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IOWA—Fair Saturday; not much change in temperature. Sun rises, 6:19; sets, 5:09. LOCAL TEMP.—9 p. m., 40; 7 a. m., 34; 2 p. m., 59.

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WILSON'S SUDDEN SILENCE IS BELIEVED TO BE SIGNIFICANT

Refusal of the President to Discuss Mexican Situation Taken to Mean That He Considers Crisis in International Tangle is Now Confronting Him

CONFERS WITH SECRETARY BRYAN AND FORMULATES A STATEMENT OF POLICY

British Representative Admits Uttering Offensive Statement Attributed to Him; Diaz Still at Vera Cruz; Monterey is Surrounded by Rebel Soldiers

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—The British foreign office through the embassy here today officially denied to the state department the authenticity of the much discussed published interview with Sir Lionel Carden, British minister at Mexico City which represented the ambassador as unsympathetic with the policy of the United States.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Developments of a few hours today in the relations between the United States and Mexico emphasized the gravity of affairs more ominous than at any time since President Wilson's administration began. Absolute silence was the order in official quarters.

The release of the Ward liner, Morro Castle, after peremptory demands by the United States, terminated a delicate situation. Orders were in preparations to the commanders of the American warships lying off Vera Cruz to insist on her release.

A statement was in preparation today by Secretary Bryan and Counsellor John Bassett Moore, which Secretary Bryan brought to the white house for the president's approval. No intimation as to its contents was revealed but there was every reason to believe that before many hours had passed a notice by the United States that it will not brook European interference in Mexico by the warships dispatched to Mexican waters by the various foreign governments would be proclaimed.

It is understood also that the United States by that same statement will reiterate the American policy that only governments founded on constitutional law and order will be recognized on the western hemisphere.

The situation has assumed such aspects that it was considered possible that President Wilon might cancel at the last moment his trip to Mobile, Alabama. He had planned to leave early tomorrow and be gone until Tuesday night. There was doubt in the president's mind today whether he could afford to leave Washington at this time.

Chairman Bacon of the senate foreign relations committee conferred at the state department and white house. He declared that while the United States would always like to have the approval of foreign governments in its policy toward Mexico and would always listen to suggestion, nevertheless this government would never yield its views because it had broader and more important moral considerations at hand in dealing with the Mexican problem than merely material interests.

The gravity of the situation, it was apparent, would be increased by Felix Diaz taking refuge in the American consulate at Vera Cruz. The possibility that the Huerta authorities might demand his release and provoke another emergency was fully realized.

At the state department it was said that while no instructions had been given to American Consul Canada at Vera Cduz to afford an asylum to Diaz, Canada's general instructions were such that he could take in the returned leader if it seemed necessary.

Although in international law the American consulate has no extra territorial rights, it was pointed out here that morally the American authorities would have no right to invade the American precincts to arrest Diaz. Nine battleships of the Atlantic fleet sail tomorrow from Hampton Roads for their Mediterranean cruise, according to original plans. They will be in constant communication with the powerful wireless station here at least until next Thursday.

Officials Are Silent.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Administration officials divulged no information as to their course toward Mexico but it was apparent that there was no let up in the tension caused by the developments of the last twenty-four hours.

Dispatches telling of the detention of the Ward liner Morro Castle with Mrs. John Lind aboard and some details of the virtual imprisonment of General Felix Diaz reached the state department. As most of the cabinet members were away there was no meeting but President Wilson spent most of the morning studying the Mexican problem and there were intimations that a strong pronouncement of policy affecting not only the course of the United States toward Mexico, but defining to some extent the desire of the United States to have a free

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Mexico City, Oct. 24.—Wire communication with the besieged city of Monterey ceased at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, according to an announcement here today. At that hour the fighting which began Wednesday night was raging fiercely in the outskirts of the city. The main rebel force occupied a railroad yard about a mile from the center of the city. They had a number of cannon, with which they bombarded the federal fortifications and they were also using at least one machine gun.

