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**HOPE OF PEACE IS MARRED BY THREE THINGS**

**Six Americans Believed to Have Been Murdered by the Mexicans.**

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
WASHINGTON, May 12.—While Huerta's mediating mission steamed north from Vera Cruz to-day, and the American delegates began plans of organization for the Niagara Falls conference, these three important phases in the Mexican situation stood out demanding urgent attention:  
The fate of John R. Silliman, United States vice consul at Saltillo, reported held by Huerta's soldiers.  
Disposition of five South Americans arrested for sniping operations at Vera Cruz.  
Settlement of the "occupation" of Lobos Island, which drew a protest from Huerta's foreign minister.  
Silliman's case was among the first of the developments that were to be submitted to President Wilson when he returned to-day from New York, where yesterday he paid tribute for the nation to the bluejackets who fell at Vera Cruz. Secretary Bryan was emphatic in announcing, after a conference with the South American envoys, the Government's determination to have Silliman released.  
The Lobos Island incident was taken up by Secretary of the Navy Daniels soon after his return from the memorial ceremonies. He had before him this report from Admiral Mayo at Tampico:  
"Lobos Island has not been occupied. The Dixie and some destroyers anchored there and other vessels have coaled there from a collier. The keepers of Lobos Island light deserted it, and the Dixie is now maintaining it for the benefit of navigation. I understand the destroyers have had occasional swimming parties ashore."  
General belief was expressed that this explanation would amply answer Huerta's protest, that the United States, by seizing the islands, had violated the armistice and would make it plain that the Dixie's commander acted only to insure protection to shipping by maintenance of the Lobos light.  
Disposition of the cases of the South Americans arrested at Vera Cruz had been halted pending word from the ministers of their respective countries. When it became known that General Funston proposed to try the men before a military court martial, the Brazilian minister in Mexico City appealed for them. Secretary of War Garrison decided to postpone action on that, pointing out that property it should have been made of states of which the prisoners are citizens.  
While the three new phases featured the day's developments in the diplomatic drama, word anxiously was awaited of the fighting at Tampico where rebels and federals were in a death grapple for territory in which millions of British and American dollars are invested. General Zaragoza, commanding at Tampico, reported to Huerta early to-day that the constitutionalists had been defeated Saturday with heavy losses. It was believed that there had been heavy fighting since then, and that the Federal reports were not necessarily conclusive.  
The rebels were planning to renew their campaign in the north, and Carranza's agents asserted the constitutionalist chief expected to conquer the Federal garrison at Saltillo and establish his capital there, pending the final campaign against Mexico City.

**WITNESSES IN BECKER CASE ARE ON STAND**

**Line of Defence Will be Pretty Much the Same as Last Time.**

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
NEW YORK, May 12.—"Bold Jack" Rose, star witness of the first trial of Charles Becker, for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, appeared in that role again to-day. As hairless as ever, but a trifle stouter than when he appeared before, he took the stand shortly before noon and calmly told of the part he played in the events leading up to the gambler's death. Substantially it was the same story that he told at the first trial. He spoke in a low tone, but with evident calmness, and at times gazed directly at the defendant.  
Briefly Rose recited how Becker and Rosenthal had entered into partnership in a gambling establishment; how they quarrelled; how exposure for Becker as a police lieutenant was imminent, and how his death was plotted.  
NEW YORK, May 12.—When the trial of Charles Becker for the murder of Herman Rosenthal was resumed to-day District Attorney Whitman called Dr. Dennis Taylor to the witness stand as the last of several witnesses to establish the death of Rosenthal. Dr. Taylor at the time of the murder was an ambulance surgeon and his testimony was necessary because it was he who pronounced the gambler dead. Following Dr. Taylor, the district attorney was prepared to call his two star witnesses, "Jack" Rose and Willie Shapiro, the chauffeur of the car in which the gambler was said to have escaped from the scene of the murder.  
The cross-examination of some of the witnesses for the prosecution by Martin T. Manton, seemed to show the line the defence will follow. It was evident that Becker's new counsel intends to run close to the old defence.  
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**WEATHERMAN ADMITS THE WEATHER IS BAD**

