

ZAPATA HAS HUERTA BOILED UP WAITING FOR VILLA'S COMING

Southern Bandit Reported to Have Dictator in Position He Cannot Escape.
ATTACK UPON SALTILLO BEGUN
Constitutionalists Hear Fighting On in San Luis Potosi.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 15.—Telegrams received today at Mexican constitutionalist headquarters in this city are summarized as follows:
"Zapata has surrounded Mexico City to keep Huerta bottled up and prevent his escape until the arrival of Villa.

"Obregon has entered Mazatlan and expects to capture or kill the few remaining men of the federal garrison in a few hours.

Activity in All Quarters.
EL PASO, Tex., May 15.—General Carranza, who is in Durango, is in receipt of news of tremendous military activity in all quarters of the country, according to a message from Isidro Pabelo, acting minister of foreign relations today.

General Carranza expects the first attack on Saltillo by General Villa to be made this week and is confident that the capture of that town will follow soon.

General Carranza Torras, in command of the constitutional troops before San Luis Potosi, also is expected to assault that federal stronghold this week.

The American consul and vice consul representing Spain, Germany and France have made visits of courtesy to Carranza, who gave them assurance that the foreigners would be protected.

ON BOARD UNITED STATES STEAMSHIP CALIFORNIA, MAZATLAN, Mexico, May 14, Via Wireless to San Diego, Cal., May 15.—In spite of General Huerta's revocation of his order closing the ports of Mexico to American shipping, the port officials of Mazatlan refused today to clear the Pacific Mail liner Newport for San Francisco.

The constitutionalist and federal forces, who have been battling incessantly for a fortnight over the possession of Mazatlan, rested today. General Obregon, commanding the constitutionalists, had made no final move to follow up the advantage gained in the last two weeks of siege.

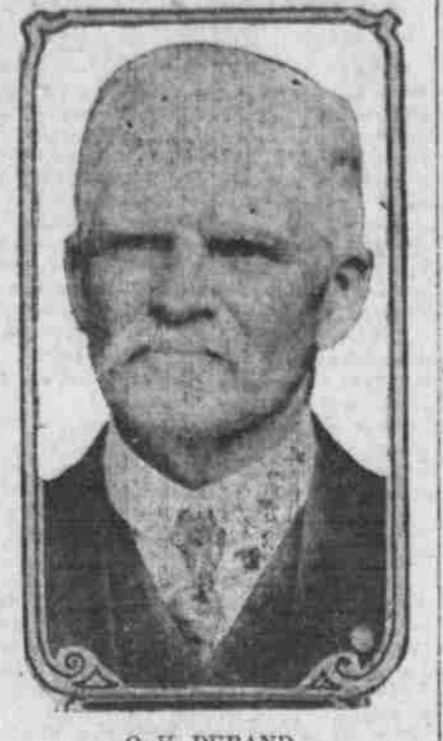
Snipers Prove to Be Mexicans and Are Given Freedom

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The five so-called South American snipers, under arrest in Vera Cruz for firing on American sailors and marines, have turned out to be Mexicans and have been released in pursuance to the action taken in the case of other Mexicans arrested during the occupation.

The Weather

Table with weather forecasts: Forecast till 7 P. M. Saturday, For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity Saturday unsettled, with probably showers.

NEW COMMANDER NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT, C. A. R.



Maas Had Orders Not to Resist Landing of American Force

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—That Provisional President Huerta had issued specific orders to General Gustavo Maas, commanding the Mexican forces at Vera Cruz, to offer no opposition to the landing of the Americans there and that those orders were disobeyed by General Maas on his own responsibility is a statement vouchered for today by E. De Morelos, a Mexican architect, on his arrival here from Vera Cruz, via New Orleans.

"I had confidential information," said De Morelos, "that President Huerta and General Blanquet, minister of war, had ordered General Maas not to resist the American occupation, but to retreat with his men to the hills.

"Upon receiving news of the landing of Admiral Fletcher's marines, Maas promptly fled at 9 o'clock on the morning of April 21, leaving his sword, flag, decorations and personal effects in his residence at the commando.

Wheeler Unable to Accept Place on Bank Reserve Board

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Harry A. Wheeler of Chicago, vice president of the Continental Trust company, has declined a membership on the federal reserve board. President Wilson has received a letter from Mr. Wheeler expressing his regret that he is unable to accept the appointment recently offered him because of business connections which he cannot sever.

Bryan Tells Huerta He Acts in Hostile Way in Parks Affair

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Secretary Bryan informed the Huerta government today that the State department considered the action of the Mexican federal authorities in withholding information concerning the whereabouts of Private Samuel Parks a hostile act.

