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## UNITED STATES ORDERS HUERTA TO FREE VICE-CONSUL AT ONCE LOBOS ISLAND REPORTED TAKEN

**Persistent Detention of  
Silliman at Saultillo by  
Federals Moves Bryan  
to Issue Virtual Ulti-  
matum—U.S. Torpedo  
Boats Said to Have  
Seized Island and  
Lighthouse.**

WASHINGTON, May 11.—First official news of the landing of American sailors on Lobos Island reached the navy department late tonight. Rear Admiral Mayo cabled that the Mexican keepers deserted the great lighthouse on the island and that the destroyer tender Dixie was "maintaining it for the benefit of navigation."

WASHINGTON, May 11.—While peace negotiations marked their pending formal sittings of the South American mediators to begin Monday on Canadian soil, the mediators and officials of the state department here today were occupied with several serious phases of the Mexican situation demanding immediate attention. Secretary Bryan called at the Argentine legation late in the afternoon and spent two hours in conference with the South American envoys, discussing the continued detention of John R. Silliman, American vice-consul at Saultillo, by Mexican federals; the reported seizure of Lobos Island with its lighthouse by American torpedo boats and the case of the five South Americans under arrest at Vera Cruz for firing upon United States sailors and marines.

Mr. Bryan insisted that the release of Silliman must be brought about at once. When asked about the matter later, he would not say what would happen if the vice-consul were kept in prison, but he was emphatic in announcing the government's determination that he be freed.

**Not Act of Aggression.**

In announcing the Lobos Island incident the secretary informed the mediators that so far as the United States Government had received no official confirmation of the taking of the island and that in the absence of confirmation he could offer no official explanation of the reported action of the navy. In administration circles it is contended that if the seizure has been made, it was not an act of aggression against Huerta, but merely a necessary step to protect oil shipping against possible disaster as a result of the closing of the lighthouse by the federals.

While the representatives appointed by Gen. Huerta to confer with the mediators were preparing to leave Vera Cruz, the U. S. government officially announced its representatives in mediation negotiations before the South American triumvirate at Niagara Falls, Ont., next Monday.

**Delegates Well Chosen.**

Justice Lamar, of the U. S. Supreme court, and Frederick W. Lehman, (Continued on Page 3, Column 6.)

## Fall of Tampico is Reported But Confirmation is Lacking

Canadian Press Despatch.  
LONDON, May 12.—The Daily Chronicle, in its issue of today, asserts that certain London business houses have received reports that the rebels have captured Tampico.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—All American citizens who will leave are now out of Tampico, Rear-Admiral Mayo cabled the navy department tonight. The despatch made no mention of fighting reported to be in progress between the federals and constitutionalists at Tampico.

## BILL TO RELIEVE DEPOSITORS OF FARMERS' BANK ASSAILED; "PERNICIOUS" DECLARED NICKLE

WHOLESALE GROCER DEAD



J. F. EBY  
Co-founder of the firm of Eby, Blain & Co., who died yesterday.

## HURLED STONE THRU PAWNSHOP WINDOW

Thief Who Made Onslaught on  
Bay Street Premises Flew  
Without Booty.

A daring thief, for whom the police are now searching, hurled a heavy stone thru the plate-glass window of J. Rosenthal's pawnbroking establishment, 129 Bay street, shortly after 8 o'clock last night and made an attempt to grab some of the trinkets. Before he could succeed in his purpose, however, several citizens, attracted by the noise of the shattered glass, came on the scene and the robber fled. Mr. Rosenthal stated to The World that he believed nothing had been taken, but he could not be sure until he had taken stock.

The would-be thief is described as a short, stockily built young man, poorly clad.

Opponents of Measure Asser-  
ted That Government Dis-  
criminated Against Other  
Victims of Bank Failures—  
Charge of Pact Between De-  
positors and Shareholders  
Was Made.

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, May 11.—Altho it was understood that the debate should not occur until the second reading of the bill, many members of the house this afternoon declared themselves in committee of the whole upon Hon. Mr. White's proposed legislation for the relief of depositors of the Farmers' Bank. W. F. Nickle, the Conservative member from Kingston, denounced the proposed bill as "most pernicious and obnoxious legislation," while Duncan Ross, Liberal member for West Middlesex, declared that he would vote with the government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hugh Guthrie (South Wellington) insisted that the depositors were being held up by the shareholders for 30 per cent. of the amount to be voted by parliament. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux insisted that the depositors of certain insolvent chartered banks in the Province of Quebec should share in the bounty of the government.

