

STRONG EFFORTS TO GAIN PEACE

Congressmen Sent From Mexico City to Negotiate With Insurrecto Leaders Receive Poor Encouragement.

EL PASO, April 21.—All negotiations between the insurgents and the Mexican government were definitely called off today. Oscar Branniff and Esquivel Oregon, two congressmen from Mexico City who have been attempting to get Madero to accept some peace proposals, received a telegram this afternoon just after they had sent a messenger under a flag of truce with a final appeal to the rebel leader. The message was from Mexico City, although they refused to say who sent it.

It informed them that the demands of Madero were such that they could not be entertained. They were to drop their negotiations. Already the congressmen had practically given up hope and had issued a statement throwing the blame onto Madero.

Simultaneously with the receipt of the telegram from Mexico City by Branniff and Oregon, insurgent troops began to march out of the hills and canyons by the hundreds.

The troop movement proved to be Pancho Villa's command coming up from its camp in the mountains to take its position with the main body.

Peace talks occupied the day in the rebel camp. In Juarez the federalists, having nothing else to do, put in the time erecting a few more fortifications.

Messages were sent to Madero several times. All day, Madero's varied statements to reporters and correspondents was that nothing had developed to make him change his declaration of yesterday to open the battle today.

Among the messages received was a telegram from Globe, Az., offering him a hundred Americans for his army.

Messrs. Branniff and Oregon, peace commissioners, today gave out a statement of their proposals for settling the trouble, and declaring that Madero would be to blame for consequences of the war, inasmuch as he could at present afford to accept a compromise with good grace. They declare that they represent "a perfectly defined public sentiment" existing in Mexico.

The statement says: "The public demands are known—

"First, that concrete guarantees be forthcoming from the Mexican government that the promised and already partly executed reforms will be implemented and developed as rapidly as practically possible.

"Second, that with this guarantee perfected, the armed rebellion had carried its avowed principles on to triumph and as a consequence ceases thereafter to be justified, and its perpetration renders it dangerous to the future peace of the nation, and therefore unpatriotic and undeserving of further public support.

"Third, that the retirement of General Diaz is not necessary to insure compliance by the government with its promises, but on the contrary would reinstate the demagogic attitude of constituted authority yielding to force of arms.

"Fourth, that a compromise would not only demonstrate to the world the good sense, coolness and patriotism of the Mexican public, but also obtain a complete retrieval of its momentarily lost prestige and credit abroad, but would result in the creation of two political parties similar to those that have brought about in the United States the effective government by the people and for the people.

"Fifth, have presented the above situation to the direct vote of the revolution and pointed out the terrible responsibility to fall on them if they cast aside these public demands for conciliation and plunge our country in calamitous adventures."

Attack Again Delayed.

MADERO'S CAMP, Near El Paso, April 21.—Simultaneously with the arrival in camp tonight of Francisco Madero Sr., and his peace emissaries, General Madero stated that he would make no attack on Juarez for another 24 hours. This decision was due partly to the arrival of his father as advance agent of the dove of peace, but probably to a code telegram from Dr. Vasquez Gomez at Washington, insisting that an attack upon the city at this time would be unwise and probably would be the signal for American intervention. Dr. Gomez insisted that the sentiment at this time is in favor of ending the strife, and the certain heavy loss of life in an attack on Juarez would turn the tide of moral support away from the rebellion.

The leader of the revolt was plainly depressed at the situation in which he found himself. Not to attack would, he contends make him a greater laughing stock than Vasquez Gomez, who came to the city two months ago, only to retreat without firing an offensive shot. Apparently, one of the principal leaders had told him that if the present campaign ends in a fiasco he will leave the general forces and operate independently. On the other side, the fact that Diaz has made a great concession in changing his cabinet ministers, the pressure from Washington and from members of his own family.

Gomez Optimistic.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Mexican revolutionists may not find it necessary to attack Juarez, but a revolution within a few days is still a strong probability. This was the inference drawn from tonight's activities of Dr. Gomez, head of the confidential agency but as the game at the sixth board looked tonight as a probable American victory, the score may be evened up quickly tomorrow. On the other seven boards, the results are problematical.

BIG MAJORITY FOR RECIPROCITY

Mr. Underwood's Bill Embodying Agreement Passes in House of Representatives on Vote of 265 to 89.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—President Taft's Canadian reciprocity agreement, supported by all but a handful of Democrats and opposed by a majority of the Republicans, passed the House of Representatives this afternoon by a vote of 265 to 89.

With nearly 200 Democrats in control, and their action endorsed by many Republicans, the bill was adopted with no amendments, and in almost identical form in which it passed the house last session.

The bill seeks to put into effect the formal agreement reached between President Taft and members of the Canadian cabinet for a reduction of tariff rates on many articles and free trade in many others, across the Canadian border. Added to it by the Democratic leaders is a section which "authorizes" and requests President Taft to make further efforts to secure still freer trade relations with Canada, in the form of additional reciprocal relations.

The passage of the bill marked the close of a fight that had raged in the house for six days. In that time the safety of the measure was at no time threatened; but the Democratic and Republican leaders working for its passage conceded all the opportunity desired by its opponents for debate and protest.

Following the same policy, amendments were admitted in the house for almost every section of the bill, and in each case they were rejected by an overwhelming vote given by the friends of the measure.

