

## WHITE HOUSE WILL LISTEN TO HUERTA'S NEW PROPOSAL THROUGH LIND

### ENVOY READY AT VERA CRUZ TO TALK PLAN

Impending Torreon Battle Believed Forcing a Climax in Mexico.

### SITUATION TO CHANGE

Compromise Candidate Acceptable to Washington May Be Result of Rebel Defeat.

Little Rock, Ark., March 19.—Four companies of the Ninth infantry departed for Laredo, Texas.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 19.—Two battalions of the Ninth infantry are leaving here today for Laredo.

Atlanta, Ga., March 19.—The seventh infantry left for Eagle Pass, Texas, to join the border patrol.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—While no official word has come to the White house of the reported purpose of Huerta to reopen parleys by sending his minister of foreign affairs to Vera Cruz to confer with John Lind, administration officials indicated a willingness to listen to any new proposals for a peaceful settlement. They seemed to attach much importance to the impending battle at Torreon, which is expected to mark a critical turn in the strength and prestige of the contending forces.

Washington has been firmly opposed not only to recognition of Huerta, but of any successor of his choosing, and the rebels have announced an unwillingness to compromise with Huerta. Should the constitutionalists be defeated at Torreon, it is possible the whole situation would be changed, and a compromise of candidates acceptable to Washington be agreed upon.

Expect Simultaneous Attacks. Juarez, Mexico, March 19.—Simultaneous attacks on Torreon and Mazatlan were predicted today in advices received here. It was said that while Villa's rebel army was moving against Torreon forces under General Obregon numbering 12,000 would assault the Pacific coast port. This is said to be part of a general plan for an aggressive movement against all federal forces in northern Mexico. The fall of Mazatlan would mean virtual control of the west coast district, while Torreon is the railroad center of central Mexico and its capture would threaten the capital of the country.

Censorship of news from the interior below this point remained firm today. Indirect information indicated no fighting of consequence the last few days.

Huerta Executes Mutineers. Mexico City, March 19.—In squads of a dozen men each, 149 mutineers were taken from the federal barracks at Joluita yesterday, lined up against a stone wall, and shot.

It required less than half an hour for the slaughter of the men who rebelled at service in the army of General Huerta. The members of the firing squad worked rapidly and pumped bullets into their former comrades as fast as they were lined up.

Bodies were piled high along the wall when the last mutineers were brought out, and those going to their death stumbled over the forms of those who had faced the rifles of the executioners only a few minutes before. With the last mutineer shot the bodies were thrown into one trench.

Huerta has ordered the strictest discipline enforced in all garrisons. A stone wall and a firing squad await the leaders of any rebellious outbreak.

Approve Wholesale Execution. The newspapers of the capital this afternoon printed prominently a statement from the war department, announcing in terms of high approval the execution of the 149 mutineers.

It was perfectly evident from the tone of the statement that the action of Huerta's officers in carrying out the wholesale execution was pleasing to the administration and was looked upon as serving notice that Huerta has determined to rule his conscripted army with an iron hand.

The newspapers announce that more men were executed at Joluita than at any single time "since General Scott hanged 78 deserters in the suburbs of the capital in 1847."

To Honor Bryan. Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—Democrats of national and state prominence will meet here tonight at a banquet in honor of the 54th birthday anniversary of Secretary Bryan. Bryan will not attend.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Secretary Bryan celebrated his 54th birthday today by receiving congratulations of colleagues and friends.

### FAVORED AGAIN AS R. N. A. RECORDER



The state convention at Bloomington yesterday again honored Dr. Burkhardt by recommending her reelection to the supreme camp which will meet in Rock Island in May.

### UNCOVERING NEW LOBBY IN CAPITAL

Senate Committee to Investigate Alleged Attempt to Defeat the Hughes Bill.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—The senate lobby committee will investigate charges that an organized lobby is working to defeat the Hughes bill to regulate shipments of convict labor.

The Burnett immigration bill containing a literacy test was favorably reported to the senate today.

The committee which investigated the Colorado and Michigan strike troubles will meet tomorrow and will take up the question of investigating the connection of Rockefeller with the Colorado Fuel & Iron company. Plans of investigating the books of that company and the Calumet Hecla Copper company will also be considered.

