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HUERTA CONTINUES DEFIANCE OF U. S.

MEXICAN DISMISSES CABINET
MEMBER WHO URGED
RESIGNATION.

THE CONGRESS ORGANIZED

Citizens Fear Ports Will Be Block-
aded by Battleships—Discuss
Intervention.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Mexico City.—What doubt remained regarding Huerta's intentions with respect to compliance with the American demands for his elation was removed from the minds of most Mexicans and foreign residents by his peremptory dismissal of Manuel Garza Aldape, minister of the interior, who was looked upon as the head of Huerta's cabinet.

Manuel Garza Aldape led that group of the cabinet which held the conviction that it would be best to accede to that portion at least of Washington's demands which meant the total abandonment of power by the provisional president, and he is said to have been the only one with sufficient courage to discuss the international situation frankly with his chief.

Organization of President Huerta's new congress was completed when enough senators were gathered to form a quorum in the upper house. General Francisco Ponce was chosen temporary chairman of the Senate and a Committee on Credentials was appointed.

President Huerta talked informally to the members of his staff and a few personal friends regarding the possibilities of intervention by the United States. He intimated that he will be ready to resist such a step.

The opinion is expressed in various circles here that the United States will soon inaugurate a blockade of Mexican ports. Rumor has it that President Wilson would be content with such an action and might even permit the embassy to remain in Mexico City until an open rupture occurred.

Representative Meets Rebel Chief.

Nogales, Sonora, Mex.—Crossing a narrow little street from the United States into Mexico, William Bayard Hale, personal representative of President Wilson, met the Constitutional chief, Gen. Venustiano Carranza, and his cabinet and presented to them a definite proposal from the American government. What that proposal was the American diplomat declined to say. The Mexican revolutionary leaders also were silent, but to those who have been anxiously awaiting the development of the American policy with regard to Mexico, it was fraught with possibilities for the destinies of the war-torn republic and her relations with her northern neighbors.

Company Abandons Fight.

Washington.—The Western Union Telegraph Company formally abandoned its fight in the Supreme Court against taxes imposed upon it by the various counties in Oklahoma. The company claimed that the value of its property had been set at three times that fixed for similar property owned by individuals in the state.

Fowls Stuffed With Sand.

Washington, D. C.—Uncovering a trick of unprincipled dealers in chickens, the Department of Agriculture issued a warning to housewives to be on their guard against sand-stuffed fowls. The government experts announce that the practice of stuffing chickens with sand is one that is assuming considerable proportions.

Vice President in Arizona.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Accompanied by Governor Hunt, Representative Hayden and Adjutant General Harris of Arizona, Vice President Marshall left here for Sacaton Indian Reservation to meet Gen. N. L. Scott, commanding the United States troops on the Mexican border. According to a member of the party the Mexican situation will be discussed.

Plan Levee Delegation to Capital.

Memphis.—John A. Fox, secretary of the Mississippi Levee Association, has completed plans for a delegation of 1,000 citizens from the states that have suffered from floods to appear before the house committee on December 3, when the hearing begins on the Ransdell-Humphries bill, appropriating \$60,000,000 for levees. The railroads are co-operating. The Louisville and Nashville will run a special to Washington November 30 to take delegates.

WANT TO STOP FREE SEED DISTRIBUTION

Secretary Would Devote Fund to Other
and More Valuable Work for
Farmer.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Washington, D. C.—If Congress follows the recommendations of Secretary of Agriculture Houston, the future free distribution of ordinary garden and flower seeds by members of Congress will be discontinued. In submitting the estimates for his department for next year, Secretary Houston recommends the discontinuance of this custom and urges that part of the \$300,000 annually expended for free seeds be used to procure, propagate and distribute among the people new and valuable seeds and plants.

If Congress follows the recommendation, particular attention will be paid to the securing and distribution of new and valuable seeds and plants, including forage crops seeds, whose character and quality will be thoroughly known and tested and pains will be taken in every instance to see that a sufficient supply is sent to make it worth while for the individual farmer to make an experiment.

RAILROAD STRIKE SETTLED

Both Parties Agree to Mediation by
Federal Board.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Houston, Tex.—With the settlement of the strike of federated trainmen on the Sunset Central Lines, officials of railroad and union went to work together to restore normal traffic conditions. Passenger trains are running on schedule time and energetic efforts are being put forward to move accumulated freight.

