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LIND DELIVERS ULTIMATUM

Huerta's Agent Informed That All Mexican Ports Will Be Blockaded Unless All Demands are Complied With.

FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF PURPOSE OF UNITED STATES MADE TO INTIMATE FRIEND AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HUERTA WHO MADE TRIP TO VERA CRUZ TO CONFER WITH ENVOY LIND.

Vera Cruz, Nov. 14.—Special Envoy Lind has delivered an ultimatum to the Mexican government. This was revealed today by a friend of Huerta.

The ultimatum insists that Huerta yield to all demands of the United States by Saturday. The alternative is the immediate blockade of all Mexican ports by American ships.

Envoy Lind's demand was transmitted to President Huerta in a code dispatch sent shortly after midnight. It was telegraphed by a Mexican official, sent here by the Mexico City authorities, who conferred secretly with Envoy Lind and was informed of the only basis on which diplomatic negotiations could continue.

This official is an intimate friend of the Mexican dictator and is acting as his personal envoy.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Secretary of State Bryan today declined to discuss the terms of the note the United States is reported to have sent President Huerta, but it is regarded as certain that a blockade of all Mexican ports by American warships will be ordered within forty-eight hours.

Envoy Lind reported to the State Department that he had transmitted the ultimatum to Huerta and that he had reached Washington.

The administration considers that sufficient time has been given Huerta to resign and it is now up to the United States to take stringent measures to compel him to comply with the demands of the United States. The first step will be the severance of diplomatic relations. This will be followed by an active blockade to be maintained by the second and third Atlantic squadrons, aided by the torpedo flotilla now stationed at Charleston, S. C. So far as possible the blockade will be peaceful, only turning back any vessels carrying arms, ammunition or provisions into Mexico.

It is asserted at the State department that the program has the backing of Great Britain, France and Germany.

CABINET MEETING HELD.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The cabinet meeting today discussed Mexican affairs, Porto Rico and the Philippines and proposed an investigation into the high cost of clothing and textiles. No statement was made relative to the Mexican situation.

READY FOR FIELD SERVICE.

Nogales, Ariz., Nov. 14.—United States army military movements along the border indicate preparations for immediate field service. It developed today that Dr. Hale in conference with Carranza considered only the selection of a president satisfactory to all concerned. It is now apparent that the recognition of the Constitutionalists as belligerents has never been considered, as this would result in arming the constitutionalists, who might turn on the United States if intervention becomes necessary.

RUSH ORDER ON AMMUNITION.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 14.—Tredgar Iron Works which have a contract to furnish \$400,000 worth of big shells for the navy has been ordered to rush delivery of the full amount ordered for the year. The plants are now working three shifts of hands to complete the order and make delivery at the earliest possible date.

ATTACK ON NUEVA LAREDO.

Laredo, Texas, Nov. 14.—A strong force of Constitutionalists are concentrating across the border to attack the town of Nueva Laredo, Mexico. The town is practically cut off from all communication.

HUERTA EXPECTED TO RESIGN.

Mexico City, Nov. 14.—As the result of the steadily increasing pressure by the United States, Huerta is expected to resign within twenty-four hours.

Gasden, Ala., Nov. 15.—Fire last night destroyed a hotel and eight stores in Altoona, twenty miles west of this place. Loss \$30,000.

LEVER TO MAKE STATEMENT.

WILL LET PUBLIC KNOW WHERE HE STANDS AS TO SENATE.

Congressman from Seventh District Makes Address at Community Fair in Chester County—Urges People to Use Influence to Get General Assembly to Appropriate \$40,000 for Tick Eradication—Thinks He Can Get Like Amount from Washington.

Chester, Nov. 16.—Congressman Lever will make definite announcement before he returns to Washington as to his intention regarding the pressure which has been brought to bear on him to enter the Senate race between Senator Smith and Governor Blease. There is every reason to believe this announcement will be forthcoming this week.

