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PEACE ENVOYS MEET AT NIAGARA FALLS

No Confirmation of the Report That Huerta Will Resign---Mediators Are in Good Spirits and Will Endeavor to Discover and Elucidate the Cause of the Mexican Trouble---Hopeful That Carranza May Enter Conference

Niagara Falls, Ont., May 20—Notwithstanding that confirmation could not be given to earlier reports that General Huerta would resign if necessary to solve the Mexican problem, the first day's session of the peace conference developed a feeling of optimism. It is clear that if an announcement of willingness to retire comes from Huerta in the near future, it will be welcomed as making remote the possibility of any assumption of hostilities between the United States and Mexico. It was argued also that with Huerta out the mediators might entertain hope that Carranza and his Constitutional followers would be brought into the conference or become parties to any agreement reached.

During the day the Brazilian ambassador received a message from the Brazilian minister at Mexico City indicating it is understood that General Huerta was prepared to relinquish office. Similar intimations have come to European diplomats at Washington.

OPTIMISTIC SPEECH

Ambassador Da Gama's speech furnished the keynote for the era of good feeling which prevails. He spoke as follows:—

"The mediators extend to you a sincere welcome and trust that we shall not part until your hopes have been realized. Your hopes are undoubtedly the same which encouraged us to undertake this work of international sympathy born of the ardent desire that the serene progress in America be not interrupted by the disastrous violence of a war between sister nations."

Continuing the ambassador said:—"Many and varied are the thoughts which agitate our minds at this dramatic moment of our political life but dominating all, as an imperative call of American sentiment, duty impels not to spare any effort to discover elucidate the causes of the Mexican conflict. It was with this end in view and in order to ascertain the sources of the evil and provide a speedy remedy that we invited you gentlemen to attend this peace conference held in this hospitable and friendly land, which, although under the flag of a powerful European empire, entertains and stands for sentiments of the purest."

"As an ultimate and more important consequence than a mere solution of a contention between nations whose differences are not due to antagonistic results we must throw light on this conference as we will show it in history as an expression of the sentiments of that human solidarity which, not content with enjoying peace in solitude, seeks to extend its benefits to all."

"This is the sentiment which prompted our tender of good offices to the United States and to Mexico which sustained our spirit when almost overcome by the difficulties which beset our path, and which, gentlemen with your aid and with the aid of your governments, we hope to be able to overcome. If we succeed in doing so we shall have affirmed by a striking example the

never to be forgotten lesson that even in the midst of turmoil of battle and the unchained tempests of hate and conflicting ambitions, above all this tumult will be heard the clear and persuasive voice of reason counselling the sacrifice of persons in favor of the collective interests of the people, and spreading the gospel of peace and justice.

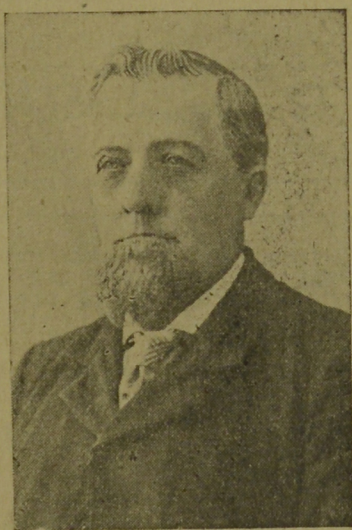
On behalf of the United States States and Mexico, Justice Lamar, and Emilio Rada, respectively, made brief responses, echoing the sentiments of patriotism which were voiced by the Brazilian ambassador and expressing the thanks of their governments for the tender of good offices.

MR. JOHN KILBURN ILL IN QUEBEC

His Lumber Drive on the St. John Headwaters Has Been Hung up

Mr. John Kilburn, the well known lumberman who has been superintending his lumbering operations, was taken seriously ill a few days ago, and was compelled to come out of the woods. He is now at a Quebec Village, in the County of L'Islet and his relatives are anxiously awaiting further word from him.

