

EUROPE KEEPING OUT OF THE MEXICAN FUSS

Secretary Bryan Denies Powers are Trying to Hurry Matters.

A NEW PLAN IS ADVANCED.

Neutral May Be Chosen to Act As President Till Election.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—Secretary Bryan yesterday asked the house to appropriate \$100,000 to care for destitute Americans in Mexico, who may find it necessary for their safety and well being to leave and who are unable to pay for their own transportation.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—After a conference with President Wilson, Secretary Bryan declared that the United States was in no way being pressed for action in Mexico and issued the following statement:

"The statement which appeared in some of the morning papers to the effect that European governments are bringing pressure to bear on the United States to compel aggressive action in Mexico is entirely without foundation."

Administration officials were pleased to observe the reports from Mexico City that a reform element in the Mexican chamber of deputies was planning to submit peace proposals of both factions in the revolution. So far as is known, the policy of the American government will be to await the outcome of negotiations of this character.

The chief difficulty in negotiating peace, it is admitted by Mexicans of all factions, is the selection of a nonpartisan provisional president. The suggestion was made yesterday by some prominent Mexicans here that on account of the scarcity of men of ability who had not taken part in the Mexican disputes and changing politics, it might be expedient to select one of the veteran diplomats now representing Mexico in posts abroad. Men of such character, it was pointed out, had no political affiliations and would give the situation the benefit of their experience in fields of diplomacy. Senor Corruarubias, at present minister to Russia, and Senor Gilbert Crespo Martinez were being mentioned. The house foreign affairs committee yesterday decided to ask Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson to appear and outline his views on Mexico. The ambassador may meet the committee.

Chairman Flood, setting forth the views of the administration as he has secured them from President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, made it clear that the administration was determined not to recognize the Huerta government and that Secretary Bryan contemplates an attempt to get a valid, binding election.

That it might proceed immediately and intelligently if the necessity for legislative action should arise, the committee decided to inform itself accurately as to the conditions in Mexico.

The determination of the committee to call Ambassador Wilson developed considerable difference of opinion on whether his testimony, in view of the wide variance between his views and those of the president and Secretary Bryan, might not prove embarrassing to the administration.

Some members of the committee, which is strongly inclined to give the president and the state department a free hand in the situation, believed Ambassador Wilson should not be called until Secretary Bryan and the president could be consulted.

With that situation in mind, Chairman Flood will confer with the secretary and president and an attempt may be made to reconsider yesterday's action.

Shriek Saves Her Mother.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 2.—A shriek uttered by Mrs. Frank Bradley saved her mother's life yesterday.

Eddie Baird, 13, found a revolver, which he supposed was unloaded and started to show his mother, Mrs. Edward Baird, how they "do it in the movies."

He pointed the pistol at his mother and fired. Just as he drew the trigger, his sister, Mrs. Bradley, entered the room and shouted. The cry startled the lad and deflected his arm so that the bullet struck his

mother's arm instead of her heart. She will recover.

PLANE CATCHES FIRE WHILE NEARLY A MILE IN AIR

Chicago Aviator Puts Out Flames With Hand Extinguisher and Makes Safe Landing.

Chicago, Aug. 2.—While nearly four thousand feet in the air a monoplane driven by W. C. Robinson of Chicago, caught fire yesterday when a fuse on the engine blew out. Robinson extinguished the flames with a hand extinguisher while descending, and reached the ground safely. He had gone up in an attempt to break the new American altitude record.

James Irving of San Jose, Cal., who accompanied Roy Francis, a San Francisco aviator on a trip yesterday dropped in a parachute from an altitude of four thousand feet and descended safely.

PLAYS WITH REVOLVER, YOUTH KILLS HIMSELF

Harold Smith of Harlan Purchases Box of Cartridges Unknown to His Mother.

Harlan, Aug. 2.—Harold Smith, 11-year-old, son of I. E. Smith, station agent of the Northwestern railroad here, accidentally shot and killed himself Thursday night while playing with a revolver.

The boy was fond of playing with guns and recently his brother presented him with a .22 caliber revolver. Thursday afternoon his mother permitted him to go to a hardware store to procure a box of blank shells, but in addition to his mother's order he purchased a box of loaded cartridges. Going home later in the evening he went to his room upstairs and suddenly his father heard a loud report from the gun, and upon rushing upstairs found that the boy had shot himself through the head, dying instantly.

The mother is prostrated with grief.

BITES OF BULL-DOG THE CAUSE FOR A LAWSUIT

Carnival Company at Iowa City Involved in Dispute With Clairvoyant.