Congressman Lever spent yesterday in Chester county, where he made an address at a community fair in the eastern part of the county. Mr. Lever discussed agriculture and urged the people to use their influence with the general assembly to get through an appropriation at the coming session of \$40,000 to fight the cattle tick. "If the legislature will make this appropriation I believe I can get a \$40,000 appropriation from congress, and with the combined \$80,000, we ought to rid the State of the pest, which is causing the cattle growers a loss of over \$1,000,000 every year," said the congressman. He was well received and was given a cordial reception from the crowd of about 800 which gathered to hear him.

Mr. Lever went to Columbia last night en route to his home in Lexington county. He goes to Anderson on Tuesday to make a speech, and from there to Greenville, where he speaks on Wednesday. From Greenville he goes direct to Washington to attend congress.

From the fact that Mr. Lever is leaving the State to return to Washington this week is ground for the belief that his definite statement regarding his intention as to the senatorial race will be coming out in a few days. There is reason to change the prediction made in this correspondence over two weeks ago that Congressman Lever in his public announcement will say that he will not make the race for the senate next year. That has been understood by every one in touch with the situation in political circles for the past two weeks.

There has been strong pressure brought to bear on Mr. Lever from all parts of the State to enter the race for the senate next year, and there is no denying the fact that he would have changed the complexion of matters had he entered. It is also known that pressure was brought to bear on him to try and induce him to enter the gubernatorial race, but he never seriously considered the latter.

Mr. Lever is very popular throughout the State and with a hold on his own district, the 7th, which no one can shake, he would likely be re-elected to congress, and probably without opposition.

Will Announce Decision Wednesday.

Lexington, Nov. 16.—Congressman Lever will leave tomorrow morning for Washington, to resume his duties, going by way of Anderson, where he addresses the farmers under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday morning. He will deliver an address on Tuesday evening to the bankers of Greenville and adjoining counties at Greenville, and on Wednesday morning will speak to the farmers of Greenville county. Wednesday night he will attend a meeting of the board of trustees of Clemson College, and from there return to Washington.

Mr. Lever came home for a little rest, but has been about the busiest man in the State, filling speaking engagements, attending to a large volume of mail and consulting with his friends as to his entrance into the senatorial race. Mr. Lever promises to make a definite announcement of his purpose in his speech at Greenville on Wednesday. The people of his county are intensely interested in what he is going to do, though the consensus of opinion here is that he should not submit himself to the risk of defeat in the present chaotic condition of politics in the State. He would probably carry the county by an overwhelming majority if he should run, for his wonderful hold upon the people of the county is stronger than ever.

Mr. Lever has declined an invitation to deliver the principal address on the night of the 19th instant to the Associated Agricultural Societies of the State of Maryland, in Baltimore city.

MAKES DARING ESCAPE.

JOHN FISHER, YEGGMAN, BORES HIS WAY TO FREEDOM FROM PENITENTIARY.

Fifteen Year Term is First Man to Leave from New Building—Had Cracked Safe at Lancaster—Reward Offered for His Arrest.

Columbia, Nov. 17.—John Fisher, serving a term of 15 years for safe blowing from Lancaster county, having been convicted in 1906, made a daring escape from the State penitentiary some time Saturday night. That the prisoner had escaped was discovered yesterday afternoon when the count was made just before locking the main prison building for the night. The escaped prisoner bored out the iron grating of the window of his cell on the second story of the main prison building, dropped 15 feet to the ground, crept cautiously behind a guard who was walking around the building at the time, ran swiftly across the prison yard to the hosiery mill building, broke open a window, climbed out on the roof, secured a long rope and lowered himself to the banks of the Columbia canal and made his escape.

"It was one of the most daring escapes ever made by a prisoner from the State penitentiary. He was the first prisoner to ever escape from the new prison building," said Capt. D. J. Griffith, superintendent of the State penitentiary, yesterday. The prison officials have offered a reward of \$100 for his arrest.