The strike was settled when both sides accepted a proposal of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation that the railroad meet a joint committee from the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen for the discussion of the 67 grievances the men have presented. Many of these are of a personal nature and the recognition of the joint commission, which the road declared inconsistent with existing contracts, was the main contention of the unions.

Says Japan Is Fertile Field.

Boston.—In an address before the missionary conference of the American Unitarian Association, President Emeritus Charles W. Elliot of Harvard recommended Japan as a fertile field for the mission work of the denomination, while the association also has some missionaries there. "The people of Japan," said he, "are giving serious consideration to a religion which means righteousness in the conduct of life. It is for us to go to them in answer of their questions as to what religion supplies the right motive for everyday living."

New Governor Welcomed.

Manila.—Gov.-Gen. Francis Burton Harrison, on his arrival at Camp Overton, Mindanao, was greeted by 70 Moro chieftains in gala costumes. They petitioned him to maintain in office the American district governor of Lanao, Maj. Henry Gilsheuser of the constabulary. In his reply Gov.-Gen. Harrison said he would continue the system of American district and provincial governors.

U. D. C. ELECTS OFFICERS

Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stephens of Mississippi Chosen as President.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
New Orleans.—The election of officers closed the meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy here. The officers chosen were: Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stephens of Brandon, Miss., president; Mrs. T. B. Culbertson of Oklahoma, second vice-president; Mrs. B. B. Ross of Auburn, Ala., first vice-president; Mrs. I. W. Faison of North Carolina, third vice-president; Mrs. E. E. Schnabel of New Orleans, secretary; Mrs. Fanny Ransom Williams of North Carolina, recording secretary; Mrs. C. B. Tate of Pulaski, Va., treasurer; Mrs. Orlando Halliburton of Little Rock, Ark., registrar; Miss Mildred Rutherford of Athens, Ga., historian; general Mrs. J. N. Trench of Gainesville, Fla., custodian of crosses of honor, and Mrs. Anthony Walker of Norfolk, Va., was re-elected custodian of flags and pennants.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy went on record as being heartily in favor of the peace monument project at Gettysburg, with the proviso, however, that the name of Jefferson Davis be given an equal prominence on the proposed monument, to that of Abraham Lincoln, the latter as president of the United States and Jefferson Davis as president of the Confederacy.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN

Gold Water Fed into Overheated Boiler—Only One Man Escaped.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Searcy, Ark.—Four men were killed—three instantly—when a 60-horsepower boiler at Henry Roetzels saw-mill near Russell, White county, 23 miles northeast of Searcy, exploded. It is said that the explosion was caused by allowing the water in the boiler to get too low after which cold water was suddenly turned into the overheated boiler. The force of the explosion was felt for a radius of three miles. In the town of Russell, two miles west of the mill, window panes were rattled by the force of the explosion. The mill was completely wrecked. The engine and other machinery were reduced to a mass of twisted scrap iron. There were five men at the mill at the time of the accident. The only one to escape was M. T. Wright, head Sawyer.

WILSON WEDDING CAKE BIG

Weights 135 Pounds and Is Two and a
Half Feet Tall.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
New York.—Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson's wedding cake was baked here.

The first layer of the cake is four inches thick and 22 inches across. When ready for the knife the cake will weigh 135 pounds and will be two and one-half feet tall, if one counts the vase of white orchids to be placed on top. It will cost about \$500 and will contain 19 ingredients. In 2,000 white boxes tied with satin ribbon the cake will be distributed.

Over the body of the cake will be molded a thick white icing scroll work. "Then," to quote the artist who is making it, "there will be a design for the initials of the bride and bridegroom, done in silver. And then there will be lilies of the valley in white sugar on the sides."

To Provide for Elections.

Washington.—Direct elections of United States senators under the constitutional amendment in states where no regulations have been made by the legislature, will be provided for in a bill to be reported from the Senate elections committee. The forthcoming senatorial primaries in many states make some temporary method of election of senators necessary.

Serious Wreck—No One Killed.

Joliet, Ill.—Running 40 miles an hour a Santa Fe train carrying many passengers ran through an open switch at Joliet, but outside of slight injuries to the engineer, when the engine plunged 30 feet to the street below, no one was hurt. The first coach alighted on top of the engine and retained its balance. Officials pronounced it the strangest wreck in the road's history.

