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FOREIGN NATIONS WITHDRAW AID FROM DICTATOR

Tremendous Pressure Brought to Force Huerta's Retirement—Financial Resources to Sustain Government Taken Away From Ruler

Hale's Mission to Carranza Remains a Mystery—Refugees Are Taken Aboard Warship at Vera Cruz

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The administration did not believe a Mexican crisis imminent today. It was still hopeful that President Huerta would quit.

Despite John Lind's return to Vera Cruz from Mexico City, American intervention was no nearer than a week ago, it was stated.

Much significance was seen, too, in President Wilson's at least temporary abandonment of the statement of the situation he was preparing for issuance either this afternoon or tomorrow. He received messages from Charge O'Shaughnessy and from Bayard Hale, who has been in conference with General Carranza, the rebel leader, at Nogales, Mexico. The inference was that he would not have dropped the statement if he had not received good news which made its completion unnecessary.

Pressure on Huerta

Tremendous pressure was being brought on Huerta to retire. His friends were quoted as saying that he would not do it, but the belief was growing that he would. All foreign support had been withdrawn from him and he was without financial resources to maintain his government much longer.

Government officials here said that undue importance had been attached to Lind's departure from Mexico City. He will be in as close touch with the capital from Vera Cruz, it was said, as when he was there in person.

The administration was keeping the powers informed concerning all Mexican developments. It was said at the state department that all of them unqualifiedly approve of America's course.

Carranza Mission Mystery

William Bayard Hale's mission to General Carranza remained a mystery. Secretary of State Bryan admitted that Hale had made a report to him, but would not discuss it.

Admiral Fletcher sent word by wireless from Vera Cruz that 15 refugees, including the American consul's daughter, had been taken on board the battleship Louisiana at Tuxpan, but that there had as yet been no general attack on the town by the rebels. The United States was requested by England to protest British property there.

ANOTHER STORM WITH WARM RAIN DELUGES CLEVELAND

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 13.—Another storm began here today—a warm rain. It fell in torrents and melted the snow so fast that the streets became rivers, lowlying lots, lakes and the sewers were in danger of failing to carry off the water before there was a serious flood.

The drinking water was like thin mud, and although the health department had given repeated warnings to the citizens against drinking it without boiling, an epidemic was gravely feared.

ARREST STRIKERS FOR MAKING A NOISE

CALUMET, Mich., Nov. 13.—Military today arrested more than 150 strikers and strike sympathizers, including men and women, at the Royale and Superior mines. They accused their prisoners of making too much noise, though they were indulging in no actual violence.

PEACE OUTLOOK MORE FAVORABLE SAYS PRESIDENT

Elements Which He Cannot Discuss Which Make Wilson Optimistic—Our Elimination of Huerta and All He Represents From Government

Correspondence Progressing That Means Truce Between Warring Factions of Southern Republic

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—"There are elements in the Mexican situation which I cannot at present discuss, which make it look to me very much more favorable," said President Wilson this afternoon.

The president would not be quoted further, but he made it plain that an agreement was in sight involving the elimination of Huerta and everything he represents from the Mexican government.

The chief executive would not discuss the information on which he based his optimism, but it was evident that he was more cheerful than at any time since his emissary, John Lind, was sent to Mexico.

Inasmuch as communications had been received from Lind at Vera Cruz, Charge de'Affaires O'Shaughnessy in Mexico City and William Bayard Hale at Nogales, Ariz., following his conference on the Mexican side of the border with General Carranza, it was conjectured that a triangular correspondence was progressing which meant not only Huerta's early retirement, but also a truce between the warring Mexican factions.

It was believed that a settlement had virtually been reached on a provisional president satisfactory to both elements to succeed Huerta and continue to serve until an election can be held.

No detailed or definite announcement would be made, however, it was understood, until after the negotiations have been closed and the last possibility of a slip eliminated.

LONDON TIMES OUTLINES WILSON'S MEXICAN POLICY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The administration did not confirm the outline of President Wilson's Mexican policy cabled to the London Times by its Washington correspondent and then cabled back to this country last night.