Iowa City, Aug. 2.—Roland Yates, a brick layer on the new Hotel Jefferson, has brought suit for \$5,000 damages against the Clifton-Kelley Carnival company, because he was chewed up by a bulldog following an altercation with a clairvoyant and her husband. Attachment was issued against the merry-go-round, ferris wheel, tent, and costumes of the gaudy girls, and the clairvoyant's tent.

Yates got into a dispute with the clairvoyant, who called her husband, saying she had been insulted. Yates licked the husband, and then the clairvoyant brought on the heavy artillery, a big bulldog, which chewed Yates' legs and arms and took a piece out of one ear.

The plaintiff in the case is a stranger here. He came to work on the hotel. The carnival company claims that it does not own the clairvoyant show, and should not be made a party to the suit. The case will come up in the September term of court, and unless the carnival can put up a bond, it will have to remain here.

Wanted, boy to learn printer's trade. Must be 14 years of age or over. Call at this office. 4-1-t-tf

"DEAD" STOCK

Practically every merchant in the city is carrying some "dead" stock on his shelves at this time of year. "Dead" stock is the term applied to such merchandise as has long lain in stock, the brisk demand for it having ceased. There's only one way to move this "dead" stock---SELL IT. There's only one way to sell it---CREATE A DEMAND FOR IT. And the only way to create a demand for it is to price it reasonable and ADVERTISE IT THROUGH THE NEWSPAPER THAT GOES INTO NEARLY EVERY HOME IN WEBSTER CITY and VICINITY.

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VENEZUELAN REVOLT IS HEADED BY CASTRO

President Gomez is Given Powers of Dictator to Crush Rising.

INVADERS FALL BACK

Government Troops are Reported Victorious in Recent Engagements.

Caracas, Aug. 2.—In consequence of outbreak of the revolution in Venezuela and the invasion of the country by forces under the leadership of former President Cipriano Castro, the federal council yesterday constitutionally authorized President Juan Vicente Gomez to assume dictatorial power until the movement is crushed.

President Gomez on Wednesday night sent the following telegram to the governors of all the Venezuelan states:

"Gen. Cipriano Castro, impelled by ambition and the craze for power, has provoked a revolution in this country by ordering his partisans to arm themselves against the constitutional government.

"Already rebel forces in several localities have disturbed the public order.

"It is necessary for you to be alert and act rapidly and energetically in assisting the government to crush the rebels.

"The peace of the country, which conscientious Venezuelans are obliged to nourish, cannot be left at the mercy of adventurers who possess no idea of decorum.

"I trust you will fulfil your duty."

The governors in their replies promised unqualified support of the government. Some of them requested the dispatch of additional arms and ammunition.

It was rumored yesterday that Castro was on board a steamer off Coro, but the government received no definite news of his landing on Venezuelan territory.

Official dispatches state that an invading force from Colombia under the command of Gen. Rosario Gonzalez has been driven back steadily on the frontier of the state of Tachira, where Colonel Romero, in command of the state troops, has forced the rebels to abandon their positions.

On the other side of Venezuela, revolutionists commanded by a

nephew of Castro attacked the city of Macuro on Tuesday and were defeated, it is claimed, by government troops led by General Zeayago.

No troops have yet been sent from Caracas to meet the rebels as the government believes the state troops strong enough to deal with them.

The president announced yesterday that all news of hostilities would be published whether favorable or unfavorable to the government. He says he feels he can safely do this because public opinion is with the government.

THROWN OUT



Tessie — Who were those two tramps you spoke to up the road?
Tom — They weren't tramps. They are a couple of millionaires who had been out automobile racing.

Miss Genevieve Brown has resigned her position as saleslady in the Burleson dry goods store.

PENNSYLVANIA IS SWEEPED BY TERRIFIC RAIN STORM

Summer Hotels Flooded and in Darkness, While Miles of Track are Washed Away.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Aug. 2.—Stroudsburg and the Delaware Gap were the center of a storm yesterday that is said to have been unprecedented in this section of the state. Seven and one-half inches of rain fell between 12:30 and 3 o'clock, doing damage estimated at more than \$100,000. No lives have been reported lost.

Maunch Chunks, Pen Argy, Portland and Bangor were among the other towns to suffer. Hotels at the Delaware Water gap, crowded with summer visitors, were badly damaged, water mains were broken and the resort was in darkness last night through the crippling of the electric plant. The railroads were the heaviest losers. Miles of track were washed out on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the Pennsylvania and the New York, Susquehanna & Western.

Water.

Pump it with a Sandow engine. None better. For sale by C. F. Gardner. 7-16-03