Juarez Again Taken.

El Paso, Tex.—For the sixth time in the last three years, Ciudad Juarez changed governments when 2,000 rebels, led by General Pancho Villa, attacked and captured the town. Taken by surprise, the federal garrison of about 400 men put up a weak resistance. So unprepared for battle were the federal defenders that Villa's troops actually reached the center of the town before a shot was fired.

Labor Leader Released.

Dublin, Ireland.—James Larkin, leader of the Transport Workers' Union, was liberated from Mount Joy prison, where he was serving a sentence of seven months' imprisonment for sedition. Larkin appeared at labor headquarters and his followers made a remarkable demonstration. Transport workers have been on a strike since early in December.

McCombs Arrives Home.

New York.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, came home from Europe with his bride, formerly Miss Dorothy Williams of Washington, whom he married in London. Asked about the possibility of his accepting appointment as ambassador to France, he said: "I have no taste for public service, and I do not expect to take public office."

Americans Unable to Escape.

Norfolk, Va.—Wireless messages from American warships now in Mexican waters, according to reports received here, state that 500 Americans, unable to leave the district between Tuxpan and Tampico, where there is fierce fighting between the Rebels and Federals, may have to fight to save their own lives. The gunboat Wheeling is reported at anchor in Panuco and has on board several refugees from Tampico.

22 ARE KILLED IN WRECK

Three Coaches of Excursion Train Roll
Down Embankment.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Eufaula, Ala.—Three coaches of an excursion train carrying 500 people to the Barbour County Fair, in this city, left the rails of the Central of Georgia Railroad, 17 miles south of Eufaula, and rolled down a 30-foot embankment. Twenty-two dead and nearly 200 injured were taken from the wreck and others are so badly injured that the death list will be materially increased.

As the train circled a curve three miles from Clayton the three rear coaches left the rails and were dashed down a steep embankment.

Railroad officials account for the wreck by a broken rail. The three wooden coaches were splintered. The passengers in the other coaches did heroic work in removing the dead and injured before the arrival of surgeons and the relief trains.

KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Driver of Machine Dead—Others Are
Injured.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Little Rock, Ark.—J. M. Goad, aged 45, of Searcy, was killed instantly and his five companions, all from Searcy, were badly injured when their automobile turned turtle on the McAlmont road, six miles east of Argenta, at 1 o'clock Sunday morning.

The five injured men are: Fulton Grammar, R. D. Haywood, L. C. Johnson, A. B. Coffman and Elmer Bramlett.

The men had started to drive from Searcy to Little Rock. Their lights were burning dimly, and as they drove upon the incline to a bridge Mr. Goad, who was driving, ran into a post. The machine toppled over the embankment and landed bottomside up in the ditch.

ANTI LEAGUE ENDS SESSION

Officers Elected—Oppose License Sys-
tem—Veiled Attack at Bryan.

Columbus, O.—The fifteenth national convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America adjourned here after going on record as favoring nationwide prohibition of the liquor traffic by means of a federal constitutional amendment.

The convention also adopted resolutions opposing the system of licensing or taking revenue from the liquor business, urging states to pass anti-liquor shipping laws and making a veiled attack on Secretary of State Bryan for his part in the recent senatorial campaign in Maryland.

National officers were elected, and reorganization of the league to make state associations work in greater harmony with the national organization, was effected.

The Rev. Dr. Purley A. Baker was re-elected national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League for two years.

Bishop Luther B. Wilson of New York was re-elected national president of the league. S. E. Nicholson Richmond, Ind., was elected secretary, and Foster Copeland, Columbus, treasurer.

Army Aviator Killed.

Manilla.—Second Lieutenant C. Perry Rich of the Philippine Scouts, U. S. A. was killed in a fall with a hydroplane into Manila bay. Lieutenant Rich, who was the only member of the Philippine Scouts attached to the Aviation Corps, here, was encircling the Asiatic fleet, which was at anchor in the bay, when the accident occurred.

Question Delayed a Year.

New York.—Action on the proposal to give the women the vote in church government was postponed for one year by the Protestant Episcopal convention of the diocese of New York. During this period a commission of five clergymen, to be appointed by Bishop Greer, will study the question and endeavor to reach a decision.

Lawrence, Mass.—Between three and four thousand operatives were thrown out of work when the strike of firemen in the textile mills caused the stoppage of some of the machinery because of lack of power. According to union officials 350 of the firemen have quit work.