Mr. Kilburn's drive of five million feet for Murray & Gregory has been



MR. JOHN KILBURN.

abandoned on account of the scarcity of water. He was unable to get the logs across English Lake. There does not seem to be any prospect of the logs getting out this year.

Mrs. Kilburn, talking to the Mail this afternoon said that as soon as she got definite word of her husband's condition she would send a physician to Quebec to accompany him home.

VOLUNTEER NAVAL FORCE

Government Will Adopt a Part of the Laurier Naval Policy

The Cruisers Niobe and Rainbow to be Utilized as Training Ships---Many Applications

Ottawa, May 20—A volunteer naval reserve force for Canada about which there has been so much talk during the past few months will soon be an accomplished fact. An order in council has been passed by the government and signed by the Duke of Connaught authorizing the establishment of such a force. A sum will be placed in the supplementary estimates sufficient for this year's work and preparations for the organization of volunteers have already been made by the naval service department.

The first volunteer naval force to be established is at Victoria, B.C., where there has been an unofficial organization for some time maintained by private individuals. This will receive official recognition. Admiral Kingsmill has left for Victoria to arrange details.

The Niobe and Rainbow will be utilized on the Atlantic and Pacific for training purposes and in course of time other war vessels will be secured for training purposes on the great lakes. Instructors from the British navy will be engaged.

The headquarters of the new force will be at Ottawa, but it will be divided into three divisions, the Atlantic, the Great Lakes and the Pacific.

On the Atlantic coast the divisional headquarters will be at Halifax and the scope will be along the St. Lawrence as far as Montreal.

Toronto will be the headquarters of the Great Lakes division, which will include the Ottawa river the upper St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes and all waterways as far as the Rocky mountains.

Esquimaux will be the headquarters of the Rockies.

There will be three systems of training available for volunteers of all classes.

For those who live near the sea coast there will be drill at home and periodical training on board one of the war vessels.

Volunteers of the second class will include those who live along the Great Lakes and Waterways. They will be drilled ashore by reserve officers and special instructors.

The third class will include fishermen and other competent seamen. They will drill abroad ship.

The annual period of drill will be 21 days and there will be companies of one hundred men. So many applications have been received that at least twelve companies will be formed this year.

This is the first practical move made by the government towards training Canadians for the navy who would be available in time of need and it is expected to be hailed with enthusiasm all over the country.

AUTHORITIES ON FINANCES TO SPEAK

Wichita, Kas., May 21—Leading bankers of Kansas rounded up here today to take part in the annual meeting of their state association and to listen to addresses by some of the foremost authorities on banking and finance in America. Prominent among those scheduled to address the two days' meeting are United States Senator Owen of Oklahoma, Joseph Chapman of Minneapolis, and Fred E. Farnsworth of New York City, secretary of the American Bankers' Association.

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Hon. Dr. Pugsley Takes a Hand in C. N. R. Debate

Ex-Minister of Public Works Once More on the Job in Parliament---Kept Members of the Government Busy Defending the Proposal---Lively Scrap Between E. M. MacDonald and Finance Minister White

Ottawa, May 20—Hon. William Pugsley, member for St. John, the Liberal hero in the great fight on the naval debate last session, signaled his return to parliament this morning by promptly tangling up the government apologists for the MacKenzie & Mann deal. When the house opened he was there in his seat, smiling through the smoke from the Garneau forest fires, which has hung like a pall in the chamber throughout the day. And the government smelt trouble as soon as it caught sight of him.

They got it too, for Dr. Pugsley came into the fight at the very start, and throughout the day and night sessions kept the front row of the government busy defending the various points of their proposals. Great strength has been added to the opposition by the addition of the keen, legal mind and fighting spirit of the member from St. John.

There were more in the fight today than Dr. Pugsley, however, and the member for Pictou was responsible during the afternoon for a show of temper upon the part of the minister of finance, Hon. W. T. White, which created considerable excitement. The outburst in question came toward the conclusion of a lengthy attack on the government for the secretive and sometimes deceptive methods employed throughout in the preparation of the Canadian Northern bill.