Ten Democrats voted against the bill on its passage, while 157 Democrats voted for it. As when the bill passed at the previous session, a majority of the Republicans were found against the party vote being 67 for and 78 opposed.

Representative Berger, of Wisconsin, the Socialist member, voted for it, and Representative Aldrich, of New York, who ranks as an Independent, voted against it.

Republican Amendments.

The attempt to amend the agreement began with the final reading of the bill at 3 o'clock. The threats of Republican opponents to the measure to make the Democrats vote against amendments for free trade, free lumber and free agricultural machinery, were carried out, but as their party leaders declared that any amendment would defeat the whole trade agreement, they cheerfully voted the amendments down.

The Republicans who taunted them with opposing free admission of these important products were met with the assurance that the Democrats would lay the new "farmers' free list bill" before the house next week, and that an opportunity would then be given to vote for free machinery, lumber and other agricultural products with the same public standpoints with the same that the Democrats knew the free list bill could not pass the senate nor secure the president's approval.

Attempts to put fresh and canned amendments on the free list were made by Representatives Martin, of South Dakota, Foster, of Vermont, Lenroot, of Wisconsin and Norris, of Nebraska. Representative Lenroot finally proposed the whole Democratic free list bill, an amendment, and although Representative Shirley, of Kentucky, who was presiding, ruled that it was in order, the Democrats voted against it.

The section of the bill relating to free admission of pulp and paper provoked the sharpest discussion. Representative Mann, of Illinois, the Republican leader, the statement that it was exactly the terms agreed upon by the two countries. Former Speaker Cannon bitterly attacked the section.

Representative Longworth, of Ohio, pointed out that any reduction of duties as proposed in the free list amendments, would violate the relations between the United States and all other countries, and it would give Canadian goods a special preference in the American markets.

"I challenge the statement that we are going to pass the free list bill later with the expectation that it will not become law," said Chairman Underwood in reply to statements of opponents of the reciprocity bill.

"The free list bill will become law, or the Republican senate which kills it, or the Republican president that vetoes it will never be heard from again."

Paper Makers Oppose.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Resolutions opposing the proposed reciprocity trade agreement with Canada, and protesting against any reduction of the tariff on paper, pulp and similar wood products, were adopted in an executive meeting of the American Paper & Pulp Manufacturers' Association today. Pledges were given by members present to inaugurate the movement to prevent free trade with Canada.

Playing for Newnes Trophy.

NEW YORK, April 21.—The British chess players who have but one more leg to capture on the Newnes trophy before it becomes their permanent property, began the thirteenth annual Anglo-American chess match today by gaining the first victory. Of the ten games begun, only two were finished when the boards were left at 7 o'clock tonight (New York time), and of these one was taken by Amos Burn of Liverpool from Frank J. Marshall, the United States champion; the other was drawn between E. A. Hedges of Staten Island and H. E. Atkins, the British federation champion. Play will be resumed tomorrow with the score standing 1-2 to 2-2 in favor of the English players, but as the game at the sixth board looked tonight as a probable American victory, the score may be evened up quickly tomorrow. On the other seven boards, the results are problematical.

CONGRESS VOTE ENCOURAGES

Ottawa Government and Its Supporters Get Hope From Heavy Majority for Reciprocity at Washington

OTTAWA, April 21.—News of the heavy majority given for reciprocity at Washington was received with much satisfaction by the government and Liberal members, who are supporting the measure. The measure is now placed in the hands of the senate, and the hope is that the United States Senate will long delay the bill or kill it.

The vote at Washington today will be a great aid to the Canadian friends of reciprocity, said a member of the Dominion government. "I expect to see the opposition at Ottawa collapse in the course of a few days, and I believe the measure will be passed by parliament as soon as it is finally dealt with at Washington. If there had been a limitation on the length of speech-making here we would have passed the measure long ago."

The Conservatives are saying little as to their intentions, but are keeping up extended speech-making. To day Mr. Wright, of Ontario, occupied six hours telling the house his reasons for opposing the agreement, and it is understood that other Conservatives will make similar speeches most of next week.

The government was censured today by George Taylor, ex-chief Conservative whip, for tips and traveling expenses of members of the government during the year.

The reciprocity debate was resumed by Seelye, Liberal member for Wentworth, who condemned reciprocity in a more rapid and less elaborate manner than the Ontario Conservatives. He moved an amendment that the present rates be continued. This amendment was defeated by a party vote, 22 to 7.

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RED TAPE TRAGEDY

Montreal Man Allowed to Commit Suicide Because He Was Too Sick to Stand Trial

MONTREAL, April 22.—Because Mrs. Joseph Bourdon did not have the necessary \$2 required as a fee for a warrant of arrest, she is a widow today. Mrs. Bourdon went to the recorder's office late yesterday, and hysterically informed the officials in charge that her husband was making elaborate plans to commit suicide. She urged that he be arrested and taken to the hospital for carrying out his design.

The court officers informed her that they would issue a warrant for the man's arrest if she would pay the usual \$2 fee. She had only a few cents of the necessary amount, however, and the court clerks declined to make out the papers.

They offered, however, to send the man a letter demanding an explanation of his conduct. By the time the letter reached his home, Bourdon had finished his scaffold, arranged his noose and hanged himself.

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