**A Moral Obligation.**

Hon. W. T. White, in presenting his resolutions, said that under the findings made by Sir William Meredith, as royal commissioner, the government was morally bound to recoup the depositors of the Farmers' Bank. These findings were to the effect that the treasury board had neglected after proper warning to make any investigation into the charges against W. R. Travers and the provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank, and had issued a certificate enabling the bank to begin business altho the necessary amount of stock had not been subscribed bona-fide, and the necessary amount of cash had not been paid by the subscribers to the capital stock. The undisputed fact was that \$60,000 of the \$250,000 deposited with the receiver-general had been raised by discounting.

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## BIG LOCKOUT ORDERED BY FRISCO EMPLOYERS

Twenty-Five Thousand Men in  
Building Trades Are  
Affected.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—A general lockout in the building trades industry in San Francisco was ordered today by the Building Trades Employers' Association. This action was caused by refusal of union painters to call off a strike for higher wages current for a month. About 25,000 men are affected.

## OTTAWA CITY COUNCIL AIDS FIRE SUFFERERS

Canadian Press Despatch.  
OTTAWA, May 11.—A vote of \$1000 towards the relief of the fire sufferers of Bryson, Que., was made tonight by the special meeting of the city council. Full council also voted \$100 tonight. Other grants received include: Quebec Government \$100, Town of Renfrew \$200, and individuals \$500 all told.

**A Cast of Exceptional Merit.**

Seldom have local playgoers had the opportunity of seeing such a perfect cast as that which opened a week's engagement last night at the Princess Theatre in "The New Henrietta," which, by the way, is one of the very best comedies ever seen here.

## MEXICO CITY IS PREPARING FOR REBEL SIEGE

Men and Boys Busily Drilling  
in Streets, But Fortification  
Has Thus Far Been Ne-  
glected—Huerta May Op-  
pose Villa's Forces at  
Puebla.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
VERA CRUZ, May 11.—From Mexico City have come late reports of quiet business conditions, but of large numbers of men and boys drilling in the streets. A few nights ago a mob gathered before the Brazilian Legation and demanded that Luis d'Antin, an attaché of the American Embassy, who had taken refuge there, be delivered over. Threats were made to kill him. The Brazilian minister notified the state department, and added that he would only surrender d'Antin in case he was overpowered by a mob. The antipathy to the attaché is due to the fact that he is the only American official left in the capital, and because of his activity in relieving the distress of American non-combatants.

So far as is known no measures have been taken to fortify the capital. At Guadalupe, which is a strategic point on the Mexican railway entering the city there are no signs of fortifications. The Federals, however, are taking steps to provision Puebla, about midway between Vera Cruz and the capital, on the line of the Inter-oceanic. Gen. Navarrete is said to be holding outposts east of Puebla watching the American lines. It is reported that many cattle have been gathered at Puebla and much grain and supplies of various sorts are stored there.

**Puebla as Battle-ground.**

A rumor has been current in the capital that in case Villa drives the Federals out, Huerta is planning to make a stand at Puebla, which has military advantages for a defence. Puebla is the city where the Mexicans made a desperate resistance against the French invasion.

The number of American men left in the capital is variously estimated up to 300. They are waiting for what they characterize as "the last indefinite warning." They appear to believe that the capture of the capital by the rebels would mean nothing worse than flight within the city, probably a bombardment, but that they would be safe if they kept to certain districts of the city.

The British Legation has sent out another notification to all British subjects in Mexico, urging the advisability of their leaving the country immediately. Many of the British residents are heeding the warning, which is being spread thru the interior by couriers.

## HUGE DERRICK FALLS KILLING CHINAMAN

Passengers on C.P.R. Observation  
Car See Terrible Accident  
in Rockies.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
VANCOUVER, May 11.—While the passengers in the observation car of the C. P. R. westbound express gaped in horrified amazement, a huge derrick on the C. N. R. "Clare" bridge fell fifty feet into the Fraser River canon on Saturday, carrying the chairman of the board and seriously injuring B. Flindley, another man on the car on which the derrick stood, jumped to safety as the apparatus hurtled over the edge of the bridge.

