

LIND MAY MAKE TRIP TO INSPECT CONDITIONS IN HUERTA COUNTRY

Conference Between Personal Representative of President Wilson and Minister Portillo Entirely Unofficial.

NO PROPOSITION FOR DICTATOR'S EFFACEMENT

Vigorous Efforts Put Forth by Mexican Government to Strengthen Financial and Military Situation.

Mexico City, March 21.—John Lind, President Wilson's envoy, may make a trip of observation over that portion of the Mexican republic controlled by the federalists as a result of his conference at Vera Cruz with the Mexican foreign minister, Jose Lopez Portillo y Rojas. The recommendation was made by the minister, who said that Mr. Lind appeared to be favorably impressed.

Senator Portillo y Rojas said that Mr. Lind called on him, but with the knowledge that he had no official character as regarded the interview. The foreign minister's conference with Mr. Lind will not have the effect of bringing about the resignation of President Huerta; the possibility of which has been discussed. This subject was not considered, according to a statement made by the minister.

"I made no proposition regarding the retirement of General Huerta from the presidency. I do not know that there has ever been consideration given to such a project.

"If Mr. Lind adopts the suggestion to travel about the republic, a special train will be put at his disposal and a guard furnished."

"I possess no provisional knowledge of the Vera Cruz conference beyond highly optimistic belief that it is the first step towards an agreement satisfactory to the Huerta government. Meanwhile President Huerta's finance minister is working hard to devise a feasible plan to raise more money, and the minister of war is as active as ever in the conduct of the federal campaign."

President Huerta seems to be full of energy and determined to carry out his plans of administration indefinitely. Almost every organization in the capital has been reorganized, even the telegraph messenger boys being ordered to report for duties. Several cabinet officers have been given the rank of brigadier general and the sub-secretaries have been appointed colonels.

Even the women employed in the government departments have been reorganized to wear on their sleeves the red and white cross. The pupils of the public schools have been expected to report in uniform as well as their instructors, who hold the rank of captain.

"I should like Mr. Lind to make such a journey," the minister continued, "after which he could go around to the frontier and make a similar investigation of conditions here. Mr. Lind did not promise to do so, but I was told that he was giving the matter serious consideration.

Asked whether they had discussed the question of General Huerta's candidacy in the presidential election, Portillo y Rojas said that he had inquired of President Huerta before leaving the capital as to what representations he should make with respect to this President Huerta said: "Well, him that I don't know."

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MME. CAILLAUX TELLS WHY SHE KILLED EDITOR OF PARIS PAPER

Scandal Hinted at in Columns of Figaro Caused Her to Take Measures to Prevent Publication of Calumny.

WIFE OF EX-MINISTER IS APPARENTLY CALM

Investigation of Rochette Incident Brings Contradictory Statement From Former High Officials of France.

Paris, March 21.—Maurine Caillaux, in her preliminary examination before Magistrate Henri Bouchard this afternoon, recounted the motives which impelled her to kill Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro. She was taken from St. Lazare prison to the palace of justice in a cab, guarded by detectives. The prisoner was attired in a handsome black gown and adorned with jewels and other ornaments, in which she resembled the widow of the day of the shooting.

Once during her recital she gave way to emotion, at other times she appeared calm and fearless.

Madame Caillaux said that since the shooting she had been a reader of the Figaro. When she learned the episode of M. Caillaux in the campaign against him, her indignation was intense.

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VILLA WINS IN FIRST SKIRMISH FOR POSSESSION OF TORREON CITY

Small Federal Force Resists Advance and Fight Ensnues, Resulting in Death of 106 Huerta Men.

REBEL COMMANDER IS FACETIOUS WITH ENEMY

Calls Up General Velasco's Headquarters by Phone and Tells Him "I Am Coming to Have Supper With You."

