

## HUERTA'S POWER CRUMBLES AWAY

### President Laughs at Talk of Making Ready for Landing Marines

## SAYS DICTATOR IS NEARING HIS FINISH

### Calls Committee on Foreign Relations to Meet With Him This Evening

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—President Wilson today characterized as "interesting fiction" published reports that orders had been sent to Rear Admiral Fletcher to land marines at Vera Cruz and keep open the road to Mexico City in case the Huerta administration collapsed. From the white house point of view the situation in Mexico is slowly changing and the Huerta government is undergoing a "natural decay."

There is no particular development or critical situation in the Mexican problem or any other foreign question, the president explained today, which caused him to call the senate foreign relations committee in conference tonight. A general consultation on foreign affairs was the reason given for the meeting, the president making it plain that although he had tried to keep in touch with the committee heretofore, he would now be able to give a rather systematic attention to foreign relations. The president has a memorandum for tonight's conference covering a variety of subjects.

It was learned incidentally that the question of a new treaty with Russia has not been broached by either country and that the subject probably would await the arrival in St. Petersburg of a new American ambassador. The American government, it is understood from the white house, is on the way to a satisfactory settlement with Colombia for the partition of Panama. No immediate recommendation to congress is in contemplation by the president in connection with the Panama tolls question but it would be one of the subjects taken up at tonight's conference. The unruffled arbitration treaties, the president also expects to talk over with the senators as well as the Japanese alien land controversy.

It was learned in that connection with, although the question of a new treaty with Japan has been discussed informally, no formal suggestion has come from Japan.

## MAY DENY MAILS TO EXCHANGE BROKERS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Public hearings on the Owen bill to prohibit the use of the mails and telegraph and telephone lines in furtherance of fraud and harmful transactions on stock exchanges, will open on Feb. 4, before the senate banking committee. Samuel Untermyer will be the first witness. Edward P. Lyon, attorney for the New York Bank Note Co. and grain exchanges in Chicago and Milwaukee, will be heard.

If such legislation is pressed, it was said today, it would not be as an administration measure. Rural credits legislation, however, will be pressed as an administration measure and hearings on the subject will follow the stock exchange inquiry.

## IMPORTED BUTTER TO GO ON MARKET

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Butter that has traveled 12,000 miles from New Zealand will soon be placed on sale in Chicago and other sections of the United States. A Chicago produce firm announced today that it has signed a contract for 200,000 pounds of butter shipment this year. Reduction of the tariff on butter from five to two and a half cents a pound is said to have enabled merchants to profit on importations. Parts of the shipments will be received by way of the Pacific coast and others by the way of London.

## CULLOM IS SINKING.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Former Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois passed a restless night and his physicians said today that his condition was very unsatisfactory. The wonderful vitality of the former senator is sustaining him from hour to hour.

## "LAFF" YOUNG IMPROVES.

Des Moines, Jan. 26.—Former Senator Lafayette Young, who was taken ill with pneumonia last Friday, showed marked improvement today and his physicians expressed confidence in his ultimate recovery.

## BIG FIRE IN MANILA.

Manila, Jan. 26.—Fire today destroyed two-thirds of the exposition building here. The loss is \$250,000.

## Presents Bill to Relieve President of Appointments

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Federal appointments was the subject of a speech in the senate today by Senator Works of California, on his bill to provide for a commission appointed by the president to receive and pass on all applications and recommendations for appointments to federal offices. The measure would forbid members of congress to recommend applicants or aid in obtaining positions. Senator Works explained that his bill was intended to relieve the president and members of congress from the burdens of recommending and appointing the thousands of officers throughout the country, to bring about the appointment of more competent men and women, and to relieve the public service as far as possible from the "odious of the present pernicious system of patronage." The time taken up by the president and members of congress in considering matters of patronage he said, was enormous and could be devoted to more important public service.

## HAITIEN REBELS QUIET

### Leader Proclaims Himself and Declares That He Will Protect Residents and Property.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Late official reports of the Haitian revolution were summarized today in the following statement by Secretary Daniels: "Action reached the navy department from vessels in Haitian waters indicating that Senator Davilaire Theodore, who is at Cape Haitien with his troops, has announced publicly that he is the revolutionary leader in the north and that he will preserve order and protect inhabitants and property at Cape Haitien where he is in control. Revolutionary forces have taken possession of Gonaves, where also revolutionary forces are maintaining order. The Nashville is at Cape Haitien, the Eagle at Gonaves and the Montana was expected to reach Port au Prince yesterday."

