GETTING READY TO TALK PEACE

HUERTA WILL ACCEPT PROF FERED AID OF MEDIATORS.

CARRANZAIS SAYING NOTHING

Feeling of Optimism Prevails at Wash-Ington-But Situation at Mexico City Growing

Alarming.

Washington,-Spanish Ambassador Riano announced Sunday that he had received private advices from Mexico City stating that General Huerta had accepted the offer of Argentine and Brazil and Chile to use their good of-

for signs of hostility from constitutionalists. President Wilson and his cabinet had a long meeting, after which optimism was conspicuously apparent in both their demeanor and informal discussion of the situation. to which the feeling of hopefulness that real war would be averted could pronouncement, it was admitted, had impressed many officials here with the possibility that the constitutionalists would remain neutral while the American government sought reparation from Huerta.

Huerta Must Go.

Washington.-From out of the anarchy, bloodshed and rapine in Mexico these facts stand out in sharp relief: Western Newspaper Union News Service. That the United States will accept the good offices of Argentine, Brazil and Chile, in an attempt at mediationbut only on positive assurances that Huerta will go and order and peace be restored in all Mexico. That there has fices to bring about an amicable set- been no cessation in our military and tlement of the difficulty between the naval preparations and this country United States and Mexico. This in is prepared to exact vengeance for any formation, though unofficial, was ac- massacre of Americans in Mexico.

How, It Happened.

Washington.-The story of how President Wilson ordered the customs house at Vera Cruz to be selzed has just been revealed. The president pay the expenses of the recruiting of had gone to bed Monday night after There was no particular development having read his message to congress. The senate was debating the joint resolution to approve the use of the army be traced, but General Villa's friendly and navy, and the president had determined to withhold action until the resolution passed, although feeling in session continuously during the past that in an emergency the executive had ample authority to act.

At 4 o'clock Tuesday morning Secretary Bryan received a cablegram from Consul Canada telling of the approach of a German vessel with a tremendous cargo of ammunition for port of the guard. Huerta. Locomotives and cars were in readiness to rush the arms to Mexlco City. Mr. Bryan telephoned Secretary Tumulty, who decided to awaken the president. He telephoned the an American, Haurice McDonald, was White house.

The servants were timid, but Mr. and was put on the same line. He, in San Pedro at the time of the captoo, had a dispatch about the ammu- ture have verified the report that Mc-

Lincoln, Neb.—Whether or not Nebraska is called upon for troops, it is believed the state will be obliged to

> LIST OF HERDS IN FUTURITY EX-HIBIT AT STATE FAIR.

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our

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association has issued a list of the grounds and the Nebraska exhibit will be held September 7 to 11 at the state fair.

In Nebraska there are twenty nominations as follows: Beall & Jackson, Roca; T. W. Cavett, Phillips; W. R. Cooper, Milford; Phil Dawson, Endicott; W. E. Epley, Diller; William Ferguson, Scribner; L. P. Fuller, Bethany; G. A. Kissinger, Milford; W. A. Lingford, Dannebrog; D. C. Lonergan, Florence; O. J. McCullough, Clarks; H. C. McGath, Foster; McNutt & Meese, Ord; J. C. Meese, Ord: Timm Neuhofel, Central City; L. F. Reilly, St. Paul; Harry Seltz, DeSoto; Lloyd S. Taylor, Steele City; Paul Wagner, Pierce, and W. E. Willeyley, Steele City.

To Fight Hog Cholera.

The live stock sanitary board met with about thirty members of the live stock breeders' association and agricultural editors from over the state. J. A. Ollis of Ord introduced a resolution asking the board to appoint one or more men, experienced veterinarians, to give advice and supervise the work of extinguishing hog cholera in Nebraska. The governor said that the board has always been willing to appoint one man for this work but that the understanding had been that five men were wanted for this purpose and that he believed five men too many. He will recommend that one man be appointed with the approval of the board and on recommendation of State Veterinarian Kigin and J. H. Gain, head of the veterinary

