PRES. HUERTA AGREES TO ARMISTICE WITH STATES

Willing to Suspend Hostilities Until Envoys Have Submitted Proposal.

CARRANZA HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM YET.

United States Troops Land at Vera Cruz and Army Relieves Naval Force of Duty —American Civil Governor Rules.

Washington, April 30.—General Huerta tonight accepted the proposal that there be no further hostilities between the United States and Mexico pending the efforts of envoys of Argentia, Brazil and Chile to bring about a settlement of the difficulties between the countries.

Liner Carrying Cuban Flag Fired On.

Washington, April 30.—Rear Admiral Mayo at Tampico reported to the war department tonight that the Ward line steamer Antilla, flying the Cuban flag, was fired upon and held up in the river there yesterday by Constitutionalists, but later steamed into port under cover of fire upon the rebels from the Mexican federal gunboat Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, April 30.—The task of guarding the city of Vera Cruz and its environs was taken over from the navy today by Brig. General Frederick Funston and the Fifth Infantry brigade of the United States army.

While martial law will continue in force, the actual municipal government is being conducted by Robert J. Kerr, the American civil engineer, who has enlisted the aid of Mexican officials to act under his superintendence and in accordance with Mexican laws.

After a morning enlivened by the marching to and fro of large bodies of American sailors, soldiers and marines the city resumed its normal and somewhat sleepy life, and more gaiety this evening by outdoor dinner parties at the numerous cafes and restaurants accompanied by music and sometimes dancing.

U. S. Troops Land.

The American troops began their disembarkation from the transports at an early hour in the morning. Once on shore they were lined up along the docks and in the railroad yards and before noon all had marched to the posts assigned to them in various parts of the city and its outlying suburbs.

Shortly after the last troops had passed through the central streets of the city Brig. Gen. Funston with several aides drove by in a carriage and was greeted by an outburst of applause by the many American civilians who had been taking their breakfast outdoors.

Washington, April 30.—Restrained but none the less steady preparation for any military eventualities that may become necessary, and the definite progress of the mediation program being worked out behind closed doors—these were the two outstanding features of the Mexican situation here today.

The three mediation envoys of Argentine, Brazil and Chile continued their private sittings through the day and evening. Their first move for an armistice was succeeded by the practical suspension of hostilities between the forces of the United States and the Huerta regime, although there were still ominous sounds of conflict between the Huerta and Carranza forces.

Secretary Bryan formally notified the three South American envoys that the government took it for granted that its acceptance will apply also to intermediation which includes Carranza.

During the day the intermediaries received word of the encouraging attitude of some of the foremost European powers, notably Great Britain. Should Carranza refuse to accept any armistice with Huerta the work of the diplomats, it is realized, would be confined to settling the differences between the United States and Mexico though they have by no means given up the idea of solving the whole problem of the pacification of Mexico and its international complications.

Vera Cruz, April 30.—The Ward Line steamer Antilla was fired upon by both the federals and the rebels at Tampico yesterday, according to a despatch received here today by wireless telegraphy from that seaport. The stern mast of the vessel was struck by one of the shots fired.

The Antilla left New York April 18 and was flying the Cuban flag. The liner was first raked by the federal guns and then as she was running out from the city the rebels from their position near the mouth of the Panuco river opened fire on her.

The commander of one of the British boats lying off Tampico filed a protest with the federal and rebel commanders.

No report of firing on the Ward Liner Antilla at Tampico had reached the navy or war department at Washington late today.

Washington, April 30.—Secretary Bryan announced today that the south American envoys were also averse to confining from the tone of the Irish press yesterday, all parties in Ireland were averse to any compromise the Ulster Unionists demanding a whole province from the bill without provision for the subsequent inclusion in a federal scheme, declaring that the Ulster is desired neither by Great Britain nor by the Irish people.

London, May 1.—Special despatches from Mexico City to the London newspapers today say that although little is known there of the conditions of the mediation now proceeding between the United States and Mexico many despatches have been received by the Mexican foreign minister from the Spanish ambassador at Washington. The contents, however, have not been made public.

WANTS SINGLE TAX COLONY DISSOLVED

Bill Filed in Court to Break up Fair Hope Colony in Baldwin County, Alabama.

Mobile, Ala., April 30.—A bill was filed here today in Chancery Court seeking dissolution of the Fair Hope colony in Baldwin County, the principal exponent of the single tax theory in the United States.

Alexander J. Melville, a member and lessee of the corporation, is plaintiff.

The bill alleges that the corporation has failed, "because the single tax theory never can be carried out in any jurisdiction where laws deny the essentials of that theory."

It also is charged that the monies of the company are being expended for the benefit of only a portion of the tenants and members.

