

PANAMA INVADED BY COSTA RICANS

U. S. Asked to Intervene to Avoid Bloodshed in Central America

ATTACK CAMOUFLAGED

What at First Appeared to Be Influx of Political Refugees Is Armed Invasion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The United States government was asked by Panama today to use its good offices to avoid any bloodshed in Central America growing out of the alleged invasion of Panama by Costa Rican troops.

Acting on instructions from President Porras, chargé d'affaires Lefevre of the Panama legation, informed the state department that what first appeared as an influx of political refugees from Costa Rica to Panama was actually an armed invasion. Mr. Lefevre requested that the United States intervene with the Costa Rican minister here.

A message received by Mr. Lefevre from his government and communicated to Under Secretary of State Davis, was in the effect that troops acting on instructions from the Costa Rican minister, had occupied territory bordering on the Costa, Colima and Colorado rivers.

An armed invasion headed by General Manuel Quintana, a member of President Porras' cabinet, was said to have been dispatched from Panama to the threatened region by way of David, where civilian troops are being mobilized. The purpose of this expedition, the cable stated, was to regain sovereignty over the invaded territory.

Wilson and Harding to Ride to Capitol

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson will ride to the capitol with President-elect Harding on inauguration day, despite all rumors to the contrary. It was stated at the white house today.

The president's participation in the inauguration has been agreed upon and the president plans to carry out his part of the program, it was stated.

PRISON CRUELTY ATTACKED

Texas Senate Favors Bill to Prevent Excessive Whipping

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 24.—The senate late today passed to engrossment the bill by Senator Hurlberg of Texas amending the penal code of Texas relating to punishment for excessive whipping of refractory prisoners, prohibiting the use of the lash and chains in the penitentiaries of Texas and fixing the penalty for violation of the law.

Senator Hurlberg was a member of the recent senate committee that investigated charges of cruelty to convicts and introduced this bill after he had returned from the penitentiaries and prison farms.



SENATOR HURLBERG

Convention Hall, March 21-22. The name of Alessandro Bonci, who is one of the artists engaged by the Chicago Grand Opera association this season, brings to mind the term "bel canto." It is a term that stands for perfect phrasing, great vocal flexibility and perfect technique as contrasted with heroic singing, which is more concerned with great volume of tone than quality.

When Bonci first came to America he was called one of the greatest living exponents of the style of bel canto, and there is no reason for changing the verdict now, according to leading musical authorities. His voice has all the beauty of tone and it is used with the same consummate artistry remembered from days of his early New York successes when he was brought to this country as a rival of Caruso. He belongs to the school of which his last great predecessor was Jean de Reszke.

Although three years younger than Caruso, the great Metropolitan opera house star, Bonci was selected as the one tenor available in Europe who could be counted on to cope with him in winning the attention and approval of the New York opera goers. He was brought to the newly opened Manhattan opera house some years ago by Oscar Hammerstein and instantly created interest. He speedily built up a following as large and loyal as that of Caruso and for a whole season the opera house was divided into rival camps, one supporting Bonci and one Caruso. At the end of that time the Metropolitan made Bonci such a tempting offer that he became a member of that organization. After singing there for two seasons he returned to Europe, whence he only returned last season.

Bonci is now a member of the Chicago Opera association and is one of the brilliant singers in that organization, others being Mary Garden, Galli-Curci, Rosa Ponselle, Frida Hempel and Titta Ruffo.

Legislative Sidelights

Gatherings of Young Democrats at Muskogee and Young Republicans at Norman Hold Up Legislative Matters Somewhat—House Majority Agrees to Pass Appropriation Bills—Talk About Jim Harris Lobbying Seems to Be Just Hot Air—Rumors of State Discrepancies May Be Stronger Than Facts.

C. W. R. HENDERSON, Oklahoma City, Feb. 24.—Legislative matters have not been going through as rapidly as the first of the week's announcement for the session that there has been a meeting of young democrats at Muskogee and young republicans at Norman, and there were all kinds of old rumors and republicans to those meetings place. The house of representatives did not kill the soldiers bonus measure and passed three emergency appropriations for state institutions, one of which had been hanging fire for several days. The senate has passed the Finance-Cordell tax measure, which allows the federal standard of depreciation and it has a good chance of being one of the laws passed by the eighth legislature. There has been so much excitement about investigations that state work has progressed outside of that section. Republican house leaders are positive in expressing themselves as being able to get the actual legislative work through, but the stand fast democratic talk is deadlier.

Not Seriously Considered. It requires courage to assume that the election and registration bills will be even taken seriously by the state senate. Senate democrats are still organized and while some of the democratic members of that body are inclined to believe there should be some changes in the election law and possibly in the registration act, it is only fair to state that they will probably wish to do the amending act.