To Sell Indian Lands.

Washington.—Regulation to govern the sale of 500,000 acres of surface lands in the segregated mineral belt in the Choctaw nation in Oklahoma will soon be promulgated by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Cato Sells.

Indian Gets Prize.

Stockholm.—The Nobel prize for literature was awarded to the Hindu poet, Ramindranath Tagore. This is the first time that this prize has been given to anybody but a white person.

LOUISIANA BAPTISTS

CONVENTION MEETS IN AMITE.
AFFAIRS OF CHURCH IN GOOD
CONDITION.

UNION ELECTS OFFICERS

Prominent Men Make Addresses.
Prof. C. Cottingham Elected
President.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Amite.—The sixty-sixth annual session of the Louisiana Baptist convention was brought to a close in the Laurel Street Baptist church last week after a three days' session. Reports show that the orphanage and State Board of Missions are clear of debt. Excellent state mission reports were submitted. The convention was addressed by Prof. V. L. Roy, of Natchitoches, W. H. Managan, of Westlake, B. F. Thompson, of Alexandria, C. P. Roney, of De Ridder, Prof. E. Godbold, of Pineville; Dr. George H. McCutcher, of Fort Worth, Tex., and Dr. O. B. Gray, of Atlanta, Ga.

Report on temperance was made by Rev. L. D. Posey, of Vivian. Rev. E. O. Ware announced the meeting of the Anti-Saloon League in Alexandria, November 25. An address on "Baptist Principles" was delivered by A. L. Ponder, of Amite.

At the opening session Prof. C. Cottingham was elected president. W. G. Newhouse, of Sidell, and Rev. W. J. E. Cox, of Alexandria, were elected vice presidents; Rev. Leon W. Sloan, of Slidell, statistical secretary, and Rev. C. P. Roney, of De Ridder, recording secretary.

Missionary Union Elects.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union elected: President, Mrs. T. R. Falvy, New Orleans; first vice president, Mrs. William Weishaupt, New Orleans; second vice president, Mrs. Gordan Irons, Shreveport; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles Ammer, New Orleans; recording secretary, Mrs. F. G. Magallitzky, New Orleans; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. Edgar Fortson, Homer; leader, Y. W. A., Mrs. C. E. Jenkins, Mansfield; superintendent of sunbeam bands and royal ambassador chapters, Mrs. W. B. Graham, McDade; field secretary, Miss Georgia Barnette, New Orleans; college correspondent, Miss Kate Terry, New Orleans; editor, Mrs. S. J. Meek, Monroe; associate editors, Mrs. W. J. E. Cox, Alexandria; Mrs. J. L. Love, New Orleans; and Mrs. A. D. Kindricks, Winnfield.

LEAVES BRIDGE WITH BUGGY

Woman Dangerously Hurt—Horse's
Neck Broken by Fall.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Mansfield.—Mrs. Lawrence Bishop, a widow lady living near town, met with a probably fatal accident. She and two of her daughters were coming to town in a buggy to attend the fair and as they were crossing Buffalo Bayou the horse ran off the bridge, about 30 feet above the bottom of the bayou. The horse's neck was broken and Mrs. Bishop was dangerously hurt. It is thought she cannot survive. The two girls jumped and sustained only slight bruises.

Does Not Approve Plan.

Shreveport.—A reported suggestion that there be negotiations between J. S. Noel and a representative of the Northern Methodist Episcopal church with a view of that denomination securing the new Noel Memorial church edifice in Shreveport as a result of a disagreement between Mr. Noel, the donor, and the congregation, which officially moved out some months ago, has met with emphatic opposition from Bishop Wilbur P. Thirkield, of the Northern Methodist stationed in New Orleans.

Washington Parish Plans Fair.

Franklinton.—The Washington Parish Fair Association held a meeting to plan for a fair in 1914 and elected the following: Dewitt E. Branch, president; L. W. McDougal, secretary; F. R. McDougal, Warren Wilkes, F. B. Bateman, John M. Fussell and J. S. Knight, directors, and Mrs. Deliah H. Carter, manager ladies' department.

Anti-saloon League Meets Nov. 25.

Alexandria, La.—A called session of the Louisiana Anti-saloon League will convene here November 25 and run through the 26th. Legislative matters of importance will be presented to the convention for adoption or rejection. "We must have some definite plans with which to go before the next session of the Louisiana Legislature," says A. W. Turner, league superintendent, in issuing the call.