The single tax colony was established eighteen years ago and then was populated largely by single tax pioneers from Iowa. A large tract of land on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay was purchased, the corporation paying all taxes to the state and levying on its members and lessees only a single tax—for land.

One of the leading single taxers interested in the colony was the late Joseph Fels, Philadelphia millionaire.

MORE WORK FOR CANADIAN STONE CUTTERS

Hon. Mr. White Explains That New Tariff Changes Will be Benefit to Stone Workers.

Ottawa, April 30.—Tariff matters again engaged the attention of the commons today, the resolutions of the minister of finance covering the changes made in connection with the budget statement being disposed of.

The most prolonged debate occurred in connection with the increase of fifteen per cent. duty on the more highly finished classes of stone. It was maintained by a number of Liberal members that the change in the duty would be of no benefit to the small quarry men or the consumers, but would be to the advantage of the big concerns only. Hon. Frank Oliver, who was particularly severe in his strictures, said that the proposals were going beyond protection and becoming pure piracy.

Hon. T. W. White said that the result of the changes would be that much more stone would be finished in Canada. This would mean more employment for Canadian stone cutters and a longer season. Many who now walk the streets in the winter months would have employment. He denied that the duty was prohibitive or that a monopoly was likely to be created.

The charge was made by opposition members in connection with the new duties on wire rods that it would give the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and the Steel Corporation of Hamilton a practical monopoly of the half-inch duty. They would refuse to sell rods to the smaller makers if they cut the prices, it was said.

Mr. White did not think that this was going to happen. He said that if any attempt was made by the big concerns to deal unfairly the government would take action.

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TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE AT HALIFAX

Fire in Wright Marble Building—Half Dozen Young Women Escape by Means of Ladders.

Halifax, April 30.—Fire today did $10,000 damage to the Wright Marble building, on Barrington street today. Most of the damage was done by smoke and water to the contents. On the ground floor was Phinney's piano rooms and on the floor above the Colonial Tea Rooms.

The fire broke out in the basement and so quickly did the smoke fill the building that escape by the stairway was cut off. Half a dozen young women employed in the tea room were taken from the windows by ladders, some of them being almost hysterical. Several narrowly escaped dropping to the pavement below. Three alarms were sent in and after an hour's work the fire was under control. The Loyal Order of Moose also had quarters in the building.

BOY'S BODY FOUND IN CREEK

Eight Year Old George Main, Missing Since Wednesday, Drowned in Creek Near Home.

Moncton, April 30.—Missing from his home since four o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the body of George Main, the eight-year-old son of Nelson Main, was found about half past five this afternoon in a creek near the child's home. The child's bat and discovery of signs where the lad had evidently fallen into the creek gave the police a clue as to the fate of the boy. The child had been playing along the creek and evidently fell in and no one being near at the time, he was quickly swept to his death by the freshet in the stream.

Rescind the Resolution to Prosecute Ulster Gun-Runners

British Cabinet Changes Its Former Decision — Belfast Law Courts Declare Royal Proclamation Against Importation of Arms Was Ultra Vires.

London, April 30.—One result of the lessened political tension is that the government decided at the cabinet meeting yesterday to rescind the resolution of the previous meeting to prosecute Ulster gun runners, according to the Morning Post. The practical difficulties of the prosecutors were that the Belfast law courts declared the Royal proclamation forbidding the importation of arms ultra vires. It was also known that the Nationalists have been importing arms. Five cabinet meetings dealing with Ulster have been held this week.

There is now a lull in the Home Rule controversy pending the resumption of conversations between the political leaders with a view to overcoming the Ulster difficulty. It is generally admitted that both Mr. Redmond and Sir Edward Carson will be present at all such conversations.

Great difficulties still surround the desired settlement by mutual consent, the greatest being to get Redmond and Carson on common ground, the Liberals also fearing the possible loss of Nationalist support in parliament. For this reason many ministerialists favor the bill passing the commons unamended deferring until it is before the House of Lords any suggestions which may ultimately be embodied in a new amending of the bill.

The Times alleges that the Nationalist members are also averse to concessions being made owing to the hostility of their Irish constituents.

ONTARIO HOMES BEREFT BY LAKE SUPERIOR WRECK

Number of Crew on Steamer Noble Lost Few Days Ago Belonged to St. Catharines, Ont.

St. Catharines, Ont., April 30.—Several homes in St. Catharines and vicinity are mourning the loss of the steamer Noble on Lake Superior. Geo. R. Longley, the mate, a short time ago was a resident of St. Catharines, having been born here. He leaves a wife and five children.

William Shaver, aged 22, Chestnut street, St. Catharines, was wheelsman on the Noble. From Detroit he wrote home saying the boat was a hard one to handle but he thought he could "hold her down."