**And for the Present He Sees No Encouraging Sign of Rising Temperature.**

"Yes, I admit it is nothing to boast about," said the weatherman, "but tonight when remonstrated with on the question of yesterday's temperature. His sorrowful tone seemed to indicate he would really do better if he could. But the matter appears to be out of his jurisdiction.  
He explained that a spell of unsettled weather existed in the Mississippi valley, while in the Dakotas and Montana there is a pronounced low temperature extending over into Northern Ontario. On the other hand, the people in Washington had a balmy air of 88 degrees, and New York 78 degrees yesterday, while in Brantford the maximum was 52.  
"When may we expect something better?" was asked, but the weatherman threw up his hands and gave it up.  
Secretary of State Bryan insisted upon the immediate release of Silliman.

**MAKE TROUBLE**

**Edmonton Police Have to Break Up Demonstration on Market Square.**

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
EDMONTON, Alberta, May 12.—The unemployed, headed by the organizers of the I.W.W., are again becoming a troublesome element to the police. On Monday they held a demonstration on the market square, where two thousand people gathered and sang the Marseillaise and other revolutionary songs. To-day another big parade is being arranged, and delegations will wait upon the civic and provincial governments demanding that they be given work. Employment agencies for various railways say there is very little work offering at the present time, but a number of men will be required in the course of a few weeks.

**Bill To Remove Brantford Reserve Is Reported On In The House of Commons**

**Grand River Indians Are Claimed to Have Received Land as Allies of Crown, But Premier Borden Says This Makes No Difference in Regard to Proposed Removal.**

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
OTTAWA, May 12.—The House went into committee of the whole yesterday upon Hon. Mr. Roche's bill to amend the Indian Act. Mr. Oliver moved to strike out section 6 of the bill which authorizes the removal of Indians from any reservation without their consent, when such reserve "adjoins or is situated wholly or partly within an incorporated town, or city, or in the immediate neighborhood thereof, or which contains more land than is necessary for the use of the band, or which is so situated as to materially retard the natural development of the surrounding country."  
Hon. Chas. Marcil said the phraseology was so broad that every Indian band in the country could be dispossessed of their reserves at the behest of some speculator.  
Hon. Frank Oliver complained of the purchase of the Kitsilano reserve by the Government of British Columbia. He claimed that this valuable land in Vancouver had been taken from the Indians at an inadequate price, and the Dominion Government had done nothing towards righting the wrong.  
Several of the British Columbia members challenged the correctness of Mr. Oliver's statement, and the prime minister explained that the rights of the Indians were being carefully looked after by the Dominion Government.  
The Oliver motion was then defeated, and the bill was reported.

**CABLE DESPATCHES**

**Scotch Members to Give the Vote - Launching of Shamrock.**

NEW YORK, May 12.—A cable from London to The New York American says: The Scotch members of parliament yesterday decided to incorporate a women's franchise clause in the government-of-Scotland bill at the second reading, which will be moved on Friday. The clause provides that a vote shall be given to all women householders and married women.  
**LAUNCH SHAMROCK.**  
NEW YORK, May 12.—A London cable to The World says: It was officially announced to-day that Shamrock IV, owned by the British, will be invited to the ceremony which will take place at Gosport.  
**AMERICA SHILLY-SHALLYING.**  
NEW YORK, May 12.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: The Evening Standard, commenting on the Mexican situation says: "Everything goes to show that the Americans are too unpopular with Huerta to make their counsels of sweet reasonableness acceptable. The English on the other hand are treated with great respect, the deaths of some mine officials being no argument to the contrary, but rather a natural concomitant of the state of chaos."  
"It is probable that if anybody has any influence with Huerta it is Sir Lionel Carden. It is up to England, therefore, to do what it can to avert the threatened three-cornered fight which the shilly-shallying of American diplomats is leading to."  
**DEATH TO AMERICANS.**  
PARIS, May 12.—"Death to Americans," was written in Spanish in large black characters across the stone door step of the United States embassy in Paris in the course of last night. The authorities have posted three policemen on permanent duty in the vicinity.