## TO ENCOURAGE CREDIT BANKS

System That Has Aided Que-  
bec Farmers Materially  
May Be Extended  
Thruout Canada.

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, May 11.—To give parliamentary sanction and protection to the agricultural credit banks in Quebec and to promote the extension of these throughout the Dominion, is the purpose of legislation which Hon. Arthur Meighen has given notice he will introduce this session. The bill is entitled "An Act Respecting Co-operative Credit Societies."

These banks have been an immense success in Quebec. They have been the means of obtaining cheaper money for farmers especially. At present the average rate of interest paid for money by farmers is ten per cent, and in the west sometimes from 12 to 15 per cent. By the establishment of these banks it is hoped that farmers will be able to get credit at from 3 to 4 per cent. They will mean the saving of many millions of dollars annually to the farmers. The system of co-operation to be followed is the same as has been so successful in Great Britain and Germany.

## MEXICANS ARRESTED PRESS CORRESPONDENT

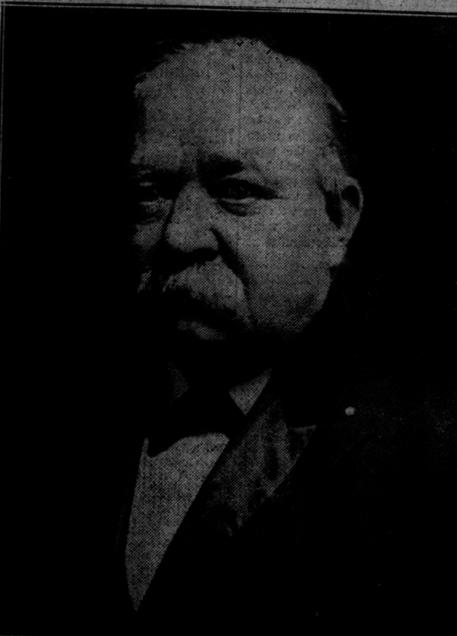
This Time Prisoner is Lieut.  
Maigne, Retired—Went  
Thru Lines.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
WASHINGTON, May 11.—Lieut. Charles M. Maigne, United States Army, retired, who went thru the Mexican lines at Vera Cruz in the capacity of correspondent for a Washington newspaper, was arrested today in returning to Vera Cruz. Advice of his arrest reached the war department from Gen. Funston.

## MANITOBA PIONEER DEAD.

Portage la Prairie, Man., May 11.—Frank Boddy, one of the wealthiest farmers of this district, and one of the oldest residents of the Macdonald district, died today at Macdonald, aged 71 years.

## THE LATE WM. HARRIS



Founder of the Harris Abattoir, who died yesterday after a prolonged illness.

## COLD SPELL IN SASKATCHEWAN WILL REDUCE WHEAT ACREAGE

May's Chill Breezes Have Induced Farmers in Many Sec-  
tions to Enlarge Area of Coarser Grains—Eighty Per  
Cent. of Wheat Seeding Done.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
SASKATCHEWAN, May 11.—Eighty per cent. of Saskatchewan's wheat crop and 5 to 10 per cent. of the oat crop acreage have been seeded. The percentage seeded to these grains in the southwest and northeast of the province is not so high, owing to intermittent snow and rainfalls since the first of the month, causing cessation of work of from a week to ten days. West of Moose Jaw the rainfall has done very much good, but on the lighter land more rain would be beneficial. Altho the weather generally over the province has been cold, the crop has made good progress in the west and north, as much as 30 per cent. of the early sown fields showing green.

In many districts the cold, wet weather of the month of May to date will result in less acreage being devoted to wheat, and more to coarser grains than had been planned by the farmers. While the cold weather has meant slow germination, it has caused the wheat to take root well, and made it more capable of withstanding subsequent spells of heat and drought. In the older settled districts very little of the crop will go in on stubble, and wherever stubble is to be shown it will receive some form of surface cultivation, generally disc harrowing.

## KILLED BY A FALL



W. H. CARLEY  
Whose neck was broken when he fell from a ladder while painting his verandah.

## TORONTO FIRM LOST CONTRACT

Government Not Satisfied  
With Mail Bag Locks  
Supplied—Hundred Thou-  
sand Dollars Involved.

