

HIGH FINANCE DEALS CAUSES MAAS' FALL; HUERTA DOESN'T CARE

Federal Commander Confiscates Corn and Coffee and Sells at Big Prices.

THAT IS WHY SUCCESSOR NAMED

Mexicans Explain Reason of General Pena Getting Job.

DESPT APPEARS NONCHALANT

Rides Through Streets and Appears in Cafes of Capital.

ONLY A FEW ATTENDING HIM

Reports of His Flight Circulated in Vera Cruz Daily, but Those Who Know Do Not Take Them Seriously.

BULLETIN. WASHINGTON, May 17.—General Funston from Vera Cruz reports that Mexicans have blown up the interoceanic railroad bridge at San Francisco, twenty-eight miles from Vera Cruz. The bridge spanned the Antiqua river and was 168 feet long.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, May 17.—Additional confirmation of the execution of Private Samuel Parks of the Twentieth infantry was received yesterday. There was brought into the American lines one of Huerta's conscripts who had deserted. He said he was an eye witness of the execution of Parks and agreed to relate the facts so far as he knew them to the American general in command if in return he would be given work here or otherwise cared for.

Reports from Mexico City brought in by the refugees are that President Huerta daily rides through the streets and frequently appears at the cafes accompanied by only one or two sides or intimate friends. In the face of this apparent nonchalance, however, the usual rumors of Huerta's flight are circulated here daily. They are not taken seriously by most of those who are acquainted with Huerta's views.

Preparations Go On. Preparations are going on here that may mean either a long occupation or the equipment of a base for an indefinite period.

The officers of the water works outpost and along the outer lines report all quiet and no indication of any intention on the part of Mexicans to advance or to harass the Americans.

The recent rumors of occasional shooting were finally explained when Mexicans were discovered a short distance from the lines burning brush into which they had thrown joints of bamboo. These exploded with a noise almost identical with that of rifle shots and it remained for one who had camped in the Philippines to give the explanation.

Too great indignation in the desire to make money out of the situation, according to Mexicans from Cordoba, is what brought about the substitution of General Maas by General Garcia Pena as commander of the federal forces in front of Vera Cruz. They say that General Maas had been confiscating corn and coffee and selling these at interior points at high prices.

Nervousness in Capital. WASHINGTON, May 17.—Foreigners in Mexico City are in a nervous condition, according to a dispatch received today at one of the embassies here. No reason for apprehension was given. Other dispatches from Mexico City brought no confirmation of the reported mutiny of the federal garrison or of numerous attacks by Zapatistas.

Ernesto Madero, in a telegram today to a personal friend in Washington, stated all the friends arrested by constitutionalists in the Monterey district had been released, and that the confiscated church property had been restored. Mr. Madero implied that this action was the result of a general change in the tactics of the constitutionalists.

The Brazilian minister at Mexico City reported today that the liberation of Consul Silliman at Saltillo had been confirmed by Americans who reached the Mexican capital yesterday. He assigned interruptions in the railway as the probable reason for Silliman's delay in reaching Mexico City.

Platte in Colorado is Highest in Years

KERSEY, Colo., May 17.—(Special Telegram.)—The Platte river at this point is higher than at any time during the last five years. Small bridges have been washed away and the big Hyles bridge is so weakened from the washing out of several piers that it has been pronounced unsafe for traffic. Its approaches are under water, as are also hundreds of acres of surrounding farm lands. Men are working day and night building dykes to keep the river from further flooding the bottom lands. The water is rising one foot in every twenty-four hours.

For Nebraska—Cloudy.

