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PRESIDENT HUERTA MAY RETIRE SOON

Said to be a Growing Undercurrent of Feeling in Mexico Against His Government and Dictator may Quit--Continued Rebel Victories in the North May Bring About Rapid Changes in Mexico City--Deplorable Condition of Affairs at Tampico

Mexico City, May 2--The situation in Mexico City today had every appearance of becoming serious for the administration and in well-informed circles it was expected that Provisional President Huerta might resign at any moment.

WILL HUERTA QUIT?

Vera Cruz, May 3--Persistent reports continue to circulate here that General Huerta intends to retire from the provisional presidency of Mexico on conditions that he be assured a safe conduct to a port and placed on board a foreign warship.

It is declared in some Mexican quarters in this city that General Huerta was ready to resign a week ago but was prevented from doing so by internal dissensions in his cabinet.

The disappearance from the Mexican cabinet of Portillo y Rojas, the foreign minister, coupled with reports that there is a growing undercurrent of feeling in Mexico City against the Huerta government, is interpreted here as foreshadowing a change in the situation in the federal capital.

Some of the closest observers here of the government's situation express an inclination to the view that Senator Portillo's resignation may clear the way eventually for the appointment of a foreign minister who under the Mexican constitution could succeed General Huerta as president. In these quarters it is pointed out that while Carranza declined to treat with Huerta he might consent to enter into negotiations with his successor and thus facilitate mediation.

The effect of the continued rebel victories in the north and the outcome of the pending attack on Tampico may, according to well-informed opinion, bring about a rapid change in Mexico City.

While the federal capital was reported quiet today, people who arrived here from the seat of government declared that the people there were beginning to learn that General Huerta had been deceiving the people all the time by issuing false reports of federal victories over the Constitutionists.

The news of the peaceful way in which the Americans are occupying Vera Cruz, it is said, has spread to the capital and has convinced Mexicans there that the American invasion of the port is not for conquest or aggression. Refugees declare the inhabitants of the capital fear the coming there of Francisco Villa more than that of the American troops.

The elements in Mexico City which cling to the memory of the late President Madero are reported to have been incensed by the arrest of some of the deputies who were formerly cast into jail on charges of conspiracy.

MEDIATORS' PLANS.

Washington, May 2--The three South American envoys who have undertaken the task of pacifying Mexico by diplomacy today made another decisive move in their plan by requesting the United States government, General Huerta and General Carranza to appoint representatives to confer with them at Washington.

The envoys felt confident tonight that the step they had taken would meet with favor by all concerned. Thus far the responses from General Huerta and General Carranza have not been clear as to whether the differences between the United States and Mexico arising out of the Tampico incident alone would be considered by them, or whether they would consent to a general discussion of the Mexican problem. By sending representatives here, it is pointed out, such difficulties would be bridged over, for in an informal conference with the mediators everything pertaining to Mexico could be discussed and even informally submitted before the stage of formal proposals was reached.

Incidentally, it is known that the mediators intend to concentrate their attention on the broad subject of pacifying Mexico, hoping that the differences which arose between the Huerta government and the United States might become secondary in view of the revolution of the entire Mexican problem. Names of the persons who might be acceptable to all factions in Mexico for the position of provisional president pending a rehabilitation of the national government in case the negotiations reach that stage, are being suggested to the mediators.

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MARYSVILLE

Church services Well Attended--That Ten O'clock Train--The Methodist Concert

Marysville, May 4--The services in the different churches were well attended yesterday as the day was fine and warm. A large number turned out in summer attire.

Marysville citizens are still picking about the Government cancelling the ten o'clock train as it makes it very inconvenient for those who were in the habit of going to Fredericton at seven and returning at ten thirty. As the service now is, when they go to Fredericton at seven they cannot get back by train until the following day. It is also a great drawback to business. The business men should get their heads together and see if they cannot have the train put on again. The quicker the ten o'clock and ten thirty trains are put on again the better for all both in Fredericton and Marysville.

The young people of the Methodist Church intend to hold a concert in next Friday night which promises to be very enjoyable as a very entertainment organized by those connected with this congregation.

