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REBELS MAY SAVE MEXICAN SITUATION IF MEDIATORS FAIL

Overthrow of President Huerta Would Simplify Matters Greatly

VILLA HOLDS ENTIRE NORTHERN COUNTRY

Dissention Among Constitu- tionalists Only Fear of Foreign Officials

By John Edwin Nevils.

Washington, May 6.—The Wash-
ington administration is relying on the
rebels to save the Mexican situation.

That President Wilson and Secretary
of State Bryan believed the constitu-
tionalists would overthrow President
Huerta before the "A. B. C." medi-
ators could accomplish anything tangi-
ble, was learned definitely. This was
why the president was willing to have
the start on formal negotiations de-
layed until May 18, when they were
scheduled to begin at Niagara Falls,
Canada.

General Villa has assured George
Carothers, the state department's spe-
cial agent in northern Mexico, and that
he and his men will occupy Saltillo,
San Luis Potosi and Tampico within 10
days, clinching the rebel's hold on the
north and opening to them two direct
routes to the capital.

The only thing which worried ad-
ministration officials was the fear of
dissention among the rebels. There
were rumors that Villa and other con-
stitutionalist leaders were quarreling
and some observers of the situation
were afraid a split might occur, one
rebel faction joining Huerta. "Never-
theless, the administration was hope-
ful.

No Definite Plans.

In the meantime Secretary Bryan
said the mediators had submitted no
definite plans. It was considered cer-
tain that the United States would re-
ject any proposition disposing merely
of the Tampico incident, on the ground
that that involved a question of na-
tional honor, and that questions of na-
tional honor are not subject to media-
tion. On the other hand, it was under-
stood Huerta would not consider any
suggestion involving his own retire-
ment.

General Funston reported from Vera
Cruz that the Mexicans were concen-
trating at the most favorable points
for attacking the city. Major Butler,
of the Vera Cruz force, was authority
for the statement that not only was
the track itself but the bridges on the
Vera Cruz-Mexican City railroad were
mined.

Mexicans Guard Railroad.

General Funston notified the war
department today that the Mexicans
were gathering at various points "to
guard the railroad in case we ad-
vance."

Garrison intimated that Funston had
been with discretionary powers.

Consul Doney and his wife of San
Luis Potosi were reported safe at Mex-
ico City and preparing to leave for
Vera Cruz tonight. There were still
rumors, however, that Consul Sullivan
of Saltillo was in jail at San Luis
Potosi.

Admiral Badger reported from Vera
Cruz today that the rebels attacked a
federal force in the northwestern part
of Vera Cruz state yesterday, but that
the engagement was indecisive. Bad-
ger also forwarded a dispatch relat-
ing from Tampico by Admiral Mayo relat-
ing a rumor that General Villa was
marching to take and burn the town.

Recruiting Militia.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 6.—Adjut-
ant General O'Meara, of the Missouri
National Guard, received orders today
from the war department to recruit the
militia of the state to five full regiments
of 12 companies each and with
150 men to a company.

L. W. Keenan, of Portland, was hall-
ed before Justice of the Peace Web-
ster this morning on the charge of giv-
ing liquor to Stella Wisner and Gladys
Hathorn, two minor girls of this city,
near again. G. E. Hathorn, the father
over to await the action of the next
grand jury under \$250 bonds. The
bonds were furnished by a local busi-
ness man. He waived examination and
was bound of one of the girls, appeared as private
prosecutor.

Infested with the farm-life germ and
spring notions, Attorney John D. Tur-
ner, of this city, is putting in some
good ticks on his farm a few miles
north of here at present. Attorney
Turner states that he has harvested
several bushels of gooseberries and is
spending his spare time brightening up
the plow handles and hoeing garden.

Increase of Ten Million Bushels Is New Forecast

Portland, Ore., May 6.—An increase
of about 10,000,000 bushels in the
wheat crop alone is the forecast in the
Pacific northwest at this time, accord-
ing to reports received by The Journal
from over 200 special crop correspond-
ents located in the various districts of
Oregon, Idaho and Washington. Present
prospects are for a total of 86,-
000,000 bushels of wheat for the three
states.