Only Two Polluted Sources of Supply. The examination of water used on Burlington trains in Nebraska, so far as analysis have been made by Dr. Wild, director of the bacteriological laboratory of the state board of health, shows only two polluted sources of supply. One is from a pond at Anselmo which has become contaminated or polluted and which will soon be replaced by bored wells, and the other is water from the Missouri river at Nebraska City which is not properly filtered. Wells will be completed at Anselmo within one month. Better filters or some other remedy will be Nebraska City. from the following sources of supply on the Burlington road have been found pure: Alliance, Hastings, Holdrege, McCook, Omaha, O'Neill, Orleans, Red Cloud, Alma, Aurora Broken Bow, Fairfield, Fairmont and the Burlington water works system at Lincoln. The railroad company also uses some water from the water system of the city of Lincoln. This has not yet been examined by Dr.

Depends on War Department. Mobilization of the Nebraska state guard brigade, in the event that a call for volunteers emanates from the president, may be undertaken at Fort Crook instead of the state fair grounds. It all depends upon the war department. The moment the men leave their home stations the expense of transporting them to the state camp, of supplying them with food and clothing, and footing their pay, is borne by the federal government. Hence it can order the assembly at any point most advantageous to the department.

At a meeting of several well known educators of the state at the Commercial club a tentative plan was adopted for the formation of an organization of boards of education from cities of a certain class within the state. Such towns, cities and districts whose population entitles them to six board members will be eligible to join the proposed association.

To Organize Additional N. N. G. Organization of another regiment of National guardsmen to fill in a Nebraska brigade and thus assure state troops, in the event of war, of being sent out solidly in some division, was the subject of a lengthy conference between the military board members and Governor Morehead. As a gesult, preparations went on in the matter and plans were perfected for applying to the war department for permission to make this move. It is planned to secure enough provisional companies within the next few days to give impetus to the undertaking. Companies are in process of formation at Ord, Verdigre, Ashland, Friend and O'Neill and bunches of young men in other towns are said to have made applica-

Petitions for "university week" are now being circulated about the campus. It is proposed to designate a special week in the year for the exploiting of the advantages of the university among the people of the state. At that time various organizations would be sent out for advertising pur-

tion for permission to organize.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Readers.

The American Poland China Record herds nominated in the eleven futurity shows to be held during the season of 1914. These are held on the state fair

department at the university farm.



cepted as authentic by the ambassador, who expects to be prepared to three South American countries.

El Paso.-The international political situation is clearing as affecting the status of the rebel government and that of the United States. This city and Juares were perfectly quiet. A long note from Secretary Bryan was transmitted through Juarez to Chi-

General Francisco Villa, who arrived at Juarez Thursday, repeated his declaration that he would not be drawn into a war with the United States, parcicularly as that would serve to draw the Huerta chestnuts out of the fire. He repeated these assertions to George C. Carothers, special agent of the state department, and to newspaper men and many visitors. To J. T. Mc-Clammy, his cattle agent on this side of the river, he said: "It's that little drunkard Huerta's fight; let him fight it. I wish I had 10,000,000 cartridges right now; I'd march into Mexico City without a stop."

CARRANZA SILENT.

Refuses to Discuss Mediation Plan as Presented.

Chihuahua, Mex.-General Venustiano Carranza, chief of the constitutionalists, has received a telegraphic message telling of the offer of the governments of Argentine, Brazil and Chile to use their good offices in attempting a solution of the Mexican question. Whether he was included in the offer could not be learned nor would he talk for publication on the subject. He is expecting a statement from President Wilson dealing with his note of Wednesday, the note which caused consternation among all classes here and accelerated the exoaus of foreigners.

Optimistic at Washington.

Washington.-While the attention of the American government for the most part was concentrated on restoring order at Vera Cruz and expediting the departure of Americans from all parts of Mexico, a watchful eye was trained on the transcontinental boundary between Mexico and the United States

Planning War Tax Measure.

Washington, D. C .-- The first war tax measure planned would impose a stamp tax on checks and legal docuestimate this measure would net the treasury about \$116,000,000 a year, and if the situation demanded, a tax would be imposed on cigarettes, cigars tention in any way to alter the present tariff law.