Mr. James Taylor returned from St. John Saturday where he has been visiting old friends.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, May 4--Americans in London heavy, 1 to 1 down. So far, March gross decrease, \$356,037; net decrease, \$278,293; nine months' gross decrease, \$1,662,422; net decrease, \$2,142,372.

Supreme Court meets at noon. United Mine Workers hold special meeting today to consider calling of general strike.

Gold bars to amount of \$2,000,000 have been engaged for export to Paris, first since March 1st.

Reported that Burlington Atchison, Northwestern and Union Pacific will not join other western roads in seeking rate advance.

MEXICAN REFUGEES TO CELEBRATE

El Paso, Texas, May 4--The five thousand Mexican refugees at Fort Bliss are making preparations for the observance tomorrow of their great national holiday. "El Cinco de Mayo" The day is the anniversary of the triumph of the Mexican army over the French troops in the battle of Puebla, which was really the birth of the republican government of Mexico.

CRONIN MURDER RECALLED

25th Anniversary of Chicago Tragedy Which Created Much Talk

Prominent Physician Put to Death in Chicago in a Most Mysterious Manner

Chicago, Ill., May 4--Many Chicagoans recalled today as the twenty-fifth anniversary of one of the most memorable crimes that ever stirred this city--the murder of Dr. Patrick H. Cronin. The murder and the sensational trials that followed attracted attention not only throughout America but on the other side of the Atlantic as well.

Dr. Cronin was prominent in Irish-American circles in Chicago and was actively interested in the so-called Irish cause. On the night of May 4, 1889, he was lured from his office in South Clark street to a lonely cottage in North Ashland avenue. There he was beaten to death, as alleged, by members of the secret political organization known as the Clan-na-Gael. The conspirators had spent weeks in planning the act. One reason given for the crime was that Dr. Cronin was a spy and had betrayed secrets of the clan, an organization devoted to Ireland's freedom. Another explanation offered was that the physician had evidence that a member of the clan had stolen funds raised for the Irish cause and that this member, fearing exposure, had instigated the crime.

The news of the murder and the reasons given for it created intense excitement throughout the country. Among those arrested were several Chicagoans of prominence, but the evidence against them was deemed insufficient on which to hold them. Of those who were finally brought to trial, Daniel Coughlin, Patrick O'Sullivan and Martin Burke were found guilty and were sentenced to life imprisonment. John Kunze was sentenced to three years imprisonment. It was freely admitted at the time that those who were convicted were merely tools and that the real conspirators were never brought to justice. Burke and O'Sullivan died in prison. Coughlin was granted a new trial and many years later was acquitted.

PANAMA CANAL ZONE TEN YEARS OLD

Panama, May 4--Today marked the tenth anniversary of American occupation of the Panama canal zone. It was on May 4, 1904 that the engineer corps of the United States army took over the title and property of the French Canal Co. Ltd. Before another anniversary rolls around unless something unforeseen happens to prevent the great canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific will be in operation.

MANY WOMEN GATHER IN ROME

Rome, May 4--Women from all the leading nations of the world are now gathered in Rome to take part in the meeting of the International Council of Women. The programme of the gathering was formally inaugurated this afternoon with a reception to the delegates held in the Hotel Quirinal. The regular sessions of the Council will begin tomorrow, with the Countess of Aberdeen presiding.

IDIOTY PLEA OF YOUTH SLAYER

Little Falls, N. Y., May 4--A plea that he has been idiotic from birth will be relied upon to save seventeen year old Jean Gianini from the electric chair. Gianini is accused of having murdered Miss Lida Beecher, the young school teacher of Poland, N. Y., whose body was found on the outskirts of the town on March 28 last. Gianini's case was called for trial here today.

STOCK MARKET QUITE STEADY

Canadian Pacific Crossed 194 in New York this Morning

Was Weak During the First Hour on Selling Orders From London

New York, May 4--The market opening was quiet but firm and technical position of market seems to be good. There was no evidence of a desire to put prices up but there was good buying demand and some commission houses reported a revival of bullish sentiment.