**BRANTFORD MAN FRACTURES LEG IN FALL FROM CURB**

**William Cheevers Develops the Faculty of Running Into Numerous Accidents.**

LONDON, May 12.—While attempting to cross Horton street, near Burwell street, about 12 o'clock last night, William Cheevers, from Brantford, slipped from the wet curbing and, falling to the road, fractured his right leg.  
Cheevers, it is believed, is the same man who was hurt by an auto at Hamilton some time ago, and over whose hospital bill at Hamilton there is a dispute between the two cities which may end in the courts. If Cheevers is the same man, there may be another bill from the London hospital.  
**HE CANNOT SERVE**  
ST. JOHN, N.B., May 12.—Sir Frederick Barter has decided that he cannot serve on the royal commission to investigate the Dual charges against Premier Fleming. The appointment of a successor is expected by Thursday.

**LONDON STRIKE IN THE BUILDING TRADES SERIOUS**

**Despatches Today From Old Land Tell of Conditions in Metropolis.**

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
MONTREAL, May 12.—There has been a very serious development in the London building trades strike, says a London cable to The Daily Mail. The employers have issued an ultimatum that unless the men return to work within ten days on the terms recently rejected by the men on a vote of ten to one, a national lockout will be declared. It is declared that this will involve half a million men.  
Two months ago the master builders demanded that the men sign an agreement committing to a monetary penalty in the event of Unionists refusing to work alongside of non-Unionists. The men solidly refused to sign. The masters thereupon declared a lockout which has held up building operations representing \$50,000,000, reduced many families to starvation.  
Frequent efforts to arrange a settlement have been futile. The national conciliation board intervened unsuccessfully suggesting terms which the men declined.  
The London masters have now laid the case before the National Master Builders' Federation, who have decided that the London employers should accept a conference upon the terms that "in the event of the operative refusing to accept the terms provided within recommendation of the national conciliation board within ten days from such a conference a general lockout shall be declared."  
This threat to resort to a national lockout, which would affect 500,000 men is regarded as an ultimatum. The London men's union will meet immediately to consider the situation. Their action will certainly be governed by provincial reports as the Londoners are largely dependent upon the funds of the provincial branches which would not be available in the event of a national dispute.

**NOT YET MADE**

**Appointment of an Electrical Inspector Still Hangs Fire.**

The appointment of a Brantford electrical inspector still hangs fire. Some days ago Ald. Ryerson, chairman of the fire and light committee wrote Chief Inspector Strickland of the department at Toronto, stating that he believed the committee had agreed upon a local man, and he asked if an appointment were made would it be approved at Toronto. Thus far, Mr. Strickland has not condescended to answer Ald. Ryerson's letter. The result will be that the city will make no appointment, and that the work will be continued by the inspector of the underwriters.  
**DE LEON IS DEAD**  
NEW YORK, May 12.—Daniel De Leon, the Socialist Labor party candidate for governor of New York, 1902, active in the national movement and editor of the Daily People since 1900, died of heart failure in a hospital here last night, aged 61 years.

**SAFETY FIRST**

- If you are late for work don't run for a car.
- If you get mad, don't start a fight.
- Don't throw snowballs at some one bigger than you.
- Don't ask every one you meet for a cigaret.
- Don't flirt with a prize-fighter's wife.
- If you owe a man "five," don't ask for "five" more.
- Don't give up your job and go to Mexico.
- Don't become an aviator.
- If you are a chauffeur, don't smoke while working.
- Don't hang around a I.W.W. worker.
- If you are against WOMAN'S RIGHTS, don't go to England.
- Don't expect an auto to stop while you cross a street.
- Don't tease your friend about his lady friend.
- Last, but not least, don't try to convince an editor.

