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BIG FORCE WITHIN REACH OF MEXICO CITY

Fifty or Sixty Thousand American Troops May Be Assembled—Mexicans Charge That The Americans Are Violating Armistice

Washington, May 8.—Along cipher telegram from General Funston at Vera Cruz that stirred the general staff of the army into a conference that did not break up until nearly midnight, was to be placed before the president and his cabinet today. While details were not given out, it was understood the despatch contained reports taken to General Funston by refugees from Mexico City. Secretary Garrison said today American forces were ordered, yet it was known that high officials of the war department were anxious to station at Vera Cruz or on ships within striking distance of that port, a force powerful enough to make a swift descent on Mexico City. Probably 50,000 or 60,000 men would be required.

Complain of Alleged Violation. Mexico City, May 8.—Estevan Ruiz, acting minister of foreign relations, has complained to the South American mediators that American troops were landing in Vera Cruz, and that other military preparations were in progress there, thus breaking the armistice. In reply the mediators have wired that they will make representations to President Wilson. Washington, May 8.—Secretary Bryan said today that the government had received from the South American mediators the complaint that American operations at Vera Cruz are in violation of the armistice. Mr. Bryan said a reply would be made. Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 8.—Mexican Federal forces confronting General Funston's little army, have been increased to 20,000 men during the last twenty-four hours, and have established a strong base at Jalapa, forty-seven miles from this city. Reports of rapid movements by the Mexican troops indicate that they were advancing their outposts towards Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 8.—Quemido Moreno, minister of commerce and industry, committed suicide by shooting last night, in Mexico City, according to a despatch received from the capital today. Torreon, Mexico, May 8.—General Francisco Villa reported today from Hidalgo that the capture of Saltillo has been made certain by the destruction of a large section of the railroad track between Saltillo and San Luis Potosi. This makes it impossible to reinforce the federal garrison in Saltillo. General Eulio Gutierrez and General Cerrero Torres, with 8,000 Constitutionalist, have been wrecking the railroad between these two cities. Washington, D.C., May 8.—Two cable despatches from Rear Admiral Badger state that two oil wells, a short distance from Tampico, have been fired and great damage is resulting. Another despatch states that protection of property interests in and around the city by an armed force is necessary. New York, May 8.—Representatives of sixty-eight oil companies with interests in the region of Tampico, met here last night and adopted resolutions asking President Wilson to restore American gunboats in Tampico harbor, and afford protection for Americans operating in the oil district.

Villa, the Man Behind the Gun Among the Mexican Rebels



Photo by American Press Association.

General Villa, whose successes in the north of Mexico are believed to have led Huerta to seek war with the United States as a last resort to bolster up his fading reputation with his people, is here seen aiming one of his up to date rapid fire guns. After the United States lifted the embargo from the exportation of arms and ammunition Villa secured many of these modern death dealers.

Stream Driver on Branch Of Bartibogue River Drowned

Roger Flanagan Carried Into Water By Sliding Bank and Goes Under Raft

(Special to Times.) Chatham, N. B., May 8.—Roger Flanagan of St. Margaret's was drowned yesterday while stream driving for Wm. Whalen on a branch of the Bartibogue river. He was running a canal which was made his feet fast and started to climb up the face of the landing when, undermined by the melting of the snow, the landing gave way beneath him and he was precipitated into the river and carried beneath the logs. Mr. Whalen tried to rescue him but the man was carried away and the body has not been recovered. Mr. Flanagan was aged twenty five years and is a son of Patrick Flanagan of Half Way House, St. Margaret's.

THE LAW MUST TAKE ITS COURSE

Haynes, Sydney Murderer, Is To Be Hanged This Afternoon

(Special to Times.) Halifax, May 8.—Judge Drysdale, after a conference this morning with D. A. Cameron, who associated with the crown in the Sydney murder case and who was accompanied by the deputy attorney general, has decided that the law must take its course in the case of Haynes, the Sydney murderer. Later. The time will be hanged this afternoon. The time is not yet announced.