The member for Pictou called attention in the first place to the declaration of the government last session to the effect that the \$15,000,000 then granted would be sufficient to complete the road, and that MacKenzie & Mann would not be back again. Either the government had made no attempt to ascertain the real needs of the road, said Mr. MacDonald, or it had deceived the country.

BORDEN SQUIRMS.

Mr. MacDonald then proceeded to enumerate the long list of "official denials," which had been forthcoming from the prime minister and the minister of finance when it had been announced that the company was again a suppliant for further aid. Press reports had been designated as without foundation of fact and members of the press gallery who had dared to publish what afterward proved to be the facts, were charged by the prime minister on the floor of the house with "deliberate mendacity."

Throughout this attack the prime minister replied nothing but sat in silence looking across at the member for Pictou.

The country had then, said Mr. MacDonald, been informed through the columns of the government press that provision was to be made in the act for the placing of fifteen per cent. of the stock of the C.N.R. in a holding company, so that the government in case of default could obtain immediate control. Was this also meant to deceive the country and palliate the public?

"That statement was never authorized by any member of the government," retorted Premier Borden hotly.

"It is strange then that the members of the government press discovered this thing simultaneously if there was no foundation for it," said Mr. MacDonald.

HON. MR. WHITE GRILLED.

The most excitement of the day occurred, however, when Mr. MacDonald recalled the "gift" of \$7,000,000 of the Canadian Northern stock, which the minister of finance had secured last session as part return for the \$15,000,000 subsidy to the company. Mr. White had led the house to believe that this \$7,000,000 was part of the then authorized and issued stock of MacKenzie & Mann. He had declared that the country was getting one-tenth of that stock. As a matter of fact, the company had simply turned out the extra amount on its printing press and that was

what the country got.

"He misled the country," remarked the member for Pictou.

The temper of the minister could stand no more.

"When the member for Pictou declares that I deliberately misled this house he says what is not true. I am unable, owing to the rules, to say to him here what I would say outside the precincts of this chamber," declared the irate minister.

The minister continued his explanation and in an evident attempt to clear the atmosphere, he remarked:

"I do not think that the member for Pictou intended to state that I willfully misled this house."

"Then you don't want to take him outside?" asked Dr. Pugsley jocularly.

"Well, we get along probably better outside the house than we do in," remarked Mr. White.

"You are both afraid," said the minister of trade and commerce dryly and the incident closed for the time.

MISLED THE HOUSE.

Mr. MacDonald came back to the attack.

"Here is the watchdog of the treasury," he said, "and he admits to this house that he did not know enough about the bargain last year to tell parliament what the amount of stock in the company was. No minister of finance was even in the position before of not knowing what he was buying with the country's money. If the statement last year was not an error of judgment, the minister was guilty of the most positive negligence in his dealings with the C.N.R. I am not saying that he deliberately misled the house but I do say that he was guilty of absolute negligence and did mislead the house because of that negligence and because he didn't know what he was getting with the public funds."

According to the Liberal contention today, instead of an unwarranted to the extent of \$45,000,000, there had been rather a watering of stock to the extent of some \$23,000,000.

It was also claimed that the provisions in regard to running rights on the government railways secured by the C.N.R. gave all the advantage to the company and would enable that company if it saw fit to consummate a very profitable arrangement either in regard to the Intercolonial or the Hudson Bay Railway, getting the benefit from the public expenditure on these roads without contributing to their cost.

When the house went into committee on the C.N.R. resolutions this morning, Hon. Arthur Meighen stated, in reply to questions by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Canadian Northern Transfer Company was not expressly put under the mortgage to the government, because it belonged to the Canadian Northern Express Company, and that a mortgage was not taken on MacKenzie & Mann's sixty per cent. of the stock because the mortgage of the government on the undertaking ranked ahead of the stock.

Hon. William Pugsley thought the common stock should be placed in the hands of trustees, the people to have the option of taking over the railway in five years at a valuation fixed by arbitration. He objected to the authorization of \$100,000,000 of what he termed "watered stock."

