

## PEACE PROSPECT GETTING BRIGHT

President Wilson Says That Events of Last 24 Hours are Clarifying.

## LIND ARRIVES AT MEXICAN CAPITAL

Public is Apathetic and No Demonstration Attends His Appearance.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—President Wilson let it be known today that he was inclined to believe there was an organized desire proceeding from sources unknown to him to bring on a war between the United States and Mexico. The president does not regard the movement as extensive but as a very troublesome, and referred to misrepresentations in some individual newspapers. He indicated that he shared some what the views of Senator Williams, who declared in a speech last Saturday that an organized lobby existed to involve the United States in war.

There is no occasion for alarm, in the opinion of the president, who told callers today, that within the last forty-eight hours the Mexican situation had improved materially. It was made clear by the president to those with whom he discussed the situation that the instructions to John Lind, his personal representative were chiefly to inform the American government how things stood generally in Mexico and just what were the opportunities for the good offices of the United States in the interest of peace.

Sooner or later it was pointed out, Mr. Lind will make certain suggestions to the Huerta government through the American embassy, but in just what circumstances has not yet been fully determined. Any thing in the suggestions that may properly be made public will be revealed, according to administration officials here and foreign government will be constantly apprised of the various steps taken by the United States. This may not take place, however, for several days.

President Wilson has had no direct communication either with the Huerta government or the constitutionalist authorities and he indicated to his callers today that he would welcome more information about the purpose of the constitutionalists.

It was learned also that the president has not yet formally considered recognition of the Huerta government but that in so far as territory alone is concerned he regarded that held by the constitutionalist as strong enough in proportion to that controlled by the Huerta government to make recognition of the constitutionalists not wholly unjustifiable from a diplomatic standpoint.

Arrival Lacks Thrill. Mexico City, Aug. 11.—The arrival of John Lind, whose mysterious mission to Mexico was the direct cause of a public manifestation yesterday in support of General Huerta's attitude toward administrative mediation, has been devoid of any thrills. When Mr. Lind, as the personal representative of President Wilson, alighted from his train last night after a tedious day's journey from Vera Cruz, there were

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## DEMOCRATS CAUCUS ON CURRENCY BILL

Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—Democrats of the house faced a long struggle over the administration currency bill when they caucused today to consider the measure. Chairman Glass, with ten democrats of the banking committee behind him and with the support of Representatives Underwood, Palmer, and other administration leaders, went into the caucus hopeful of securing harmonious support of the currency bill as it has been approved by President Wilson.

Opposition to the bill was led by democrats who favored broadening the system of issuing circulating notes, so that they could be secured on warehouse receipts for corn, wheat and cotton, as well as on commercial paper as provided in the Glass bill. Representatives Henry of Texas, Nealey of Kansas and others led that feature of the fight.

## FRENCH NAVY WILL USE THE AEROPLANE

Paris, Aug. 11.—The ministry has given its approval to a scheme for the development of the aeroplane to cooperate with the navy. M. Bardin, the minister of marine, will ask parliament when it convenes for an immediate appropriation of \$2,750,000 for this purpose.

## HOT AT TOPEKA

Topeka, Kas., Aug. 11.—Sunday night was the hottest night ever recorded at Topeka. The mercury reached the 100 degree mark early today for the eighth time in as many days.

## DELIVERS TIRADE AGAINST MILL MEN

DEMOCRATIC SENATOR MAKES STRONG CHARGES AGAINST NEW ENGLANDERS.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 11.—Senator Hollis of New Hampshire, democrat, flayed the cotton manufacturers of New England in a tariff speech today in which he declared New England had not been discriminated against and characterized the charge that the tariff reduction would ruin the textile industry there.

"The cotton manufacturers have taken the highest protection and paid pauper wages," said he. "They are compelled by statute to work humane hours and conduct their business on humane lines; and not one has voluntarily reduced the hours of labor. They seek to control the government to prevent labor legislation, escape just taxes, to control the police and inferior courts, and secure military aid for the suppression of strikes. They secure special commodity rates for their goods and other preferences from railroads. They oppose the election of democrats by coercing their employees and they make inordinate profits at present tariff rates. It is a question whether one sided development of this kind is best for any community."