The condition of the winter wheat
crop today in the three states is suffi-
ciently good to enable growers to har-
vest an average of 25 bushels per acre
while the spring showing is at least 20
bushels average.

An increase acreage is shown both
for winter and spring planting. The
great increase in the winter acreage is
one special reason for the unusual
bumper outlook in the three states.

The conditions of corn is much less
favorable than had been forecast. The
cool weather has kept the plants back-
ward and while there is still much time
for the crop to recuperate, it is
feared that the output will be below
expectations.

MORE TROUBLE EXPECTED

MINERS FEAR THAT OWNERS INTEND TO OPERATE WITH NEGROES AND JAPANESE.

Denver, Colo., May 6.—Trouble over
the surrender of arms in the mine strike
hands was threatened in the Colorado
coal fields today.

That the strikers suspected the owners
planned to operate their mines with
negro and Japanese employees, protect-
ed by federal troops, was plainly intimated
in a telegram sent by Secretary
William Hickey, of the Colorado Federa-
tion of Labor, to Congressman Keating
in Washington.

Union leaders here agreed that their
dread was the strikers' individual prop-
erty, and if they declined to surrender
their arms, they would be compelled to do so
by force. They did say, however, that they would
advise disarmament.

Governor Ammons also announced
that Captain Dorn, commanding the
militiamen, who reached Oak Creek
last night, had reported to him that
conditions were bad and he feared an
outbreak.

"It is impossible to convince the
striking miners that they will get a
square deal," telegraphed Secretary of
the State Federation of Labor William
Hickey to Congressman Keating in
Washington today, "with the coal com-
panies importing negroes and Japanese
under armed guard. We take this to
mean they have the protection of the
federal troops."

Washington, May 6.—"Absentee
ownership is the underlying cause of
the Colorado coal mine war," was
the statement here today of Hywell Davis,
the eastern mine owner chosen by Sec-
retary of Labor Wilson as one of the
conciliators in the struggle in the west-
ern state.

"But it is unfortunate," he added,
"that criticism has centered on the
Rockefellers. I do not think they own
more than a tenth of the Colorado
mines."

"We conciliators intend to seek
facts first and then a working basis
will be arrived at. We mean to inter-
view everyone, from the governor
downwards."

REBELS WIN VICTORY AT ACAPONETA CITY

Nogales, Ariz., May 6.—Details of a
decisive rebel victory over the Mexi-
can federalists at Acaponeta, an important
city on the border of the states of
Tepic and Sinaloa, were received today
by the constitutionalist junta at No-
gales, Sonora.

A message direct from General Al-
varez Obregon, commanding the rebels
in that section, said that his men had
dispersed a strong federal command un-
der General Solares, capturing 1,600
men, three cannon, 2,000 rifles and a
million rounds of ammunition. Obregon
has under his standard the troops of
the rebel Generals Blanco, Dieguez
and Buelna.

A later message from Obregon, dated
at noon yesterday, said that the rebels
had almost entirely surrounded the
port of Mazatlan and that its fall was
but a matter of days.

Rebel artillery had exchanged shots
with the federal gunboat Morelos in
Mazatlan harbor, it was stated, and so
badly damaged it that it was grounded.

It was also claimed that the rebels
have taken the Isla de Piedra, com-
manding the harbor of Mazatlan, and
are mounting cannon there.

HAIITI MUST PAY FOR SAWMILL BURNED IN WAR

Port Au Prince, May 6.—The British
diplomatic representative today gave
the Haitian government until 6 p. m.
to pay \$62,000 to an Englishman who
had a sawmill burned during the Le-
conte revolution.

DIGGS TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN BEHALF IN ASSAULT CASE

Says Girl Called Him "Mr. Diggs, the Lady Killer," and Drank Toast

AFRAID TO GO HOME AS RENT WAS DUE

Testimony Introduced to Show That Peering Girl Smoked Cigarettes

San Francisco, May 6.—Former State
Architect Maury I. Diggs, accused of
criminally attacking Miss Ida Pear-
ring here New Year's eve, took the
stand today in his own defense. At-
torneys for the defense promised that
his testimony would be sensational. It
was expected the case would be ar-
gued this afternoon and probably would
reach the jury before noon tomorrow.