Constituentelists' Hospital Case. Re-mobilized, Durango, Mexico, March 21.—The rebel attack upon Torreon and vicinity was drawn closer today, and General Velasco fought the most important engagement of the advance. The Huerta forces, Santa Clara, Huerta, six miles north of Torreon. In the engagement 106 federalists were killed, according to reports. The fight took place over a message of appeal on the banks of the big Tlahualilero irrigation ditch, where Huerta wished to throw a bridge and the construction of which he began immediately upon retirement of the enemy whose numbers he estimated at 100.

At other points the federal advance guards retreated precipitately, burning and wrecking as they went. At Torreon the rebels were driven back into the city of Torreon by the federal commander, Gen. Rufino Velasco. An officer of the latter's staff answered the inquiry:

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KING GEORGE TAKES AND TO AVERT CIVIL WAR

Unparalleled Condition Exists in Government of Great Britain

OFFICERS OF ENGLISH ARMY RESIGN RATHER THAN GO TO WAR WITH ULSTERITES TO ENFORCE HOME RULE POLICY

All Possible Efforts Being Made to Avert Bloodshed, Regarded in Most Quarters as Inevitable

Ministry Faces Gravest Crisis of Hundred Years and Military Movements in North of Ireland Are Paralyzed by Defections; Court Martials Are Threatened for Those Who Refuse to Fight; Field Marshal Lord Roberts Is Summoned to Conference With Monarch and Later Is in Council With War Department Where Situation Is Acknowledged to Be Extremely Embarrassing Owing to Lack of Loyalty in the Rank and File of Empire's Soldiery.

London, March 21.—King George assumed the role of peacemaker today in an effort to prevent threatened trouble in Ulster.

Just what the result of his majesty's conciliatory policy will be is a matter of conjecture tonight, but it is known that the king is using every influence to avert bloodshed in the Ulster controversy. His majesty had long conferences with the prime minister, Mr. Asquith, the secretary of state for war, Colonel Sybil, and several other high officials and afterward summoned Field Marshal Lord Roberts. The latter has been criticized by the liberals for intemperance which they construed as encouragement to those officers who have resigned from their regiments.

From the palace the veteran field marshal drove directly to the war office, where he had a long talk with the secretary of war. The army council held an extended conference at the war office, generals and lesser officers of the staff, coming and going throughout the day.

Unparalleled Crisis Precipitated. The government's military preparations to protect Ulster in Ulster have precipitated a crisis which parallels in the history of the British army. Whether this is placed in a position where they might be called upon to fight against the Ulster volunteers, numbers of officers have resigned their commissions.

While the war office refuses to say how many have resigned, popular belief based on reports from the different regiments is that the number of soldiers who have resigned the active military organization in Ireland has probably exceeded 100,000.

The British army, which was the result of the British army since the days of the American revolution.

Amount to Civil War. Future centuries are at least faced with the question of how the government is to deal with the situation. The military situation is that the war office should have liberty of movement and freedom of action in Ulster, which is the only way the military situation should be averted.

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WRECKERS DERAIL C. M. & ST. P. PASSENGER

Chicago, March 21.—Two men were injured tonight when the northbound Olympian, an all-federal transportation train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, was derailed three miles from the Union depot. The engine derailed completely, but the passenger cars were saved. Peter Hudson, the engineer, was killed and A. J. Holtz, the fireman, was seriously injured. Each lives in Milwaukee.

RENAIDES SENDS OFFICIAL REPORT TO CHIHUAHUA

Chihuahua, Mexico, March 21.—The following report from General Benavides of the front was received here today:

The federal troops captured near Hermosillo and completely routed them. The enemy fled toward Torreon leaving ninety dead on the field. We lost but one killed.

In military circles here it is believed that the rebels will surrender within a few days. Further resistance is being offered in position for the attack on Torreon. Little resistance is expected by the rebels until the city is completely invested and the main opposing forces are within rifle range.

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ANOTHER HOTEL FOR CHICAGO'S UNEMPLOYED

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In the basement will be bath and toilet for the men to wash and dress their clothing. Any man will be welcome to use the bath, whether or not he is a guest of the hotel.

