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The Mexican Situation.

During the past couple of weeks Washington advices have not indicated that President Wilson was initiating anything new regarding Mexico, or that his special envoys to that country had succeeded in accomplishing very much. But it must not be inferred from the inaction at Washington that there is no news from Mexico. Oh, yes; there has been the usual number of misleading and sensational reports regarding the provisional President and the Government of that country. One day the public were informed that President Huerta had fled for safety to the Fortress of Chapultepec; that he was hiding there, and that Vice-President Blanquet was planning the overthrow of his chief. It was further announced that Minister Aldape had broken with the President, and was summarily relieved of his office.

All these statements were false. Regarding the provisional President's residence in the Castle of Chapultepec, the explanation is contained in the announcement of a diplomatic reception therein given by Senora Emilia de Huerta, wife of the President. It is not customary for fugitives who shut themselves up in fortresses for safety, to tender splendid diplomatic receptions such as took place on this occasion. As regards Minister Aldape, suffice it to say that he is on his way to France, presumably on a secret mission for the Government.

Reports from the rebellion in the north of Mexico, whether true or false, tell of increasing rebel success. These rebels are described as a horde of adventurers and cut throats; yet every success reported from them is hailed by the friends of President Wilson as a glorious victory. Not satisfied with encouraging rebellion in a general way, President Wilson has a special personal envoy, hobnobbing and negotiating with General Carranza, the rebel leader. But it does not appear that this personal friend of President Wilson has been very successful. The New York Sun referring to this gentleman, William Bayard Hale, describes him as "already as busy as a wind-buffed devil in Mexican affairs, long before Mr. Lind was thought of." "The singular goings and comings of Mr. Hale constitute not the least perplexing and perhaps not the least distressing factor in the Mexican situation, as it concerns the Government of the United States."

Of President Wilson's special envoy, John Lind, we have already spoken, more than once. We have described him as a kind of diplomatic spy sent to thwart and subvert the movements and actions of Mexico's provisional President. This view is borne out by men in high station at Washington. Hon. Jacob M. Dickinson, President Taft's Secretary of War, at a dinner in Washington made the following remarks on the mission of Mr. Lind: "It is a violation of all international laws and precedents. Nothing like it before has been attempted. I am obliged to state that the experiment has been a failure, not only in the effort of the President to accomplish

his purpose in Mexico but in its effect upon foreign nations. It has weakened our standing as a nation, and has threatened our good name with disgrace." That is pretty strong language from a leading citizen of the United States.

As stated by Mr. Dickinson, every one of Lind's propositions to provisional President Huerta was a failure. One of the points insisted upon by the United States in the last communication made to Huerta by Lind, was the dissolution of the new Mexican Congress. Huerta's answer to this was the formal opening of the Congress on November 20th. President Huerta, drove from the Castle of Chapultepec to the Chamber of Deputies, where he read his message in person to the new Congress. All the members of the Diplomatic Corps then in Mexico were present, with the exception of Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American Charge d'Affaires, who had received special instructions from Washington not to attend. The presence of the other members was commented on as an indication that Europe is not supporting the American policy. President Huerta's address was a brief explanation of his motives for dissolving the old Congress, most of the members of which are now in the penitentiary, accused of sedition. No allusion whatever was made by Huerta to the United States.

Various opinions regarding the Mexican situation have been expressed by newspapers in Great Britain and on the Continent of Europe. Among others, the London Outlook has this, among other things, to say, on the matter: "Across the Atlantic," the Outlook says, "there is in busy preparation, if certain forces can accomplish it, a crime against civilization, against humanity. At any moment we may hear of its first overt stages, with inevitably the ensuing slaughter of tens of thousands of young Americans and half-armed peasants, the devastation of humble towns and rude countryside, the sufferings of the helpless and the innocent, and the outpouring of millions of money."

"And all for what or for whom? Wars have been waged for military ambition, but who is the Napoleon of the United States? They have been due to colonial expansion, but half the States are sparsely peopled; and they have been fought for liberty—and what wars have we seen lately sheltering under this claim?"

"But there is no pretense of this or any of the historic reasons here. A war between the United States and Mexico, if it arises, will be the first war waged solely for private greed—the first money grubbers' war."

After saying that the United States have been filching territory from their neighbors for sixty years and have reduced weak states to obsequious dependents through the Monroe Doctrine, "which means anything it is required to mean," the Outlook predicts that American dollars will create revolutions in Trinidad and Jamaica, as it alleges they did in Panama, and predicts the annexation of the northern Mexican States.

"If the guides of American opinion, among whom we refrain from mentioning Dr. Wilson," the article concludes, "get their way, in a few weeks, perhaps days, Jim Smith of Virginia will be cutting the throat of Leon Ramirez of Morelos in the sacred name of the oil trusts and the band of Wall Street hyenas."

Minard's Liniment cures Neuralgia.

Job Printing at the Herald Office.

The total impatriation of gold from New York by Canadian banks last week amounted to eleven million dollars, an unprecedented figure in the history of exchange between Montreal and New York financial institutions.

Canada's national debt was reduced last year to the extent of \$25,000,000. This, for the most part has been absorbed in the purchase of Grand Trunk Pacific bonds guaranteed by the Dominion following the famous "implementing" clause.

It is announced from Ottawa that the dates for the by-elections in Macdonald and South Lanark have been decided upon by the Cabinet. Nominations take place on December 13. Great interest is being taken in both contests. Macdonald is vacant through the unseating of Mr. Alex. Morrison, who was elected in the Conservative interest at a by-election, and who will run again. South Lanark is vacant through the death of the Hon. J. G. Haggart. Interest in the latter election has been quickened because of the entry into the contest of Independent Conservative candidates. Colonel Balderson, and Arthur Hawkes, Dr. Hanna is the official Conservative candidate.