"Starvation Wages. "Thousands of adult operatives work for \$7 a week and live under wretched conditions. The death rate in our New England mill cities is the highest in the United States. It is certain that the cotton industry of New England should not receive any special consideration in the pending bill due to past good conduct."

"In a recent contest in New England for United States senator, certain democratic members of the legislature changed to be employees of a certain great textile corporation. They were waited on at their homes and 'requested' not to vote for the caucus candidate. They were not threatened with discharge but the implication was very plain. What sort of a claim have men like this to special favors at the hands of a democratic congress?"

Though Senator Hollis did not cite the reference was taken by Oliver Pointe west of Des Moines make a like report.

## TAKE RELATIVE OF CASTRO

Venezuelan Federal Troops Capture One of Leaders of the Present Revolt.

Caracas, Aug. 11.—General Torres Castro, a relative of former President Cipriano Castro, was captured on Friday by the government troops commanded by Generals Corceles, Sayago and Bustamante, according to an official communication today.

A number of General Torres Castro's officers who had fled to the mountains of Macuro after the defeat of Castro's adherents on July 28, when they attacked the government forces in the city of Macuro also were taken prisoners.

Fighting continues in the state of Tchira. The army government troops arrived at Maracay on Friday under the command of President Juan Vicente Gomez.

The United States cruiser Des Moines was due to arrive in Venezuelan waters yesterday. The archbishop of Caracas today instructed the clergy to pray for peace.

## GENERAL STRIKE PLANNED

Laborers of Italy Called Upon to Quit Work to Enforce Socialistic Reforms.

Milan, Italy, Aug. 11.—A general strike throughout Italy was proclaimed in a manifesto issued today by the syndicalist and socialist workmen's organizations here. The manifesto urges all workmen's unions to take immediate action and to carry on the strike to the bitter end.

Garrison Held in Readiness. Rome, Italy, Aug. 11.—The authorities here are holding the garrison in readiness to repress any disorders in connection with the general strike ordered by labor leaders. Both the quinal and vatican are strongly guarded.

## MILITANTS SENT TO JAIL

Leaders of Storming Party at Asquith Home Sentenced to Terms in Prison.

London, Aug. 11.—Seventeen militant suffragettes were sentenced today to terms of imprisonment ranging from a week to two months as a sequel to yesterday's attempt to storm Premier Asquith's official residence in Downing street.

Sylvia Pankhurst, leader of the storming party, was not among the prisoners as she had been taken direct to Holloway jail to serve another portion of her previous sentence.

## CROPS SAVED BY HEAVY RAINFALL

Downpour of Last Night is General Through the State and West.

## WORTH THOUSANDS TO LOCAL FARMERS

Wapello Co. Farms Were Crying for Moisture for the Corn.

In the matter of dollars and cents, the real value of last night's rain may never be known, but it is a safe estimate to place the amount of good done in Wapello county alone at thousands of dollars.

Few reports have been heard of the damage done by wind, lightning and downpour. Perhaps the greatest inconvenience was shouldered onto the telephone, electric and telegraph companies, all of whom were damaged to some extent.

The Bell company is the greatest sufferer. It being estimated at their offices this morning that about 400 phones in the city are temporarily out of commission. It was hoped to have these righted by this evening.

The toll lines to Des Moines and Oskaloosa also suffered heavily, and are reported to be down in several places. Workmen are repairing them today, as well as those to Grinnell.

In the rural parts of the county, wind and the heavy rain were accountable for the most of the damage. In a number of places the lines are reported down, but no fires or other damage are known to be due to lightning.

Ottumwa, according to the reports of the telegraph and phone companies, was on the edge of the storm belt. Des Moines, Grinnell and Oskaloosa all were hit harder than other points. Cities on the Mississippi reported a heavy rain, but very little storm. Points west of Des Moines make a like report.

First Rain Light. The first rain yesterday, falling during the morning hours, did little to aid the dry lands. It was more of a local shower and only .08 inch was recorded at the local weather bureau. The rain last night, however, started shortly after 11 o'clock and continued until nearly 7 this morning. The fall at this time was 1.70 inches, more than has fallen all summer.