## LONG DRAWN OUT CASE POSTPONED

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 26.—The fourth trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, charged with the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope, was postponed today, when, on the calling of the case in the criminal court, Floyd Jacobs, county prosecutor, asked a continuance on the ground that one of the state's witnesses was in California for at least two months. Judge Porterfield then set the trial for April 6, this is the sixth postponement of the fourth trial.

## BRYAN CALLS UPON NEW YORK'S MAYOR

New York, Jan. 26.—William J. Bryan, secretary of state, paid a brief visit to Mayor Mitchell at the city hall today. It was just a personal call, he said. The secretary came to New York from Washington to deliver an address tonight at the annual banquet of the American Asiatic association. He will speak on the Chinese loan question.

## OWNERS OF "MOVIES" DENOUNCE CENSORS

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 26.—Denouncing censorship as "the curse of the ages," eighty-eight owners and operators of motion picture theaters in Pittsburgh today sent a committee to Harrisburg to place before Gov. Tener a protest against the newly appointed state board of censorship. The law passed several years ago was placed in operation last week.

## WANT NEW TRIAL.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Motions for new trials for Joe Gordon and David Rose, convicted of election frauds, today were postponed until February 21.

## WOMEN AFTER CITY POSTS

### Two Chicago Suffragettes in Race For Title as Aldermen and Four Others Are to Follow.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—The petitions of two women who aspire to membership in the city council, were among those filed with the city clerk today. Miss Sarah M. Hopkins of the second ward, filed her petition personally after standing in line with other candidates or their representatives for an hour. A friend filed the petition of Miss Marion Drake, who will seek to wrest the first ward democratic nomination from Alderman John Coughlin. Four other women are expected to file petitions to enter the primaries.

## 'GHOST' AIDS IN CLEARING CRIME

### Drug Fiend Confesses That He Murdered His Wife to Gain Liberty

## LATER MAKES CLAIM OF "THIRD DEGREE"

### Says That Police Caused Presence of Supposed Unearthly Visitor

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 26.—Following charges by attorneys for John H. Grondine, the young druggist charged with having murdered his wife, Belle, that the police had used the "third degree" with a "ghost" as the central figure in an attempt to extort a confession, the district attorney's office investigated today and denied these charges.

According to Deputy District Attorney W. F. Shannon, Grondine is a drug user and on occasions becomes delirious. Shannon declared that the "ghost" which, according to Grondine's statement, appeared in a darkened room where the police had taken Grondine and demanded in gloomy tones, "why did you murder me," was a product of Grondine's imagination. Grondine is charged with having poisoned his wife here last October and then attempting to establish that she killed herself by inhaling gas. The police declare that he forged a note explaining his wife's alleged suicide, the note containing an admission of her infidelity and the hope that he would be happy with "the woman who truly loved him."

County officials declare that a widow of Waterville, Maine, is the other woman in whom Grondine was interested and with whom he was so infatuated that he was prompted to take his wife's life. State Senator Neil Kelleher of Maine, who was mentioned in the so-called "suicide letter" telegraphed today that he would come here to testify against Grondine. The letter, the authorship of which is indisputable, suggested Kelleher had been infatuated with Mrs. Grondine.

The dead woman was the daughter of George Davieau, a druggist of Waterville, Maine, where she married Grondine when he was 21 years old.

## WILSON IN FOG ON GOETHALS MATTER

### IS UNABLE TO OUTLINE PLANS OF CANAL BUILDER WHOM NEW YORK WANTS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—President Wilson has not yet directly offered to Col. Goethals the civil government of the canal zone and cannot do so until he issues an executive order for a permanent government of the zone. The president has intended to appoint Col. Goethals and the colonel has for some time been informally apprised of that intention. Secretary Garrison on his recent visit to Panama is understood to have informed Col. Goethals to this effect. President Wilson today was unable to tell callers anything about Col. Goethals' plans for the future, as he said he had not had any word concerning the police commissioner's report on him.

