

Cloudy Monday and Tuesday, probably showers, northeast winds. Yesterday's temperature: Highest, 78 degrees; lowest, 70 degrees.

HUERTA'S REIGN IS NEARING END

This He Realizes and Plans to Provoke a Clash at Vera Cruz.

UNITE MEXICANS BY INTERVENTION

Although Dictator Has Sent Delegates to Peace Conference the Belief Exists Among Mexicans That He is Planning a Coup That Will Provoke Hostilities and Eliminate the Rebels.

Washington, May 17.—After a day of conference between the representatives of the Huerta government, the South American mediators and American delegates, the advance guard of the Mexican mediation is proceeding tonight en route to Niagara Falls, for the opening of the conference on Wednesday.

The stay of the Huerta delegates to Washington afforded an opportunity to thoroughly canvass the plans and the whole range of Mexican affairs were generally discussed. The delegates made a ceremonial call on Secretary Bryan by leaving their cards. They steadily refused to make a statement regarding their mission to the United States.

The chief military development of the day was a report from Gen. Funs-ton that the San Francisco bridge of the Inter-Oceanic railroad near Vera Cruz had been destroyed. This confirmed previous reports of aviators. The destruction won't affect communication with Mexico City. Secretaries Garrison and Daniels said no orders were issued and no important dispatches were received.

It was learned in quarters close to the Mexican delegates that they are decidedly optimistic concerning the chances of mediation. They are said to realize the present administration in Mexico City is fast crumbling and the choice of some one to succeed Huerta is inevitable and the delegates are interested probably in the attitude of the Constitutionalists toward mediation. It is said they will insist that not man who has gained military prominence will be permitted to take the reins of government. This would eliminate Carranza and Villa.

HUERTA PLANS A COUP

Although Huerta sent delegates to mediate the differences the possibility is admitted by representatives of Mexican factions that hostilities may be provoked by federal troops near Vera Cruz, which would entangle the situation and force another crisis. Their views find credence among those who think Huerta has planned offenses at Tampico and elsewhere hoping through American intervention to unite all Mexico and thus suppress the Constitutional cause.

WILL HELP SETTLE MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Francisco de la Barra. If the South American mediators succeed in ending the revolution of Mexico a prominent figure in that republic during reconstruction days is sure to be Francisco de la Barra. De la Barra was provisional president of Mexico following the deposition of Porfirio Diaz, and since then has been adviser to both Madrazo and Huerta. Recently he has represented his country in both Japan and France. He was at one time Mexican minister to the United States.

Body Aged Florida Man, Who Had Been Slain Found in Lake

St. Petersburg, May 17.—Shot twice through the head and with his throat cut from ear to ear, the body of W. Boone, sixty years old, a salesman of fruit trees, was found floating in Reservoir Lake, near the pumping station, in the corner of the city. The find was made by a small boy who was on his way fishing and officers are working on the case. One arrest has been made and others likely will follow. Boone evidently was killed in a desperate fight, and the theory is that he was murdered in the woods and his body placed in the lake during the night hours. Boone had been missing since last Tuesday night.

GENERAL GRANT'S SON AND YOUNG WIFE BACK IN U. S.; HIS FAMILY UNRECONCILED



Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant (a new picture.)

New York, May 17.—When Ulysses S. Grant, son of the late president, and his young wife, who was Mrs. America Workman Will, left San Francisco last July for the antipodes on their honeymoon, they announced that they would remain in foreign lands for a year and a half. With less than a year gone they are back in America. It will be recalled that Grant and the former Mrs. Will were married in San Diego, California, last July. The bridegroom was sixty; the bride thirty-two. The difference in their ages, together with other facts, caused the members of the Grant family to bitterly oppose the union, and at the wedding dinner it was noticed that the Grants—with the exception of a son, Ulysses, Jr.—were not to be seen. The breach at that time between Grant and his children was so great that there

SENATE WILL VOTE ON CANAL TOLLS REPEAL MEASURE BY MONDAY

This Week Will Witness the End of All the Speech Making.

ADMINISTRATION VERY CONFIDENT

National Democratic Headquarters Issues Statement Showing That of 807 Delegates to Baltimore Convention Answering Inquiries, 702 Favor Repeal of Free Tolls.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—With debate in the senate on the tolls expiration clause of the Panama act nearing an end, the house this week takes up for consideration the three so-called anti-trust bills, which with the necessary appropriation bills make up the administration's legislative program.