John Fisher and Charles O'Day who were sent to the State penitentiary in August, 1905, and held on a charge of safecracking, were sentenced to 15 years each by the late Judge O. W. Buchanan in Lancaster county August 11, 1906. Fisher, who made his escape yesterday, was 46 years old at the time he was put in prison, and O'Day was 39. Fisher was born in Florida. The details of the case were not known by the officials of the penitentiary outside of the fact that they had committed the crime in Lancaster county.

John Fisher is described as being five feet, two and seven-eighths inches in height, with black hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion. He had a scar on the outside of his left thigh, large scars on the outside of the right leg and scars on both forearm and wrist. At the time of his escape he had on the prison clothes.

"Fisher must have bored away the bars," said Capt. Griffith yesterday discussing the escape. "He occupied a cell on the second story of main prison building. He must have been at work on the job for several days, and possibly a week, because it would have been impossible to remove the bars to the cell in one night. We do not know exactly when he escaped. This afternoon, when the prisoners were counted, as usual, we found one man short and immediately began an investigation. We found in five minutes' time that Fisher was the man that escaped. I do not know what instrument was used to remove the bars.

"Fisher escaped some time Saturday night. It was useless to put the bloodhounds on the trail this afternoon, because it was too late. I will offer a reward of \$100 for his return to the penitentiary.

"The window of Fisher's cell in the main prison building is from 15 to 24 feet from the ground. He must have bored out the bars with some kind of an instrument and then, swinging down, dropped to the ground. There is a guard that walks around the building all night. Last night William T. Hurt was on duty, walking around the prison building until 1 o'clock. He was relieved at that time by M. R. Day. The building is about 150 feet long and 50 feet wide.

"From the main building Fisher evidently crept cautiously across the penitentiary yard to the hosiery mill building. He broke open a window and proceeded to the roof. He found a long rope somewhere and, tying it to the top of the building, lowered himself to the banks of the Columbia canal and made his escape.

PETITION PRESIDENT FOR SUFFRAGE.

New Jersey Suffragists Ask Wilson to Recommend Woman Suffrage in Next Message.

Washington, Nov. 17.—New Jersey suffragist delegates today presented a petition to President Wilson urging him to recommend woman suffrage in his next message to congress.

President Wilson promised prompt and careful consideration to their petition.

BLOODY BATTLE AT JUAREZ

The Constitutionalists Capture Border City With Hand to Hand Fighting.

Terrific Engagement Sends Terror Stricken Residents Flying Across the Border—Many Americans in Mexican City Flee to El Paso, When the Roar of Battle Causes Consternation.

El Paso, Nov. 15.—The Constitutionalists army made a surprise attack on the city of Juarez early today and captured it after a terrific engagement lasting several hours. Hundreds of rifle bullets and steel pointed projectiles from the field guns fell at El Paso and the roar of battle caused a panic here. The lives of many Americans were imperilled. The battle was marked by fierce hand to hand fighting in the streets.

Juarez was the last port of refuge held by the Federals along the border. Hundreds of terror-stricken residents of Juarez, men, women and children, and many Americans, who were gathered at Juarez to attend the race meeting, fled across the international bridge into the United States. United States troops massed at this end of the bridge to prevent the flight of the belligerents into El Paso. The loss of life was light, many

Federals crossed the river and surrendered to the United States troops. A number of Federal officers were surprised in a dance hall, and when they ran into the street, were shot by the Constitutionalists. Several Americans are reported to have been killed. The bodies of thirty Federals were found at the point where the fighting was severest.

RYAN ORDERS INVESTIGATION.

Instructs Consul at Juarez to Investigate Reported Killing of Americans in this Morning's Battle.

Washington, Nov. 15.—Secretary Bryan today instructed Consul Edwards at Juarez to investigate the report that Americans were killed during the capture of Juarez this morning and report the result of his investigations to the State department.

SANGUINARY METHODS AT JUAREZ.

Federal Officers and Men Killed by Constitutionalists in Capital City.

