate in support of that measure.

Senator Root deplored the "insolence and rancor which ill betide the consideration of an important international question by a great people, which has been injected into the popular discussion of this subject in some quarters."

Senator Root discussed the history leading up to the adoption of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and the treaty with Panama under which the United States obtained the right to build the Panama canal and to maintain it.

Senator Root referred to the manner in which the 500 canal is operated, saying that there is no charge to the vessels of citizens of the United States on passage through the canal, nor to vessels owned by citizens of Great Britain and Canada.

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Expected to Give Their Opinions as Basis for More Formal Procedure.

FULL CONFERENCE LATER IN DAY HELD PROBABLE

President and Advisers Keeping in Touch With American Delegates at Niagara Falls, Ont.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 21.—With the arrival in the midst of Eduardo Suarez, the Chilean minister, who had been in his journey from Washington, the mediation conference was ready to proceed today with its personnel completed.

The plenipotentiaries planned to meet late in the forenoon with the three Mexican delegates and as in the case of their conference with the American plenipotentiaries last night it was expected they would outline informally to them their views of the situation as a basis for more formal procedure.

It was announced that it was not possible that later in the day there would be a full conference of both sides of the controversy for an exchange of views that might lead to the first definite working basis of negotiation.

Must Reckon With Rebels. There is a feeling on the part of the plenipotentiaries of the mediation conference here that the savage advance of the constitutional army under Gen. Villa inevitably must have a bearing upon the settlement of the difficulties between the plenipotentiaries of the American and the South American plenipotentiaries.

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400 REBELS DIE IN TAKING TEPEC

Army of 5,000 Advancing on Guadalajara—Mazatlan in State of Terror.

ON BOARD U. S. S. CALIFORNIA, Mazatlan, May 20.—An army of 5,000 constitutionalists, having occupied Tepec, with a loss of 400 killed and an unknown number of casualties among the federalists, has begun its advance on Guadalajara.

The capture of Tepec was accomplished after a bloody struggle. Although the losses of the federalists are uncertain, it is known 300 of them were taken prisoners.

Mazatlan is in a state of panic today. The terror of the approach of the rebels is augmented by the presence in their ranks of 700 Indians in war paint, whose excesses in the event of the city's fall, it is feared, their white leaders will be unable to curb.

More dismal to the contemplation of the sacking of the city by the federalists when they are forced to retreat, as is inevitable, is the general belief that they will not give up Mazatlan to Gen. Obregon without first wrecking the city.

A new cause of apprehension to the Mexicans is the arrival of the cruiser South Dakota from Acapulco with her force of marines. This has been variously interpreted by the natives and the fear of an American seizure has spread throughout the city.

Commissioners to Ask Congress for \$175,000 for Western. Plans for asking Congress for an appropriation of approximately \$175,000 with which to rebuild the Western High School building, which was partly destroyed by fire several weeks ago, were discussed by the District Commissioners at a board conference today.

REBELS AT CAPITOL. DELIVERS ADDRESS

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RESERVE CITIES FILE CERTIFICATES.

The cities of Dallas and Atlanta today filed with the organization committee in charge of the regional bank reserve system the certificates of incorporation which will bring them into the system.

Kansas City filed its certificate yesterday in San Francisco is now the only city which has not yet sent its certificate, although the mails are expected to bring that certificate along shortly.

U. S. Production for 1913 Was 46,311,389 Short Tons, Says Report. All records of production of coke in the United States were broken in 1913, when the total output was 46,311,389 short tons, valued at \$128,951,430, according to the geological survey today.

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WOMEN HANDLE TROWEL.

Following Speaker Clark's address, it had been the intention of each former president of the club, as well as the present president, Mrs. Fletcher, to deliver a short address, but these were dispensed with. Instead these women each placed a brick on the top of the corner stone.

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