Eastern Star Elects Officers for the Year

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, May 15.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Nebraska grand chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, closed here this afternoon with the installation of newly elected officers. These officers were elected at the morning session: Pearl E. Albertson, Fremont, grand matron; George Chaburn, Lincoln, grand patron; Harriet Willett, McCook, associate grand matron; William A. Needham, Bloomfield, associate grand patron; Mrs. Joseph Sweigert, Gordon, grand conductress; Anna C. Simpson of Omaha, and Lou A. Conklin of Hubbel were re-elected grand secretary and grand treasurer.

MASKED BANDITS HOLD UP ORIENTAL LIMITED

Two Men Loot Baggage and Mail Car of Great Northern Train in Montana.
HANDKERCHIEFS AND SHOES
Conductor, in Harry to Hide His Hands.
COACH UNCOUPLED BY TRAINMEN
Dynamite Used to Tear Off One Door So Can Get In.
THEY FIND NOTHING OF VALUE
Sack Containing Paper Mail Torn Open and Contents Scattered on Floor—Road Agents Get Away.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 15.—Great Northern passenger train No. 1, the Oriental Limited, was held up by two masked men early today near Rexford, Mont. The combination mail and baggage car was detached from the train and run four miles west to Rondo, where the car was rifled.

The bandits, clad in overalls and with blue handkerchiefs over the lower parts of their faces, flagged the train soon after it left Rexford. One bandit covered the conductor with his revolver and the other ran into Conductor W. H. Price, who was going forward to see why the train stopped. Price, in his anxiety to put up his hands, dropped his lantern and broke it.

The conductor, under orders, uncoupled the baggage car from the train. It was while the conductor was working with the coupling that the mail clerk, Benjamin L. Stumpf, and the baggage messenger locked the doors of the car and dropped into the brush.

Falls City Suffs Plan Auto Tour of Richardson County

FALLS CITY, Neb., May 15.—(Special.)—The "Falls City Auto Club," headed by Mrs. Baldwin, a state organizer, and a number of active sympathizers of the cause, will tour the county in the interest of the suffrage movement and will bring entertainment in the form of speakers, readers and singers. They ask the hearty co-operation of the people and when possible accompany them to the next town.

Queer Money Plant Seized in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., May 15.—Discovery of a gang of international counterfeiters became known today when it was made public United States secret service operatives seized a counterfeiting plant at Seattle valued at \$2,000. Detectives are working on clues concerning the identity of the counterfeiters who have been operating in western Washington and British Columbia and eastward through Canada as far as Ottawa.

Mob Attacks Rattan Plant at Wakefield

WAKEFIELD, Mass., May 15.—A mob of strike sympathizers, numbering more than 1,000 women and men, mostly foreigners, made a riotous demonstration today in the vicinity of the rattan factory of Haywood brothers, a Wakefield company, where a strike has been in progress for several weeks. Factory windows were broken and electric cars were held up and searched for loyal workers and strike breakers, many of whom were assaulted. Chief of Police Pollard said that unless order was restored the militia would be called out.

Calhoun's Cleveland Property is Sold at Sheriff's Sale

CLEVELAND, O., May 15.—Sheriff Smith today sold \$20,000 worth more of land on Euclid Heights belonging to Patrick Calhoun, traction magnate of New York and San Francisco, to satisfy a mortgage of \$1,042,000 held against Calhoun by the Maryland Casualty company. The sheriff's sale comes as the result of a suit by the Cleveland Trust company as trustee for the Maryland Casualty company. Several hundred thousand dollars worth of real estate was sold yesterday. All told, 175 parcels of land, appraised at \$1,814,000 will be disposed of. Calhoun was present again today and watched his property go under the hammer without comment.

Closing in On Him



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

DURAND HEADS GRAND ARMY Fairbury Man Elected Commander-in-Chief of State Encampment

Mrs. Peters Elected President of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and Mrs. Hough President of the Women's Relief Corps.

McLean Advocates Arbitration for Canal Tolls Issue

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Arbitration of the Panama tolls question was advocated in the senate today by Senator McLean, republican, of Connecticut.

MELLEN GOES FOR RECORDS Examination of New Haven President to Be Resumed Tuesday

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Former President Charles S. Mellen of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, after a conference with Chief Counsel Polk of the Interstate Commerce commission, left today for New Haven, Conn., to obtain the documents and papers which the commission desires to have as an elucidation of Mr. Mellen's testimony.

Iowa Operators and Miners Are Asked to Consider Consumers

MASON CITY, Ia., May 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Mine owners and miners in the Iowa coal fields are asked to consider the convenience and pocketbooks of consumers in settling their disputes over new working contracts and arrange them without shutting down, thereby requiring large supplies of fuel to be stored, in resolutions adopted by the Iowa Manufacturers' association today.