The attacks on the city was made from all sides and the fighting was severe. When the rebels occupied the yard of the national railway they burned many cars.

Rebel reinforcements commanded by General Rubio Navarrete at Lampazos, 100 miles north of Monterey were unable to proceed to Monterey owing to the destruction of the bridges and lack of fuel.

Some 1,200 rebels have moved east from Torreon and are harassing General Trucy Aubert at Hipolito where he has been concentrating for movement on Torreon. Some of General Aubert's troop trains were stalled yesterday at Ramos Arizpe, nine miles from Saltillo by the explosion of the boiler of the leading locomotive and a train load of ammunition is in danger of falling into the hands of the rebels.

A new rebel force is reported gathering near Saltillo and it is believed that the rebels intend to make a simultaneous attack from several directions. A force of 600 federals is reported to have retreated southward to Fresnillo, near Zacatecas in a badly demoralized condition. No word has come as to where they encountered the rebels.

Will Not Molest Diaz.

Mexico City, Mex., Oct. 24.—There is no intention on the part of the Huerta government to molest General Felix Diaz, according to Querida Moheno, minister for foreign affairs. Senor Moheno said today that General Diaz was at liberty to come to the capital when he chose.

The fact that General Diaz was officially removed from his mission to Japan by the foreign office after he had completed his assignment from the war department in France relieves him of any charge of insubordination according to officials here.

The members of the embassy which accompanied General Diaz to Europe on the way to Japan were arrested for disobeying orders. The government had sent them to Havana to return to Paris as soon as possible. This was the explanation given by Senor Moheno today. He said they would be re-embarked on the next steamer for Europe to join Francisco De La Barra, Mexican minister to France, who is the latest person appointed by the government to carry out the task of thanking Japan for her participation in the Mexican centennial. Senor Moheno regarded it as unjust that after sending $45,000 in money of the Mexican government, these men should refuse to fulfill the mission entrusted to them.

Mexico Sees Aid.

Mexico City, Oct. 24.—The controversy between the United States and Great Britain appears to have convinced Mexicans that the European nations generally are coming into line with England in opposition to the United States. Under the headline of "entire Europe is on the side of Mexico" El Independiente says:

"In London everybody is taking note of the possibility of Anglo-American complications. The United States has not taken into account that at the back of England there are many other nations interested in the solution of the Mexican problem. On this line it is known absolutely that three chancellors are working in perfect accord—namely, those of London, Paris, and Berlin. Back of them are the great European alliances and the Anglo-Japanese alliance. It would be neither diplomatic nor prudent to defy these great nations."

SWINDLERS LET OFF BY THE PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—President Wilson today commuted the sentences of Frederick A. Hyde and Joost H. Schneider of California, convicted of celebrated land fraud conspiracies, to one year and a day imprisonment each, provided they pay the originally imposed fines of $10,000 on Hyde and $1,000 on Schneider. The trial court gave Hyde two years and Schneider one year and two months in addition to fines.

Ill-Advised Agitation is Working Evil Says Gary

Chicago, Oct. 24.—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States steel corporation, addressing today the semi-annual meeting of the American Iron and Steel institute, declared that the stability of the business had been interfered with and the confidence of capital shaken by "unreasonable and uncalled for agitation and attack." In spite of the country's wealth and resources, foreign capitalists wonder why we are not more continuously prosperous," he said.

"I venture the assertion that it is largely because of much unnecessary agitation and ill-considerate criticism by those who have not the nation's best interests at heart. There is too much demagogy, too much mud-slinging.

"It is not uncommon in public discussion to treat success as an offense; to consider the possession of wealth, however honestly acquired, as wrong. Legislation calculated to create classes is urged persistently; also laws to impose unnecessary and unreasonable burdens; to forcibly take from one something which he has and is entitled to have, and turn it over to another to prevent or lessen the success of legitimate enterprise and endeavor.