Rain is State-wide. Des Moines, Aug. 11.—Rainfall general throughout the state, varying in depth from one-tenth of an inch to a full inch, yesterday soaked the thirsty Iowa prairies and halted the dry, hot weather in its progress at destroying a primed bumper corn crop.

It was a rain worth millions of dollars to Iowa. George A. Wells, secretary of the Western Grain Dealers' association, said late last night that the rain had come at just the right time to prevent serious loss in the corn crop. He declared that his estimate of a week ago, placing the Iowa corn crop at 37,000,000 bushels, could now be repeated. Saturday it had appeared that the estimate would have to be reduced to a great extent.

Little permanent injury had been done the corn, Mr. Wells believes. Where the soil was light, and there-

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## ATTEMPT TO LYNCH NEGRO IS FOILED

Carruthersville, Mo., Aug. 11.—A mob of several hundred farmers bent on lynching a negro who attacked Mrs. Ollie Johnson at Canadys, six miles south of here, was foiled by Sheriff Stubblefield and his deputies last night when the officers placed their machine guns on the automobile and outdistanced a score of other machines that pursued them over a large portion of Pemiscott county. The sheriff's party kept ahead of its pursuers in the race from town to town. He was placed in jail at Cape Girardeau early this morning.

## VICTIMS OF MEXICAN OUTRAGES RETURNING

New Orleans, Aug. 11.—Lily and Edna Gourd, the American girls who were mistreated by bandits near Tampico, Mexico, last week, while their father, Matthew Gourd, bound to a tree, looked on, powerless to help them, arrived here last night on the German steamer Spreewald from home in Corning, Ia. Thirty-six other American refugees were aboard. Passengers declared that Americans were fleeing from Mexico, leaving everything behind them.

## WORKER ELECTROCUTED.

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 11.—James Coombs, aged 26 years, engineer's helper in the electric light plant, was electrocuted yesterday by falling on a live wire at the switch board while sleeping on the floor. A shock of 2,600 volts passed through his body. Coombs came here a month ago from Sterling, Colo., and is survived by a wife.

## A TICKLISH JOB.



## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR POUR INTO DENVER

FIFTY THOUSAND EXPECTED IN THE MID-WESTERN METROPOLIS LAST NIGHT.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 11.—It is estimated that 18,000 Knights Templar arrived in Denver yesterday and late last night to attend the thirty-second annual convocation which was informally opened here Saturday night. Special trains bearing commanderies continued to arrive until after midnight and each train was met by an escort from the Colorado commanderies and marched to their hotels.

Early this morning St. Bernard commandery, Chicago, arrived and were the first of the day's influx of templars. They were soon followed by Malta commandery, No. 31, Ottumwa, Iowa, and at intervals of a few minutes, special trains reached the union depot and additional armies of knights, cohorts glittering with silver and gold of full parade uniform descended upon the convocation city.

Seventy-eight special trains carrying a total of 219 coaches with 25,000 knights and ladies abroad were scheduled to arrive today. The coming of the six knights to their triennial convocation was the subject of many sermons by local ministers, all of whom accorded high praise to the fraternity of Christian knights whose badge of progress is the cross and the crown, and whose divine service held last night in the grand cathedral was the most impressive religious ceremony ever witnessed in Denver.

Public interest in the convocation centers between the great dress parade of Knights Templar to be held tomorrow morning and the ball to be given in honor of the six knights at the great stadium Thursday night.

## JAILED FOR KILLING GIRL'S ASSAILANT

Seul, Korea, Aug. 11.—James Mason, the American manager of the gold mines at Un-San in northern Korea, was sentenced to eighteen months' penal servitude on a charge of manslaughter for killing a Chinese mine employe who in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Mason committed a criminal assault on their 12 year old daughter. In his defense today Mason pleaded the unwritten law but was condemned. An appeal against the sentence was entered at once.