### Woe Criers Are Hit by Vollmer

Davenport Congressman, in Maiden Speech, Pictures Agricultural Prosperity.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—In his maiden speech in the house today Henry Vollmer, democrat, of Davenport, Iowa, arraigned the "woeful Jeremiahs of calamity" and pictured the agricultural prosperity of the country.

"I shall ask you," he said, "to let go of the pipe, come out of the land of dismal dreams and back to the serious, sober facts."

### LIVING AFTER 37 HOURS ENTOMBED

Searchers in St. Louis Seed Company Building Wreck Find Thomas Burke.

St. Louis, Mo., March 19.—Thirty-seven and one-half hours after he was buried beneath tons of debris, Thomas Burke was taken from the ruins of the St. Louis Seed company building alive this morning. Burke was in a weakened condition, and was taken to a hospital.

The seed building was demolished when a portion of the seven-story wall of the burned Missouri Athletic club toppled on it Tuesday. Six dead were recovered from the Seed building ruins. Thirty lives were lost in the Missouri club fire.

Burke died later.

Cedar Rapids Editor Dies. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, March 19.—William G. Young, managing editor of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, is dead.

### 2 MINERS DEAD IN DUST EXPLOSION

Buxton, Iowa, March 19.—Two men were killed and much property damaged by a dust explosion in mine No. 12, near here.

The explosion occurred during the shot firing period and was followed by cave-ins. Nineteen mules were killed.

### FAVOR STATE PRIMARY FOR INDIANA VOTE

Convention of Democrats Renominate Shively to Make Senate Race.

### PRESIDENT IS LAUDED

Governor Ralston Pays High Tribute to Wilson's Policy in Mexico Trouble.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 19.—Candidates for every office except governor will be named by the democratic state convention today. United States Senator Shively will have no opposition for renomination, according to party leaders.

After an all-night session the resolutions committee adopted a platform including a plank favoring a state-wide primary law. The vote on this plank was seven to six. Chairman Bell of the committee said only one of the 13 members favored the primary plank, but that it was adopted so as not to reflect on the policies of President Wilson. The primary plank adopted by the committee declares for state-wide primary nomination of all officers, but saves the state convention for "counsel, organization and declaration of principles."

The platform as adopted by the convention pays a high tribute to the national administration and favors a state-wide primary.

### Should Be Proud of Record.

"The democratic party can well afford to submit its record for the year," declared Governor Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana, in his address here today to the democratic state convention. Governor Ralston reviewed political events of the past 12 months in the country at large and in his own state and asserted that the party in power had redeemed its pledges and had the country solidly behind it in its program for the future.

"The record made by President Wilson in the past year surpasses the achievements of any of his predecessors in so short a time," said the governor. "It is not surprising that by the foreign press he is recognized as an international schoolmaster, by precept and example instructing the world in commercial fairness and in the science of government that embraces all mankind. A grateful people should not fail to pay tribute to those who have stood by the president. All of the popularity of the present national administration is due to the stand it has taken for the things that have been advocated for years under the leadership of that masterful man, William Jennings Bryan."

After reviewing the administrations work on the tariff and currency laws and stating that the president is now in a position to press his anti-trust legislation, Governor Ralston declared his emphatic support of the president's Mexican policy.

### Handled With Wisdom.

"President Wilson has handled with great wisdom and dignity the critical Mexican situation," he said. "He loves peace and he loves humanity. Only as a last and most desperate resort would he consent to the clashing of arms between this country and Mexico. He is ambitious for the restoration of order without the sacrifice of the life of a single American boy. Christian people without regard to party endorse his course and pray that it may result in a victory for law and justice. In Wilson we have a man of rugged, honest and practical wisdom whose exalted character is an exemplification of that righteousness that exalteth a nation."

### Shively Points to Reforms.

Senator B. F. Shively, after being renominated by the democratic state convention here today, thanked the delegates for the honor and then entered upon a discussion of the work of the national administration, paying high tribute to President Wilson. The senator declared that the democratic rule has brought about a real revision of the tariff downward, had divorced the country's currency system and speculators, had solved the trust question and that President Wilson had met perplexing international problems with a firmness and tact that has been unequalled in the history of the country.

Berlin.—Prospects are slight that an agreement will be reached by the British and continental shipping companies over the question of the allotment of trans-Atlantic traffic.

### IT'S TIME TO GET BUSY



### SHERIFF HOOTED BY JOBLESS MEN

Kelley Followers Wave Contract for Acre of Land in Face of County Official.