"In short, gentlemen, this country, though hesitating is eager to do business. The volume of business at this time, although large because the country is so vast, is not half so great as it ought to be or as it could be. It is high time for all of us to wake up to a realization of the fact that we are competing with other countries who by every means in their power are striving for supremacy; that is not difficult for us, by good management to reach the greatest measure of success in competition with other nations of the world and yet that it is just as easy to fail if our vision is narrower, if we act without due regard to the results."

WILSON OPPOSES VANDERLIP PLAN

PRESIDENT WILL STAND BY THE ADMINISTRATION CURRENCY BILL UNFALTERINGLY.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—President Wilson is uncompromisingly opposed to the currency bill submitted by Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City bank of New York, as a substitute for the administration plan.

The president let it be known that he was earnestly and unqualifiedly in favor of the main features of the administration bill. He declared that he believed that the plan provided in the house bill was in every way suited to existing conditions of business and was calculated to render the business men of the country a great service.

The Vanderlip plan which contemplates a central bank under government control, was reported today to have the endorsement of three democratic senators and five republicans, a majority of the senate committee.

Senator Reed, one of the democrats, reported in favor of the Vanderlip plan, sought a conference with President Wilson on the subject.

The president's position is that the Vanderlip plan is a radical departure from the regional reserve system of the banks proposed in the house bill and he expressed his intention vigorously to oppose any such measure.

With the government central bank plan proposed yesterday by Frank A. Vanderlip, available as an amendment to the administration currency bill, the senate banking committee hurried along its hearings today, expecting to formally end examination of witnesses tomorrow.

The committee will begin the consideration of the bill in executive session Monday.

UNDERWOOD HOME TO MIX IN CAMPAIGN

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24—Majority Leader Underwood today is speeding toward his home in Alabama, not going home to rest, however, for he announces his intention of plunging into the fight for the nomination to the United States senate which will be made in the primaries in April.

TWO HUNDRED MINE STRIKERS IN JAIL

BIG FORCE OF DEPUTIES ARREST PICKETS WHO VIOLATE COURT INJUNCTION.

Calumet, Mich., Oct. 24.—One hundred and eighty-nine arrests of striking copper miners were made this morning by the militia in the copper city, Allouez and Mohawk district. The prisoners who are charged with violation of the injunction against picketing, were taken to Houghton and will be given a hearing before Judge O'Brien.

The arrests followed the issuance by Judge O'Brien of an order to Sheriff Cruse and his deputies to enforce the injunction and employ what power and assistance might be necessary to bring before the court any persons found violating the injunction's provisions. The court's order was prompted by the general lawlessness of yesterday's riots.

There are now two hundred and fifty prisoners, arrested for strike offenses, in the custody of the sheriff of Houghton county.

BANDIT AT LARGE IN HEART OF CITY

COMMITS ONE HOLDUP AFTER ANOTHER AND DOES NOT EVEN STOP AT MURDER.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 24.—A lone bandit running amuck near the heart of the city, shortly after midnight held up five pedestrians within a few blocks shot and instantly killed T. J. Chase of Palmer Lake, Colo., and mortally wounded E. A. Clark of Denver. The bandit fled before the chase of an automobile full of detectives who traced the murderer from one holdup to another only to arrive too late.

The shooting began at Twenty-third and Welton streets when the bandit held up Henry Fugoris, a street sweeper sending a bullet through his hat. The next victim was an East Indian whose name has not been learned.

A few minutes later E. A. Clark staggered into a store with a bullet through his right lung. Four blocks away, T. J. Chase, met his fate. Without a word the bandit pierced his heart with a bullet.

Half an hour later, Arthur Herbet, a moving picture operator, was held up at Twentieth and Sherman streets and relieved of a watch and some change. The bandit left him with this parting injunction:

"Go easy now, I've shot two already."

This series of holdups coming immediately after the tramway holdup and the plundering of a saloon last night, is giving the police much concern.