## SPECIAL OFFICERS HUNT FOR THIEVES

Charlestown, W. Va., Aug. 11.—It became known today that a large force of special and state officers were put to work last night along the Chesapeake & Ohio and Norfolk & Western railroads in West Virginia to capture if possible a band of thieves who last week robbed cars of merchandise worth approximately \$100,000. Charlestown and Bluefield are believed to be the principal headquarters of the gang, although their operations have covered many other towns.

## BRIEF ITEMS IN THE DAY'S NEWS

CALCUTTA—Floods resulting from heavy rains in Bengal are reported to have caused the loss of hundreds of lives and great financial damage.

HAVRE—An arctic expedition headed by Jules Von Payer left for the north polar region yesterday for the purpose of exploring and gathering scientific data in Franz Josef land.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—With 700 delegates present, the 58th annual convention of the International Typographical union began here today in the state capitol.

BRUECK, GERMANY—Fritz Roessler, a German aviator and a pupil named Stephan, were killed here yesterday when an aeroplane in which they were riding fell.

COLON—Thirteen men were killed today by an unexpected slide at the Porto Bello quarry which completely buried a steam shovel near which they were working.

BRAYMER, MO.—William J. Collins, 22 years old, according to county officials, confessed today that he killed his friend John P. Benson, formerly an attorney of Braymer and burned the body in the Benson shanty on a claim near Clemens, Alberta, Canada, last May, after taking \$1,800 from the clothing.

## SUGGEST STATES FINANCE SCHOOLS

CATHOLICS IN SESSION AT MILWAUKEE HEAR PLAN TO EVADE DOUBLE TAX.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 11.—Three sessions of the convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies were planned for today, starting with a business meeting at the auditorium.

While visiting Catholics number some 30,000, the business of the gathering is in the hands of about 500 delegates. The big convention, which was inaugurated on Sunday by the celebration in St. John's cathedral of solemn pontifical mass by Cardinal Gibbons and a sermon by Archbishop Keane, was featured in the afternoon by a parade of various societies in which more than 15,000 persons took part, and in the evening a sacred concert was given.

Among the things to be discussed during the convention are religious teaching in the public schools and the problem of taxing Catholic citizens to maintain public schools when they are already maintaining parochial schools. Bishop McFaul's solution for this is: "First, let Catholic schools remain as they are.

"Second, let no compensation be made for religious instructions. Our principle is, let the pastor take care of the flock and live by the flock. "Third, let Catholic children be examined by a state or municipal board, and if Catholic schools furnish the regular education required, let the state put down the cash."

## I. W. W. ATTACKED BY IRATE CITIZENS

RIOTS RESULT AND NORTH DAKOTA MILITIA MAY BE CALLED TO SCENE.

Minot, N. D., Aug. 11.—State troops may be called out today to preserve order if an attempt is made by Industrial Workers of the World to continue the street meetings which last night resulted in the arrest of eighty persons.

Incessant over alleged insults to the American flag, citizens attacked Industrial Workers and scenes of excitement followed. The police were unable to control the rioters and called on the sheriff and the fire department. Arrests still were being made today although the jail was crowded to overflowing. A threatening mob surged about the jail but as the morning wore on it began to disperse.

The trouble began Saturday night when Jack Law, a street speaker and his followers were made targets of a volley of bad eggs.

Many of the disturbers as well as speakers were placed in jail. Although warned against holding street meetings at which speakers attempted to encourage harvest hands to hold out for higher pay, the Industrial Workers resumed their activities last night. It was reported that many citizens were armed. Dewey Dorman, socialist street commissioner, and Art Lesner, former socialist president of the city commission and prominent in state politics, were among those jailed. Industrial Workers early today wired St. Paul and Minneapolis for more workers and a band of them is expected to arrive before night.

## TOWN OFFICIALS TEAR UP INTERURBAN

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 11.—Seventy-five armed men, officials and citizens of Rosendale, a suburb of Kansas City, Kan., today put the finishing touches to the re-graded streets where yesterday the Kansas City and Olathe interurban railways tracks, in defiance of the railway commission were torn up and the road bed reduced to grade by the Rosendale Mayor, J. R. Wimmer and a band of determined men.

