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NIAGARA FALLS IS PESSIMISTIC

MEDIATION ALMOST A CONFESSED FAILURE

REBELS STUBBORN

Conferences May End Friday as Mexican Internal Troubles Are Beyond Reach.

(By Associated Press.) Niagara Falls, Ont., June 16.—Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann, the American delegates to the mediation conference, went to Buffalo today and talked for four hours with Rafael Zubaran and Luis Cabrera, personal representatives of General Carranza. Their purpose was to find some way to bring the constitutionalists in harmony with the scope of mediation. The mission was a failure. The constitutionalists representative who had come from Washington especially to see the American delegates told them why they could not agree to a truce; why only a man prominent in the constitutionalist ranks could be accepted by them for the provisional presidency and finally they said they believed the constitutionalist army would settle the Mexican problem soon if left unhampered by foreign complications.

The Americans returned to Niagara Falls feeling that so far as the political pacification of Mexico is concerned mediation had accomplished nothing and probably the end of the conferences was very near.

The next full conference is set for Friday. Until then little will be done because of the absence of Minister Noan, of Argentina.

Most of the principals here incline to the view that Friday's session may be the last. The three mediating plenipotentiaries virtually have abandoned hope of solving Mexico's internal problems. The Huerta delegates are resolute in their determination not to accept a constitutionalist partisan for the provisional presidency and there appears no feasible way of keeping all elements in conference much longer. Only developments not now foreseen, such as a change of attitude on the part of the constitutionalists or of the Huerta delegates, can keep the conference in session.

Dispatches of the forcible seizure by a Villa official of the telegraph office at Juarez, held previously by Carranza officials, created a stir in the mediation colony. The Huerta delegates said it plainly showed the correctness of their repeated warnings that a lack of cohesion in the constitutionalist ranks would lead to anarchy in the north. The news served also to confirm suspicions current in many quarters here of breach between Villa and Carranza.

Incidentally it is understood the American delegates inquired of Cabrera and Zubaran what they thought of the stories for a split between Villa and Carranza. The constitutionalist emissaries said they had confidence in General Carranza's tact and ability to smooth over such difficulties.

The gravest apprehension, nevertheless, is felt here of what may follow a break between Carranza and Villa. Should their forces clash, a condition of anarchy might ensue which in all probability would arouse again demands for armed intervention by the United States.

The mediators hold to the opinion that they have accomplished something, in that war between the United States and the Huerta government was halted by mediation.

General Huerta's withdrawal from the presidency is expected soon as a matter of course, regardless of the outcome of mediation. It is believed a successor to Huerta will be chosen at elections in Federal territory next month.

If the mediation conference adjourns, it, in all probability, will acknowledge its failure to bring the rival elements together for a solution of the internal problem, but at the same time probably will announce the solution of Mexican's international conflict. Just what disposition will be made of the American forces at Vera Cruz no one here is in a position to conjecture.

Pessimism Prevails.

The atmosphere here is wholly pessimistic. The American delegates declined to discuss in detail their trip to Buffalo. Mr. Lehmann made a special trip across the river to urge newspaper men not to treat the trip of the American commissioners to Buffalo in a light vein. He assured them the situation was serious. Justice Lamar dictated the following statement: "For sometime we have been trying to get into communication with the constitutionalists. They did not feel they could under the circumstances come to Niagara Falls, but they were too anxious to meet us and suggested Buffalo. With the approval of Washington we waived all formality and went to see them. We met Rafael Zubaran and Luis Cabrera, the authorized representatives of General Carranza."

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SEVEN MEN BURNED IN LODGING HOUSE

Five in Milford, Mass., Claimed Laborers as Victims Early on Yesterd. y.

(By Associated Press.) Milford, Mass., June 16.—Seven men were burned to death and twenty seriously injured when eighty persons were trapped in a burning Armenian lodging house early today.

The bodies were taken from the upper floors of the four and a half story brick and wooden building.

In addition to the twenty men taken to the hospital suffering from burns or from injuries received in jumping, thirty sustained minor hurts. The interior of the building was burned out.

The fire, the cause of which has not been determined, started in the dining hall on the ground floor. When flames arrived flames were shooting through all four floors. Escape by the two narrow stairways was cut off and the only means of getting out of the building was by jumping from the windows.

The victims were laborers and molders employed at a manufacturing plant in Hopdale. None of them had families. The financial loss is small.

INVESTIGATE COLLISION

Board of Inspectors to Hear Testimony in Pretoria Matters.

New York, June 16.—Captain W. J. Roberts, his officers and men of the American liner New York, were on lookout duty at the time of the collision between the New York and Pretoria early Saturday morning among the witness called in the inquiry to ascertain the causes of the accident. Another inquiry will be held in Hamburg, where officers of the Pretoria will testify.

The inquiry here will not decide which ship was to blame for the collision. As the officers of the New York are Americans and she is an American vessel, the inspectors will determine merely whether their certificate should be suspended or withdrawn.

Capt. Robert's formal report to the International Mercantile Marine Company states that the vessels met in longitude 64.50, where they should have been 22 miles apart. Chart observations showed roughly that the Pretoria was 21 miles north of her regular eastbound course and the New York was seven miles south of the westbound course.

WOMEN LECTURED ON SEX PROBLEM

National Federation of Clubs Pass Resolutions and Elect Their Officers

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, June 16.—George J. Kneeland today told the General Federation of Women's Clubs in convention here that he found that a profit source of supply to commercialized vice comes from girls between the ages of 15 and 18 years and that a startling majority comes from homes other than those of poverty and ignorance. Mr. Kneeland is director of the department of investigation of the American Social Hygiene Association.