ONCE PROMINENT MERCHANT HERE

Simon Fraser, Father of W. J. and E. E. Fraser, Dead in Nova Scotia

Simon Fraser, at one time a prominent merchant of this city, died this morning at his home in Hopewell, Pictou county, N. S., where he had made his home during recent years. Mr. Fraser, who had reached the advanced age of eighty-seven years, was a native of Nova Scotia and came to St. John early in life. While here he was in the tailoring and clothing business, his standing being on the corner of King and Germain streets, the site of the present Oak Hall business. After he retired from business he returned to Pictou county, where he had since made his home. His wife, who was Isabella Ross, a daughter of the first Presbyterian minister in Nova Scotia, died before him, and he is survived by two sons, William J. Fraser of this city and E. E. Fraser, of Sydney, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. W. J. Fraser, accompanied by Mrs. Fraser, will leave tonight for Hopewell.

DELEGATION LIKELY TO OBTAIN MONDAY EVENING

Board of Trade Council Names W. S. Fisher and D. F. Pidgeon—Ask Government to Build South End Wharves

Matters relating to the trip of the delegation to Montreal and Ottawa occupied the attention of the council of the Board of Trade at their meeting this morning. W. S. Fisher and D. F. Pidgeon were selected as representatives of the Board of Trade and Mr. Pidgeon expressed his willingness to act. It is expected that the delegation will get away on Monday evening although Mr. Pidgeon may go a day earlier. Mr. Fisher is not in the city today. Considerable time was devoted to the discussion of matters relating to the Guelph agreement and the mail service with which the delegation will deal. The details of the records of the mails for Upper Canada landed at St. John and Halifax were received from Ottawa today and will be available for the use of the delegation. There is no advice of the arrival of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy in Montreal and it is possible the delegates may have to wait until their return from Ottawa to see him instead of meeting him on their way to the capital. The traffic committee of the board recommended that the board memorialize the dominion government asking for the construction of two deep water docks one 600 and the other 800 feet in length, at the southern end of the city, using the government land available there and a portion of the city land if the latter can be secured on terms which would be mutually satisfactory. The recommendation was adopted and Mr. Pidgeon was delegated to take up the matter with the government while he is in Ottawa. A communication was received from the Moncton Board of Trade promising attention to the local board's letter regarding the extension of the West End inland service. The Moncton board also extended congratulations upon the appointment of the new secretary and promised all possible co-operation.

GUTELIUS MAY BE IN CITY TODAY

F. F. Gutelius, general manager of the government railways at Moncton, is on a tour of inspection over the properties of the road, with a party of his officials. They are on a special train and will probably pass through St. John this afternoon. C. A. Hayes, general traffic manager for the Intercolonial in the city today. A Fredericton despatch says that Mr. Gutelius arrived there by special train last night and left early this morning. While there he had a brief interview with Ross Thompson, chief engineer of the St. John and Quebec railway company. No announcement has yet been made in regard to the location of the Valley Railway.

UNCHANGED TODAY

No Announcement by Sir Frederic Barker—Governor on Way From Fredericton by Steamer

The situation with regard to the appointment of the royal commission to investigate the Dugal charges is still unchanged. Sir Frederic E. Barker said today, that a member of his family, that he had no announcement to make, but would leave anything that was to be said to the lieutenant governor. As Hon. Mr. Wood left Fredericton early this morning to come to St. John by the river steamer, it was impossible to get in communication with him before going to press.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Queen Mary of England, has consented to become patron of the English Council of Women. Judge David J. Hughes, who retired several years ago after serving fifty years as county judge of Ninety-four county, today celebrated the ninety-fourth anniversary of his birth. Theodore Roosevelt was denounced today as a charlatan by A. Henry Fawcett-Landor, a famous explorer, in Paris, because of his claims of discoveries in South America. A report that a German military airship had been destroyed in a storm near Zosen, south of Berlin, reached the authorities today. John Steacy, a well-known railway contractor of the United States and Canada, died in Brockville, Ont., today, aged seventy-eight.

NO GENERAL STRIKE OF COAL MINERS NOW

Indianapolis, Ind., May 8.—The executive of the United States Mine Workers of America today declared against a general strike of 800,000 men, as a protest against conditions in Colorado. The committee declared it better for all miners outside Colorado to remain at work, so that they may better finance the Colorado strike, "for one year or ten years," but insisted that if conditions do not improve, a general strike may yet be called.

PRESENTATION

Last evening about sixty friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell, 78 Hilliard street, called at their residence and tendered them a surprise. During the evening, on behalf of those present, George Chamberlain presented to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell a handsome tea set of Limoges china. A pleasant evening was spent in music, dancing and games.

BOYS IN COURT.