**Thousands Are Thinking Seriously About Suicide In Cook's County Chicago**

**Remarkable Statement of Coroner Hoffman, Who Says Ten Thousand 1914 Will Attempt to Take Their Own Lives—Works Out Theory in Figures.**

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
MONTREAL, May 12.—A special to Gazette from Chicago says: That at the present moment there are some twelve thousand persons in Cook County, which includes the City of Chicago, who are contemplating suicide, and that he can within a reasonable degree of accuracy determine the number of Chicagoans who will meet with violent deaths within the next twelve months, was the statement made to-day by Coroner Hoffman.  
The report gives a record of 10,992 deaths in Chicago, of which Coroner Hoffman asserts "nearly one-half could have been avoided by a comprehensive crusade of education on the lines of public safety."  
In addition to a study of such conditions for several years, Hoffman seems to have made a study of Herbert Spencer's Law of Momentum and applied it to his figures. By his process the coroner believes himself able to foretell, as does a weather forecaster approximately how many will be murdered this year and also the number that will be shot, stabbed, poisoned and beaten to death.  
"We know," the report adds, "that in 1914, approximately 1,000 persons in Cook County will attempt suicide."  
That of these 583 will succeed and that there are about 12,000 people contemplating suicide all the time, a percentage of whom, with constant accretion, will form the suicide rolls of the coming year. About 150 people will commit suicide by poison, of whom ninety will use carbolic acid, fifteen corrosive sublimate, seven cyanide of potassium, six arsenic, etc.  
We know, too, that with the present population and until our social and economic education shall undergo a vital change each year approximately 140 will commit suicide by shooting, 120 by asphyxiation, 60 by hanging, 24 by stabbing, 20 by drowning and 14 by jumping out of windows.  
**COUNTERFEIT MONEY.**  
EDMONTON, May 12.—The mounted police have in custody a man named L. Pettico, whom they arrested near Clyde, after numerous complaints that spurious coins and counterfeit currency had been passed in the Clyde district. The police confiscated a large quantity of dies and moulds, alleged to have been used for the purpose of manufacturing coins and bills. A complete outfit for engraving bills in possession of the police, is being held as evidence against the prisoner.

**Telegraph Line For L. E. & N.**

**Gangs of workmen are now engaged in constructing a telegraph line between Brantford and Galt on the Lake Erie & Northern Railway. The men are at work at present between this city and Paris. Whether the road will be operated by steam or electric power is a matter which has not been settled as yet.**

**PETER SCHRAM WAS CARRIED FROM HIS HOUSE**

**Fire Yesterday When Residence Was Destroyed—Other Paris News.**

PARIS, May 12.—A bad fire took place yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mr. Peter Schram, River St. on the banks of the Grand River. The fire was caused through a defective chimney and had made considerable headway before being noticed. It was some time before the general alarm would ring, and this caused a great deal of trouble. On the way up the wheel came off one of the hose reels and then it was impossible for the hydrant to work properly, so the firemen were laboring under difficulties. By this time, the fire had spread to the residence of Mr. Henry Clark, and the firemen had to give their attention there to save his house, and the neighboring houses around, on account of the strong east wind. The Schram residence was burned down, but the neighbors around saved some of the furniture. Mr. Albert McKay deserves great credit for the way he worked in trying to save things. Mr. Schram had been in bed sick for some weeks and it was with great difficulty he was carried out of the house.  
Last night, Rev. Mr. Purton gave an illustrated lecture entitled the "Yellowstone Park" to the members of St. James A. Y. P. A. Some one hundred views being shown.  
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**MAD MILITANT SLASHES PICTURE OF WELLINGTON**

**One of Finest Works of Herkimer Ruined Today in London.**

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
LONDON, May 12.—A militant suffragette armed with a hatchet today seriously damaged a portrait of the Duke of Wellington in the Royal Academy.  
The woman, who was standing looking at the painting, suddenly drew the hatchet from her muff and slashed canvas three times before the bystanders could intervene.  
An attendant promptly seized her and took her to the police station, where she said her name was Mary Ansell.  
The portrait of the Duke of Wellington was by the late Sir Hubert Van Herkimer, who died March 31, this year. It was considered one of his finest later works.