"I met Ida May Peering," said
Diggs, "on the afternoon of December
23, 1913. I was with Florian Fischer.
We were going to the St. Francis hotel
and met Miss Peering and Miss Sulli-
van. We went at once to a cafe and
there Fischer asked Miss Peering's
age. She said she was 21 years old on
December 9 last.

"When Fischer introduced me as
Mr. Diggs both girls said they thought
he was joking. I reached in my pocket
and showed them a letter from W. J.
Smith, of Oakland, hoping to prove my
identity beyond a doubt.

"Later I met Mrs. Peering and at-
tended a turkey dinner given in the
Peering apartment on the night of De-
cember 30. At the table reference was
made and my identity was again
made and I told them again that I was
Maury Diggs. Miss Sullivan then
said, 'Here's a toast to Mr. Diggs,
the lady killer.' Then she read a toast
from a card.

"Last New Year's eve I met Miss
Peering in Miss Sullivan's apartment
about 9 o'clock. She came in with
Walter Gilligan. We remained at the
apartment until about 11 o'clock and
then went out to get something to eat.
Miss Peering did not ask to be taken
home. We left the restaurant about
11:45 and about midnight passed the
Holland hotel.

"This is where you live, isn't it,
Mr. Gilligan?" asked Miss Peering.
"Let's go in and have a drink. I'm
thirsty."

"We went into the hotel and Gilli-
gan rang for a drink. It was served
by a bellboy. Later we rang for an-
other drink and the bellboy refused
to serve it, saying it was too late.

"Miss Peering then asked to stay
at the hotel, saying that if she went
home so late the landlady would ask
her to move as her mother had not
paid the rent, that she had no key
and would have to walk the landlady
to get in. She asked me to get her
the money to pay for it. Then Gilli-
gan volunteered and got Miss Peering
a room. I told Gilligan I had missed
the last boat for Oakland and asked
if I could remain in the hotel with him.
We then went into the elevator and
went to Gilligan's room.

"Gilligan said he would give Miss
Peering a pair of his pajamas. She
looked around and said: 'Why can't I
have this room, so I can have a brush
and comb in the morning?' Gilligan
turned the room over to her and we
engaged a room on the tenth floor.

"Door Was Unlocked.

"I remained with Gilligan all night.
We got up at 10 o'clock in the morn-
ing and had a few drinks. About 2
o'clock Gilligan said he had an ap-
pointment with Fischer and we went
back to his room. The door was shut
but was unlocked. We walked in and
Miss Peering was still in bed.

"My goodness, girl," I said,
"haven't you gone home yet?"
"No, and I am not going home,"
she answered.

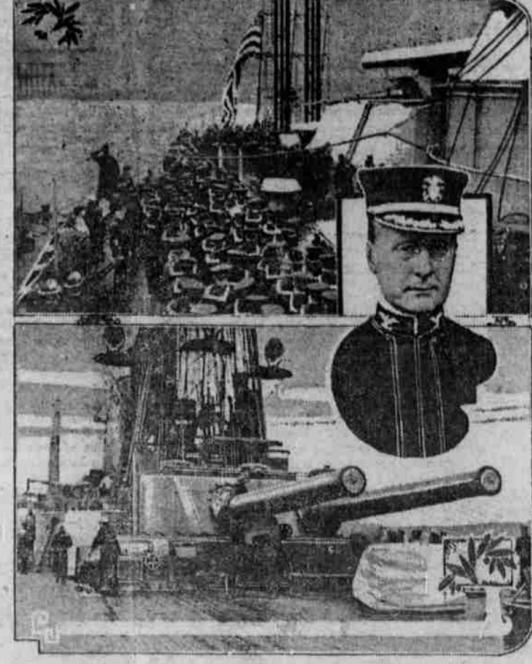
"Have you had anything to eat?"
I asked.

"I told her that I wanted to change
my shirt and she told me to go right
ahead. I said all right, that I could
stand it if she could. I took my shirt
off and was sitting on the edge of the
bed when Fischer came in. He
rang for a drink. After we had the
drink Gilligan and I left. Fischer re-
mained in the room. Then we visited
another saloon and met Paul Spitt.
We remained there until 3 o'clock and
then returned to Gilligan's room. Miss
Peering was sitting on the edge of the
bed, still wearing Gilligan's pa-
jamas. Fischer was reading a maga-
zine. We had several drinks and sepa-
rated.