The three small boys in whose possession were found three watches stolen from Daniel Doherty in Main street on Wednesday afternoon, were arrested last evening and brought before the court this morning. The father of one of the boys was not in court and the case was adjourned until tomorrow morning. Another Severe Storm. Atlanta, Ga., May 8.—Two persons were killed in Mississippi, several others injured, and thousands of dollars damage done to growing crops yesterday by storms that swept several southern states.

Putting Salt On The Dollar's Tail

When the manufacturer of a nationally sold article begins an advertising campaign in the newspapers he is setting a flock of dollars in motion. They are going to be caught by some one. The wise dealer proceeds to sprinkle salt on the tail of the dollars by letting the public know he has the goods. He reaps the benefit of the other man's advertising by doing just a little pushing on his own account at the right time. The caught dollars help to make for his own prosperity as well as for that of the manufacturer.

MEETS FEARFUL DEATH

Woman Falls Five Stories; Is Impaled on Fence

Was Young Wife of Mexican Minister To Costa Rica and Was Living in New York

New York, May 8.—Mrs. Louise Echagay, wife of Louis Echagay, Mexican minister to Costa Rica, fell from a window on the fifth floor of an apartment house in 121st street and was impaled on a picket fence in front of the building. She was hurried to a hospital, where she died. Her husband is now in Costa Rica. Mrs. Echagay was a German by birth, and was twenty-nine years old. She lived with her fifteen-months-old daughter and a woman companion. She had been ill for some time and was in the care of a trained nurse. Her husband's absence, friends say, had made her despondent.

ALGONQUIN FIRE MADE NEW BRUNSWICK LOSS NEARLY A MILLION

Toronto, May 8.—The Monetary Times estimate of Canada's fire loss during April amounted to \$1,016,288, compared with March loss of \$2,189,552 and \$1,470,622 for April 1913. The fire waste in each province for the first four months of 1914, has been estimated as follows: Ontario, \$8,806,640; Quebec, \$2,405,619; New Brunswick, \$918,122; Alberta, \$841,425; British Columbia, \$847,022; Manitoba, \$476,754; Saskatchewan, \$425,592; Nova Scotia, \$298,192; Prince Edward Island, \$9,523. The destruction of the Algonquin hotel, St. Andrews, N. B., was the most expensive fire of the month, the loss totalling \$400,000. Twenty-two persons perished by fire in the dominion during April.

FREDERICTON TEACHER WINS

Miss Sadie L. Thompson, principal of the Charlotte street school, Fredericton, who lately returned from Ottawa, where she was taking the physical training course, led all the teachers taking the course, having a perfect mark of 100 in theory and teaching. There were over forty teachers from all parts of Canada, as far west as Regina, taking the course.

Phelix and Phedinnas WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—A depression which developed during yesterday now covers the Ohio Valley and the Middle States while pressure is highest in the Missouri Valley. Fair weather prevails generally in Canada attended by milder conditions in the west. Fair and Mild; Then Showers. Maritime—Fair and mild today and on Saturday, then showers. Washington, D. C., May 8.—New England forecasts—Cloudy tonight and tomorrow, probably showers, fresh east westerly winds.

CHINESE STUDENT WINS CORNELL BROWNING PRIZE

Ithaca, N. Y., May 8.—A Chinese student at Cornell has won the Hiram Corson Browning Essay Prize in competition with American students from the junior and senior classes, and the Graduate School of Cornell were eligible to compete. The winner is Shu Su, from Shanghai, a student in the College of Arts. The judges, who will agree that the achievement of the Chinese was remarkable, declare that there was not the slightest trace of alien composition in his essay. The Corson Prize was founded by the late Professor Hiram Corson, and is to be awarded to the student from the junior or senior classes, or a graduate student, writing the best original essay on Browning. Speaking on Shu su's work, Professor Martin W. Sampson, of the Cornell department of English, said: "Although the world would not characterize the essay submitted by Shu Su as perfect as the interpretation of Browning, or his use of the English language, his work was as nearly so as could be found today."

