

ON THE BRINK OF FAILURE NOW

Mediation Stands Today as Result of the Wide Difference of Opinion Existing.

CONFERENCE IS HALTED
And Concessions Must Be Made or Mediators Will Have to Abandon Their Efforts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 19.—Mediation stands today on the brink of failure. Only concession by President Wilson or Huerta can save it.

While the Niagara conference halted, Minister Naon, of Argentina, one of the three South American mediators, returned to Washington for a conference with Secretary of State Bryan and probably to see the president. He planned to start back to Niagara Falls tonight carrying word whether the conference shall proceed or be abandoned. Announcement at the White House that the president stands squarely on the principles announced in the statement of the American delegates seemed to make it certain that the United States will not be satisfied with anything less than the choice of a man approved by the Constitutionalists to head the new provisional government. The firm attitude of the Huerta delegates for a so-called "neutral" seemed to hold out no hope of a break in the deadlock.

The situation, admittedly another crisis, was discussed in the cabinet meeting and some sort of an official statement from the president himself was promised. Officials close to the president declared that all talk of further armed intervention or of recognition of Carranza or Villa at this stage was unfounded.

KNOTTY PROBLEM

Is Whether Colored Family Can Hold a White Child as One of Its Members.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., June 19.—Whether or not a colored family can hold and rear a white child is a legal question which the Charleston city officials are trying to solve. Thomas Watkins, colored, has in his possession a white child, not a year old, and refused to turn it over to the humane officers. Watkins' wife claims that when returning to this city from Washington, Pa., recently a woman boarded the train at Parkersburg and placed the child and a letter in her lap. The letter was signed "Gladys Singlet" and asked that whoever got possession of the child take good care of it, as the mother was only seventeen years old and was not in position to do so. Watkins says he is able to care for the child.

ROBBERY

Epidemic at Fairmont Causes That City to Hire Several Special Policemen.

FAIRMONT, June 19.—An epidemic of robberies which began a week ago has continued with such great increases that a half dozen plain clothes men have been secured by the city to assist the police. Over twenty-five robberies have occurred in the last week and money and jewelry valued at \$2,500 has been stolen. So far no arrests have been made by the officers.

ANNUAL REGATTA

Is Opened in New London by Harvard Crews in An Auspicious Manner Today.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 19.—Harvard crews opened the annual regatta against Yale today in a most auspicious manner from a Crimson standpoint by winning both of the forenoon races from the Blue oarsmen in an impressive fashion. The Cambridge rowing scholars of Coach Jim Wray won the eight-oared event for junior crews by seven lengths and the freshman eight-oar by four lengths. If the Harvard varsity could continue the victory through the four-mile event late this afternoon it meant another clean sweep for the Crimson crews.

RETURN HOME

Do Three Men Who Were Hurt in Auto Accident Near Parkersburg.

Ross Strossner and George N. Farmer, both of this city, and C. F. Knight, of Fairmont, all of whom were injured Monday night in an automobile accident near Parkersburg, in which Cecil Davis, of this city, was fatally hurt, have been discharged from the hospital at Parkersburg where they were patients and have returned to their homes. All three are rapidly recovering. Mr. Farmer was able to take part in the Elks' parade Thursday at Parkersburg, but later in the day he returned to the hospital.

FOR BOWERS.

CHARLES TOWN, June 19.—Former Fish Commissioner George M. Bowers, of Martinsburg, is said to be agreed on as the regular Republican candidate for Congress in the Second district in opposition to Congressman William G. Brown, who has just been renominated.

DEBT CASE

Hearings Will Be Taken Up at Richmond August 17 by Mr. Littlefield.

NEW YORK, June 19.—O. E. Littlefield, special master in the Virginia-West Virginia debt case, has announced that as a result of a conference with state officials and attorneys representing the two states it had been agreed to begin the hearings in Richmond, Va., August 17.

INSURE AGENTS

Go on Record as Favoring the Workmen's Compensation Act of State.

MARTINSBURG, W. Va., June 19.—The Local Agents Insurance association of West Virginia in session here went on record as favoring the workmen's compensation act, but advocated such amendments as would permit casualty insurance companies to write policies on workmen.

Before adjournment tonight the following officers were elected.

President—C. W. Thornburg, Huntington.
Vice presidents—H. L. Alexander, Martinsburg, and C. H. Merkle, Wheeling.
Secretary and treasurer—W. S. Lindamood, Parkersburg.