Resolutions were adopted which recommended among other things: Simple, becoming and modest designs in dress.

Offered the services of the home economic division to further the Smith-Lever bill in congress to establish a bureau of home economics.

Requested children's bureaus to prepare pamphlets for mothers on sex instruction for the children.

Approved state laws making mandatory the reporting of venereal disease.

Approved abatement and injunction law in the suppression of immoral resorts.

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, of Texas, was re-elected president and the entire ticket of the nominating committee was elected without opposition.

Miss Margaret Woodrow Wilson led the delegates in the singing of Edwin Markham's song, "Brotherhood." The delegates cheered Miss Wilson for ten minutes.

Sumter Official Wounded.

Sumter, S. C., June 16.—Coroner Samuel F. Flowers, of Sumter county, shot and probably fatally wounded himself at his office here today. He is said to have been in bad health for several months. He is 73 years old and served in the Confederate army.

Wouldn't Accept Report.

Washington, June 16.—A further complication in the crowded legislative situation in congress arose today when the house by a vote of 81 to 27 rejected the conference report on the Naval appropriation bill. The house then proceeded to vote on a score of separate amendments separately. The senate provision for an initial appropriation of \$200,000 for a \$3,000,000 dry dock at the Norfolk Navy Yard was voted down, 32 to 71.

Telling How He Did It.

London, June 16.—Colonel Theodor Roosevelt appeared before the Royal Geographical Society tonight to tell how he put the "Duvida river" on a map of Brazil.

REBEL CHIEFTAINS SPLIT VILLA RESIGNS AND ACTS

At Least He is Said to Have Given Up Command. Seized Offices of Chief and Jailed Rebel Leader's Publicity Man.

(By Associated Press)

El Paso, Tex., June 16.—General Villa tendered his resignation to General Carranza within the last week, it became known tonight.

To Villa's message the constitutionalist commander-in-chief replied asking who would succeed him.

Following this Villa's various military chiefs held a conference and sent a "round robin" to Carranza, declaring they would accept none other than Villa as a leader. The split of today resulted.

General Villa tonight ordered all commanders of garrisons throughout the territory he controls to report at once at Torreon. This order was accepted obediently by observers here. History of the Pascual Orozco rebellion against President Madero was revived.

Orozco, like Villa, was a leader of volunteer troops of Chihuahua state, and as a popular favorite led a revolution against the former president.

Carranza's offices at Juarez were confiscated by Villa supporters tonight.

Similar confiscations are authentically reported to have taken place at Chihuahua City and at Torreon, where Villa remained today.

The seizure of the offices at Juarez tonight was taken here as conclusive evidence of the long predicted split between Carranza, leaders of the constitutionalist revolution and Villa, his most successful chieftain.

Private advices received at a late hour told of similar action in taking over Carranza offices at Chihuahua City and Torreon, evidently placing the entire northern part of Mexico in the power of Villa's military leaders.

In addition to the information bureau and telegraph, it later was learned that the customs house and the treasury department at Juarez had been confiscated by Villa's officers.

Jailed Carranza Man.

H. Perezabreu, Carranza's publicity agent was reported as jailed, and it was made known that nearly all of the employees of Alberto Pail had been arrested. Pail has been in charge of the treasury department at Juarez and has been the trusted relay man in recent exchanges between Carranza from Saltillo and Rafael Zubaran at Washington, who in turn transferred the message to the mediators at Niagara.

Mmanuel Bonilla, Villa's confidential agent at Juarez, said tonight that he had been ordered to hasten to Torreon to confer with his chief.

INCOME TAX WILL YET REDEEM SELF

The Author of the Law Still Believes in the Efficiency of The Tax.

(By Associated Press)

Washington, June 16.—Representative Hull, of Tennessee, author of the income tax law, in a statement today declared that after careful observation of the operation of the act, he feels no reasonable doubt as to its successful administration in the future. "This belief was expressed despite recent statements by Secretary McAdoo, which showed that the income tax, according to the returns to date, had produced \$23,000,000 less than this treasury department's estimates of \$54,000,000 revenue from that source for the first ten months of its operation.

In his statement, Representative Hull says:

"It would be both harsh and unfair to pronounce permanent judgment on the law at the present initial stage as many thousands of taxable persons shot and temporarily abroad, have not yet made returns. On account of the brief time allowed in which to get familiar with the laws and the regulations an immense portion of the returns that were made are inaccurate."

"There is no occasion for a bond issue and the matter has not been considered." Secretary McAdoo replied today when asked concerning rumors that such a step was under contemplation.

Richmond Bidding

Baltimore, June 16.—Denying a report tonight that the Baltimore International League team had been sold to Richmond, Va., capitalists and that the franchise would not be transferred to that city, Jack Dunn, president and manager of the Orioles admitted that he has received an offer from Richmond interests for his players, and franchise, but he had refused it. It is understood Dunn was offered \$62,500.

(By Associated Press)

Although Villa's persistent military success had occasioned speculation regarding his relation with Carranza the matter did not receive serious consideration until the appointment by Carranza of General Panfilo Natera as commander of a newly created military zone. Natera's appointment placed him in charge of a strip of country which Villa previously had planned to invade, including the yet uncaptured city of Zacatecas. Natera attacked Zacatecas while Villa remained at Torreon, viewing the experiment from the rear.

General Villa, in the meantime, has remained at Torreon, although ordered by Carranza to proceed to the assistance of Natera. Carranza officials today said Angeles, the constitutionalist secretary of war, left Torreon today with five thousand of Villa's troops, including a full division of artillery. Natera had complained of a lack of cannon. Villa remained at Torreon but was said to have begun a general movement of his army toward Zacatecas.

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