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NEW YORK DEMOCRAT COMMITTEE MEETS

Washington's Policy to Be Determined Largely by Whether Constitutionalists Win or Lose in Pending Battle.

STRIKERS AND TROOPS HAVE FIGHT IN AGUILAR

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WEATHER FORECAST

The Day in Congress

THE SENATE

THE HOUSE

CONTRIVERSY ON REPEAL BILL IS NOW INTENSE

Washington, March 21.—The opening of the legislative battle for repeal of the tariff exemption provision of the Panama canal act was delayed until next week by prolonged consideration in the house today of the rivers and harbors appropriation bill. Renewed skirmishing in the senate served to prolong, however, the intensity of feeling in the controversy.

Administration leaders had planned to call up the Sims repeal bill in the house today and present a rule to limit general debate to fifteen hours. It is not likely now that the bill can be taken up before Tuesday as that a vote can be had until late next week.

Senator Jones' resolution calling upon the president for information as to what foreign governments have protested against American toll exemption was referred by the senate today to the committee on foreign relations. Senator O'Gorman asserting that he did not wish it referred to the senate committee.

Senator Jones denied that in his recent conference with President Wilson relating to his speech on the repeal controversy the president had told him he was "skating on thin ice." Asked by Senator Pennington if the ice seems any thicker this morning, Senator Jones denied that his motives were political, adding that he had applied to the committee on the Panama canal toll exemption bill.

HUERTA RUSHES TROOPS TO REINFORCE TORREON

Mexico City, March 21.—About two thousand troops are being rushed northward tonight for the reinforcement of Gen. Velasco at Torreon.

The government denies that the rebels are pushing the attack against Torreon, although admitting that they are within striking distance.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CAPITAL AND TORREON CUT

Mexico City, March 21.—Telephone communication with Torreon was interrupted about noon today, although it is generally understood that fighting has broken in the neighborhood of Torreon. Little interest in the outcome is manifested here.

Chicago's Registration List Reduced. Chicago, March 21.—Chicago's registration list was reduced to below \$75,000 today by striking off the names of approximately 20,000 persons who failed to respond to "support" notices. More than 25,000 of these notices were mailed, 1,665 in the first ward, where there are a large number of cheap lodgings.

SKIPPED OUT WITH \$54,000 STOLEN MONEY

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 21.—A complaint was made today against Milton H. Joseph, a broker, who disappeared with \$54,000. Joseph, charged embezzlement, bribery and obtaining money under false pretenses. J. R. Cosgrove, president of the Continental National bank, who personally made good the loss of the New York account of the stock, went to the complaint.

The effect of today's action will be to add the efforts of the state to those of the private detective in the search for Joseph which thus far has been unsuccessful.

ASKED CARRANZA TO CONFISCATE MORMON LANDS

Douglas, Ariz., March 21.—General Carranza called considerable disaffection among the Mexican revolutionaries in the border today.

Carranza is said to have reorganized them strongly and already ordered them from his possession. The Mexicans already have possession of the territory, which the Carranza forces are trying to regain.

The Carranza party is also reported to have pressed into service all available troops belonging to Carranza remaining in the colony, stating that they would not be taken further into Colorado. Carranza, twenty-five miles southwest from there, near the Chihuahua border.

It was stated, however, that when it was found other troops were not available at Colonia Duran, the Carranza party cancelled the order to go through the Carranza forces, and that the troops and their owners have not returned to Duran. Hundreds of people will be coming out of Duran during the next few days.

SALVATION ARMY IS REFORMING TANGOISTS

New York, March 21.—Tango reformers and devotees of the tango ball along Broadway were surprised tonight when a band of Salvation Army men and women invaded the scene of some of the most popular social establishments and begged the management to stop and listen to a word about the serious side of life.

The band leaders listened to the Salvation Army songs and speeches and applauded liberally.

Prevent White and Black Marriage

Washington, March 21.—We feel that the district should be in line with the general sentiment of the states, says the statement of the house committee of the District of Columbia, which favorably reported today the Clark bill prohibiting the intermarriage of whites and negroes in the district.