STATE ENDEAVORERS' PROGRAM PREPARED

Annual State Convention Will Be Held in City of Parkersburg Next Week.

The State Christian Endeavor Union meets in the First Presbyterian church at Parkersburg, June 23-24-25. All societies should elect delegates and send the names to Virgil R. Butcher, Parkersburg, and do this at once. It is hoped that each state officer will take a written report to the convention this year, and all society reports should be mailed immediately to Mrs. Berta McKinney and all Junior society reports to Miss Nell Layman, Fairmont. The program of the convention will be as follows:

- 7:45—Song Service, the Rev. J. W. Hawley.
- 8:00—Address: "The Challenge of the Church to the Youth of the Kingdom," Daniel A. Poling.
- Announcements.
- Social Hour.
- Wednesday Morning.
- 9:00—Conference: The Workmen, and How They Work, led by D. A. Poling.
- 10:00—Devotional, the Rev. George W. Burdette.
- 10:30—President's Message, Louis E. Black.
- Report of state treasurer.
- Pledges for state work.
- Reports of superintendents of departments.
- Wednesday Afternoon.
- 1:45—Song Service, the Rev. J. W. Hawley.
- 2:00—Report of superintendent of Prison and Juvenile work, Harry Pennyacker.

MASONIC AFFAIR IS FOR EVERYBODY

Public is Invited to Hundredth Anniversary of Local Lodge and Dedication of Temple

Some persons have the mistaken impression that the hundredth anniversary ceremonies of Hermon lodge No. 6 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and the formal dedication of its temple on West Pike street tonight are either wholly or in part for members of the order. The whole affair is to be of a public nature and members of the order cordially invite all their friends to attend.

The first thing on the program is the dedication of the temple, which will begin at 7:30 o'clock in the lodge hall. In addition to the dedicatory ceremonies, John J. Davis, who has been a member of Hermon lodge for almost sixty years, will make an address on local Masonic reminiscences; former Governor G. W. Atkinson, who is now in the city, and Judge Louis N. Tavenor, of Parkersburg, will make addresses and an historical sketch of the local Masonic bodies will be read by Arthur K. Thorn. There will be musical numbers by the quartet of the First Baptist church choir.

These ceremonies are expected to last until about 9:30 o'clock. Then a general good time will be enjoyed socially. There will be dancing in the auditorium, for which an orchestra will play music, the serving of refreshments and a sort of open house reception.

DRUNKS PUT TO WORK.

Two offenders, charged with being drunk, paid their fines and four others, charged with the same offense were sentenced to work today on the city streets by Mayor Will H. Cole in police court this morning.

WILSON INSISTS

That the Anti-Trust Bills Be Passed at the Present Session of the Congress.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Representative Underwood today conferred with President Wilson over the legislative situation in Congress and told the president there was a strong sentiment in the House for adjournment. Mr. Wilson insisted that the anti-trust bills must be disposed of at this session.

MINE HORROR

In Belgium with 200 Miners Trapped and the Mine is Burning Fiercely.

LIEGE, Belgium, June 19.—Two hundred coal miners were entombed in the Vieille Marthaye colliery near here when fire broke out today. Two hundred of their comrades escaped when the alarm was given. The fire was still raging this afternoon and every effort was being made to rescue the men left in the pits.

NEW TRACTION LINE.

BLUEFIELD, June 19.—A contract has been awarded here to the Walton and Company construction firm by the Bluefield and Princeton Power Company for the building of a street car line between this city and Princeton. S. J. Evans has the project in hand.

ONE MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license has been issued to Nimrod Stuart, colored, and Mabel M. Gales, colored.

ELKS' REUNION

Held Three Days in the City of Parkersburg Passes into History.

PARKERSBURG, June 19.—The Elks' Reunion, the greatest gathering of the kind in the history of West Virginia, was brought to a close with a dance and reception at Terrapin Park, last night, at the end of a day which marked the colossal pageant which was described by Elk authorities as rivaling the parade of the national organization at Rochester last year.

While the city is still host to hundreds of visitors, the morning trains will carry back to their homes the stalwart men and the handsome ladies who have been the city's guests in three days of unexampled festivity. It was the consensus of opinion among the leading Elks of the state last night that the reunion here of the Elks of West Virginia surpassed in every way any reunion of an Elks' state association held in any state of the union, and it is certain it was surpassing in point of numbers.

A number of delegations or parts of delegations left the city last evening and on the late trains last night. Practically the entire Charleston lodge left on the midnight south bound train, with the expression of thanks, through Chairman of Credentials, E. A. Wise for the courtesy and hospitality not only of Parkersburg Elks but of all Parkersburg people.