## Caucus Proving Double Edged Weapon in Hands of Democrats; Suffragettes Offended

[BY ELISHA HANSON.]

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—The party caucus, by which the democrats got through both a tariff and currency law to their liking, is now causing them untold trouble.

Like a two-edged sword, the caucus is now swiping the majority. The wielder of the sword is the congressional union of the suffrage movement the ladies in charge of which are determined to get the democratic party on record on the suffrage question. The congressional union has campaigned for months to have a woman's suffrage committee appointed in the house. Everything looked lovely following protracted hearings by the house rules committee. A poll of that committee was taken and the ladies thought they controlled a majority of it. Then the democratic members of the committee held a secret confab with the result that when they emerged into the open, it was announced they would not recommend a committee on woman's suffrage for the house.

Indignation meetings were held at various homes and in various offices

## FOUR KILLED IN HEAD-ON WRECK

### Passenger Train Collides With Freight; Force of Shock Is Terrific

## MISUNDERSTANDING OF ORDER THE CAUSE

### Scene of Accident Is Three Miles North of Jackson, Michigan, on Central

Jackson, Mich., Jan. 26.—Four persons are dead and a dozen injured, some perhaps fatally, as the result of a head-on collision last night between a passenger train and a freight train on the Saginaw division of the Michigan Central railroad, three miles north of here. A misunderstanding of orders is believed to have been responsible for the accident.

The dead are:

CAL JOHNSON, engineer on the passenger train.

S. W. COCHRANE, Lansing, Mich. THOMAS J. COOGLIE, Owosso, Mich. J. B. BLACK, Jackson, Mich.

Although a relief train was promptly rushed from this city to the scene of the accident, it was three hours and fifty minutes after the crash when the first victim was removed from the wreckage. The passenger train, running on schedule time, was on its way from Saginaw to this city. A north bound freight, which it is declared should have taken a siding to allow the passenger to pass, ran beyond the switch and the two trains, going at a good rate of speed, met head-on. The smoking car, in which most of the casualties occurred, was completely incased inside the walls of the baggage car, thus rendering the work of removing the dead and injured difficult.

## Relief Party Hampered.

The relief party was also greatly hampered by darkness. Except for the light from the two coaches which remained on the track, the rescue work had to be conducted in total darkness. Representatives of the state railroad commission arrived this forenoon and announced that a thorough investigation would begin at once.

## The seriously injured are:

Jefferson Davis, St. Charles, Mich., head cut and badly bruised, will probably recover.

James B. Chaney, Highland Park, Detroit, collar bone broken and severely bruised, recovery expected.

Arthur Birdsall, Jackson, baggage man, severely crushed, recovery doubtful.

## FRISCO BOND AGENTS HIT

### Interstate Commerce Commission's Report Condemns Manipulators of Road's Stock.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Financial operations—not ordinary railroad difficulties—were the cause of the receivership of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad system according to the interstate commerce commission which reported today at the direction of the senate. The report says, referring to the sale just before the receivership of \$3,000,000 of five per cent bonds, French series at 78, to Speyer & Co., of New York "that the sale of securities to the investing public through bankers at a time when every appearance indicated the insolvency of the issuing company, invited and warranted the condemnation of all who assisted or participated in each sale."

## Interesting Southern Boys in Raising of Pigs For Market

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Organization of "boys' pig clubs" in the southern states is the latest step taken by the department of agriculture as a means of reducing the high cost of living. The department is endeavoring to interest the young southern farmer in the breeding of good hogs, the object being to raise at least enough pork for home consumption and, if possible a surplus for the market. It is pointed out that pork can be produced so as to sell much cheaper than the beef. "A shortage of beef," says a statement issued today, "means an increased demand for pork, and it seems reasonable that there should be a ready demand for all the available supply. This means money in the pocket of the boy hog raiser."

The object of the pig clubs is to show the boys how better and cheaper hogs may be produced by the use of improved breeds, the growing of forage crops, and is planned to come through the boys' corn club by showing the boys how they can produce and sell their corn through hogs. Boys from 10 to 18 years old, are eligible for membership in the pig club. Each must possess at least one pig. Valuable prizes are to be given by the department to the champion boy pig raiser.