WOULD LIMIT THE HOUSE

Move is Started For Constitutional Amendment Fixing Number of of U. S. Representatives.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—Representative Cordell Hull of Tennessee, author of the income tax provision of the tariff law, today began a vigorous campaign for an amendment to the constitution limiting the membership of the national house of representatives to 450 members. The present membership is 435. With the rapidly increasing number of members the fact that the house is top heavy has become more and more apparent. Mr. Hull would limit further increase.

NEW COUNSEL FOR SOUTHERN PACIFIC

New York, Oct. 24.—Announcement was made this afternoon that J. P. Blair has been appointed general counsel of the Southern Pacific railroad to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Maxwell Evarts. Mr. Blair has for many years been in general charge of the Southern Pacific company's interests in the state of Louisiana.

GOVERNMENT LOCK AT KEOKUK CLOSED

Davenport, Oct. 24—The government lock at Keokuk will be closed for the season November 15, according to notices just issued to rivermen by Major C. M. Hoffman, United States engineer.

SOCIETY LEADER FINED.

New York, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Frank Wiborge of Cincinnati, a niece of General Sherman, was fined $1,750 in the United States district court yesterday for having failed to declare dutiable goods on her arrival here on the steamship Maurntania Sept. 5.

WORLD W. C. T. U. MEETS.

New York, Oct. 23.—The triennial convention of the World's Women's Christian Temperance union opened in the academy of music, Brooklyn, today with nearly 1,000 delegates representing every state in the union and thirty foreign countries in attendance. The women were welcomd by Mayor Kline.

RESCUERS LOST IN BURNING MINE

Two Helmet Men Believed to Have Been Added to List of Dead

TOTAL DEATH ROLL IS PLACED AT 261

Little Hope Now Felt For Any of Miners Entombed By Sudden Explosion

Dawson, N. M., Oct. 24.—The first government rescue car reached here shortly after 8 o'clock this morning. The crews were hurriedly equipped with helmets and sent into Stag Canon Mine No. 2 in search of Helmetsmen James Lurdi and Wm. Poisa, believed to have been killed by poisonous gases, after an accident that caused them to remove their helmets.

The accident to the helmetsmen caused a feeling of terror among others to the point where only volunteers were sent into the mine.

Dawson, N. M., Oct. 24.—Two of the helmeted rescue crews in Stag Canon mine No. 2 were lost in the workings early today, and are believed to be dead. Two others who accompanied them were brought out scarcely alive. Volunteers immediately began a search for the missing men.

The four men were of a crew of ten who entered the mine at 4 o'clock this morning. At the sixteenth room the crew divided and four of them pushed on into the eighteenth room. Two of these, James Lurdi and William Poisa, were walking ahead when rocks began to fall. They were buried in the debris and their fellows struggled to rescue them.

Upon being pulled out of the mass of rocks and dirt Lurdi and Poisa are said to have become frightened and removed their helmets.

This action confused their rescuers, who, frightened by the continued fall of debris and hampered by their 38-pound equipment, also jerked off their helmets and ran into the entry out of the eighteenth room. There they were overcome by poisonous gases, but members of the other division of the crew finally brought them to the surface alive.

Walter Kerr, one of the rescued men, had not recovered consciousness several hours later, but Roy Simpleman, his companion, told of the harrowing experiences which in the opinion of the rescue leaders, probably caused the death of Lurdi and Poisa.

Helmet Men Afraid.

This probable fatality and the terrors of the face of the mine, which is so thickly infested with poisonous gases, so affected the helmet men that J. C. Roberts, directing the government rescue work, experienced difficulty in securing men to reenter the mine to search for Lurdi and Poisa. Volunteers were called for and they at once entered the mine.

The crew consisted of five men with four emergency men following closely carrying helmets and oxygen tanks. Director Roberts, who has been unceasingly active in rescue work since his arrival yesterday, appeared greatly affected by this loss of helmet men and unhesitatingly referred to it as "the greatest tragedy of the mine disaster." which already had claimed probably 261 lives. Roberts has been in continuous charge of the rescue work without a moment's relief since noon yesterday and it was only by physical force that he was kept from donning a helmet and leading the search for Lurdi and Poisa. All other rescue activities were practically abandoned pending the finding of the lost helmet men.