POWER WEAK

And Entire System of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company is Crippled.

All local and interurban lines of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company were idle or running very slowly at times today on account of the crippled condition of the Jayenne power house.

As a result of the weak condition of the power the accommodation trains of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad were doing a heavy business. The West bound accommodation train, the trains from the Weston branch and the east bound trains were all carrying more passengers today than usual.

NO CONFERENCE

Is Held Today by the Mediators as One of Them Has Gone to Washington.

NIAGARA FALLS, June 19.—Shortly before noon today the Mexican mediators announced formally that no conference would be held until tomorrow because Minister Naon, of Argentina, had gone to Washington. It is understood that he seeks to learn first hand if the American secretary of state has any information that would make it seem advisable to continue the conference.

REDFIELD DECEIVES

President Wilson in a Cabinet Meeting about the Business Conditions of Country.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Business conditions and their effect on the administration trust legislation program were taken up today at the cabinet meeting. Secretary Redfield told the president reports received from many sources indicated that business was unusually good for this time of the year and that prospects were that it would grow better. The president was much encouraged by the reports and it was said his determination to push the trust bills had been strengthened.

NEW STORE

Is being Opened at Charleston by the United Shoe Stores Company.

Another store has been added to the chain of stores owned by the United Shoe Stores Company. The new store is at Charleston and is just being opened. H. M. Levett, manager of the Fairmont store, has taken charge of the new store. Besides these two stores, the concern operates a successful store here and another at Newcaste, Pa. It plays an important part in the shoe trade and the new link to its chain of stores indicates its enterprise and success.

ANOTHER LADIES' NIGHT.

Tonight will again be observed as ladies night at Elk park, Clarkeburg's new amusement resort, and all ladies will be admitted free of charge. The park is proving to be quite popular and the attendance is gratifying to the management.

STRIKERS GATHER TO SIGN PETITION

To Show the Company That Fully Eighty-Five Per Cent Belong to the Union.

PITTSBURG, June 19.—Thousands of Westinghouse strikers assembled at the Turtle Creek playgrounds today and signed a monster petition which later in the day the officers of the Allegheny Congregational Industrial Union plan to present to E. M. Herr, president of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

RECEIVER

Now Has Charge of One of Lorimer's "Busted" Banking Institutions.

CHICAGO, June 19.—The LaSalle Street Trust and Savings Bank, which was closed by a state bank examiner last week, was placed in the hands of a receiver today. W. C. Niblack, vice president of the Chicago Title and Trust Company, was named for the position by Judge Windes, who placed his bond at \$2,500,000.

FOUNDRY BURNED

One of the Oldest Buildings in Morgantown Razed by a Spectacular Blaze.

MORGANTOWN, June 19.—The old Reay foundry, one of the oldest buildings in this city, was destroyed by a spectacular blaze early this morning. The loss was small. A horse in a stable in the rear of the building was burned to death.

MAN IS DEAD.

George B. Dover, of Shinston, died at the Miners' hospital at Fairmont from the effects of a broken back. He was hurt June 1, when a fall of slate occurred in the mine.

STORK MAKES VISIT.

Happiness reigns in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Duncan, of Adams-ton, as the result of a visit of the stork this morning, leaving a baby girl.

MONTGOMERY TOO POOR TO RUN FOR CONGRESS

Prestonite Issues Statement in Which He Says He is Not a Candidate.

KINGWOOD, June 19.—On the eve of the Preston county joint primary, Senator Samuel B. Montgomery issued the following statement: "To the voters of the Second district: My name, having been mentioned as a probable candidate for the congressional nomination, I desire to eliminate myself and stop speculation by announcing that at no time have I felt inclined to be a candidate for Congress, and I will not be a candidate."

Going to Congress has grown to be a rich man's game. As a result this government is growing to be a rich man's government. Not being a rich man I cannot afford to go to Congress; neither could I stay in Congress if once elected, as I am not in sympathy with a rich man's government.

The trend of the Second district, and indeed the trend of the nation, is away from the Democratic party. To prove this no argument is necessary. Look about you. If a progressive is nominated in this district he will be elected. If a reactionary is nominated he will be defeated.

To my mind the election of good and true men to the state legislature is the important thing at this time. Governor Hatfield is the most progressive state executive to be found in this country today. He believes it to be the supreme duty of the state to conserve human resources through an enlarged measure of social and industrial justice. To this end he advocates effective legislation looking to the prevention of industrial accidents, occupational diseases, overwork and other injurious effects incident to modern industry.