"January 7 I found a message at a
San Francisco saloon asking me to call
up Mrs. Peering. I did.

"This is Mother Peering," she
said. "I want you to come up here
and bring some money. If you don't

Views of Battleship New York, Greatest In World, and Captain



Photos by American Press Association.

THE battleship New York, which recently went into service and which, with its sister ship, the Texas, is the greatest battleship in the world in actual commission, was prepared to take part in the Mexican situation. The top picture in the illustration shows the flag raising on the New York at the time it was put into service. The lower view shows two of the great fourteen inch guns on the New York. Both the New York and the Texas carry this size caliber of cannon. They are the only battleships of the world thus equipped. Captain Thomas S. Rodgers of the New York is also shown.

Mexican Senioritas Smile and Smuggle Cartridges

El Paso, Texas, May 6.—The federal
outposts at Saltillo had already been
engaged early today by General Pablo
Gonzales' Mexican rebels, according to
a dispatch received here from Torreon.
Only preliminary skirmishing was go-
ing on, however, it was stated, the
main attack not having been begun.
General Villa expected to join Gonzales
this afternoon.

That numbers of senioritas from the
other side of the border have been
smuggling cartridges from El Paso to
Juarez wholesale leaked out today.
There was nothing complicated or
mysterious about it. The young women
simply looked so innocent and smiled

Japanese Customs May Be Cause of Rice Famine in 1915

Yokohama, May 6.—Political and
court circles at Tokio are much exer-
cised at present over the question
whether or not to postpone the new
emperor's coronation.

The intention had been of hold the
ceremony this fall but in some quar-
ters the objection has been raised that
this would be too soon after the late
Dowager Empress' death.

As against this the opponents of delay
argue that a postponement until
1915 means a postponement until 1916.
This is because rice planted during a
period of national mourning will not
do as an offering to the imperial ances-
tors.

The dowager did not die until after
the current year's crop was planted
but if the coronation should go over
until next year the seasons of na-
tional mourning and of rice planting
would overlap.

Couriers generally, being very punc-
tious concerning anything like desec-
ration of the period of mourning,
favor postponement until 1916. Politi-
cians, on other hand, are worried by
the growth of an anti-monarchistic
spirit throughout the country and are
anxious for a great pageant of royalty
as soon as possible in the hope of
counteracting it.

No decision is yet in sight.

BECKER IS DENIED A CHANGE OF VENUE

Attorney for Defense of Ex-Policeman
Moves that Whitman Be Declared in
Contempt of Court for Prejudicial
Interviews.

New York, May 6.—Application by
attorneys representing former Police
Lieutenant Charles F. Becker, recent-
ly granted a new trial on a charge of
slaying Herman Rosenthal, for a
change of venue was denied here today
by Justice Seabury.

Defense Attorney Martin Manton
moved that District Attorney Whitman
be declared in contempt because of al-
leged interviews given to newspapers
prejudicial to Becker's case. The
court will rule on Manton's motion
this afternoon.

Mrs. Becker, the defendant's wife,
was the only woman in the courtroom.
Bourke Cockran is assisting the de-
fense. District Attorney Whitman
denied that he had given improper mat-
ter to the newspapers. He said that
Becker, both in the Tombs here and
in Sing Sing prison, had given out
statements prejudicial to the people's
case.

The court refused to postpone the
trial and ordered the examination of
witnesses to proceed.

23 Counties Fail to Send in Lists

LAST DAY FOR MAILING OUT PAMPHLETS PASSED AND LAW NOT COMPLIED WITH.

Under the law, today is the last on
which the secretary is supposed to mail
pamphlets to the voters, but that it will
not be done is a certainty, for the sim-
ple reason that the office is not able
to send mail to unknown persons or
addresses. Of the 34 counties in the
state only 11 have complied with the
law and sent in the full and complete
registration list. The 23 failing to
comply with the law are: Benton,
Clackamas, Coos, Crook, Jackson, Jose-
phine, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Linn,
Lincoln, Malheur, Marion, Multnomah,
Polk, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wal-
lawa, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill.