Attorney Kornagay of Ada has a bill that is longer than the first laws introduced by Judge Moses, but he is not in good standing on the democratic side just now for the reason that he is connected with some of the investigating committees. If the reports which came from Muskogee are in any manner correct, Judge Kornagay will write no election bill this year of our Lord, 1921, and it is just as well to break the news that no one else is likely to write one that will be made a statute. It could hang in the air for the life of the three are in no wise favorable.

The republican majority in the house has agreed to pass appropriation measures—in fact there is an expressed desire to see that none of the state institutions are handicapped for lack of money. It is probable that the appropriations committee of the house and senate can iron out what differences exist. In all legislation compromise takes a commanding position, and that good old legislative word will very likely be used for the next several weeks.

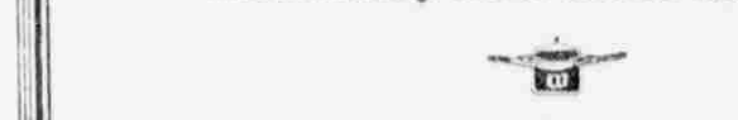
A large number of witnesses have been called from the outside relative to questions concerning discrepancies in handling state affairs. It can only be said that the rumors are often stronger than the facts. If the investigating committee has allowed anything to leak, it has been overlooked. The lobbyists are here, but whether they are just lobbying to keep their hands in or are going at it in the old-fashioned manner, is a matter that has not been decided. Oklahoma City newspapers have been busy in using Republican State Chairman Jim Harris' name in connection with lobbying. As a matter



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WILSON-HARDING MEETING LIKELY

Conference Shortly After March 4 to Clear Up Paris Affair

By GEORGE H. HOLMES, St. Louis, Mo. (Special Correspondent). ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—A meeting between President-elect Harding and ex-President Wilson, after March 4, in order to clear up some of the bewildered aspects of the Paris peace conference, is regarded as not unlikely by the advisers of the new president.

While Senator Harding has been and still is largely occupied with the foundation of his cabinet and with the numerous other matters involved in his entrance into the presidency, a week hence, he, nevertheless, has been following with keen interest developments in Washington. He has been particularly interested in the developments connected with the alleged involvement of the United States regarding the French and British at Paris, and most of his time will be his administration at the outset.

Bond Statement Surprised. President Wilson's communication to the senate of the fact that there was an understanding with the French and British at Paris relative to the seizure of German bonds in line of Belgium's debts, was a surprise to Harding headquarters here.

Only a week ago Thomas Lamont of Morgan and company, who was one of President Wilson's chief financial advisers at the Paris conference, informed Senator Harding in a conference here that he would be as free as the air in dealing with foreign debt problems.

Lamont, in a public statement after the conference with the president-elect, declared that so far as he knew there were no commitments of any kind at Paris on the debt problem and that in future dealings the administration would be unhindered in any way.

Harding Needs Information. In order to deal intelligently with the foreign relations of the new administration, it will be necessary, it was pointed out here today, for Senator Harding to be informed fully on the understandings that were reached at Paris. It is believed by those around the new president that the only man who can supply this information is President Wilson.

A conference between Senator Harding and President Wilson last night, also very close to being brought about when Senator Harding was in Washington. At that time Senator Harding did not feel like requesting such a conference and the president did not see fit to extend a formal invitation.

The relative situation will be wholly changed after March 4. As president-elect Senator Harding can with perfect propriety invite Woodrow Wilson as a private citizen to a conference, with the assurance also that such an invitation probably would be accepted with alacrity. In the opinion of some of the president's closest advisers, some such meeting is necessary to clear up many aspects of the foreign situation which have been brought out with conflicting testimony and conflicting views.

G. O. P. KILLED BONUS That's Charge of Senator Harrison in Senate Speech. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Charges that the soldier bonus bill was held up in the finance committee until it was too late to pass it at this session of congress, giving ex-service men and the country "false impressions" were made in the senate today by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippian.

Senator McClumber, republican, North Dakota, member of the committee, replied that the committee was waiting for exact cost data which he had been charged to obtain and would present to committee tomorrow.

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A TOWN'S DAY OF TRAGEDY

Three Dead, Two Others Injured in Dewitt, Ark., Affray.

DEWITT, Ark., Feb. 24.—Three persons, including deputy United States marshal, Mrs. J. L. Brookhart and John Allen, a negro, are dead and two others are injured as a result of a shooting affray here this afternoon.

James was killed and his father, the city marshal, was wounded in an exchange of shots that followed their entrance to a pool hall operated by Clarence Lacy. Lacy's wife was wounded by one of the bullets, while Mrs. Brookhart, a visitor at a dwelling close to the pool hall, dropped dead of heart disease when the shooting began.

James and his son are said to have been asked to suppress noise emanating from the Lacy dwelling. Allen was shot and killed in another shooting affray in the same locality.

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