He also advocates wise and just laws looking to the conservation of the state's natural resources and the protection of the people's interests in our matchless water-power sites.

MEDIATION WILL FAIL COMPLETELY

As Neither Side Will Recede an Inch from Their Views Which Are Different.

ARSON SQUAD
Of English Militant Suffragets Makes An Attempt to Burn a Church.

LONDON, June 19.—An attempt to burn a church at Bekingham, a southeastern suburb of London, was made last night by an arson squad of suffragets. The flames were quickly extinguished and the damage was small.

HEART TROUBLE FATAL.

Joseph Foster, aged 43 years, died at 7 o'clock Thursday evening after a short illness of heart trouble at the county infirmary. The deceased man has no relatives in this section of the county. He was buried in the infirmary burying ground at 11 o'clock this morning.

FRIEND IS CHOSEN BY THE TEACHERS

As the President of Their State Association in Session Now at Morgantown.

HARRISON COUNTY MEN
Are Also Among the Officers and Charleston Gets the Next Meeting.

MORGANTOWN, June 19.—At the business session of the forty-fourth annual meeting of the West Virginia Education Association this morning the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Lloyd L. Friend, state superintendent of high schools, Charleston.
Vice president—John C. Shaw, principal of the West Liberty Normal school.
Secretary—A. P. Morrison—county superintendent of Harrison county.

Treasurer—F. L. Burdette, superintendent of schools of Clarkeburg.
E. R. Rhodes, of Welch, was elected a member of the executive committee.
Charleston was chosen as the place for the next meeting of the association.

SMALL BLAZE.

A small blaze in a house on Monticello avenue, owned by Mrs. Sam Covington and occupied by J. E. Howard, called the fire department to the scene shortly after 9 o'clock last evening. The blaze was quickly extinguished and little damage resulted. An open gas jet is thought to have been the origin of the fire.

THOROUGH TEST

For Oil and Gas to Be Made in Taylor County by Pennsylvania Men.

GRAFTON, June 19.—If the plans of Harry H. Davis, of Washington, Pa., are carried out, a thorough test of wells for gas and oil is to be made in Taylor county. Davis, acting with other Pennsylvania men, has stated that he and his colleagues have taken leases on about 26,000 acres of land in Taylor county, most of it in Fetterman and Knotsview districts, where rigs are to be put up.

The plan is to put the test wells down through the Bradford, or Tionas sand, which would mean wells 5,000 feet deep. Some of the wells in the Sardis district in Harrison county are of this depth. The extension of the gas belt to Taylor county and beyond would probably mean a step forward in the long-discussed pipe line to supply Baltimore with West Virginia gas.

JUDGE SPEER

Of Georgia May Be Exonerated by Report of House Subcommittee.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Continued absence of members of the House judiciary committee from the city has further delayed presentation of the report of the sub-committee, which investigated impeachment charges against Federal Judge Emory Speer, of Macon, Ga. The report is not now expected to come before the entire committee here next week. It is understood that a majority of the investigators hold to the view that sufficient evidence was not presented to warrant an impeachment.

GREAT BLAST

Is Set Off Near a Pennsylvania Town and at Least 150,000 Tons of Rock Loosened.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., June 19.—Allentown was shaken last night by the greatest blast ever set off in this section when 30,000 sticks of dynamite buried 190 feet deep in twenty-eight holes exploded at least 150,000 tons of rock. The blast was a test of a new instantaneous fuse with a speed of 18,000 feet a second. It is said to have been the first time it has been used in the United States, it having been heretofore employed principally in submarine work and at Panama.

CHURCH PAPER

Is to Be Published by Methodist Episcopal Congregation at Parkersburg.

PARKERSBURG, June 19.—A monthly paper dealing with religious matters, will be issued about August 1 in this city to be known as the First Church Record. It will be an eight-page paper and the First Methodist Episcopal church will have it under its auspices in the interest of its congregation and its various organizations.

This church each Sunday issues a bulletin which is right comprehensive, but in addition to some of the matter therein the proposed periodical will have much other interesting and timely matter. It will be contributed to by many of the First church, besides the foreign matter to be run in it.

BOARD TO MEET.

The county board of review and equalization will meet July 5 for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessor's books, if found necessary. The new member of the board is John M. Flanagan, appointed to succeed John A. Fleming, deceased. The other members are S. B. Faris and J. D. Bassel.