Becoming More Alarming. Vera Cruz.—The situation in the cap-

ital daily is becoming more alarming ammunition and 250 field guns place General Huerta's formal acceptance before the representatives of the for Americans, according to refugees would be landed from the German vho arrived here. The mobs in the streets were increasing in size and numbers, they said. They confirmed the report that the rifles and rapid fire guns that recently were permitted to reach the American embassy had been seized by order of President Huerta. and stated also that a house to house search had begun for arms. Only a few American refugees arrived here on the train that brought Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires. Several who had boarded the train were removed by the authorities in Mexico City and held in the capital for their own "protection."

Algera Gets Passports.

Washington.—The United States has severed all diplomatic relations with Dictator Huerta. Senor Algara was notified that he would receive his passports at once. The charge called up the state department and told them he had been directed by his government to ask for passports. Secretary Bryan asked the charge to call and complete the necessary formalities. The papers were delivered without any delay.

As he left the state department Algara shook hands sadly with Boaz Long, director of the bureau of Latin-American affairs: John Barrett, director general of the Panama-American union, and "Eddle," the negro messenger who has been at the office of the secretary of state for a quarter of a century. Algara was plainly saddened at leaving. In diplomatic and official circles he was personally pop-

Neuva Laredo in Ruina.

Laredo, Tex.-Neuva Laredo, thriving Mexican border town opposite here, is in ruins, devastated by dynamite and fired by Mexican federal soldiers, who began an orgy of destruction, which did not end until they were forced to flee before the guns of the American border patrol. Two Mexicans are known to have been killed by United States troops and several were seen to fall when a machine gun platoon from Fort McIntosh got into action.

Strength of National Guards.

Lincoln, Neb .- If the president decides to call for 250,000 troops the national guard of all the states will be first to be mustered in. A call for ments. Another measure would tax that number of troops could be filled sweet wines and fortified brandles by the guard if recruited to war and probably beer. According to the strength. The entire guard of the country at present number about 127,-000. If the companies are increased to war strength the number would be Rear Admiral Badger's staff, who inat least 240,000. Some estimate that and tobacco. It is not the present in- Nebraska's quota would be 5,000. The strength of three full regiments would guns and searchlights of the flagship not exceed 4.200.

Rear Admiral Fletched had sent a wireless that fifteen million rounds of vessel by noon that day. The president listened in silence. "What shall we do?" asked Secre-

tary Daniels. "Tell Fletcher to seize the customs house," replied the president without

hesitation. "Good night," said the secretary.

The telephone conference ended and in a few minutes messages were on the way to Rear Admiral Fletcher. He received the message at 10 a. m., and an hour later marines had taken possession of the customs house. The ammunition will go back to its shippers in Germany.

Admiral Fletcher's Proclamation. Washington. - Admiral Fletcher's proclamation to the mayor, chief of police and citizens of Vera Cruz read:

"It has become necessary for the naval forces of the United States of America now at Vera Cruz to land and assume military control of the customs wharves of Vera Cruz. Your co-operation is requested to preserve order and prevent loss of life.

"It is not the intention of the United States naval forces to interfere with the administration of the civil affairs of Vera Cruz, more than is necessary for the purpose of maintaining a condition of law and order and enforce such sanitary conditions as are needed to meet military requirements.

"It is desired that the civil officials of Vera Cruz shall continue in the peaceful pursuits of their occupations. Under these conditions, full protection will be given to the city by the United States naval forces.

"It is enjoined on all inhabitants and property owners to prevent firing by individuals from the shelter of their houses on United States forces, or on anyone else, such firing by irregulars not members of an organized military force, is contrary to the laws of war. if persisted in it will call for severe the German vessel Ypiranga, which measures. (Signed)

"A. F. FLETCHER. "Rear Admiral, U. S. N., Commander Detached Squadron U. S. Atlantic Fleet."

Vera Cruz.-The Mexican gunboat Progresso, with more than 500 sol diers in heavy marching order aboard. steamed to the harbor mouth Thursday evening, but no further. The commander of the Progresso had not heard that the Americans were in possession of the city. The Progresso was hailed by the flagship and boarded by Lieut. Byron McCandless, of formed the commander that he had the choice of remaining under the or putting out to sea.

the recruiting of two old national guard regiments to war strength. In addition there will be the cost of the salaries of the colonels of the Nebraska national guard military board week. All of the expenses of the state military board and the enlisting of national guardsmen for a new regiment and the filling up of two old regiments to war strength will natural. ly come from state funds for the sup-

State May Bear the Expense,

a third national guard regiment and

Burned at Stake.