SUFFRAGETTES HOLD MEET

Two Organizations, State and South-
ern, in Session at Same Time.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
New Orleans.—The first Southern States Woman's Suffrage Conference and the Louisiana State Suffrage Association met in New Orleans last week and transacted the business of the two bodies. The meetings were marked by their good attendance and enthusiasm displayed by the delegates.

Election of officers for the suffrage conference resulted as follows: President, Miss Kate M. Gordon, New Orleans; first vice president, Miss Laura Clay, Lexington, Ky.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John B. Parker, New Orleans; recording secretary, Mrs. Emma Funk, Maryland; treasurer, Mrs. George E. Cunningham, Arkansas; auditors, Mrs. Robert Somerville, Mississippi, and Miss Jennie E. Lauderdale, Kentucky. Vice presidents: Mrs. Eugene Cory, Arkansas; Mrs. O. F. Ellington, Mississippi; Miss Belle Kearney, Maryland; Laura Lee Cromwell Poe, District of Columbia; Helen H. Gardner, Georgia; Frances Burton-Gordon Smith, Kentucky; Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, Louisiana; Miss Florence Loebler, North Carolina; Miss Eugene Reilly, Oklahoma; Mrs. A. B. Stevens, South Carolina; Mrs. John R. Gibbons, Tennessee; Sarah Barnwell Elliott, Texas; Anette Finnigan Houston, Florida; Mrs. Florence Cooley.

The state association officers elected were:

President, Miss Jean Gordon, New Orleans.

First vice president, Mrs. George Wesley Smith, Rayville.

Second vice president, Mrs. J. M. Wooten, Monroe.

Third vice president, Mrs. Louis J. Hakenjos, Alexandria.

Recording secretary, Miss Lois Janvier, New Orleans.

Treasurer, Miss Olivia Munson, Napoleonville.

Auditors, Mrs. W. W. Van Meter, New Orleans; Miss Fannie Wolfson, Coushatta.

Men are not barred from membership in the organization. The question was brought up by a delegate and the president ruled that the men were admissible. She said: "It's the men we're after and we want them."

W. O. W. HEAD ENTERTAINED

Alexandria Welcomes Mr. Root With
Speeches and Banquet.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Alexandria.—Sovereign Commander Joseph Cullen Root, of the Woodmen of the World, who comes from Omaha, founder of the order, was the guest at a public meeting and at a banquet in his honor. He was accompanied by Sovereign Escort H. F. Simrall, of Columbus, Miss., and Sovereign George F. Wooly, manager of the organization department. The visitors were accompanied here by Head Consul D. B. Showalter, and were met at the station by several hundred members of Rapides Camp, headed by a brass band. The banquet took place at the Hotel Bentley. Besides 400 members of the Woodmen of the World, a number of ladies, members of the Woodmen Circle, were present.

Convict Kills Mrs. Ehlert.

Baton Rouge.—Mrs. Alice Ehlert, wife of Dr. Ehlert of the Angola state farm, was murdered by a negro trustee who was working about the house. Mrs. Ehlert had reprimanded the negro for some infraction of the house rules and he became enraged. Securing a revolver he shot Mrs. Ehlert and then killed himself before any one could arrive at the house.

Steam Pipe Causes Death.

Folsom.—At the Ramey Mill, a few miles south of here a large steam pipe broke and burned a young man by the name of Leard severely. He did not live but a short time. Leard was a son of Eugene Liard, a prosperous farmer of this section.

Governor Issues Reprieve.

Baton Rouge.—Governor Hall issued a reprieve to Frank Colson, of Winn, sentenced to hang in Baton Rouge November 28. The sentence is held up to February 27 to allow the State Board of Pardons to investigate.

Paving Contract Let.

Lake Charles.—The City Commission has awarded the contract for eleven blocks of brick paving on Kirby and Division streets at \$1.90 per square yard. Bids for 23 additional blocks have been advertised for.

Proposition Carriers Unanimously.

Amite.—At an election in the first road district of St. Charles parish 64 votes, representing a property valuation of \$36,800, were cast in favor of a proposition to levy a 5-mill tax for 40 years for the issuance of \$95,000 bonds for good road purposes. Not a vote was cast against the proposition.