PERSONALS

Hon. J. E. Wilson, M. P. P., returned last evening from Fredericton. W. F. Hatheway came in from Fredericton last night. Miss Josephine Walsh and Miss Mary Power left last evening for Antigonish to be the guests of W. H. Walsh during the week of the commencement exercises at St. Francis Xavier College. Mr. and Mrs. Mansford Beatty of Kars, King's county, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter. Mrs. A. D. Smith, Charlotte street, returned home today after visiting her daughter, Mrs. John W. Spears in Toronton, and her son, Dr. Frank Smith, in Montreal. The destruction of the Algonquin hotel, St. Andrews, N. B., has removed from Rockland road to Moncton, where they will reside in future. K. G. Woodrow of the local staff of the Bank of Montreal left this morning for Grand Falls, to which place he has been transferred. W. Bird and W. Marshbanks of the C. P. R. winter staff, will leave this evening for Montreal for the summer. Dr. J. Clarence Webster, of Chicago, is building a fine summer home for himself at Shediac. Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hewson left Amherst yesterday for Calgary to visit Mrs. Hewson's brother, Mitchell Tweedie, M. L. A. Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Fage of Hastings, N. S., announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Florence, to Carroll V. Ferris, of St. John, the marriage to take place in June. At Warren, Rhode Island, on April 28, Joseph A. Harris, minister of Boston, and formerly of Moncton, was married to Isabel F., daughter of the late Hon. Charles F. Brown, of Warren, R. I.

CITY LABORERS' PAY DAY

The city laborers' received their fortnightly pay today. The following were charged to the various departments: Ferry, \$116.03; Water and Sewerage, \$2,810.23; Public Works, \$7,222.92. Total, \$8,149.18.

THE FRESHET

The water at Indiantown has come in considerably since yesterday and is now higher than it has been for five years. It is now up to the sidewalk at the foot of Main street in front of P. Nasr & Sons and Mr. Nasr is afraid that the water will get into his basement.

Spain is arranging an annual credit of \$7,200,000 for nine years for battleships and plans to build them herself.

BRITISH MILLIONS FOR CALIFORNIA OIL LANDS

Earl Grey, Now in West, Announces Names of Syndicate of Big Men

San Francisco, Cal., May 8.—Earl Grey former governor-general of Canada, before leaving last night for Los Angeles, announced the personnel of a syndicate which will spend millions of British money for the purchase of two of the largest oil companies in California. His associates are: Lord Pirrie, head of the White Star Steamship Line; Sir Thomas Royden, chairman of the directors of the Canadian Steamship Company; William Anderson, prominent ship builder of Denmark; Sir William Garston, famous for his work in Egyptian irrigation projects; Sir Edward Ward, former secretary of the British War Office and head of one of England's large steamship companies; and Andrew Weir, president of the Weir Steamship Company. Earl Grey will be the chairman. "The British government is neither directly or indirectly back of the deal," said the Earl.

THE STEAMERS

Manchester Liner Manchester Exchange, arrived in port this morning from Manchester direct and docked at the Intercolonial pier, Long Wharf, about 10:30 o'clock. The Exchange made a fast trip from the other side, completing the voyage in schedule time (two days). The officers report fair weather for the greater part of the voyage and the winds were favorable for a fast passage, being stern nearly all the way across. The Manchester Exchange brought a good general cargo. Wireless advices from the Royal Mail Steam Packet S. S. "Chaudron" are that she was 276 miles from Cape Sable last evening, having been delayed by bad weather but reports all well. She is expected to dock here tomorrow morning.

MARKET SQUARE

In connection with the Market Square improvements projected it was suggested to the Times today that Commissioners Potts might arrange with the St. John Railway Company to have two wire laden poles, now standing in front of the Bank of British North America removed and the wires carried underground across the square.

Make Grounds Near Armony Place of Beauty is The Plan

Plans are now under way for a great improvement in the appearance of the grounds and streets surrounding the new armory and the site of the old armory in the South End. The department at Ottawa now has under consideration a scheme which, when put into effect, it is understood this will be done this summer, will result in the grounds being greatly beautified by doing away with several old buildings, leveling some Polly sections, making terraces and providing for grass-plots. Engineers have been in the city from Halifax; the local public works department has been consulted; the Exhibition Association have been advised, and the militia authorities have been taken into consideration in connection with the movement. Grass plots will be placed on either side of the entrance to the armory; a terrace will be made toward the corner of Sydney and Sheffield streets with a new sidewalk along the front; the rising ground between the old and new drill sheds will be levelled and grass plots laid out; the south side of Sheffield street is to be levelled and cleared and the fence moved back and replaced by another more ornamental in its nature.