For Iowa—Showers.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Hour. Deg. 6 A.M. 56 7 A.M. 56 8 A.M. 56 9 A.M. 56 10 A.M. 56 11 A.M. 56 12 M. 56 1 P.M. 56 2 P.M. 56 3 P.M. 56 4 P.M. 56 5 P.M. 56 6 P.M. 56 7 P.M. 56 8 P.M. 56 9 P.M. 56 10 P.M. 56 11 P.M. 56 12 M. 56

Comparative Local Record. Highest yesterday 76 Lowest yesterday 43 Mean temperature 56 Deficiency since March 1.39 inches Excess for period, 1913, 2.25 inches Deficiency for cor. period, 1912, 1.54 inches

TO TEAR DOWN THE BOYD Landmark to Be Replaced by a Modern Store Building.

FOR BURGESS-NASH COMPANY

C. B. Nash Company Buys Theater from Syndicate and Leases the Ground to the Burgess-Nash Company.

The old Boyd theater building is to be torn down now and in its place is to be built a modern up-to-date store building as an addition to the Burgess-Nash stores. It will join the present Burgess-Nash store building on the east.

Plans for the erection of the new addition to the store are ready. The Burgess-Nash company has secured a thirty-year lease on the Boyd theater property from the C. B. Nash company, which has but recently purchased the property. L. C. Nash, vice president of the Burgess-Nash company, says that with the completion of the new addition the Burgess-Nash store will be the largest store in Omaha, affording a selling space of approximately 30,000 square feet.

Everything Modern. "It is our intention," said Mr. Nash, "to make this the most modern and up-to-date department store this side of Chicago. We realize the real necessity of such a store here in Omaha; a place where you can go and supply your every desire and want without leaving the building—a store that in reality will be recognized as a store for everybody.

Extensive Improvements Planned. "The new plans," said Mr. Nash, "will call for a great many improvements and changes throughout the present store, as well as erecting an entirely new addition in the place of the present theater building. The addition will be so constructed as to conform with the floor levels of the present store, affording a clear sweep of 10 feet front by 56 feet in depth. This new addition will bring about many radical changes in department locations, but each change will be planned for the convenience and comfort of our patrons.

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The president was told that trade union members of the house were consulted before the drawing up of the Clayton bill and that they fully approved of its provisions at that time.

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FIVE SEAMEN RESCUED AFTER LONG EXPOSURE

Third Boat of Steamer Colombian Found Off the Coast of Nova Scotia

ELEVEN PERCENT EXPOSURE

Bodies Found in the Sea by Their Commanders.

LOCATED BY REVENUE CUTTER

Seneca Finds Lifeboat After Long Search.

TEN DAYS IN OPEN BOAT

Sixteen Men Originally Took to Boat from Burning Ship and Only Five Alive When Found.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Five of the sixteen men who left the burning steamer Colombian in the third boat, were rescued off the coast of Nova Scotia today by the United States revenue cutter Seneca. The other eleven had died from exposure and their bodies had been cast into the sea. In the boat were Robert Tiece, Oscar Kendall and Peter Belanger, seamen, and Michael Ludvigsen, fireman, and the first officer whose name was not given.

Heil Thinks Dumb Barber is the Kind That the City Needs

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Wounded Sailors of Fletcher's Fleet Homo from Vera Cruz



UPPER PICTURE: SEAMAN MAGORSKY BEING CARRIED FROM THE HOSPITAL SHIP SOLACE AT THE BROOKLYN NAVY YARD. LOWER PICTURE: ROBERT EMMET LEE, ORDINARY SEAMAN, OF THE VERMONT, WHO WAS WOUNDED DURING THE FIRST FIRE AT VERA CRUZ, ON HIS WAY FROM THE SHIP TO THE HOSPITAL AT THE NAVY YARD. THE SOLACE BROUGHT HOME SIXTY-TWO OF THE WOUNDED, ARRIVING AT BROOKLYN ON THURSDAY.

REBELS TAKE MORE PLACES Tepic, Santiago Excuntian and San Blas Are Captured.

TWO OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE Date of Fall of Saltillo Said to Depend Upon Speed with Which General Villa Moves His Forces.

JUAREZ, Mexico, May 17.—General Carranza telegraphed today from Durango the news that the constitutionalist generals, Lucio Blanco and Rafael Buelna had taken the city of Tepic, capital of the state of that name, after a severe engagement lasting more than twenty-four hours.