**CITY COUNCIL REGRET**

**Is Duly Expressed to the Members of Family of Late Dr. Secord.**

The following is the resolution of sympathy which was tendered by the city council to the family of the late Dr. Levi Secord, who was an ex-mayor of the city:  
Moved by Ald. Calbeck, seconded by Ald. Hollinrake:  
"It is with deep feelings of regret that the citizens of Brantford learned of the sudden passing away of the late Dr. Levi Secord on Friday last, May 8th, 1914, and the Aldermen of the city of Brantford desire to place on record their great sorrow at the untimely taking away of one who has done much to promote and advance the prosperity of our fair city, and who gave many years of his busy life to the public welfare, having served on various public boards, Alderman and Mayor. To know him was to respect and honor him, and all looked upon him as a faithful and considerate friend. The loving and sincere sympathy of this council is extended to the widow and members of the family, and as a last mark of earthly respect, this council attend the funeral in a body. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Secord."  
**MOOSEJAW BY LAWS.**  
MOOSEJAW, Sask., May 12.—Eight public utility by-laws, involving the expenditure of \$47,700 were passed by the ratepayers yesterday.

**SUFFRAGETTES MAR PERFORMANCE FOR ROYALTY**

**King and Queen of Denmark Witnessed an Unusual Demonstration.**

**[By Special Wire to The Courier]**  
LONDON, May 12.—A number of Suffragettes interrupted the State performance at the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, last night, which was given in honor of King Christian and Queen Alexandra of Denmark. The Royal Opera House was practically a palace for the night. Royalty was there in great numbers, as well as the most prominent members of the nobility and the foreign diplomats.  
The Suffragettes were seated in the balcony above the Royal box. During a brief interval in the performance one of the women leaned over the balcony and shouted: "King George, women are being tortured in your dominion!" Two men in the audience promptly seized the woman and dragged her away. Another militant took her place and began to scatter leaflets. Two or three of these dropped to the edge of the Royal box, but a majority of them fell in the orchestra stalls, which were occupied principally by court personages in State attendance.  
The audience was very indignant at the action of the women. The members of the Royal Party glanced up as the shower of leaflets began to fall, but soon resumed their talking with each other and paid no further attention to the woman who was throwing the leaflets down. She was soon seized and she and her companion were hustled out of the house. They struggled and screamed while they were being ejected and it required some rough treatment to get them out. When they arrived at the exit to the street their clothing and hair were in a dishevelled condition. They were not arrested but put into a taxicab and hurried away. The disturbance in the theatre lasted about three minutes.  
The performance was a gorgeous affair. As it was a State performance all the details were in the hands of the Lord Chamberlain and his staff of officials. All of the boxes in the centre and stretching well over the curve on either side of the horseshoe had been commandeered for the Royalties and their suites, and for the special guests of King George and Queen Mary, in addition to the King and Queen of Denmark. On either side of the Royal box two other boxes of exceptional accommodation were reserved for members of the Diplomatic Corps and their ladies and members of the Cabinet and their wives and families. Each of these boxes seated fifty persons.  
Rows of stalls were reserved for court personages, such as the Earl Marshal, the Master of the Horse, the Mistress of the Robes and numerous ladies-in-waiting, eunuchs, lords, grooms, and ushers-in-waiting. Except in the gallery, everybody was in court or levee dress.  
Queen Mother Alexandra had the seat of honor. On either side of her sat King George and Queen Mary and King Christian and Queen Alexandra. All the members of the Royal family were present except the Princess Louise, whose husband, the Duke of Argyll, died a short time ago. All the ambassadors were present with their families, as well as a crowd of titled and eminent persons. There was a great display of gorgeous uniforms and the women were covered with jewels.  
The performance consisted of parts of the operas "La Tosca," "La Boheme" and "Aida." The singers included Mme. Melba, Emmy Destinn, Kirkby-Lunn and Scotti.

**VERY SUDDEN DEATH**

**Mrs. J. A. Wolfe, formerly of Brantford, Expired Suddenly at Tacoma.**

A great number of friends of Mrs. J. A. Wolfe of Tacoma, Wash., will be surprised to hear of her sudden death this morning from apoplexy. She will be remembered as a daughter of the late John Brown, and leaves, besides her mother, who is at present in Regina in poor health, two brothers and one sister, Wm. E. Brown of Tacoma; Mrs. J. L. Secord, of Regina; and Chas. H. Brown of Brantford. The mother, who had been staying with her daughter in Tacoma, left a short time ago to visit her daughter in Regina. Mr. Chas. H. Brown is the only one of the family left in Brantford. Mr. J. A. Wolfe, who is an old Brantford boy, expected to return this summer with his wife for the Old Boys reunion.