Bullet in Tikas' Body Not Kind Used by State Militia

DENVER, Colo., May 15.—Testimony concerning the death of Louis Tikas, leader of the Greek coal miners, in the Ludlow tent colony, was given today when Captain T. C. Linderfelt resumed his testimony at the court-martial which is trying Major Patrick J. Hamrock on charges of arson, murder, manslaughter and larceny.

Radcliffe Bankers Are Under Arrest on Charges of Forgery

EL DORA, Ia., May 15.—Henry D. Himmelfarb, president, and John E. Himmelfarb, cashier, of the Farmers bank at Radcliffe were arrested shortly before noon today, charged with forgery. The Farmers bank, a private institution, closed its doors yesterday.

Former Mrs. Cleveland Comes for a Visit

NEW YORK, May 15.—Mrs. Thomas J. Preston, formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland, who has been living for some time abroad, arrived in New York today on the Lusitania. She said she had come only for a short stay in this country.

It Costs Thirteen Thousand to Print La Follette's Talk

WASHINGTON, May 15.—Democratic economist of the house, including Representative Barnhart of Indiana, chairman of the house printing committee, were stirred today over the appearance of a special edition of the Congressional Record containing information which Senator La Follette of Wisconsin desired published on the question of railroad rates. The special edition contained 368 pages, mostly printed in fine, solid type and was devoted to communications from individuals and organizations on the railroad freight rate question inserted as "Remarks" by the Wisconsin senator.

Tomorrow the Best Colored Comics with The Sunday Bee

George Donae, a clerk in the central office of the Metropolitan water district, quit his job yesterday because "General Manager Howell insisted on twenty hours work a day."
Other employees complain of long hours for which they receive no extra pay.

MEDIATORS DECIDE TO AWAIT MEXICAN ENVOYS AT CAPITAL

Preliminary Conference with Agents of Huerta and United States. May Be in Washington.

REASON FOR DELAY IS NOT TOLD Meeting at Niagara Falls is Now Scheduled for Wednesday.

FIGHTING ON NEAR MEXICO CITY Another Brush with Zapatistas Reported Near Topilejo.

REVOLT IN CAPITAL PROBABLE British, Americans and Germans Fortify Foreign Quarter of City and Prepare to Defend Themselves.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—In view of the circulation of sensational reports that the postponement of the Niagara Falls mediation conference was due to a serious hitch, the Spanish ambassador, Mr. Riano, who is acting for Mexico in the United States, authorized the statement that there was no political significance whatever in the delay, which was due solely to the late arrival of the Mexican delegates.

Again changing their plans, the mediators returned to the Argentine legation without going to the White House to see the president. It was stated at the White House that the conference had been planned, but was later postponed. A conference of the American delegates which had been scheduled with the president later in the day also was postponed until tomorrow. No reasons were announced for the delays on these conferences.

Confidence that the mediation would be ultimately successful in bringing about peace in Mexico, despite the temporary delay, was expressed by cabinet officers after today's meetings.

The shipment of arms into Tampico from foreign ports, other than the United States, was discussed at the cabinet meeting, but one of the cabinet officers in close touch with Mexican affairs, said he did not believe the American government would attempt to interfere with foreign shipments in any way.

WASHINGTON, May 15.—The opening of the negotiations of the South American mediators in the Mexican controversy at Niagara Falls, Ontario, was today postponed until Wednesday, May 20, the State department announced. The sessions were originally scheduled to begin Monday, May 18.

After the postponement was announced, it was learned that Brazilian Ambassador Da Gama had decided that he would not leave Washington for Niagara Falls today, as he had planned. The ambassador delayed his departure pending the development of plans following the postponement. Minister Suarez, the Chilean envoy, also altered his program, which originally contemplated his departure from Washington tomorrow.

The Argentine minister, Mr. Naon, also cancelled his arrangements for leaving Washington tonight and announced he would not say definitely when he would start for Niagara Falls.

After the postponement was announced the mediating envoys conferred at the Argentine legation as to what necessary changes in their plans, incident to the delay would have on the plans of the Mexican delegates now on their way north. It was thought possible that the Mexican representatives would meet the mediating envoys in Washington and that preliminary conferences would be held before the entire peace party proceeds to Niagara Falls.

Will See Wilson This Afternoon. The mediating envoys, it was learned later, will return to the White House this afternoon for a conference with the president. It was also stated that the American delegates, Justice Lamar and Mr. Lehmann would be present. The purpose of the conference was not disclosed, but it was believed possible that some further reason for postponement of formal opening of the Niagara Falls conference might have prompted the meeting.

The delay was arranged at the request of the Brazilian ambassador, Mr. Da Gama, in order that the Mexican delegates to the conference, who are speeding

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