The number of killed and wounded was not given in the first chief's dispatch. The message also stated that the constitutionalists had taken the town of Santiago Excuntian and the port of San Blas.

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War Song of Rebels of Mexico is Written By American Woman

EL PASO, Tex., May 17.—The war song of the constitutionalists in Mexico has been written by an American woman. Some time ago Miss Elena Angel of East Northfield, Mass., wrote to the confidential agent here of General Carranza, declaring that she was in deep sympathy with the objects and aims and aspirations for reform of the "plan of Guadalupe," which in effect represents the constitutionalists' declaration of principles.

Miss Angel asked that a picture of General Carranza and a constitutionalist flag be sent her, and this was done. The local constitutionalist junta forgot the incident until a few days ago, when a letter was received from Miss Angel enclosing a hymn to be adopted by the constitutionalists. The words were in English, but the music is said to be typically Mexican.

In curiosity one of the members of the junta, a musician, played the music and was delighted with it. The words are being translated into Spanish by one of the hand masters of the constitutionalists army.

United Commercial Travelers Elect

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., May 17.—(Special.)—The sixteenth annual convention of the grand council of Nebraska, United Commercial Travelers, was held at Holdrege yesterday and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Grand counselor, A. Rankiev, Norfolk; grand junior counselor, C. E. Harman, Omaha; state, T. J. Cunningham, Grand Island; sentinel, D. S. Day, Fremont; executive committeemen, J. F. Kirkpatrick, Columbus, and J. R. Geddes, Grand Island; grand secretary, Frank H. Beels, Norfolk; treasurer, W. C. Alexander, Alameda; representatives to the supreme council at Columbus, O., W. H. Boney of Lincoln, A. Rankiev, J. H. Patterson of Chadron, and J. A. Traphagen of Lincoln. It was decided to hold the next convention at Lincoln. The delegates report a pleasant and profitable session.

MERTEN PIANO CO. OPENS WITH MUSICAL PROGRAM The Merten Piano company, which has just opened excellent quarters at 1294 Douglas street, gave an opening program Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. This was in the nature of a house warming, and the public seized the opportunity to come in and help itself to the feast of music.

PROBLEM UP TO GOVERNOR Must Make Good or Decline After His Friends File for Him.

DOES NOT COMMIT HIMSELF Morehead Must Soon Say Whether He Will Sacrifice His Work for the Benefit of the Democratic Party.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, May 17.—(Special.)—At last the frantic efforts of certain democrats in Nebraska to try and save the state from returning to the control of the republican party has resulted in the filing of a petition asking that the name of Governor John H. Morehead be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

Whether the twenty-six democrats who signed the petition figure that they represent the whole democratic party remains to be seen. It has been said that the question has been asked Governor Morehead if he would break his promise made to the voters of Nebraska not to become a candidate for a second term, if a petition signed by 20,000 democrats was filed requesting him to run and he refused to commit himself.

Governor Morehead made many bitter enemies in his own party during the first two months of his administration who will be more than pleased to see him come out for the nomination that they may get even by killing him off. Most of these enemies live out in the state and outside of the first congressional district. If he attempts to come out for the nomination these men will be found working hard for his defeat. In a fight which at the present time seems to be between four candidates and possibly more, it will mean that these men will unite upon the man who is most likely to defeat the governor with the result that there is mighty little chance that he will receive the necessary number of votes to nominate.

Know How to Promise. The people who are backing the governor to win assert they believe that the opposition to Governor Morehead will not develop. They are forgetting everything else but the fact that it is for their interests to keep the governor in the race, and they are not adverse to pulling off any kind of a stunt in order to convince him that his solemn promise made to the voters, not once, but many times, during the campaign should not be held sacred. They rely on the governor to keep up the democratic policy of W. J. Bryan of making promises to win and then forgetting all about them after election.