## CALIFORNIA IS IN GRAVEST DANGER

### UNUSUALLY HEAVY DOWNPOUR OF RAIN CAUSE GREAT FLOODS —CITIES ISOLATED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 26.—Santa Barbara, Ventura and Oxnard had been cut off from the rest of the world for over 14 hours at daylight this morning, the Southern Pacific had lost its coast line and its valley branch south of Mojave and suburban traffic around Los Angeles had been badly crippled. This morning began the third day of the worst storm southern California had seen in years. Almost continuous rain fell Saturday, with a slight lifting of the clouds during the day on Sunday, followed by even heavier downpour most of last night, brought the season's precipitation six inches and more above normal.

Santa Barbara was last heard from at 5 o'clock last night when it was reported the water was two feet deep around the Southern Pacific station. Oxnard and Ventura were heard from for possibly two hours more and they too have floods and railroad washouts to report.

The bridge across the Sespe river at Fillmore, a \$40,000 structure went out at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The rainfall for the storm measured 4.44 inches up to 8 o'clock this morning but the weather bureau expected more during the ensuing 24 hours.

## PLANNED TO DIVIDE AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

### SECRET TREATY MADE IN WHICH GERMANY AND RUSSIA TOOK PROMINENT PART.

Paris, Jan. 26.—A coalition between Serbia and Roumania to break up the Austro-Hungarian empire in the event of its intervention in favor of Bulgaria during the recent Balkan war, was made by a secret treaty signed on June 10, 1913, according to La Petite Republique today. The newspaper said the arrangements were known to both Germany and Russia and they were to have shared in the spoils. The substance of the alleged treaty is printed today, showing that Germany was to be rewarded with Bohemia and the whole of German-speaking Austria; Russia was to obtain Galicia, Serbia was to take Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia, while Roumania was to receive Transylvania and all of Hungary east of the river Tysza, thus doubling the size of her territory.

## HEAD CRUSHED AS ROOF SETTLES

### Arthur Middleton Loses His Life in Accident at the Goat Hill Mine

## REMOVING STAKES WHEN HIT BY SLATE

### Falling Mass Causes Instant Death; Inquest Will Be Held Over Remains

Arthur Middleton, a well known young man of this city, was instantly killed by a fall of slate in the Goat Hill mine just west of the city limits at 9:30 this morning. Mr. Middleton was caught in what is known as a "squeeze," his head being the only part of his body that was crushed. The roof had been weakened by the removal of stakes, and was being closely watched by the employees. The young man was working with his head between a ledge and the roof, when the latter suddenly settled without warning, crushing out his life instantly. His partner, Alfred Timmons, escaped injury only on account of his being out with a car at the time of the accident.

## Inquest Will Be Held.

Physicians were called immediately, only to find the man beyond medical aid. The remains were removed to the home of his father, William Middleton, 314 North Grand avenue, and later to his home, 1606 West Second street. From there they were taken to the Sullivan undertaking parlors at noon, from where an inquest will be held tomorrow afternoon by Dr. J. W. Elerick. Mr. Middleton was born January 4, 1892, in Missouri, coming to Ottumwa when a boy. He was married October 3, 1912, to Miss Clara Weems of this city. He was a member of local No. 152 U. M. W. A., Court Wapello Foresters of America No. 14, and of the West End Presbyterian church.

The survivors beside his wife are his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Middleton, one brother John L. Middleton, and one half brother, William Ferman, both of this city, two sisters, Mrs. Esther J. Thomas and Miss Phoebe of Ottumwa, and two half sisters, Mrs. Sarah Seaman of Old Forge, Pa., and Mrs. Eliza Davis of this city. The funeral services will be held either Thursday or Friday, definite announcements to be made later.

## MINE CAGE FALLS AND CRUSHES MAN

Chariton, Jan. 26.—Fred Plows, aged 20 years, was probably fatally crushed today about two o'clock when the cage in the Central Iowa Fuel Co., mine fell on him. Plows, who is employed in the mine was working underneath the cage repairing a belt when it was lowered upon him. His body was very badly crushed and it is not thought that he can live. The man's mother lives at Lucas. The accident occurred in the same mine in which Stanley Copinsky was killed on last Saturday when a car ran over him.