More Bodies Found.

Between 2 and 4 o'clock this morning three additional bodies were recovered and brought to the surface. No trace has been found of General Superintendent William McDermott nor Henry P. McShane, the wealthy young New Yorker. It was believed McDermott's body is with a group of men who were caught at the face of the mine beyond the eighteenth room, east. It was for these men that the search was being made by the helmet crew when Lurdi and Poisa met their accident.

Early today the arrival of two government rescue cars was being awaited impatiently as they would bring to the scene fresh and experienced helmet men.

PLAN EXPEDITION TO HUNT EXPLORER

New York, Oct. 24.—Friends of Dillon Wallace announced here yesterday that unless the explorer is heard from within a fortnight a relief expedition will be organized to search for him in Interior Labrador which he entered in July for a three months' trip.

Wallace went north to make scientific studies and place a tablet on the rock at the place where his friend and fellow explorer, Leonidas Hubbard died of exhaustion ten years ago.

LaFollette Makes Bitter Attack on President Wilson

Madison, Wis., Oct. 24.—President Wilson's signing of the urgency deficiency bill, which permits the appointment of hundreds of internal revenue officials of the spoils system, is denounced by Senator La Follette today in LaFollette's Weekly, as a "raid" which tests the president's respect for the civil service law. Some of the senator's comments are vitriolic.

Taking as his text the picturesque language of Senator Tillman describing the democrats [illegible]amble for office as "wil[illegible]es of the desert athi[illegible] hungry have broken into [illegible] green corn," Senator La[illegible] says that the bill wh[illegible]e president signed on W[illegible]ay is the "most serious at[illegible]ade upon the merit system [illegible]ce its establishment in 18[illegible]

"[illegible]ngry horde of politicians f[illegible]ard heeler to state boss [illegible]ng the handy men of [illegible] democratic organization in the country, have brought influence to bear upon their party representatives in house and senate to strike down the merit system," says Senator LaFollette. "Of course they do not propose openly to repeal the civil service law. But step by step they are encroaching upon its principles and its provisions."

CRACKSMEN GET $15,000

Bold Robbers Blow Open Safe in Small Town and Escape With Large Sum of Money.

Chicago Junction, O., Oct. 24.—Robbers early today blew open the safe of the postoffice at Attica, seven miles from here and escaped with loot estimated at $15,000.

The explosion of the safe demolished the two-story postoffice.

The sum obtained includes money belonging to the Seneca county fair association and other organizations of which Postmaster W. F. Uhle was secretary.

VOTE FAVORS PROHIBITION

Congregationalists Go on Record as Opposed Absolutely to the Liquor Traffic.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 24.—By a vote of 507 to 10 today the national council of Congregational church went on record in favor of prohibition, defeating a movement headed by Gov. Simeon Baldwin of Connecticut, which opposed the adoption as unconstitutional of the report of the temperance committee favoring an amendment to the federal constitution prohibiting forever the manufacture, sale, importation and exportation of intoxicating beverages throughout the United States.

WOMEN DON'T WANT VOTE

Hot Judicial Campaign in Illinois Brings Out of Twenty-five Suffragettes.

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 24.—Official figures compiled by the canvassing board show that twenty-five women voted in Peoria county at the judicial election held last Monday. The total number of male voters in the county who cast their ballots was 10,736.

ARE WITHDRAWING BONDED IMPORTS

WAREHOUSES IN EASTERN PORTS RELEASE $11,000,000 IN GOODS IN FEW DAYS.

New York, Oct. 24.—Custom house authorities report that within the first seven or eight days of the present month, during which the lower tariff duties have been in effect, the total withdrawals of bonded warehouse commodities amounted, approximately to $11,000,000.

Authorities declare that leathers, shoes, gloves, linens, maccaroni, all other breadstuffs, watches and parts, decorated ching, mirrors, brushes and toilet articles, fruits, nuts and cutlery are the leading items in the value of withdrawals.