The secretary of state got busy this
morning and called the nearby counties
by phone and wired the others. Ben-
ton, Polk, Yamhill, Clackamas and
Multnomah answered that lists would
be forwarded today. The Lane county
clerk said he was "busy with court
work but would attend to it when he
got time," and the Washington county
clerk said he "was busy in court but
would attend to it as soon as possible."

It will be seen from this the secretary
cannot finish sending the pamphlets as
required by law. He will however keep
mailing them until all are sent, if the
lists get here before election day. Most
of the pamphlets have been mailed, as
all the counties have sent in the larger
part of the lists.

CHAOS REIGNS IN MEXICAN CAPITAL WITH PLOTS RIFE

Administration Torn by In- trigues Among Officers of Influence

HUERTA'S OVERTHROW SEEMS INEVITABLE

City Is Certain to Be Looted, But Villa Is Prefer- red to Zapata

By William G. Shepherd.
Vera Cruz, Mex., May 6.—Utter
chaos reigns in Mexico City, according
to refugees from the capital who still
continue to reach here a few at a time.
An anti-Huerta revolt at the capital
unquestionably is imminent, the re-
fugees say. The dictator was declared
to be drinking heavily again and in
an irresponsible and dangerous condi-
tion.

The people are beginning to realize
that the city's capture by General
Villa is seriously threatened. But what
they fear still more is that General
Zapata will capture it first. Of Villa
and his men they are afraid. Of Zap-
ata and his infinitely more cruel fol-
lowers they are literally in abject ter-
ror.

The police are another source of wor-
ry. Huerta is said to know that there
are Villa agents among them but to
hesitate at an attempt to disarm them,
lest he precipitate an outbreak on their
part. In the meantime there are re-
morses that the Villa agents among them
are planning to seize the capital.

General Castro's attitude is another
source of uneasiness. He is one of
the strong men among the soldiers, and
an attempt by him to gain control of
the army is considered a possibility at
any moment.

The prosperous class of Mexicans is
even more anxious to get out of the
city than are the foreigners. All who
can possibly do so are fleeing. They
look for disorders from within and for
attack from without.

Uses Marines for Extortion.

In Vera Cruz the military court was
working to its capacity today. Three
Americans have been deported. Among
them was U. R. Mischeak. He reported
to the military authorities that he
knew of a cache of Mexican arms and
ammunition and was given a squad of
marines to seize them. Instead of lead-
ing them to the cache, he went with
them to a local gambling house, where,
taking it for granted that the soldiers
knew no Spanish, he demanded and re-
ceived \$5,000 under the threat that
otherwise the marines would take it
forcibly.

His trick was detected, however; his
arrest followed, and the provost sen-
tenced him to five years' imprison-
ment, which was afterward commuted
to one merely of deportation.

Superintendent of Instruction Juan
Spring seems to have arrived at last.

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CRIMES REPUTED TO VILLA ARE DENIED

Oakland, Cal., May 6.—Captain John
T. Neville, war correspondent and
former officer on the personal staff of
the late Governor Gonzales of the
state of Chihuahua, denied today the ac-
curacy of General Villa's biography as
published in the London Telegraph and
read yesterday in the United States
senate by Senator Lodge of Massa-
chusetts.

"I was with Villa almost daily from
the beginning of the Madero revolu-
tion in 1910 until after he took the
field last year against Huerta," Nev-
ille said. "To my certain knowledge
and from secret service representatives
which I received while in the secret
service of President Madero, Villa has
never outraged any woman and has
never claimed to have but one wife.
This woman is constantly by his side
when his military movements will per-
mit and he has shown great devotion
to her.

"The stories that Villa is a deserter
from the United States army, that he
has with him at all times a number of
women of ill fame and that he kept
an American girl a prisoner at Mon-
terey for many months are wild fabri-
cations. Villa has never been at Mon-
terey. He has always treated Ameri-
cans with deference.
Kills Federal Officer.
"While a young man Villa killed a

The Weather

THIS WEATHER
MAKES ME LAZY

Fair tonight
and Thursday;
light frost east
front; winds
mostly northerly.