## TURKISH SULTAN IS DEFYING POWERS

Constantinople, Aug. 11.—The porte has made an evasive reply to the recent note of the powers threatening that the powers would withdraw their moral and financial support from Turkey unless the Ottoman government ordered its troops to retire within the Enos-Midia line in accordance with the treaty of London.

LIGHTNING KILLS COWS. Hastings-on-Hudson, N. Y., Aug. 11.—When Henry Dietrich, a raiser of blooded stock, went to his barn today he found eighteen registered cows dead in a row. Lightning had run the length of a string of stalls, killing everything within. The barn, strangely, was not damaged.

## FAIL TO SECURE TESTIMONY HERE

Illinois Senate Investigating Committee Holds a Brief Session.

## DUKE AND PICKLER OFFER STATEMENTS

Both Deny That They Can Give Evidence of Graft in Vote Machine Deal.

A sworn statement of his connection with H. W. Barr of the Empire Voting Machine Co., and a copy of the contract entered into between the company and the three Ottumwans, was made this morning by T. H. Pickler to the Butts investigating committee of the Illinois legislature. N. L. Arrison and John W. Gray refused to appear before the session and L. L. Duke made a verbal statement in which he declined to testify because his clients were his informants and they refused to give testimony before the committee.

The session which lasted for 10 a. m. and later gathered at noon did not get organized until 1 p. m. and was over with in half an hour. The Illinois men returned home on Burlington No. 6 at 1:30. No evidence beyond the statements of Pickler and Duke were taken.

A fist fight featured the late morning previous to the gathering of the committee at the Ballingall hotel. The rumput was started by the story that appeared this morning in the Chicago Inter Ocean in which the writer inferred that the Ottumwa men were in hiding Sunday.

Mr. Pickler took offense on the grounds that he had held a telephone conversation with the newspaper man last evening and resented being termed a quitter and one who would run. Upon the return of the reporter to the hotel with other members of the newspaper profession from Chicago, he was met at Green and Main streets by Mr. Pickler who took him to task for his story. Blows were struck and friends of Mr. Pickler pulled him away from the fray after the affair began to gather a crowd. The men were separated and both were taken into the hotel and the crowd dispersed.

The advent of the investigating committee with Chicago attorneys and newspaper men gave rise to the prospect for an interesting session here today. The Illinoisans came in on Burlington No. 3 this morning with the exception of Attorney F. W. Walker, representative of Andrew Lawrence, E. E. Marriott, representative of the Chicago Examiner, and B. C. Clarke of the Inter Ocean. These came earlier, the latter being here all day Sunday.

Held Conference. The hearing was scheduled for 10 o'clock this morning in the Ballingall hotel, but did not materialize at that hour. One reason for this was a conference held between Chairman Butts, Denver attorney and former Governor of the hearing investigating the alleged voting machine scandal, and T. H. Pickler. The meeting was held in the office of John W. Gray.

The three Ottumwans, Pickler, Gray and Arrison, were all seen by Messrs. Butts and Deneen of the commission, and there was no disposition to hide made manifest by the local men. Gray and Arrison maintained their attitude of silence today and refused to have anything to say to the commission in the hearing investigating the alleged voting machine scandal.

Judge McEwen had nothing to say for publication, but was willing to spend an evening with the reporter and speak of generalities. He alluded to the story of Chicago buying voting machines through the influence of Ottumwa brokers, and the alleged scandal that has resulted, as a wild tale and largely a Chicago political and newspaper fight. He said it was immaterial to his client whether testimony was taken or not, but that he came in advance to get a knowledge of the local conditions because he happened to have a day at his disposal.

Pickler's Affidavit. I, Thomas H. Pickler, being duly sworn, on oath say that in view of the statements containing my name with the Chicago voting machine contract, I desire to make the following statement. In this statement I include all the matters with reference to said contract of which I have any personal knowledge, and all matters in which I have had any connection, but do not intend to give reports to those things which have come to me through hearsay and in which I have had no part whatever.

I have known H. W. Barr, agent for the Empire Voting Machine Co., for several years. During the winter of 1910 and 1911, I saw him several times in Ottumwa, and frequently talked with him about his business and other matters. On one occasion during said time, I, with two mutual friends, met Mr. Barr on the street. We all engaged

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