The Times did not say specifically that its correspondent secured his news from an administration source but only that "our Washington correspondent is able to announce what that policy is."

The impression here was that he simply guessed, putting together what he considered the most reliable rumors he had heard in the last few days. He said, in substance, that the President would insist on Huerta's elimination, that he would try first to accomplish it by financial pressure, that his next step would be a blockade of Mexican customs, that with Huerta out he would try to install as provisional president a man acceptable to both Mexican factions, that a general election would follow and nothing would induce the United States to acquire territory through intervention.

SALEM LIQOR MEN ENJOIN PROHIBITION

SALEM, Nov. 3.—Based chiefly on the allegation that a local option election cannot be held legally at any time except when a regular state or city election is held, Attorney John Stillman, representing the liquor interests, today applied for an injunction restraining County Judge Bushey from issuing orders for Salem to be put on the "dry" list.

DEATH TOLL OF STORM ON LAKES ESTIMATED 150

Twenty-five Big Steamships and a Great Number of Smaller Craft Lost—Most of Fatalities Occur on Lakes Huron and Erie

Bodies Picked Up All Along Shores. Gale Most Severe on Lake Superior—Vessels Crushed Like Shells

CHICAGO, Nov. 13.—Estimates of the number of sailors drowned during Sunday's and Monday's storm on the Great Lakes reached 150 today. At least 25 big steamships were lost. Of the number of smaller craft which went down and of the extent of the damage to lake ports it was impossible to do more than guess vaguely.

A majority of the fatalities occurred on Lake Huron. The west shore is usually the safest during heavy storms, and when the recent blizzard broke many boats put in toward it for safety. The wind, however, shifted and the usually sheltered coast received its full force.

Big Vessels Smashed

Its violence was such that the structure and representing the best in marine architecture, were dashed on the rocks and smashed like eggshells. Anchors failed to hold or engines to make headway against the terrific power of the gale.

Next to Lake Huron, the storm was worst on Lake Superior. There, however, the wind did not shift, so that craft which reached shelter before the storm had reached its height rode it out in safety.

The seas were rapidly subsiding today and a systematic search of the shores of all the lakes was begun for wrecks. Added to the previously published lists, there was added today the H. M. Hanna, a modern steel steam which the waves piled upon the beach at Point Aux Barques and broke in two.

Crew Washed Ashore

With the washing ashore of 15 members of its crew, it also became certain that the steamship Charles Price was lost, presumably with its full complement of 28 men.

Two bodies were picked up, too, wearing life belts with the stencils of the steel freighter John McGeane, one of the finest boats on the lakes, which, if lost, as it evidently was, would account for 28 more men.

Besides these boats four steel steamships, with crews of 20 men each, were many hours overdue on Lake Huron, and grave fears were entertained for them. A score of corpses were washed up on the Lake Huron and Superior shores today.

PRINCETON FAVORITE OVER YALE IN BETTING

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Betting on the big football games scheduled for Saturday opened up in earnest today. Princeton was a 10 to 7 favorite over Yale. The betting on the Army-Navy game was 10 to 6, with the midshipmen on the long end. Although the Harvard-Yale game is more than a week away, a number of wagers were recorded on the game, with Harvard the favorite at 10 to 6.

The Harvard squad rested today for Saturday's game with Brown. The team will engage in but little scrimmaging after Saturday's contest, the coaches not wishing to take any changes of the regulars receiving injuries.

WEST REFUSES TO DELAY EXECUTION

SALEM, Nov. 13.—Governor West today reiterated a statement made some time ago that he would not interfere with the execution of Oswald Hansel, sentenced to be hanged tomorrow morning for the murder of Judge Frank Taylor at Astoria.

FEAR FOR HEALTH OF EMPRESS EUGENIE.



The gravest fears are entertained in Paris that the health, physical and mental, of the Empress Eugenie is breaking down. Reports from Farnborough say the Empress is plunged in the most profound melancholy and has completely retired from society.