St. Andrew's Day.

St. Andrew's Anniversary was fittingly celebrated under the auspices of the Caledonian Club in this city. The affair was held in the Club Rooms Monday evening and was eminently successful. Mr. S. A. McLeod, President, occupied the chair. The hall was appropriately decorated and about one hundred and fifty sat down to an excellent repast. The haggis, "great chieftain of the pudding race," was introduced with due honors. The gathering was most enjoyable. The intellectual part of the programme was as follows:

Address by President—Mr. S. A. McLeod.
 The King—"God save the King."
 The City of Charlottetown—Mayor Lyons.
 Reading—Major Weeks.
 "The Day an' a' Wha Hon our it"—Rev. Dr. Fullerton.
 "The Provincial Government"—Premier Mathieson.
 "The Press"—Mr. James McIsaac.
 "The Ladies"—Mr. Reuben McDonald.
 Song—Miss Bremner.
 Song—"Hielandman's Toast"—Mr. W. J. Brown.
 Song, "Scotland Yet"—Mr. Parker Hooper.

At the close all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne." Dancing was then indulged in for some time.

Premier Borden Home.

Premier Borden has returned to Ottawa, from his vacation in the South and is, no doubt by this time hard at work in his office. According to the published accounts of his movements, his holiday has done him a lot of good, and he is now in excellent health. He will be a busy man, from now till Parliament opens, arranging the sessional programme. His movements during the last days of last week, were as outlined below:

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—That Premier Borden is in the best of health, is the news brought back to the Capital by P. D. Ross of Ottawa, who has been golfing with the Prime Minister at Hot Springs, Va. Mr. Ross states that Premier Borden has been making the eighteen holes on the golf links three times a day for the past three weeks, while he has also been benefited by the baths. He is said to have completely recovered from the blood disorder from which he suffered, and to be in vigorous health and spirits.

The Prime Minister is expected back at the Capital on Sunday

next, after which he will get down to the arrears of business.

GUEST OF HONOR.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Washington had as guests of honor today Premier Borden of Canada and Mrs. Borden, who spent the day and evening in the Capital on their way home after a month's stay at Hot Springs, Va. The visitors went directly to the British embassy upon their arrival, and soon afterward Secretary Bryan called to escort the Premier to the White House to meet the President.

Later Mr. Borden was given a club luncheon by Secretary Lane of the interior department, an old personal friend, and, like the Premier, a Maritime Province man. Tonight Secretary and Mrs. Bryan gave a dinner at their home, Calmet Place, in honor of the Premier and Mrs. Borden and Sir William Tyrrell, private secretary to the British foreign minister. The guests included Lady Spring-Rice, wife of the British Ambassador, whose health would not permit him to be present; the French Ambassador and Madame Jusserand; the German Ambassador and Countess Bernstorff; the Costa Rica minister and Madame Calvo, the Norwegian minister and Madame Bryn, the Chief Justice and Mrs. White, Justice Hughes and Mrs. Hughes, Secretary Newlands and Mrs. Newlands, Senator Sutherland and Mrs. Sutherland and Representative Cooper and Mrs. Cooper.

Secretary Lane's luncheon guests, besides Hon. Mr. Borden, were Mr. Bryan, Postmaster General Burleson, John Bassett Moore, Counsellor of the State Department; Senator Bacon, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture; Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce; Senator Gallinger, Chas. Henry Butler and Charles J. Bell.

The Premier and Mrs. Borden left on the midnight train for Ottawa.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—Special—Looking in splendid health, after a month's sojourn among the pines of Virginia, the Right Hon. E. L. Borden returned to Ottawa today accompanied by Mrs. Borden. The Premier and his wife were met at the station by a representative delegation of the cabinet ministers and were formally welcomed home.

The Premier is in fine shape to tackle the sessional programme, which awaits his immediate consideration, and that of his cabinet. To stories sent out from Washington that his visit there was official and that he discussed international questions Mr. Borden gave a denial, emphasizing the fact that his trip to the American capital was wholly social in its object. He brushed aside jocularly the story, in a part of the press that he is in bad physical condition and on the verge of breakdown. To that his present appearance is the best answer.

Asked about his visit to Washington Mr. Borden said: I went there especially at the invitation of Secretary Lane, a former countryman of mine from the Maritime Provinces. I was his guest at dinner and was presented by Secretary Bryan to President My stay was brief but very pleasant and wholly of a social character.

Tremendous Grain Rush.

Fort William, Ont., Nov. 30.—In the final rush to get on their way down the lakes before midnight and thus avoid the necessity of having their insurance extended; twenty-five freighters carrying about eight million bushels of grain cleared for the east today. All week ships have been laying two, three and even four abreast at the docks awaiting their turn to slip under the spouts at the elevators and the elevator men have been working anywhere from fourteen to twenty hours a day to keep the streams of grain running into the holds of the vessels. November has been a record month for grain shipment and more than two hundred and fifty vessels have cleared from this harbor during the last week and more than eighty vessels with something like sixty million bushels of grain have gone east. It is estimated that about half of these vessels were bound for American ports.

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As the end of the year 1913 is almost upon us, we desire to remind our friends that remittances for subscription to THE HERALD are now quite in order. We have fairly kept our part of the annual contract and have sent out the paper every week since the beginning of the year, and have not troubled our subscribers to any great extent, about money. But this is the time of year when these matters are usually attended to and we shall be pleased if those, who have not already paid, will be so kind as to remit as soon as convenient.

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