## ENGLISH STATESMAN PLACED IN GRAVE

London, Jan. 26.—The body of the late Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal high commissioner for Canada was buried today with simple ceremonies, in High Gate cemetery, North London. His body lies beside that of his wife, who died only a few months ago. Before the interment a great funeral service was held in Westminster Abbey and was attended by a large gathering of state officials and prominent persons.

## THOMAS CREATH PAYS \$13,650 FOR 78 ACRES

Agency, Jan. 26.—J. G. Hankins has sold his seventy-eight acre farm to Thomas Creath for \$175 per acre. The tract lies just east of town. Emmett Miller has also bought thirty-three acres near the Alpine coal bank, paying \$100 per acre.

## SMALL POX EPIDEMIC ON.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Dr. Edward Clark of Buffalo, who has been assigned by Dr. Herman M. Biggs of the state health department to take charge of the small pox situation here arrived today. He will work in conjunction with the local health department. The total number of cases of the disease is now 122.

## COMMISSION IS UPHELD.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—The interstate commerce commission's order requiring continental railroad to permit California orange shippers to pre-ice and pre-cool their fruit going to eastern cities, and limiting the charge for the use of the cars during the pre-cooling to 72.5 was upheld today by the supreme court.

## WAR IN THE CAMPS OF SUFFRAGETTES

### GROUP OF 15 WOMEN LEAVE THE RANKS OF ONE FACTION AND GO OVER TO OTHER.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Woman suffrage circles were afluter here today over the action of a little band of fifteen recalcitrant members of the congressional union for woman suffrage who, led by Mrs. Russell M. MacLennan bolted the parent organization and immediately formed a rival one because they were not in sympathy with the union's policy. As a result, they will in the future affiliate with the congressional committee of the National Woman Suffrage association of which Mrs. Medill McCormick, daughter of the late Senator Mark Hanna of Ohio, is chairman.

Following the revolt, resolutions were adopted condemning the alleged partisan policy of the congressional union in its avowed purpose to defeat members of congress for reelection in case the democratic party fails to pass an amendment to the constitution for equal suffrage.

The resolutions also endorsed the "non-partisan policy" of the National Woman Suffrage association. Mrs. McCormick, who attended the meeting welcomed the new members into her association and pledged their support.

Miss Paul later issued a statement declaring the policy of the union was "non-partisan" and applied with perfect impartiality to all political parties. The union has just received two new allies, which it is claimed, more than offsets for the time being at least, the defection of Mrs. MacLennan and her followers. Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont contributed \$5,000 and pledged her support to the union, and Mrs. Ella Stuart former president of the Illinois Suffrage association, also promised her support and a large contribution.

## LEAVES FORTUNE TO PEACE FOUNDATION

Boston, Mass., Jan. 26.—The continuance of the work for the world peace foundation established by Edwin Ginn in 1910, is assured by a provision of his will, made public today. Mr. Ginn, who had contributed \$50,000 annually for the support of the foundation bequeathed one million dollars for the same purpose, the income to be administered by the trustees of the foundation. The abolition of war through education in the advancement of peace is the object of the foundation.

## PNEUMONIA TAKES RADIUM PATIENT

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 26.—Erman Zook of Kennets Square, Pa., who was showing signs of improvement under the radium treatment for cancer, died here today from pneumonia. Zook became ill with cancer nine months ago while employed as a civil engineer of the Panama railroad. Physicians said today they believed they could have arrested the progress of the disease if pneumonia had not developed.

## PERKINS VERY ILL.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 26.—The condition of George D. Perkins, editor and publisher of the Journal, who is seriously ill at a local hospital, showed little change today.

## WOULD BREAK MONOPOLY

### Cabinet Member Says it is Duty of the Government to Lower the Price of Radium.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—Secretary Lane told the house mines committee today that congress should break up the monopoly that keeps radium at a "fabulously prohibitive price" and enact legislation to put the curative mineral on the market cheaply for large numbers of sufferers.

Secretary Lane declared it was the government's duty to get all the radium it could.