FIGHT ON FLOOR OF SENATE OVER CURRENCY LIKELY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The senate banking and currency committee resumed consideration of the currency bill today. It was expected that the measure would reach the senate some time next week.

If the republican members of the committee and Senator Titchcock, the only democratic member now opposed to the measure, don't endorse the administration's currency plans, then the democratic members will report a disagreement to the senate and carry the fight to its floor.

SHARP DECLINE IN STOCK QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—A sharp decline in stocks marked the opening of the market today. Under a heavy pressure, Steel dropped nearly a point on the opening sale of 3000 shares. Mexican Petroleum dropped 1 1/4 to 42, equaling its low record for the year. Reading, St. Paul, Smelting, Canadian Pacific and Amalgamated each dropped a point, and Union Pacific lost 1 1/2.

Later some hesitation attended the movement, but the level of values was lowered considerably, owing to the alternating sources of support. Bonds were easy. The market closed steady.

WILDEST RUMORS ON LIND'S LEAVING

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 13.—Following the departure of John Lind, President Wilson's representative, for Vera Cruz, the wildest rumors were current here today.

One story was that the American charge d'affaires and the embassy staff would follow Lind, all relations between Mexico and the United States being broken off. Another was that President Huerta, who has received no visitors since Lind left, has disappeared. This his friends denied.

Well-informed observers said the situation had not really changed, except for Lind's departure.

FINEST FREIGHTER ON LAKES LOST WITH ALL ABOARD

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 13.—That the big steamship John McGeane, the finest freighter on the Great Lakes, was lost with all on board Sunday or Monday seemed certain today when the corpses of 21 of her crew were washed up near Port Huron, Mich., and along the Canadian shore.

The McGeane carried a crew of 28 men and had accommodations for 12 passengers, so that it was feared others besides the crew were drowned.

The vessel was 432 feet long and 50 feet in the beam. It was built in 1908, was well equipped and in every respect a most seaworthy craft. Captain C. R. Nye of Cleveland was in command and Calvin Smith, a well-known lake man, was chief engineer.

The ship passed Port Huron at 2:10 Sunday morning and had not been heard from since.

Throughout the storm-swept region 51 corpses had been recovered up to today, mostly from Lake Huron. Reports from isolated points in northern Michigan and along the Canadian shore were received today, telling of wrecks and harrowing experiences.

ALEX SWEET NAMED MINISTER TO SIAM

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The name of Dudley Field Malone to be collector of the port of New York, to succeed John Purroy Mitchell, mayor-elect of New York city, was confirmed, without opposition, by the senate this afternoon.

The nominations of Alexander Sweet of Portland, Ore., to be minister to Siam, and Manuel Arault to be an assistant justice of the supreme court of the Philippines were sent to the senate today.

KAY REFUSES TO TURN OVER SCHOOL NOTES

State Treasurer Declines to Comply With Governor's Request and Then Refuses to Comply with State Law Board's Order

Board Directs District Attorney of Marion County to Bring Mandamus Suit Compelling Action

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 13.—During a session of the state land board today State Treasurer Kay refused point blank to comply with Governor West's request that he furnish him a list of school fund notes on which the interest is unpaid for 15 months or more, declaring that the governor's request was not made in sincerity but to embarrass his office. Secretary of State Olcott then presented a motion which was supported by the governor, making a formal demand upon the state treasurer to deliver to the clerk of the board all of the \$900 or more school fund notes, aggregating nearly \$60,000 and other school fund securities.

Treasurer Kay told the board that he would refuse to comply with the order of the board.

Further discussion resulted in an agreement that the board pass an order directing the district attorney of Marion county to bring mandamus suit against the state treasurer to compel him to deliver the notes to the clerk of the board. This action was taken by unanimous vote.

TARIFF REDUCES CHURCH GOING COST BY LOWER DUTIES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—The new democratic tariff law, it is confidently believed, will make church-going cheaper.