Earl Crawford, aged 21, of Port Dalhousie, was cook. A letter was received from him at Detroit since he joined the steamer. It was his second season on the lakes.

John Murray, of St. Catharines, is also believed to have been shipped on this boat.

TRANSFER TO SOUTHEAST ALASKA TO CANADA

Washington, April 30.—Negotiations with Great Britain and Canada for transfer of Southeast Alaska to Canada, by sale or exchange or both with repeal of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty are among the most important developments are expected until after next week which the commons will occupy with discussions of finance including the budget.

No fresh important developments are expected until after next week which the commons will occupy with discussions of finance including the budget.

IMPROVED POLITICAL SITUATION HELPS TO STRENGTHEN MARKET

Good Demand on London Exchange for Canadian Northern Issues—Market Opened Strong.

London, April 30—The stock markets opened strongly today consequent to the improved political situation. The Mexican situation was viewed more favorably, especially on the news of Carranza's agreement or arbitration. A slight depression followed a big failure in Berlin but a rally succeeded and the house finally adjourned for the May Day holiday with renewed confidence.

The American market was dull but Canadian Pacific after making a good opening at 195 1-4 jumped up on one point, dropping back temporarily consequent to Berlin sellings, then recovering and closing at 196 1-2.

There was a good demand for Canadian Northern issues on the news of the government's plan of assisting the company, income bonds being favored because the market had hardly prepared for the news of the creation of $45,000,000 in bonds that would rank behind income bonds. The issue come bonds which on the previous day had a difficult market at from seventy-five to eighty rose today from seventy-five to eighty-seven.

FEAR STEAMER LOST DURING TUESDAY'S GALE WITH WHOLE CREW

Kingston, Ont., April 30.—It is feared that the steamer William Jamieson, owned and sailed by Captain John McCullough of Napanee, foundered with her crew of seven on Lake Ontario during Tuesday night's gale. The steamer with her cargo of coal left Oswego for Napanee Tuesday afternoon but never reached her destination.

Those on board the vessel were Captain John McCullough and wife, David Hearns, William Hearns and wife, and Jack Johnston, a young negro, all of Napanee, and a Toronto man whose name is not known.

Gov.-General Sixty-Four Years Old Today

H. R. H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT

H. R. H. Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada, was born at Buckingham Palace, the third son of Queen Victoria, sixty-four years ago today. His godfather was the great Duke of Wellington, the hero of Waterloo, who died about two years after officiating at the christening of Canada's future Governor.

It has often been stated that Prince Arthur was the favorite son of the late Queen, and it is certain that she manifested a great and constant solicitude for his welfare and made him the chief beneficiary under the provisions of her will. The Duke was sixteen when he entered the Royal Military Academy at Woolwich, and at eighteen he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers, and, a year later, in the Royal Artillery. He was trained in infantry duties in the Rifle Brigade, attaining the rank of captain at twenty-one. It was as a young officer of infantry that the Duke paid his first visit to the land of the Maple Leaf. He took part in the operations in connection with the Fenian raids. While stationed at Halifax he was invited to attend a grand pow-wow of the Indians on the reservation west of Montreal, and was there, with vast dignity and much ceremony, invested with the dignity of chief of the Iroquois. After his Canadian duty the Duke returned to Europe and in 1879 married Princess Louise Margaret Alexandra Victoria Agnes of Prussia. On that occasion Parliament voted him an annual sum of $50,000, in addition to the $75,000 a year voted to him on attaining his majority.

The Duke's popularity resulted in the formation of an affection for this country which as increased with the passing years. It was as a young soldier that the Duke went on Ottawa as Governor-General by King George, who, in making the appointment, violated the policy strictly adhered to by Queen Victoria and King Edward in refusing to appoint princes of the royal blood as governors of the various parts of Canada, India, Australia or South Africa.

BLOCKERS' BRIGADE IS PREPARING FOR ACTION

A QUIET DAY IN COLORADO STRIKE ZONE

Federal Troops on the Ground, and Strike Leaders Urge Men to Return Peacefully to Their Homes.

Denver, Colo., April 30.—With federal troops on the ground conditions were quiet today in the Colorado strike zone. State troops are being relieved as rapidly as the regulars are sent to points where disturbances have occurred and the strikers are said to be dispersing.

Thus far the strikers have surrendered no arms either to the militia or the federal troops. Leaders are engaged continuing to persuade the hills of southern Colorado, urging the men to disperse, and return to their homes.

Liberal Caucus Decides to Oppose Aid to Canadian Northern.

CLOSURE LIKELY WILL HAVE TO BE INVOKED.