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, May 11.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster-general, has canceled the contract with the Ontario Equipment Company of Toronto for the supply of 100,000 mail bag locks and keys at \$1 each. Correspondence tabled in the house today shows that a consignment of 10,000 locks was sent last year to the government and found to be unsatisfactory. The company were notified that they would have to be taken back and the contract canceled. A new arrangement has been made whereby the company will substitute new locks at \$1.50 each and keys at \$1.50 each. It will only be supplied as ordered by the department.

## LADDER SLIPPED AND MAN FELL TO DEATH

Wm. H. Carley, Stereotyper  
in The News, Almost In-  
stantly Killed by Twelve-  
Foot Fall From Verandah  
Roof—Skull Fractured by  
Impact.

William H. Carley, 41, a stereotyper on The News, was killed almost instantly by falling 12 feet from the roof of his verandah.

Carley was engaged in painting the upstairs window, and to reach it had set a stepladder on the sloping verandah roof; he leaned too far over and overbalanced the ladder, which crashed to the ground with him. Carley's head struck a brick lying on the lawn, and the impact fractured his skull.

As soon as the accident occurred the police ambulance was summoned, but when it arrived Dr. W. H. Alexander, 238 Carlton street, had pronounced the man dead. The police of No. 4 notified the chief coroner, but it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

## PEACE ENVOYS' BAGGAGE NOT TO BE INSPECTED

Customs Regulations to Be Relax-  
ed as Act of Official  
Courtesy.

By a Staff Reporter.  
OTTAWA, May 11.—Hon. Dr. Reid wired the collector of customs at Niagara Falls today that the courtesies of the department were to be extended to the peace envoys on their arrival, and that their personal baggage and that of their suites was to be admitted without the customary formalities of inspection. The envoys reach Washington on May 15, and will proceed almost immediately to Niagara Falls.

## THE LATE WILLIAM HARRIS.

William Harris, who passed away early Monday morning, was one of the biggest men Toronto ever had. He was known to few outside of his own business, that of live stock and dead meat, but everyone in that line, whether farmer, drover, butcher, shipper or importer, knew him as they knew no other man, and he was prince to them all. He was so simple in his ways, so forthright in his opinion and in his knowledge of what he was talking about, that his word was law. It was so even to his closest associates and companions. If any man is entitled to the credit of making Toronto the live stock and meat centre of the Dominion, that man is William Harris.

He came here over forty years ago, a young man of 22 or thereabout, who had been a butcher in England; he started in in that business here and gradually worked himself up to the position of master of the whole trade. He made the price of hogs for Canada, and bought from every drover who could collect a bunch in any centre of the country. Everyone took his cheque, and many a drover carried it in his pocket for weeks before he cashed it. In big in body, big in voice and stern in talk, the often with a twinkle in his eye, he was big in everything he did. He was the big man to them all in a way that only those who knew the business could appreciate. William Harris in any other place would have done for them what he did here; and before Toronto owes much of its development to the husky young Englishman who settled here in 1870. The one man whose success in his own business measures nearest with the marvelous growth of Toronto and Ontario is this William Harris, who happened to be associated with the farming industry of the country in its most vital section!

William Harris was of old-fashioned ways; two years after he came here he sent for his wife to join him, and from that time until the break of yesterday they have been the closest of companions. They raised a family of four boys and six daughters (the eldest died a few days ago), in their own section of the city, in the same old-fashioned way; up at 5, breakfast at 6, all interested in one another, the boys all bred to the father's business, and the father a patriarch to them all. And those of his friends who saw the close of his life, surrounded by wife, children, relatives, and heard his instructions to them, say it was the most elevated picture of the family life that anyone could imagine, let alone see. Yet it was nothing but the final scene of a life devoted to one business and to the up-bringing of one family. But it had been a success as few men's lives go.

William Harris was the friend of every man in his business, and if he gave little to ordinary charity other than his gift to the hospital, he helped any and every drover or man in his business that ever asked his help. Many and many a drover who had lost all by carelessness, by a bad market or other misfortune, had only to state his case and he got the money to start up again, to pay back when he was able. But only those know this that he helped. He knew where he could do good and it was the natural outcome of his life to do it there.

There will never be another William Harris in Toronto.