Sacramento, Cal., March 19.—One hundred and fifty jobless men—the remnant of "General" Kelley's army of the unemployed—laughed at Sheriff Ahern of Sacramento county last evening.

When the sheriff received word that the scattered Kelleyites were reassembling on a ranch four miles north of this city, he hurried a force of deputies to the scene. They were halted at the boundary of the camp by a man with a legal paper which proved to be a contract for the purchase of one acre of land, for which \$70 had been given as a first payment. There was nothing for Sheriff Ahern to do but retire while the unemployed hooted and jeered.

City and county officials of Sacramento were in a quandary today. Leaders of the unemployed boasted that they would provide quarters for a thousand men on the acre of ground and defied the authorities to prevent the reassembling of the army. The arrival at the camp of provisions by the county load from Sacramento indicated that they had received abundant financial backing to tide them over for some time.

### POWDER PLANT BLAST ROCKS ILLINOIS TOWNS

St. Louis, Mo., March 19.—An explosion at the Equitable Powder company's plant in Alton, Ill., near here last night shook territory in Illinois within a distance of 100 miles. The effect of the explosion, however, did not cross the Mississippi river into Missouri.

Henry Miller, night watchman at the plant and the only man known to have been within a mile of the explosion, is believed to have been killed, as no trace of him could be found after the accident. Soon after the explosion reports of earthquake shocks began coming in from Decatur, Assumption, Orleans, Centralia, Mount Vernon and Vandalla, Ill.

In most of these places two shocks were felt. At Centralia, more than 50 miles from the scene of the explosion, doors and windows rattled for five seconds and in some cases were broken. The shock was not felt in St. Louis.

### Big Four Wreck.

Marion, Ind., March 19.—A Big Four passenger train was wrecked near here. Though railroad officials report none injured, physicians were summoned from here.

### ROME PROFESSOR BURNED TO DEATH

Naples, Italy, March 19.—Professor Giuseppe Mercalli, director of the observatory on Mount Vesuvius, was burned to death in his bed room. The cause of the fire is unknown.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday, not much change in temperature with the lowest tonight about 15 to 20 degrees; moderate northerly winds, becoming variable.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 23. Highest yesterday 34. Lowest last night 23. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 12 miles per hour.

Precipitation none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 45, at 7 a. m. 87. Stage of water 3.4, no change in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

### ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mars, Venus, Saturn Morning stars: Jupiter, Mercury Bright star on the horizon due west about 8 p. m. is Mira, constellation Cetus, remarkable for its variability.

### DOG BARKS SAVE MANY FROM FIRE

Guests in Milwaukee Hotel Escape in Night Attire—Property Loss \$200,000.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 19.—Two score guests of the Windsor hotel fled panic-stricken in night attire early today when fire broke out in the Western Newspaper Union, located in the south portion of the four-story structure and damaged adjoining properties. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

The Evening Wisconsin adjoining the hotel, was considerably damaged by smoke and water. The press rooms were under several feet of water.

Barking of a small dog and a shout of "Fire!" emanating from a guest awakened by a cracking window pane attracted a policeman and the proprietor, who together ran to the fourth floor, beating doors and smashing them where there was no response.

"Hell could be no worse than that place," said Patrolman Wilke after emerging from his mission. "I pounded on a few doors and smashed in one as a sheet of flame jumped in my face. Mattresses and beds were burning. I tried another and met the same thing. The guests evidently had been awakened and managed to get out. I don't believe there was anybody on the fourth floor."

All guests escaped uninjured. The Evening Wisconsin's editorial department was put out of commission and the paper was issued from the plant of one of the morning dailies.

Granite, Okla., March 19.—Fire believed kindled by prisoners destroyed temporary buildings in which 500 inmates of the Oklahoma reformatory were housed. No lives were lost and none escaped.

### MAKERS OF OLEO ARE HELD GUILTY

Had Sold Customers Coloring and Instructed Them How to Use It.

Chicago, Ill., March 19.—John F. Jelke, president of the John F. Jelke company and eight officials and former employees of the company were found guilty in the federal court last night of conspiracy to defraud the government by avoiding the tax in selling oleomargarine. H. P. McFarland, a clerk, was found not guilty.

Officials of the company found guilty are William M. Steele, general manager; Francis M. Lowry, secretary and Hugh D. Cameron, Milwaukee salesmen and general foremen. Two other defendants were discharged just before the end of the trial, no complicity having been shown.