Majority of Opposition Believe Government Has Made An Excellent Bargain, But Will Fight Over Details.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 30.—That assistance should be given the Canadian Northern to enable it to complete the system, but that the terms of the agreement are unsatisfactory, in some particulars, and will be opposed in the House was the decision of the Liberal caucus, which was held today to decide upon the policy which the party should pursue. The decision was fairly unanimous, but there were some members, of course, who expressed doubt as to the wisdom of opposing an agreement which they considered fair. These members were mostly from the west.

The chief objections of the Liberals were: that the accounting given by the C. N. R. was insufficient and indefinite; that MacKenzie and Mann are still in control of the situation; and that under the agreement the government has not any real power to compel the C. N. R. to carry out the terms of the arrangement.

It is stated to The Standard tonight that the terms of the agreement will be fought by the Liberal party without compromise, and that closure will have to be resorted to if the bargain is to be passed in its present form this session. There is little doubt that the government will press the agreement. It is well known that the premier satisfied himself several weeks ago that it was to the interests of Canada that the government should come to the assistance of the C. N. R. during the present financial stringency, and having come to the conclusion as to the method which the country should pursue in the matter, he turned the work of framing the agreement over to Hon. Arthur Meighen, the solicitor general, and through all these weeks of opposition on the part of Sir William MacKenzie to the hard terms which he exacted from the solicitor general, as a rock. In just such a case as the present Mr. Borden excels, so that it may be taken for granted that there will be no weakening on the part of the government.

It is quite freely admitted by Liberals that the government has made an excellent bargain with the C. N. R. If it can be carried out in the letter, and it is remarked that such a bargain could not have been driven except during a time of financial stringency, as the present. The surprise is that such a bargain was possible. The battle will simply be over details.

It is certain that only two of the Conservative members will oppose the proposals in the House, Messrs. R. B. Bennett, of Calgary, and W. F. Maclean, of Kingston. However, even they, when they have had time to consider the agreement, will probably support the government.

While there will be a battle over the agreement, it will not be regarded by the Liberals as one of the serious matters of the present parliament, nor will opposition to the action of the government form one of the chief planks of the Liberal platform at the next election. That event in will probably eighteen months away. Unless something unexpected crops up meanwhile the Liberal platform will be the naval proposals and the tariff.

FORTY EIGHT HOURS IN JAIL FOR EDITOR

Nova Scotia Legislature Asserts Its Authority and Commits W. R. McCurdy to Jail for Contempt.

Halifax, May 1—For the first time in twenty years it became necessary for the legislature of Nova Scotia to assert its power for contempt in defiance of its authority when by a straight party vote early this morning it committed W. R. McCurdy, editor of the Herald to the common jail for forty-eight hours. The prisoner's offense was in refusing to tell who delivered to him an anonymous letter which was published in the Evening Mail, which made grave insinuations of corruption against members of the House of Assembly and which the house adjudged by unanimous vote were libellous and ordered to be investigated by a special committee. Mr. McCurdy was called as a witness and he refused to answer the above question and again refused when brought before the bar of the house.

Government members disclaimed any desire to inflict vindictive punishment on Mr. McCurdy, but declared that this action was necessary to assert the authority of parliament and vindicate its honor and dignity.

The House was in session until 1.45 this morning when it adjourned and Mr. McCurdy was taken to jail.

PREM. BORDEN DENIES REPORT

Amused at Statement in London Standard that He is to Take Post of High Commissioner For Canada.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 30.—"No one has ever heard of it here," said Premier Borden tonight when asked if there was any truth in the statement made by the London Standard that he was going to London as the Canadian High Commissioner. He seemed amused at the suggestion that he would retain the premiership.

"Absolutely absurd," said Hon. Geo. H. Perley, who is probably in closer touch with the Prime Minister than any other member of the cabinet.

"My confidence is as strong as my hope that there is no truth in the statement," said Hon. Arthur Meighen, the Solicitor General.

ABANDON HOPE FOR ENTOMBED MINERS

Experts See No Chance of them Being Alive—Fifty Bodies Recovered.

Eccles, W. Va., April 30.—Hope that any of the 172 men caught in mine No. 5 of the New River Collieries Company, wrecked by a gas and dust explosion Tuesday, are alive, was abandoned absolutely tonight by government and state experts. At nine o'clock fifty bodies had been located in the mine and it is expected all these will be brought to the surface before daylight.

MONTREAL TO HAVE MARATHON RACE SEPT 9

Montreal, April 30—Montreal will have the first full distance Marathon road race ever run in Canada on Wednesday, September 9, in connection with the Cartier centenary celebration. Most valuable prizes ever offered for an event of this kind will be awarded. It is the intention to bring to this city the best amateur long distance runners in the world.