El Paso, Tex.—Americans from Torreon have confirmed the report that caught by the federals at the first battle of San Pedro, the soles of his feet Tumulty insisted Finally the presi- cut off, and that he was marched dent came to the telephone and while through the streets and finally burned Secretary Tumulty was explaining the at the stake. The American refugees situation Secretary Daniels called up say that reliable Americans who were Donald was killed and tortured before being shot. McDonald's home was in Berkeley, Cal., and he was a gunner for Villa.

> Harbor Clear of Warships. San Diego, Calif.-San Diego har bor is emptied of United States warships for the first time in weeks, Every available naval vessel is already along the west coast of Mexico or is speeding there. Six companies

> of regular coast artillery are distributed along the border awaiting orders from Washington. Two companies of state guards and one company of naval reserves are guarding the San Diego water system from any possible damage at the hands of the Mexicans.

Japan Is Neutral.

Tokio.-Japanese government officials declare that the attitude of the Japanese government in the Mexican situation is naturally one of strict neutrality. It was pointed out that the Japanese warship Idzumo was now at Guaymas on the Pacific coast and could arrange for the embarkation of Japanese residents in Mexico, should such a step become necessary.

To Bring Out Refugees.

Washington, D. C .- The resolution appropriating \$500,000 to bring Amercans in Mexico back to the United States was favorably acted on by the senate appropriations committee and Chairman Martin planned to get unanimous consent for its passage so it could be ready for the president's signature.

Carranza Resents Invasion.

Chihuahua, Mex.-Replying to a tel egram from Secretary Bryan at Washington, General Carranza telegraphed that the United States is not justified in occupying Mexican territory.

"The invasion," says the letter, will drag us (Mexico) into an unequal war with dignity, but which until today we desired to avoid."

Looks for Long Campaign. Houston.-Army officers at Texas

City are pessimistic over the Carranza declaration, and believe it portends a long and hard campaign in Mexico. Recruits are being rushed to Texas City to fill regiments to war strength.

Brazil to Guard Interests. The United States has chosen Bra-

all to look after its interests in Mexico. Where there are no Brazilian consuls, French consuls will act for the United States. Washington. -- Twelve Americans

have been killed and fifty wounded in the occupation of Vera Cruz. This was announced in a dispatch from Rear Admiral Badger just made public by the navy department. Eight men were killed and thirty wounded in Wednesday's fighting.

Many Mexicans Killed. The number of Mexicans killed is

estimated at 150, with many wounded. The total Mexican loss is not known, but is thought to be heavy.

The paymaster of the British cruiser Essex, Albert W. Kimber, was wounded on board his ship by a sniper ashore.

Field Guns Captured.

Vera Cruz.-The German ship Ypirango docked early Wednesday and American marines immediately took possession of the 15,000,000 rounds of ammunition and 250 field guns consigned to Huerta. The cargo of the steamer was unloaded at the customs house, which is held by the Americans.

Ammunition Back to Germany. Washington. - Disposition of the guns and ammunition in the cargo of were held up at Vera Cruz when Admiral Fletcher took the port, was arranged for at a conference between Secretary of State Bryan and Ambas-

sador von Bernstorff of Germany. Feeling Bitter at Tampico.

Baltimore.-Paymaster Copp. of the United States navy, was arrested on the pretext that he was a relative of Madero, according to a message from a war correspondent given for transmission by wireless to Captain Haraldson, of the steamer Borgestad, which has just reached here from Tampico. Copp was afterwards released from a jail at Tampico with a scant apology.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Blue Springs is laying plans for the organization of a commercial club. Five hundred acres of land around Shubert are being set out with apple

The 1915 encampment of the Spanish War Veterans will be held at

Omaha. John F. Griffith, for three terms postmaster at Pawnee City, has tendered his resignation

Dr. F. B. Righter, for many years a practicing physician and prominent citizen of Lincoln, died at his home in that place Saturday.