But the governor is a man who values his word very highly. As a merchant, farmer, banker, legislator and governor he has tried to make his word his most valuable asset and so far he has succeeded.

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MEXICANS ENVOYS AND KISS AS ENVOYS ARRIVE AT CAPITAL

Cameras Snap as Huerta Agents and Members of Party Welcomed After Manner of South.

MET BY SPANISH AMBASSADOR

Delegates Later Guests of Honor at Function Riano Gives.

ALL MEDIATION PERSONS MEET

Visitors Appreciative of Courtesies Offered Them.

NONE WILL DISCUSS BUSINESS

Representatives of Southern Republic Will Leave Washington at Three O'clock This Afternoon.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The arrival here yesterday of General Huerta's representatives sent to the mediation conference to open at Niagara Falls, Canada, next Wednesday, gave the most tangible evidence thus far presented of the efforts now under way to compose the Mexican conflict—the actual presence at the American capital of Huerta's spokesman, direct from Mexico City, and clothed with plenary powers.

As the three Mexicans, Senors Rabasa, Rodriguez and Riquero, with their families and a numerous official suite, descended from the train, they were met by the Spanish ambassador, Don Juan Riano and presented to representatives of the state department and of the three mediators, who had assembled at the station. A curious crowd looked on respectfully as the Mexicans were escorted to automobiles and taken to the hotel.

Guests of Honor. Last night the Mexican delegates were guests of honor at dinner at the Spanish embassy. Other guests were the three mediators, Ambassador Dagama of Brazil and Ministers Naon of Argentina and Suarez of Chile, and the commissioners of the United States, Justice Joseph R. Lamar and Frederic Lehmann, with the American secretary, H. Percival Dodge, and numerous American, Spanish and Mexican officials. Secretary Bryan could not attend, owing to an engagement to see a Green outdoor pageant given here for charity.

The dinner was said to be purely one of courtesy to the arriving delegates and without political significance. But coming at a time of warlike conditions, the presence in Washington of the Huerta delegates and their meeting with the United States commissioners and the mediators, it attracted widespread attention as indicating the more hopeful aspects of the Mexican imbroglio.

Relieved by Message. Meanwhile the urgent representations made by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to the Huerta government, through the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, as to the reported execution of Private Samuel Parks, an American soldier, who strayed through the Mexican lines yesterday, partly relieved by a message from Mexican Foreign Minister Riu to the Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, stating that the disappearance of Parks would be immediately investigated. Beyond this Secretary Bryan had no information on Parks' disappearance. Both the Brazilian minister at Mexico City and General Funston at Vera Cruz have received word that Parks was summarily executed and his body mutilated, but they have not been able to confirm the reports.

Official reports through the day showed the constitutionalists rapidly extending their field of occupation. Consul Canada at Vera Cruz reported them in possession of Tuxpam, the important east coast town with extensive oil industries, only a few miles from Lobos Island, which has been a bone of contention between the Huerta government keepers and the American naval officers, who sought to keep the light burning. The state department also received word that constitutionalists had occupied the town of Monclova after its evacuation by federalists.

Guaymas Likely to Fall. On the Pacific side Admiral Howard reported the federalists were likely to evacuate the port of Guaymas.

Tampico, now in full control of the constitutionalists, was reported by Admiral Mayo to be resuming its normal condition, with foreign properties protected and the constitutionalist commander, General Gonzalez, exchanging informal calls with the American and British admirals.

The British now have four cruisers at Tampico, the Essex, Suffolk, Hermones and Lancaster, with the Bristol en route from Portsmouth. The Germans have the cruiser Dresden and the Dutch the cruiser Kortenaar. The American ships include the Des Moines and Dolphin, while the Tacoma has followed the Mexican gunboats Zaragoza and Bravo to Puerto Mexico.

Puerto Mexico has now become a center of interest with the arrival of the Mexican gunboats and the possibilities of some move they may make. Three American ships are watching them, the Chester having joined the other American ships today. With the federalists out (Continued on Page Two.)

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