Fair buying seems to have accumulated over Sunday. Foreign selling was largely on account of failure in Paris. No special feature so far but the market looks promising.

During the first hour the market was dull but the prices held well and showed fractional gains from the opening. Union Pacific was the leader and fractional gains during the first hour. Erie was strong on good buying by H. L. Horton and traders. C.P.R. was the exception, selling off quite sharply during the last half of the first hour on selling orders from London.

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DUKE OF ARGYLE HAS PASSED AWAY

Cowes, Isle of Wight, May 2--The Duke of Argyll, son-in-law of the late Queen Victoria and former governor general of Canada, died tonight at East Cowes, aged 69.

London, May 4--The Duke of Argyll, whose death occurred on Saturday after a short illness, is the second ex-governor of Canada to pass away in the present year. His term of service, from 1878 to 1883, spent in the dominion, was one which saw the dawn of a great era of prosperity.

It is said that when Lord Beaconsfield first proposed the appointment, the Duke of Argyll expressed hesitation as to being insufficiently equipped to assume the office. Queen Victoria, however, pressed him to accept with the result that he became one of the best and most popular governors general.

Although thoroughly imbued with the aristocratic prejudices of the old world and the traditions of nobility, the duke fully appreciated the meaning of noblesse oblige. Throughout his career he accepted all the burdens falling upon public men and the last occasion on which he was seen by The Gazette correspondent was when he presided over a public meeting pressing the empire trade mark. In private life he exhibited simple habits retaining to the last his Scottish preferences.

OKLAHOMA CITY AWAITS METHODISTS

Okla. City, Okla., May 4--Interest in Methodist Church circles now centers in the quadrennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which will begin its sessions in this city Wednesday. This will be the largest denominational gathering to be held in the South this year. The conference will continue its session until May 28. Local plans for the accommodation of the visitors are completed.

PERSONAL

Miles D. Emack and wife of St. John are at the Barker House. Gordon S. Hubbell of Montreal is at the Barker House.

F. A. Kirkpatrick is among the commercial men in the city today. Luther B. Smith of St. John is at the Barker House.

H. M. Armstrong of Chipman is registered at the Queen.

E. L. Corbett of St. John is a guest at the Queen.

B. M. Beckwith of Montreal is a guest at the Queen.

TRADE IS STAGNANT UNDER TORY RULE

The New United States Tariff Responsible for Large Increase in our Exports to That Country--Aggregate Trade for March is Twenty Three Million Dollars Less Than a Year Ago--West India Trade is a Million Dollars Less Than Last Year

Ottawa, May 3--Revised trade figures for the past fiscal year and for the month of March last, tell a story of steadily decreasing trade in the dominion. While the figures for the fiscal year show an increase of \$26,697,554 in the total trade of Canada, the growth falls far short of being commensurate with that of previous years, the increase for the fiscal year, ended March 1913, being in the neighborhood of \$218,000,000.

It is evident also that but for the opening months of the past fiscal year there would have been a decrease in the total trade instead of an increase. The total trade for March last, for instance, shows a falling off of \$23,000,000 as compared with March of 1913.

The total trade of the dominion for the past fiscal year is given at \$1,073,766,098 as compared with \$1,047,514 for the preceding fiscal year. The total trade for March was \$80,873,598 as compared with \$103,555,778 for March 0913. This is exclusive of coin and bullion.

An analysis of the figures for the fiscal year shows an increase in exports over the preceding year of \$78,368,869 and a decrease in imports of \$51,671,315, the total exports being \$455,437,229, and the total imports being \$618,328,874. For March alone there is a decrease of \$15,000,000 in imports and of \$8,000,000 in exports.

It was stated by the minister of finance in the budget speech, that trade commenced to fall off during the month of October last but that there was every prospect that the end of this downward tendency has been reached. Mr. White's prophecy is apparently not borne out by the March figures, which show a heavy decrease in both exports and imports.

DECREASE IN WEST

INDIA TRADE.

