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DICTATOR IS IN BAD PLIGHT; PREPARING FOR PEACE MEETING

Mexican Dictator Selects Representatives for the Montreal Conference—Rumors of Desperate Predicament Prevail.

PEACE DOVE NOT OVER REBEL ARMY

Carranza Barred from Mediation Conference by Three Envoys Because He Did Not Fully Comply with All the Conditions.

MEXICO CITY, May 4.—El Pais announced today that Huerta's mediation representatives will leave soon for Montreal to attend the mediation conference. This is the first intimation here that a conference is to be held in Montreal. Members of the commission sent by the Mexican government to induce Zapata to join forces with the federals in case of foreign invasion were seized by rebels and held prisoners.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—General Carranza and the constitutionalists were practically eliminated from the proceedings of the three South American envoys who have undertaken to solve the Mexican problem by diplomacy.

In a telegram to Carranza, the mediators announced that in view of his refusal to agree to an armistice with Huerta, they withdrew the invitation to him to send personal representatives to participate in the mediation negotiations. The mediators told the constitutionalists that so long as he maintained his present attitude they must decline to treat with him. Mexican developments moved rapidly with evident tenseness in diplomatic and military situations. The mediators held three sessions, announcing through Secretary Bryan that Huerta had designated D. Emilio Rabasa, eminent Mexican jurist and Augustin Garza, under secretary of justice, as two of his delegates. No American delegates have been announced. Reports of the desperate condition of Huerta continue to circulate, with such circumstantial detail from authentic sources as to leave no doubt of his critical condition. General Funston reported renewed demands by Mexican federal outposts for the surrender of the water works supplying Vera Cruz. No shots were fired and the Mexicans retreated. It was announced that the president had planned to go to Brooklyn Monday to meet the Montana, which is bringing back the bodies of the American marines killed at Vera Cruz. If he is unable to go, Secretary Daniels will speak in the name of the president.

Carranza had inquired in a note to the envoys what subjects a special representative might be required to discuss, pointing out if the general problem of pacifying Mexico were to be approached, he could not authorize any one to participate in the negotiation. He reiterated he would consent to mediation of only the incidents which brought about the controversy.

Garrison conferred with his military chiefs, but said no further orders had been given for the movement of troops and that none were contemplated during the period of negotiations. Word that Huerta was in desperate straits came from many quarters. It was reported that quarrels between General Blanquet, minister of war and Huerta, might bring Blanquet to the front in event of Huerta's fall, such as Huerta rose after the collapse of the Madero regime and the Felix Diaz movement.

The armored cruiser Washington en route to Vera Cruz was intercepted today at Key West, and ordered to the northern coast of the Dominican republic, where there is a panic among the foreign residents in consequence of President Bora's bombardment of the insurgent city, Puerto Plata.

The fighting has been going on intermittently for more than a week, and the situation is causing grave concern among the officials here.

No Americans were killed in San Pedro, Chiapas, according to a statement published today by the state department. The reports of Americans being slain, it was said, emanated from a fight which took place between rural guards and the Puerto Plata.

Discover Deserted Ship In Flames Far At Sea

HALIFAX, May 4.—An unidentified steamer, a fire from stem to stern, with no signs of life, was discovered 200 miles south of Cape Race by the steamer Zdyllitz from Bremen to New York. It is believed that all hands had been rescued by a ship without wireless.

HOLD UP DISCHARGE OF SHIPS' CARGOES

PORTLAND, May 4.—The tie-up of the work of discharging cargoes on the steamers Navajo of the American-Hawaiian line and the Bear of the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company was complete today as a result of the refusal of the companies to recognize the recently organized checkers' union which also demands higher pay.

Ban Lifted On Exporting Goods Except Arms

EL PASO, May 4.—Additional instructions, received along the border by customs officials and army officers guarding the border placed a much more liberal construction on the embargo on arms. The ban is lifted on everything except guns, ammunition, explosives and aeroplanes. This will allow entry into Mexico of uniforms, shoes, saddles, horses, fuel oils, coal, etc. It is thought that this will increase activity on both sides of the border in both peaceful and warlike pursuits. Villa's army is greatly in need of hats, shoes and uniforms. The entry of coal, coke, fuel oils, other supplies used in the operation of mining properties will afford relief to mining camps.

Two killed; Many Hurt By Cyclone In Texas Towns

MOUNT PLEASANT, Texas, May 4.—Two were killed at Maud, Texas, and half the houses in the town were destroyed according to information received here by a cyclone that also did severe damage at Redwater and Near Pittsburg, Texas, injuring fourteen in the three towns.

HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES

MEXICO CITY, May 4.—Hundreds of foreign refugees are pouring into the city. A special train was arranged by the Brazilian minister to carry Americans to Puerto, Mexico from the capital. Three hundred Americans are preparing to depart. A number of British subjects will also board the train.

FIND DECOMPOSED BODY

BISBEE, May 4.—With the top of his head blown off, the badly decomposed body of Duncan McDonald, at one time owner of valuable mining property in the Chiricahua, was found in the hills. It is not known whether he was the victim of murder, suicide or accident. He left here ten days ago, presumably on a prospecting trip.

PROCLAMATION SAYS HUERTA FACING DEATH

Under Date of May 1 and Bearing Signature of Zapata, Mexican Papers Publish "Death Warrant" of the Dictator.

MAY 5TH DAY SET FOR THE ATTACK

No Surprise Would Be Experienced Should Velasco Start Independent Revolution Following Torreón Battle Incidents.

VERA CRUZ, May 4.—A proclamation dated May 1, signed Zapata, and published in local Mexican papers announced that the southern rebels on May 5 will attack Mexico City. It condemns Huerta and Blanquet to death.

Zapata's proclamation is regarded as disposing of the reports that he and Huerta are acting together.

Constitutionalists at Tampico notified Admiral Mayo that if any of his vessels attempted to enter the Panuco river, the oil reservoir above the city would be emptied and the oil ignited, which would mean the certain destruction of the city.

A woman, said to have killed eight bluejackets and marines by sniping at the beginning of the American occupation, was given into the custody of the American authorities. A Mexican informed the authorities of her whereabouts, upon which her house was searched and a quantity of arms was found. She will be tried in military court tomorrow on charges of murder.

The outbreak of another military revolt in Mexico headed by Velasco, according to conservative observers who arrived today, Velasco is said to be discontented concerning the failure of the government in Mexico City to support his property in the Torreón battle and is declared to have said he would never again lead a column of troops against the rebels.

Velasco asserted there was much plotting among the federal officers, many of whom were dissatisfied with Huerta and his conduct of military affairs. Generals Mouré and Hidalgo, who were sent to the relief of Velasco at Torreón, are reported to have been found by Velasco hiding under freight cars during the heavy firing at San Pedro and to have been upbraided by him for cowardice.

The fall of Torreón and the subsequent disaster to the federal troops is asserted by Velasco to have been due to the failure of the war department to heed his appeal for small arm ammunition at a time he said it was perfectly feasible for it to have reached him. Another officer who reported his station had been captured, was killed by Velasco when he learned the position had been abandoned with out sufficient cause and another who was charged with cowardice in the face of the enemy committed suicide while Velasco was rebuking him.

Information about Silliman's predicament was brought here by two American newspaper correspondents who had come to Mexico recently on the invitation of Huerta. They went into the north to watch the field operations of the federal army and after they had witnessed the federal defeat at San Pedro they were taken back to San Luis Potosí and imprisoned, but were afterwards released.