El Paso, Nov. 17.—Sixty-five Federal officers and soldiers have been executed by the Constitutionalists in Ciudad Juarez since the city was captured Saturday, according to refugees arriving here today. Some executions were with the consent of General Villa, the rebel leader, but most of them were literally assassinated by brigands in the hope of loot. All bodies are being robbed. Considerable disorder was reported last night.

Not To Leave at Present.

Washington, Nov. 17.—South American nations have joined the United States in trying to force Huerta to resign the presidency of Mexico. Brazil and Chile are in accord with the United States program. The House indicated today that the United States is not planning mediation between the Carranza and Huerta factions. Charge O'Shaughnessy has not yet been given passports and President Wilson at present has no intention of directing him or Envoy Lind to leave Mexico.

INQUIRY ON WEATHER BUREAU

Ohio Congressman Would Have Investigation Following Loss of 254 Lives in Storm.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 16.—Congressman Gordon tonight telegraphed President Wilson asking him to direct an investigation of the weather bureau to ascertain if it were responsible for the loss of 254 lives in the storm which broke over the Great Lakes last Sunday. The chief aim of the investigation, Congressman Gordon says, will be to learn if inadequate and improper signals were displayed.

FEARS YELLOW PERIL.

Rhode Island Governor Sees Free Trade Ghosts.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 15.—"The recent tariff legislation has opened the way for a commercial yellow peril" declared Gov. Pothier, today in a speech before the New England Textile club.

"The new tariff, said the governor, will result in the lowering of wages of textile mill operatives and will deprive American manufactures of their home market.

"That there may be a 'yellow peril' commercially no one will deny. The races of the Orient are progressing steadily and it is only a question of time when they will enter the markets of the world with products which will come into competition with those of advanced nations. We shall have to protect our labor and the products of the labor against extremely low wages of the Orient if those nations enter the industrial field.

"If it is considered proper to open our American markets to the Europeans by means of a low tariff containing no reciprocal clause, how can we close them to the Asiatic?"

ONE MILLION DISAPPEARS.

Gold Ingots from Ottoman Banks to Paris Vanish in Transit.

Paris, Nov. 17.—It was reported to the police today that gold ingots valued at a million dollars, consigned from the Ottoman Bank at Constantinople to Paris by way of Berlin had disappeared in transit. No trace had been left by the robbers.

KILLED IN PISTOL DUEL.

Two Louisiana Farmers Quarrel Over Woman and Try to Settle Matters in Old Fashioned Way.

Loreauville, La., Nov. 17.—Henry Sivard was killed by Louis Guval today in an old fashioned pistol duel. Both are wealthy planters. They quarrelled over a woman.

WILL EXAMINE POSTMASTERS.

Competitive Civil Service Examinations within Next Thirty Days in Some States.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson's order opening positions of fourth class postmasters to competitive examination under civil service rules will be carried into effect within the next thirty days. Examinations will first be held in Vermont, New Hampshire, Florida, New Mexico, Virginia and North Carolina. Examinations are open to incumbents and others. Political "pull" will not be considered.

FIRE ON COTTON SHIP.

Savannah Department Has Hard Battle With Flames.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 15.—Twenty-two members of the Savannah fire department were overcome by smoke and heat today while fighting fire in the hold of the British steamship Ullida.

The fire was in a cargo of cotton bales loaded here for shipment to Hamburg. The Ullida left Savannah Friday afternoon, and was well out to sea when it was discovered early that evening that cotton in the middle hold was on fire. Capt. McClerehan turned back and made for this port with all speed, arriving early this morning. The firemen battled with the flames all day.

A DOUBLE KILLING.

Ohio Farmer Kills Woman and Then he is Brained by Lad.

Cleveland, Nov. 14.—Lewis Van Laven, 68, a farmer living at Harpersfield, Ohio, shot and killed his wife late today and then was killed by his son, Matthew, 17. Young Van Laven surrendered to the police. The boy and his 9-year-old sister said their mother was killed while sitting in the kitchen. They said their father then attempted to kill them. The boy succeeded in tearing the shotgun away from his father and brought down the heavy stock of the weapon on his father's skull, killing him.