The democratic senate leaders aligned with the president for the repeal of the tolls bill expect to see the debate closed Saturday but the house leaders don't believe the trust measures can be passed under three weeks.

Aside from the trust fight there will be a particularly bitter struggle on the part of members favorable to labor and agricultural unions to exempt them from operations of the Sherman law. The president is said to have declared he is opposed to it.

The exemption toll fight is expected to reach a climax during the week. Five senators have given notice they will speak on the subject and others will be heard. Minority Leader Kern hopes a vote will be taken next Monday. The administration is confident the leaders have not ceased to fight.

The National Democratic headquarters issued a statement tonight, declaring that seven hundred and two delegates at Baltimore out of eight hundred and seven answering, registered opposition to the free tolls plank in the democratic platform. One hundred and twenty-seven stand for free tolls and thirty-eight are non-committal.

Will Organize Federal Reserve Bank at Atlanta

Atlanta, May 17.—Preliminary steps toward the organization of the Federal Reserve bank at Atlanta, to be created as a part of the new federal currency system, were taken up here tonight. Representatives of the First National Bank of Montgomery; Exchange National Bank of Tampa; Hibernia National Bank of New Orleans; First National Bank of Jacksonville; and the First National Bank of Chattanooga will meet here for the purpose. The federal reserve organization board at Washington, recently designated the banks named to organize the local Federal Reserve bank.

WOMAN FREED OF SLANDER CHARGES

Richmond, Ind., May 17.—The first trial held in Richmond in a quarter of a century, at the Third Methodist Episcopal church in Richmond, was concluded when a jury of seven members of the three other churches of this city returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Mrs. Charles H. Conkle, charged by George Ellis with having maliciously slandered him.

A DOMESTIC IS AMPLY REWARDED

New York, May 17.—The servant problem doubtless has been solved in the will of Mrs. John W. Sisson, who died May 1 at Rockaway Park. The testator left the income of a trust fund of \$5,500 to Kate Hymus, for years employed in the Sisson home. A codicil provided that Miss Hymus, to get the income, must remain in the employ of the family. Mrs. Sisson's estate was valued at \$42,000.

NO CHANGE IN PROBE OF NEW HAVEN RAILROAD

Washington, D. C., May 17.—Counsel both of the interstate commerce commission, announced tonight that no change had been made in the commission's plan to proceed along the original lines in the inquiry in the New Haven operations. Former President Mellon is expected to testify Tuesday.

TAFT IS PESSIMISTIC OVER PEACE OUTLOOK

Refugees Tell of Atrocities By Mexicans

San Francisco, May 17.—Details of the murder of Americans, capture by a Mexican transport of the American Brig Geneva, imprisonment at Teapulco and other atrocities on the Mexican west coast here tonight here today by officers and refugees on the British steamer Cerriano, which arrived from Manzanillo.

NAVAL STORES OFFICERS WILL BE TRIED AGAIN

Savannah, May 17.—Five officers of the American Naval Stores Co., now suspended, are expected to appear for trial in the United States district court here tomorrow charged with conspiracy to restrain and monopolize the naval stores trade. It is the second time the defendants, E. S. Nash, S. P. Shotton, J. E. Myers, N. Boardman and Carl Moller, have faced the charge.

South Carolina Democrats Will Revise Primary

Columbia, S. C., May 17.—Many changes in rules governing the statewide primaries will be considered here Wednesday at a meeting of the state democratic convention, with 24 delegates pending. Leaders of the movement are to revise the present regulations and declare that the old system leaves the way open for fraud and that voters, if they so desire, can cast more than one ballot. The convention will fix a date for state primary.

WILL GRADUATE AT AGE OF 100

Pasadena, May 17.—A college boy who will be graduated from the University of California in the year in which he becomes one hundred years old lives here. He is the ex. David Jordan Higgins, who was enlisted in the Twenty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry in the early part of the Civil war and now is a retired preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church.

MEXICANS WILL CHEER NAME OF WILSON

New Orleans, La., May 17.—The time will come when the name of President Wilson will be cheered on the streets of Mexico City, declared Rev. William Wallace, president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, at the Mexican capital in a sermon here today.

AMERICAN CONSUL DEAD

London, May 17.—John L. Griffiths, the American consul general at London, died suddenly of heart disease at his residence here tonight. He was a native of New York.