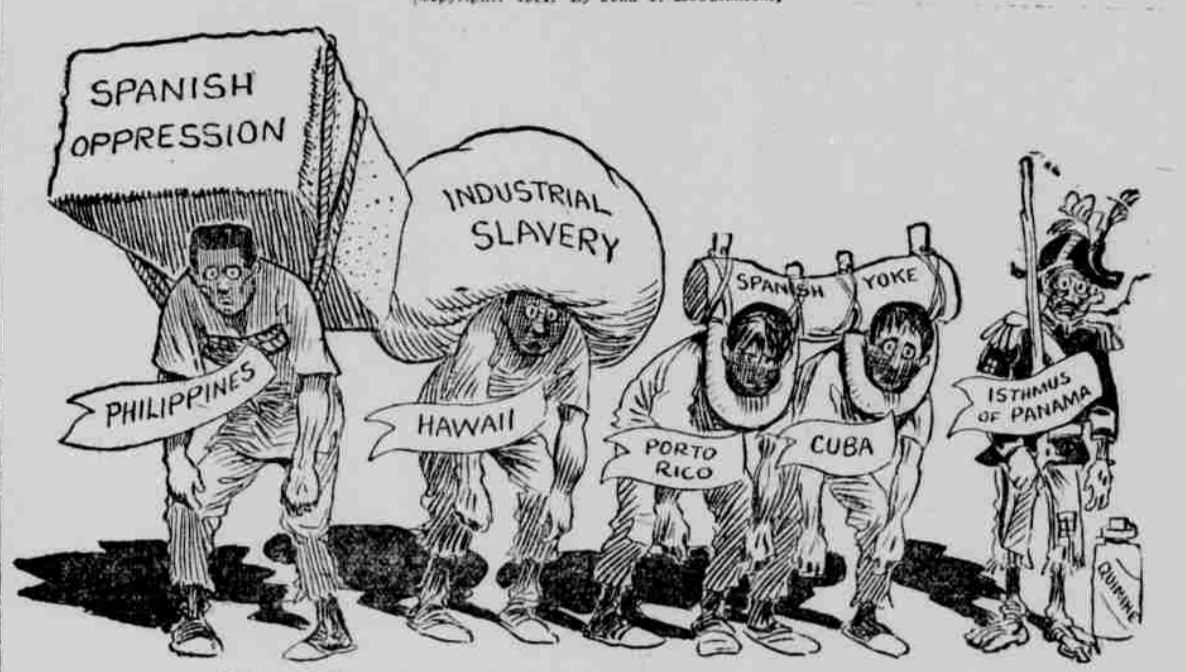
Reports of federal activities in the interior from Vera Cruz were received today. General Maas is said to have blown up the San Francisco bridge on the narrow gauge railroad, which was a line used by General Scott in his advance in 1857. The report, however, was not confirmed, although it is known by Funston that Mexicans had mined the structures along the road. It is also reported that another section of the track has been torn up. Funston today for the first time went beyond the American lines encircling the city. He proceeded to the water works at El Tejar for inspection, going on a flat car with an escort infantry.

Reinforcements Ready

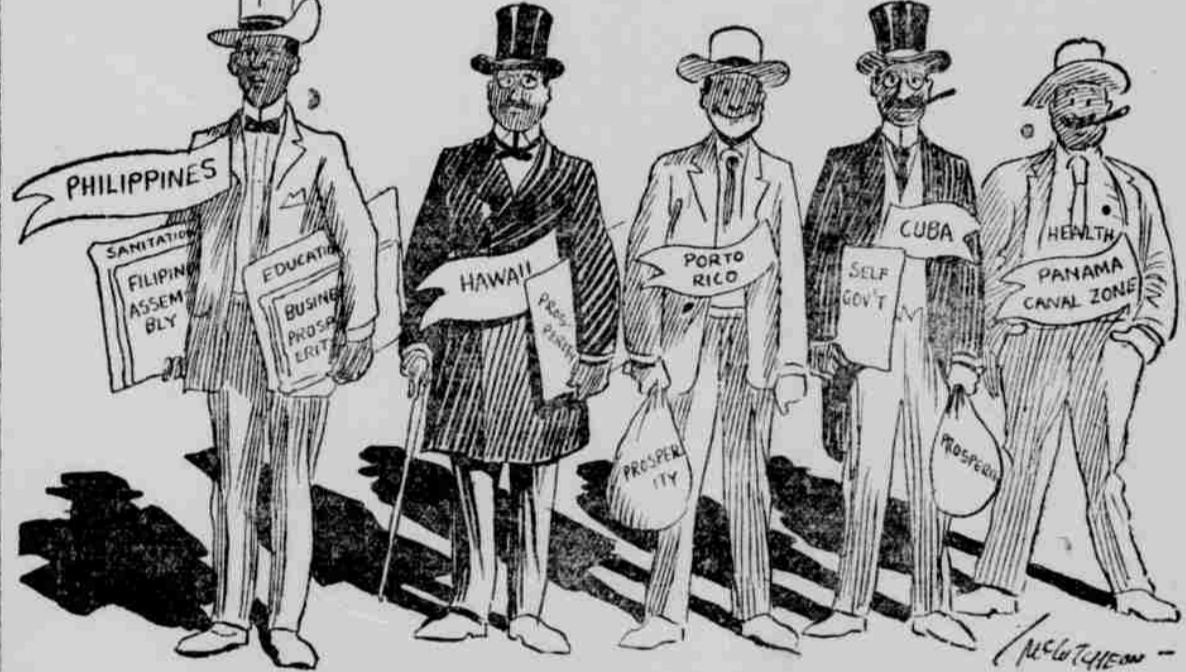
WASHINGTON, May 4.—Either the Fourth or Sixth brigade of the second division of the army, both of whose headquarters are at Texas City, will follow General Funston's brigade to Vera Cruz, if it is decided that reinforcements are necessary. Both brigades are composed entirely of infantry, the fourth of the twenty-third, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh, and the sixth of the (Continued on Page Three.)

WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAS FOUGHT FOR.

By John T. McCutcheon.



Before the United States intervened in behalf of these oppressed people.



After the United States had rescued them from their oppression.

TOPEEK PEEKS ON ROBBERS AFTER HOLDUP

Turkish Gardener Loses \$260 to Pair of Mexican Bandits Who Tie Him; Then Escapes, Climbs Tower and Watches Them

To be held up and robbed, tied and left to struggle out of his bonds and climb a water tower whence he could see his assailants—summarize the moving picture adventures of Charles Topeek, a Turk market gardener, who is now short \$260 in American money.

ON TO MAZATLAN

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Under orders to proceed to Mazatlan, the armored cruiser West Virginia, Captain McKee commanding, steamed through Golden Gate late today. In addition to her regular complement she carried 125 marines, three new types of automatic guns and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition. She will maintain a speed of twelve knots and is expected to reach Mazatlan in five days. The West Virginia carries Rear Admiral Doyle, who on his arrival will assume supreme command of the naval forces on the west coast.

PROVISIONS TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYED

DOUGLAS, May 4.—Colonel P. Elias Calles, commanding the barracks in Sonora, sent a train load of provisions to relieve the sufferings of Mexicans out of employment through the closing of the Cananea mines. The constitutionalist officials expect the announcement from the Cananea Consolidated Copper Company on May 6 whether the mines and smelters will be opened at once. A number of Americans have asked for passports and are going back to Mexico.

Claim Cherette Stole From Local Hardware Firm

(Special to The Republican.) PHOENIX, May 4.—Detective M. Joe Murphy of Phoenix, assisted by officers from Sheriff Keeler's office, today effected the arrest of Thomas H. Cherrette, wanted in Phoenix, charged with an clever burglary system as has ever been unearthed in the criminal history of that city. Cherrette was pursuing the newly adopted vocation of peddling photographic enlargements when pointed upon by Detective Murphy.

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Contributions for Scientific Investigation "Soaked with Blood and Tears," Says Senator Lane of Washington State.

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Telegraph Company Sued For Delay On Death Message

Alleging that he had been deprived of the opportunity of being with his father during the last hours of his life, Charles H. Haupt yesterday afternoon filed suit for \$15,000 against the Western Union Telegraph company.

CREATE A NEW OFFICE; AVOID LEGAL CLAIMS

Council of Water Users Adds Title of Assistant Secretary to List of Offices and Mrs. Troutman Gets the Job.

WORKING HOURS LAW FOR WOMEN

Not Effective When Stenographer Is Given Title Among Officers—Board and Council Reorganize for Work of Year.

Mrs. Ada Troutman, assistant secretary of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association.

Because the council—the new council—that met for the first time yesterday, feared the effect of the Arizona 8-hour law for working women, Mrs. A. C. Troutman, stenographer, bookkeeper, information bureau, straightener of tangles, and woman of all work in the office of Secretary Van der Veer is now to be addressed under a new title. As an officer of the association, with her name in small type under that of Dr. Van der Veer, on the stationery, Mrs. Troutman's employment does not make the association liable under the law.

After deciding that everybody working for the water users' association was being well paid, the council refused to raise any salaries. But in the by-law, creating the office of assistant secretary is a clause which reads—"to be subject to a remuneration not to exceed \$100 per month."

As that sum is higher than the previous wage of Mrs. Troutman, this is a real "raise" for her.

A. S. Reed of Isaac district succeeded to the vacant chair left by Don P. Jones, former president of the council. Gordon Tweed, for many years the clerk was re-elected, as were the other officers by the board of governors. Dr. Van der Veer remains as secretary, George Lutgerding succeeds himself as treasurer and George D. Christy is yet his legal adviser.

Little was accomplished at the organization meetings of the two bodies yesterday. The board decided to appropriate \$500 to make models and slides of the Salt River irrigation system for the Panama Pacific exposition. The council and board together heard a report on the pumping plants by Electrical Engineer Elliott, and recommended that some money be spent for borings in the Verde reservoir site.

The following letter from Secretary Lane approving the survey board report was read to the board, which had already concurred in the report: Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, Phoenix, Arizona.

Gentlemen:—Consideration has been given to the report of the board of survey regarding the principles to be adopted in the limitation of the Salt River project and also the report thereon of the board of review consisting of Chief Engineer A. P. Davis, Supervisor of Irrigation I. D. O'Donnell, and Supervising Engineer P. W. Hanna.