Lincoln Beachey will loop the loop

and fly upside down at the Nebraska state fair, September 7-11. A prairie fire near Johnstown dam-

aged a considerable area and for a time threatened the town. A. Balfanz, a former Hastings boy,

was among the American boys wounded in the attack on Vera Cruz. The Missouri synod of the Lutheran

church has purchased lots in West Beatrice where it will erect a church. Dean E. L. Rouse of Peru will deliver the commencement address to the graduating class of the Shubert high school.

The 2-year-old son of Hans Obermiller, near Loup City, was drowned in a water tank when he attempted to

get a drink. The mothers' club of Wymore has condemned the dog races there as brutal and have asked the mayor to prohibit them.

The new postoffice building at David City is almost completed. Efforts are being made to secure free carrier service in the city.

Father Duffy, at Kearney, was presented with a silver platter containing \$200 in gold, by the Knights of Columbus at that place.

Frank Pollard, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Pollard of Nehawka, fell from a tree and broke both bones in his left forearm. Charles Foreman, an Otoe county

farmer, was seriously injured when he was kicked in the side by a horse. He suffered five fractured ribs. A number of horses have been stolen in Jefferson county recently and Sheriff Ed Hughes is making

every effort to locate the thieves. The position of park commissioner has been abolished at Nebraska City and the street department will take

up the work of the park department. Victor Halligan of North Platte, Neb., during the last football campaign star tackle on the Cornhusker eleven, has been chosen to head the

1914 team. Sister Agnes, a teacher of music at the Ursuline convent, York, died Thursday morning. She had been a sister at the convent about twenty-

five years. Frank Harrison of Lincoln will conduct a tourist expedition through Central America during the summer, taking moving pictures of the various

countries visited. With a copy of a local paper lying beside him, containing the latest news of the Mexican situation, T. R. Combrara, a Mexican, shot himself in his room at an Omaha hotel.

Physical Director Prindle of the Y. M. C. A. at Beatrice is making plans for a one hundred mile hike for the boys of the association and the Beatrice high school. The boys will start

on the trip at the close of school. Mary Drew, a 15-year-old Fremont girl, had a narrow escape from death when a cow she was leading ran away, entangling her in the rope, and dragging her through a barbed wire fence.

The explosion of a gasoline can that was being dragged across a cement floor burned Z. E. Hurlbut seriously about the face and hands and started a fire that completely destroyed his livery barn and garage at Greenwood. The barn of J. L. Dorsey, north of Bradshaw, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Six head of horses were also burned, and hay and grain and some machinery also lost. Mr. Dorsey cannot account for the origin

of the fire. A car load of hogs were cremated when a stock car caught fire from the

engine near Greeley Center. A. Y. Caddell and C. L. Amick are planning to establish an extensive cement manufacturing plant at Weeping Water.

Lieutenant Martin Shallenberger of the Sixteenth United States infantry is among the troops ordered by the war department from California to Fort Bliss at El Paso, Tex. He is a son of ex-Governor A. C. Shallenberger and was formerly captain of a national guard company at his home at Alma, Neb.

Rev. J. Pieper, formerly of Snyder, has been appointed pastor of the new Catholic church at Beemer.

Forest Boyer of North Bend was killed when he fell beneath the discs of a pulverizer which he was operating on his farm near that place.

The finding of a lot of burnt matches, cigarette butts, disarranged and displaced furniture, and a number of empty pocketbooks in the Congregational church at Grand Island has aroused a suspicion that members of a gang who have been working in that vicinity had made the building a place

of rendezvous. The schools of Elk Creek have been closed for two weeks because of the prevalence of smallpox in the village. The decapitated body of a man,

later identified as Joe F. Maca, of Crete, was found on the tracks in the Burlington yards at Lincoln, Sunday night. On petition of the village board of

Cortland, Judge Pemberton of Beatrice has issued a restraining order against the Farmers Elevator & Coal company, the effect of which will be to stop the building of coal sheds on what the village officers claim is a part of Third street.