An interesting commentary upon Hon. George E. Foster's search for wider markets for the dominion in lieu of those offered to the south is found in the figures for the twelve months ending February last, during which time the West Indies treaty, recently consummated by the minister, was in force. Much was said of the possibilities of the market under this new agreement and of the stimulation which Canadian trade was to receive from it. But the figures show that during the time the new treaty has been in force there has been a falling off in the total trade of Canada with the West Indies of \$1,878,603. The total trade with the West Indies for the twelve months, ended February, was \$9,094,625, as compared with \$10,973,223 for the twelve months preceding.

The dropping off of Canadian imports during the twelve months occurs in a great many important commodities. Of bread stuffs Canada imported during that period \$9,000,000 worth, as against \$11,000,000 for the preceding period, or a decrease of \$2,000,000; of metals, minerals, etc., \$155,000,000, as against \$167,000,000 or a decrease of \$12,000,000; of iron and steel \$24,000,000 as against \$135,000,000, or a decrease of \$100,000,000; of provisions, \$10,000,000 as against \$11,000,000 or a decrease of \$1,000,000; of settlers' effects, \$14,000,000 as against \$16,000,000, or a decrease of \$2,000,000; of sugar and molasses \$17,000,000 as against \$21,000,000 or a decrease of \$4,000,000; of furs, skins etc., \$4,000,000 as against \$8,000,000 or a decrease of \$4,000,000.

LARGE INCREASE OF AMERICAN EXPORTS.

The effect of the Underwood tariff is strongly reflected in the export figures for the twelve months ended February last. The tremendous stimulus given to the animal export is shown by an increase of nearly \$7,000,000 over the preceding year, the total animals exported for the twelve months being \$9,000,000 as

against \$250,000,000 for the preceding period.

Of the total export of \$9,000,000 over \$8,000,000 are accounted for by export to the United States. The total export of breadstuffs for the twelve months was \$172,000,000 as against \$115,000,000 for the preceding twelve months, or an increase of \$57,000,000. Of this increase the export of barley accounts for \$9,000,000, the export of oats for nearly \$9,000,000, the export of wheat for \$39,000,000, and the export of flour for \$1,000,000.

An increase is shown of nearly \$7,000,000 in the export of paper; of nearly half a million in the export of potatoes, of \$11,000,000 in the export of seeds, and on \$1,000,000 in the export of wood pulp.

WOODSTOCK MAY SAVE DAYLIGHT

Woodstock, N.B., May 3--An agitation to set the town time ahead one hour has been going on for some weeks. The question will be discussed by the town council at the regular meeting tomorrow night. The change is for the summer months only, and seems to meet with the approval of the business men.

It is reported that the new C.P.R. time table will announce some changes affecting the service here. Rumor has it that the service on the Gibson branch, discontinued some months ago, will be restored.

Several farmers living in the country walked to town Saturday, owing to the roads being absolutely impassable for teams. The condition of the roads is the worst ever known in this county, and will interfere seriously with business.

In Houlton last week, potatoes brought \$2.25 to \$2.50 a barrel, and higher prices are looked for in a short time. Carleton county farmers are paid \$1.50 a barrel and a very few are holding out for higher prices.

GIBSON BRANCH TICKETS HONORED VIA McADAM

The agitation of the commercial travellers with regard to the Gibson Branch of the C.P.R., has caused the C.P.R. to take action and this morning it was announced that until May 15 through tickets either east or west issued at Fredericton or Woodstock over the Gibson Branch would be honored via McAdam. The wishes of the commercial travellers in this matter were made known to the public through The Daily Mail and the St. John Telegraph and the travelling men greatly appreciate the publicity given which they say had much to do toward accomplishing the result.

The public now is demanding that the Gibson Branch be placed in proper condition to bear traffic. It is said that this Spring the road-bed will not stand the heavy traffic which goes over the line. The freight business is much heavier than it used to be.

FINE SIXTY DOLLARS

A fine of sixty dollars and cost was imposed by Police Magistrate Clayton, at Marysville Saturday upon John Christy of Penniac who was charged with tearing down placards placed by the Board of Health to notify the public of the existence of contagious disease. The offense is a serious one.