GENERALLY FAIR WITH RAINS IN THE SOUTH

Washington, May 17.—Generally fair weather over much of the country is the official forecast for the coming week, with showers the first half in the southern states. Temperatures will average near slightly above normal. No important storms are charted.

NEGRO CAUGHT INSIDE GREEK GROCERY STORE

Answers Description of Man Who Has Been Robbing Many Houses

MAN SURPRISED LOOTING STORE

Police Officers Walked Up on Him While He Was in Act of Robbing Place and He Made No Resistance. Says Another Man Was With Him, But the Police Do Not Believe This.

Surprised while in the act of looting the store of Nick Marulis, corner of De Villier and Jackson streets, early last night, Boston Freeman, a negro, was arrested without resistance by officers Pillingham and Steward and held in the county jail. The arrest is the more important because the negro answers the description of the man who has been robbing residences in the city for several weeks past. These robberies resulted about ten days ago and this is accounted for by the fact that Freeman had been away to Mobile and Birmingham.

Missing Boat From Burning Steamer Found

Halifax, May 17.—United States Revenue Cutter Seneca reported today by wireless that she had picked up the third missing boat from the Leyland steamer Columbian, and is bringing the survivors here tomorrow. The six men who were on the burning steamer were rescued by the Seneca, while others died of exposure and their bodies were cast into the sea.

BABE UNHURT, BUT CRADLE WRECKED

Warechester, Mass., May 17.—Lillian demolished the cradle in which her infant child was sleeping, knocked the mother to the floor, but left the babe unharmed so that when it woke to see its mother lying on the floor, it was not at all disturbed. The baby was a few days old and the mother was a first-time mother.

BROOK TROUT FARM PAYS WELL

Whitmore, Mich., May 17.—A new farm in upper Michigan is a brook trout farm. It is a practical, money-making industry. The farm is at Whitmore, upper county, and is owned by William and Victor Cox, merchants.

NO CIGARETTES FOR GREAT INVENTORS

New York, May 17.—Cigarettes are "poison," "The Bull Brand" says. This sign greeted the 6,700 employees of the Edison industries at West Orange when they went to work this morning. At the request of Henry Ford, Thomas A. Edison analyzed twenty brands of cigarettes. The tobacco he says was of varying quality, but all the paper contained poison.

Former President Speaks at a Peace Sunday Dinner in New York.

THINKS MEDIATION WILL BE FAILURE

Does Not Think the Conference Will Accomplish Immediate Purposes, But Says the Step Nevertheless is an Important One Toward Future Settlement of Difficulties.

New York, May 17.—Former President Taft at a peace Sunday address today expressed little hope that the pending mediation conference will accomplish its purpose, but said the offer of mediation and the United States' acceptance is an important step toward the future settlement of international difficulties on the Western Hemisphere.

He said the people are determined to do their duty, even if it involves war. He criticized the Wilson administration for the role it has played in the Mexican constitutionalists, and called on all Americans to aid the president's efforts to end peace. With reference to the views of others he said if the American course toward Mexico had not exerted such direct influence toward one of the contending parties, the United States would not be near general intervention or war.

MRS. POST TO GET HUSBAND'S MILLIONS

Mrs. C. W. Post, widow of the late Creek food manufacturer who killed himself in California a few days ago, will be the principal beneficiary of his will. The estate is estimated to amount to \$15,000,000. Mrs. Post who was at one time the food manufacturer's stenographer, married him in 1904.



Mrs. C. W. Post.

Former Member of Legislature Suicides by Hanging Himself

Tarpon Springs, May 17.—W. W. Decker, one of Tarpon's most prominent citizens, committed suicide early Friday morning by hanging himself in his barn at his home. He was at his office as usual Thursday and was on the streets a short while that night. Next morning his arose apparently in his usual good health, and as was his custom, went to his barn presumably to pump up his gas engine and throw some feed to his chickens. At breakfast time a young son went out to call him and found him cold in death. Dr. J. E. Douglas was quickly summoned, and other than the members of the family was first to reach the scene, but death and evidently occurred some minutes previously.

One of Pioneers of Tarpon. Mr. Decker had been in the real estate business here more than twenty-five years. He was largely interested in the sponge business and was a director in the Greek-American bank. He was largely interested also in the Tarpon Springs Grocery Company, of which he was president, and was a member of the board of city bond trustees. He had served several terms as mayor of the city, and as a member of the Florida legislature.