Herring and mackerel have experienced a record run in the value of withdrawals, and olive oil is likewise an important factor.

The movements of woolens and sugar, among the leading items in imports at this port, are reported to be about stationary, while cotton cloths are only slightly above the normal condition of withdrawals. Silk fabrics, glove leathers, liquors and paper likewise are not being withdrawn in great quantities.

LAWYER CLAIMS CASE HAS HOODOO

Appeal Dismissed by Supreme Court Featured by Fridays and Thirteens

TRIBUNAL ACTS ON TWO LOCAL CASES

Writ of Certiorari Denied and City of Ottumwa is Loser in Other Appeal

"There were too many Fridays and thirteens connected with this case," said Attorney Jo R. Jaques this morning, when he received notice from the clerk of the supreme court that the case of John Erbacher vs. D. M. Anderson was dismissed.

This case was decided by Judge D. M. Anderson, January 13, 1913, it was started on a Friday, and the notice of its dismissal by the supreme court came Friday. The frequency with which Friday and the thirteenth entered the case did not occur to Mr. Jaques until this morning when interviewed relative to the rulings made yesterday in the high court.

The Erbacher appeal was a writ of certiorari on conviction for violation of a liquor injunction. The supreme court dismissed the matter which now returns to the original judgment for $300 and $25 attorney's fees ordered by Judge D. M. Anderson.

Another case in which the same attorneys represented the appellants was affirmed by the supreme court. This was the damage suit of Virginia Nicholson against the city of Ottumwa.

The Nicholson case was tried in Ottumwa before Judge F. W. Eichelberger November 27, 1911, and a judgment against the city for $475 resulted. The case was one in which damages were sought. The plaintiff alleged that owing to faulty construction of a sewer near Wapello street in South Ottumwa a pool of water formed on her premises and that typhoid fever was transmitted from this source to her family. The supreme court affirmed the ruling of the lower court.

AUGUST TERM IS NOW COMPLETED

The final day of the August term of district court was featured by the closing of the eighty tax appeals, ruling on a motion for a new trial, a decree of foreclosure and a dismissal of a suit by the plaintiff.

The court overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Wellman vs. Phillips and ordered judgment on the verdict in the sum of $2,098.25 returned by the jury in the case which was heard during the present term. Counsel for both sides agreed to the reduction of the valuation of $5,600 placed by the board of review on certain property of Estella W. Moehn to the sum of $3,000.

A decree of foreclosure was granted in the case of A. B. Williams vs. E. A. Rea et al. and Sarah Cline dismissed her suit for $500 against the London Assurance Co., upon a satisfactory settlement, the amount of which is not stipulated in the dismissal.

POLICE CONDEMN SUFF LITERATURE

New York, Oct. 24.—Acting on complaints that copies of The Suffragette, a magazine devoted to the suffrage cause, published in England and sold in this country in connection with Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst's visit, contained objectionable matter on the sex questions, representatives of Police Commissioner Waldo have asked for a "Jane Doe" warrant for a woman who has been selling the publication. The specific sale complained of is alleged to have been made in the rooms of the political equality association.

The warrant was applied for in Chief Magistrate McAdoo's court, but Mr. McAdoo will not act on the affidavits of the policemen until after he has conferred with District Attorney Whitman.

CHICAGO'S CHIEF OF POLICE QUITS JOB

Chicago, Oct. 24.—John McWeeny, chief of police since 1911 resigned yesterday. He would make no statement as to his reasons for resigning. It is understood however that his action followed the filing of reports with the mayor intimating that he had been tipping off proposed raids on the red light district.

ISSUES BANK CALL.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 24.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks of the United States at the close of business on October 21.

GIVES FRIEND FAT JOB.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Gov. Glynn has announced the appointment of Frank A. Tierney as secretary to the governor with a salary of $5,500 a year. Tierney formerly was employed on Glynn's local newspaper.

State Historical Society
State Capitol