For one thing, the import tax of 25 per cent, which amounts to about 50 cents apiece on the popular editions of foreign-made Bibles, is removed entirely. All down the line of religious supplies the new tariff aims at retail reductions. Organs are reduced 10 per cent in import duty, stained glass windows should be some cheaper owing to a 10 per cent tariff cut; music is reduced 10 per cent and church furniture from 7 to 10 per cent.

Another series of reductions in the tariff which should make all church supplies cheaper is aimed at all tracts, pamphlets and religious paraphernalia, from which import duties have been entirely removed. Going on the theory that the democrats, as they promised, would remove or lower import tariffs on all "necessaries of life," the new schedules on religious goods of all kinds show that the national congress is at least religious and believes religion a "necessity."

Grandma, by the way, should be able to get along with less expenditure, since the tariff has been cut on spectacles and peppermint drops, that the former should be about 15 per cent cheaper and the latter almost as much so.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO SELL PACIFIC MAIL

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—A report that the Southern Pacific company is about to dispose of its holdings of the Pacific Mail Steamship company and that the Hamburg-American company was to purchase the line caused sudden activity in the steamship shares today.

The market has been inactive in Pacific Mail for several years, but it opened this morning with an advance of half a point and made a further point advance before the close of the session.

TINY MISS CALLS SPENCER WHEN HE ABUSES HER

Miss Anderson, Partner of Mrs. Rexroat, Shuts Off Flow of Abusive Language From Alleged Murderer and Forces Silence in Courtroom

Trainman Positively Identifies Spencer as Passenger on the Night the Crime Was Committed

WHEATON, Ill., Nov. 13.—Miss Nina Anderson, less than five feet tall and pretty, was the principal witness today at the trial of Henry Spencer for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Rexroat. Spencer attempted to abuse Miss Anderson in the same way that he has abused at Judge Slosser and his own counsel, but met his match.

"You're a liar," shouted Spencer at Miss Anderson when she started her testimony. She sprang from her chair and approached the prisoner.

"Don't you dare interrupt me again," she said, shaking her finger in his face. "And don't you call me a liar either. If I were running this jury I would see that you got all you deserved. Now you sit quietly in that chair and keep your mouth shut."

Spencer sat back in his chair and allowed Miss Anderson to finish without further interruption. Judge Slosser shook hands with Miss Anderson after she had finished. Miss Anderson and Mrs. Rexroat taught dancing in the same academy.

Walter Blazer, a conductor on the Aurora-Egin line, was another witness today. He was unable to identify Spencer as the man he saw riding with Mrs. Rexroat on the day she went to Wayne.

Hugo Cargo, another member of the train crew, positively identified Spencer as a passenger en route to Wayne on the night of the murder.

COWDRAY ADMITS SMALL SUBSCRIPTION TO HUERTA'S CAUSE

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The issuance by Lord Cowdray of a signed explanation of the exact extent to which his interest, the Pearson syndicate, has financially aided President Huerta of Mexico was taken heed today as an indication of the strength of popular feeling against the policy pursued until a few days ago by Foreign Minister Sir Edward Grey.

"In common with most of the banks and leading houses of Mexico," said his lordship's statement, "my firm and allied companies subscribed for a small proportion—less than 3 per cent—of the government loan made through the National Bank of Mexico."

The British government's attitude having apparently undergone a decided change since Premier Asquith's speech of a few nights ago, denying that there was any intention of embarrassing President Wilson in handling the Mexican situation, Lord Cowdray's statement was generally considered satisfactory enough in a purely formal way. At the same time, politicians point out, it was not asserted that the Pearson syndicate had, directly or even indirectly, furnished money to Huerta, but simply that Huerta had obtained it through Pearson influence.

Waiving the purely financial proposition, every financier in England has been convinced for weeks that the Pearson interest waded Huerta or some one he could manage at the head of the Mexican government, and that for some reason or other the foreign office seemed to want the same thing.

UP IN AIR SIX HOURS WITH TWO PASSENGERS

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany, Nov. 13.—Aviator Schirmer stayed in the air with his aeroplane and two passengers today for 6 hours and 15 minutes, a record.