Premier Borden, in reply, pointed out that under the Liberal regime \$145,000,000 instead of \$100,000,000 of stock issued had been made by the C.N.R. and its companies with the authorization of parliament.

DR. PUGSLEY'S CRITICISM.

Dr. Pugsley held that the finance minister should make an explanation of his statement to the house last year that in return for the guarantee given the government was getting one-tenth of the C.N.R. stock when, as it afterwards turned out, and as already pointed out by E. M.

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STOCKS WERE INACTIVE THIS MORNING

New York, May 21—The reactionary movement for which the street has been looking for several days, seems to have set in, the market opening with declines all around and a considerable volume of selling in all the active issues. Dealings were professional.

B. and O. was firm gaining $\frac{1}{4}$ while other stocks lost substantial fractions. It was said that strength was due to good April reports of earnings.

Missouri Pacific was weak selling down to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$. Some traders said there was a large amount of stock scattered ground the street.

Market continued dull throughout the first hour with prices varying fractionally on the declining side.

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JOHN FERGUSON DIED TODAY AT WOODSTOCK

John Ferguson for many years a resident of Fredericton passed away this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harry E. Currie of Woodstock. The deceased was aged seventy-two years. One sister Mrs. William Upton of Philadelphia survives. There are also two daughters, and one son, Mrs. Harry E. Currie, and Mrs. Murray Bailey of Woodstock and George H. Ferguson of Vancouver, British Columbia, representative of the Hartt Boot and Shoe Company. The deceased was a native of Sheffield and was an uncle of S. Dow Simmons and C.J.B. Simmons of this city.

The late Mr. Simmons was caretaker of the Intercolonial Railway bridge for upwards of ten years resigning the position a few months ago on account of failing health and removed to Woodstock.

The funeral will take place Saturday at Woodstock interment being made at that place.

GREAT SHOW OF FOREST PRODUCTS

New York, May 21—Under the name of the Forest Products Exposition, there was opened in the Grand Central Palace today a notable display of the products of the American forests, together with exhibits of processes and machinery used in the manufacture of every variety of woodwork, from rough packing cases to polished mahogany furniture.

One of the most important of the educational exhibits is that of the United States Forest Service. The government's display includes fire-towers, equipment stations, models, wood utilization and distillation, paper pulp plants and conservation methods.

DEATH AT CAMPBELLTON

Word was received here today of the death at Campbellton of Margaret little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Christie. The child was seven years of age. Death was due to meningitis of the brain. The remains will be brought to Marysville for interment on Sunday. Mr. Christie is manager of the Royal Bank of Canada at Campbellton and was formerly stationed here. Mrs. Christie was formerly Miss Day of Marysville.

BURNED TO DEATH

Mary M. Butler, the eight-year-old daughter of Robert Butler, Campbellton, was fatally burned yesterday in her father's back yard. The origin of the fire is not definitely known, but it is believed that the child was kindling a fire of chips in the yard when she accidentally set her clothing on fire. Her screams brought help and medical assistance was immediately summoned, but it was in vain, as death ensued four hours after the accident. Her mother died only

F. deL. Clements of St. John is at the Barker House.

R. C. Bonnell of St. John is in the City.

PERSONAL ITEMS

F. B. Carvell, M.P., of Woodstock is registered at the Queen.

W. B. Snowball of Chatham is a guest at the Queen.

A. W. Bennett of Sackville is here to attend the annual meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Company.

H. Clair Mott of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

F. Neil Brodie of St. John is in the City.

Major F. B. Black of Sackville is a guest at the Queen.

R. B. Emmerson of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

H. W. Sharp of St. John is registered at the Queen.

Lt. Col. J. L. McAvity of St. John is in the City today.

Mr. S. H. White of Sussex is among the guests at the Queen.

Miss Carman of Woodstock is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. E. S. Carter of St. John, Liberal organizer, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. S. A. Thomas, a well-known real estate man of St. John is stopping at the Queen.

Mr. J. M. Robinson, president of the St. John Board of Trade is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. Roy Sumner of Moncton is at Moncton at the Queen.

Mr. R. O. Leary of Richibucto is at the Queen.