CAUGHT COLD PLAYING GOLF WITH PREMIER

Sir Edmund Ouler Has Been Ill Two Months With Congestion of Lungs

Hot Springs, Va., May 8.—Sir Edmund Ouler, M. P. of Toronto ill here for more than two weeks with congestion of the lungs, has practically recovered and will leave on Saturday for home. His illness was due to a cold contracted while playing golf in the rain with Premier Borden.

S. P. C. CASE OVER TWO CALVES BROUGHT DOWN THE RIVER

D. J. Purdy was summoned to court this morning to answer to a charge of cruelty to animals by allowing two calves, brought down on the steamer D. J. Purdy on May 6, to stand outside of the warehouse over night. The calves were assigned to Thomas McGrath in the city market. Mr. McGrath said he had not been notified that the calves had arrived until 10 o'clock that night. Mr. Kelley for the S. P. C. asked the witness why he had not then taken the calves away. Mr. McGrath replied that it was against the law to transfer cattle through the streets at night. S. M. Wetmore, of the S. P. C., said that a telephone message had been sent to the house informing him that the calves had been left out, but he could not say himself that they were. Captain Daniel Mitchell, agent for the company, said the calves had been left outside the warehouse because there was no room for them inside, but the night was not cold and the animals could not suffer much. They were taken on board the boat at Gagetown at noon, and it was nearly noon the next day before they were taken away. Mr. Purdy said he did not think he was responsible for freight after it was taken off the boat, and asked to have the case adjourned to procure witnesses. The case will be taken up again on next Friday morning. The Booth Line passenger steamer America is on a reef near Two Harbors, Minn.

NICE FIND FOR ALBERT MAN

Moncton, N. B., May 8.—Charles Magee of Little River, Albert county is rejoicing over a find of a fox and litter of four in a hollow log about fifteen miles from his home. It is reported the foxes are all alive blocks.

NO SIGN OF THEM

Although nearly a week has elapsed, no word has yet been received of the whereabouts of the four boys who escaped from the Boys' Industrial Home at East St. John on last Saturday morning. Neither have the authorities been able to locate the two boys who got away some time ago and who were reported to be in the vicinity of Digby and later crossed the bay to St. John.

VERDICT AGAINST FIRM OF BROKERS

Binghamton, N. Y., May 8.—Early today a jury in the supreme court handed a verdict for \$68,268 against C. I. Hudson and Company, New York brokers, establishing a new precedent holding brokerage firms responsible for monies expended with them which had been obtained by illegal methods. The action was brought by Deyo and Hitchcock to recover \$50,000 spent in speculation by William Carver, a member of the firm before he mysteriously disappeared. The jury returned a verdict for the full amount asked.

CONTRACTOR AND OFFICIAL GO TO GAGETOWN TO LOOK OVER RAILWAY GROUND

The Gagetown-St. John Section of Valley Line—Maccaquac Man Drowned in Maine

(Special to Times.) Fredericton, May 8.—W. Corbett, contractor, and S. B. Wass, of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, left this morning for Gagetown to look over the ground with a view of commencing work on the Gagetown-St. John section of the Valley Railway. Joseph Patterson, a colored man belonging to Maccaquac, was drowned while working on a drive in Penobscot, Maine, yesterday. He was about forty-five years old. The water here is rising steadily, but is still a foot below the highest point reached last year. There is still plenty of snow in the woods. There was a fair run of bank logs at Springhill yesterday. The price for spruce ranges from \$10 to \$14. The will of Luther Goodspeed, a farmer of Penniac, was probated here today. The estate was sworn at \$17,000, mostly real estate.

SUFFRAGETTE GIVEN A YEAR IN PRISON

Leeds, England, May 8.—Lillian Lenton, a militant suffragette, was sentenced today to a year's imprisonment on a charge of setting fire to Westfield House, Doncaster, in last June. She has been in hiding.

VERY MUCH GREATER

London, Eng., May 8.—The Times this morning prints statistics showing the results of its reduction from four to two cents a copy. The average daily circulation in 1913 was \$8,180, while the average for the first week in May exceeded 170,000 copies a day.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Robert Reed was held this afternoon from his late residence 105 St. James street. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Cady. Interment was in the Church of England burying ground. The funeral of Mrs. Theresa Harper was held this afternoon from the Home for Incubables to Fernhill. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Thompson.