The indictments charged that the defendants evaded the government tax by selling white oleomargarine and giving the retailers coloring matter and instructing them how to use it.

More than eighty witnesses, many of them retailers, who had been granted immunity, testified for the government.

The defendants attacked the law in their arguments and declared the government had gone 40 years without attempting to enforce it.

### JONES BACKS UP ON TOLLS CHARGE

Excited Senator Does the Grand Crawl After a Visit to the White House.

Washington, D. C., March 19.—Senator Jones called on President Wilson today to discuss the fisheries bill and was told he was "skating on thin ice," in his speech yesterday, in which he intimated the president had not decided to read his message to congress on Panama tolls until after Llonel Carden, British minister to Mexico, had visited the White house. Jones returned to the capitol and gave the senate the president's unqualified denial.

"I think I misunderstood in that I did not draw the conclusions myself, but took them from the newspapers. It is only fair to the president that I make this statement, as I don't want to misrepresent anybody."

### MRS. WILSON IS NEAR RECOVERED

Washington, March 19.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is on the road to complete recovery from the effects of a fall on a rug on the White house floor. She underwent a slight operation to correct the effects of the bruise which was said to be entirely local.

### AUTO BANDIT ROBS A HOTEL AND ESCAPES

Man Who Shoots Briggs House Assistant Manager Works in Detroit.

### BUT HAUL IS ONLY \$350

After Job He Commands Chauffeur at Point of Gun to Drive Him to Suburbs.

Detroit, Mich., March 19.—An armed robber held up Night Clerk Burns in the office of the Hotel Metropole, nearly opposite the city, compelled the clerk to hand over \$350 cash, leaped into a waiting automobile, pressed a revolver to the head of the driver and ordered him to speed to the suburbs three miles where he left the machine. He told the driver: "I just missed a \$500 job in Chicago. This will make up for it."

Chauffeur Smith said he picked a passenger up at the Hotel Cadillac, where the man registered and told him to drive to the Metropole.

Chicago, Ill., March 19.—The robber who held up Night Clerk Burns at Detroit hotel may be the same who early Wednesday shot and wounded the assistant manager of the Briggs house and escaped with \$150, missing \$5,000 that a clerk was about to hand him.

Tonica, Ill., March 19.—Burglars entered Tonica State bank early today, broke the safe and escaped with \$3,800 in currency.

### \$14,000 Express Robbery.

Beaumont, Tex., March 19.—After bundling the messenger "Red" Martin into a gunny sack, a masked man yesterday robbed the express car attached to a northbound Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe passenger train of currency estimated to aggregate about \$14,000, and escaped from the train at the village of Helbig, 12 miles north of Beaumont.

Posses which went to Helbig from this city in automobiles have not found a trace of the bandit, who is believed to be hiding in the dense forest about the village.

G. A. Taft, general superintendent of the Wells Fargo Express company, estimated the amount stolen at \$14,000. The money was part of a shipment made by a Houston lumber concern to be used in paying employes of camps along the road.

### Secreted in Car.

The train was bound from Houston to Center, Texas, and it is believed the robber secreted himself in the express car before the train left Houston early yesterday. Martin said the man, who apparently was middle aged, leaped from behind a pile of baggage shortly after the train left Beaumont, demanded the messenger's keys and when Martin refused bound and thrust him into the sack.

The region through which the train was passing at the time of the robbery is heavily wooded and sparsely settled. When Martin failed to appear at the door at Silsbee, several miles north of Helbig, the train crew forced the express car door which had been locked by the robber.

### BOAT WITH CREW LOST IN A WRECK

Bremen, Germany, March 19.—An unidentified three-masted schooner was sunk and the crew drowned in a collision last night in the North sea with the liner Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, bound for America. The steamer remained in the vicinity two hours, but could not discover the schooner's crew.

### STORM SALUTES POPE'S NAME DAY

Rome, Italy, May 19.—"This is a salute for my name day," exclaimed Pope Pius when he was awakened early today by a terrific storm accompanied by lightning and thunder. His Holiness shortly afterward celebrated mass in the presence of several specially invited guests, including his sisters and niece. All the corps of guards celebrated the occasion in some way. Hundreds of telegrams and addresses of congratulations were received at the vatican from all parts of the world. Many came from the United States. The pope himself dictated the replies.