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Mexican Affairs.

President Diaz of Mexico, has not taken long to answer the contention of the United States that Edwin Blatt, of Pittsburg, and Lawrence Converse, of California, were arrested illegally by the Mexican authorities because they were on American soil. His reply was handed to Mr. Huntington Wilson, acting Secretary of State, by Señor Don Francisco Leon de la Barra. Its contents were not made public.

Señor de la Barra remarked after delivering the reply that the matter was being discussed in a friendly spirit and would be settled according to international justice and international law. This view is generally held, but there is little likelihood that an agreement can soon be reached, so that this question will doubtless continue to be a point of difference between the two governments while the United States troops are on the Mexican border.

Something of the sting in Mexico's attitude over this case was removed by a despatch received at the State Department from Mr. Ellsworth, the American Consul at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, announcing that Mexican federal judge at that place had decided to release Henry Whittle, an American newspaper man. Mr. Whittle arrested for being in league with the revolutionists, has protested his innocence from the start.

Mr. Wilson Back at Post.

Significant developments in the situation between the government of the United States and the Diaz government are unfolding themselves. Mr. Henry Lane Wilson, the American Ambassador at Mexico City, who came to the United States because of the severe illness of his mother, returned in haste to his post and reported his arrival there. It is admitted that his arrival is timely and that the diplomatic situation between the two countries needs delicate handling.

Information has reached showing that President Diaz, although he has every confidence in the sincerity of the United States, cannot allow the impression to spread that he is even indirectly under the dominion of any power. This explains the difficulty of the case of Messrs. Blatt and Converse. It has placed President Diaz between the devil and the deep sea.

By the time Mr. Wilson takes the reins in hand to guide the situation from Mexico City he will find President Taft and his advisers taking direct charge of it. The President will be at the White House. Mr. Knox, Secretary of State, is expected back together with Mr. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Dickinson, Secretary of War is there. The Cabinet meeting will doubtless have much to discuss.

Taft Statement Expected.

Aside from the effects which the movement of troops on the border has had on the Mexican people and the fears which it has engendered in the minds of European and Latin-American statesmen, there will be other delicate phases of the situation brought to the President's attention. Diplomats believe there will be a statement as to true conditions forthcoming from the White House shortly after the President's return.

Official reports reached the State Department from the American Consul at Durango outlining the plight of the American Smelting Securities Company of Mexico as a result of the revolution. Unless relief is provided, it is said that all the plants of the company must soon shut down. This would throw 8,800 people out of employment and plunge 50,000 people in want at Velardena and Asarco. The embarrassment to the company is undermost to be the lack of transportation facilities for material.

The revolutionary agents are more jubilant than they have been for some time. They are pleased over the Blatt-Converse controversy, and see encouragement in unconfirmed reports of an attack on the palace of President Diaz by a mob in Mexico City. Their leaders insist that the revolution is spreading day by day.

At the War Department it was made known that transportation forms one of the most important problems which the army hopes to solve while in Texas. It is held by many authorities that the transportation system for the army as now in operation could be simplified with advantage.

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France Has Fleet of 70 Aeroplanes

Russia Has Ten Available for Use and Twenty More Under Order

Seventy aeroplanes are now the property of the French government, according to a reporter made the House of Commons by Mr. Haldane, the British Secretary of War.

The German army has nine complete dirigibles. The French army has four dirigibles complete and eight in various stages of construction. The Russian army has nine dirigibles complete, one a building and four on order. Russia has ten aeroplanes available for use and twenty on order.

England has nine officers and 108 non-commissioned officers and men who are trained are in course of training. There are officers of Royal Engineers and men who have been trained in captive ballooning and kiting. The establishment of the air battalion consists of fourteen officers and 176 other ranks, and their pay and upkeep for the year 1911-1912 will amount to about \$100,000.

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Germany, 1909, expenditure, \$270,000; 1910, estimate, \$200,000 (including Zeppelin Subscription, Fund, \$1,525,000).

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An Artful Thief

A cigar maker, working at a cigar factory was curiously relieved of \$15 that he had in his possession last Saturday evening. The man states that while out walking

he met a friend, a fellow cigar maker, and he invited him to go to his lodgings to spend the night with him as he felt lonely. The man agreed to his request and went home with him; but no sooner was he in the room when he was asked by the host to "stand a drink", the man said he had no money with him. They both however went to bed and the stranger though in a strange place slept too sound which resulted in the loss of \$15 from his pocket. The man on waking from his slumber started to put on his clothes and while doing so slipped his hand in his pocket but much to his surprise all the contents were taken out, which consisted of \$15 and a pair of sleeve links. He accused his host of the theft but he denied taking it, saying that the man said he had no money when he was asked to stand a drink. He however subsequently surrendered the pair of sleeve links but no money, promising to give \$7.50, half of the amount missing as it would prevent the man telling persons he had robbed him.

More Cholera at Honolulu

Twenty-six Cases So Far, with Twenty-one Deaths

Honolulu.—Another case of cholera developed among the persons segregated after contact with the previous victims. This makes twenty-six cases, of which twenty-one have proved fatal.

In a report to the Board of Health Dr. Clegg, of the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital service, expresses the opinion that the disease was brought to Honolulu from the Orient by what are known as "chronic bacilli carriers," not necessarily suffering from cholera. His development apparently precludes the theory of origin from infected water or food.

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Current News.

Yesterday the passenger's train did not leave Limon before 11 o'clock, in consequence of a collision between two banana trains at Freehold, the line being blocked.

Two women were carried to the quartet yesterday, charged with fighting in the market. While they quarreled for a male friend of theirs one "drew heat" and assaulted the other.

The S.S. "Sardinia", that was consigned to the Hamburg American Company sailed yesterday afternoon, at 2 o'clock for Guatemala. She carried one deck passenger and 194 bags of coffee, also 12 empty cylinders.

Two Faquins, Nos. 3 and 8 had a fight at the railway station yesterday morning. No. 8 was the heavier of the two, but his weight served no purpose as his opponent No. 3 punished him severely, leaving him with a nasty looking mouth.

The S.S. "Parismina" was cleared by the United Fruit Co on Wednesday evening last for Colon. She carried the following passengers:— Mrs. F. Rothery and child, Alexander Coombs, B. C. Duffie and wife, C. T. Mason, Johan Sloan, M. D. Alonso, Ernest McIntosh, J. W. Smith, Hans Munch, Feo. Gorron, B. J. Chico and 12 deckers.

Of late Mr. O. P. Nunes been having some unwelcome visitors to his yard. The gentleman states that it has been the practice of a thief or thieves to enter his premises at night and steal his poultry; the tenants clothing also that is left out of doors at night is carried away. It would be well if a man is detailed in the vicinity to run to earth these rascals.

At 1.30 p. m. yesterday the corner of 5th street and avenue 4 was the scene of disturbance. A young man went into the yard of a young woman named Lily, for what cause we are not in a position to say, but what we know is that the man was the recipient of many blows about his head and body from the woman, who used a good size stick. To save his life he had to take to his heels.

Brigade Hike

San Antonio.—Brig Gen. Smith will have with him exactly 2333 men and 118 officers when he starts on a brigade "hike" to Leon Springs, the government's maneuver grounds, tomorrow morning. No recruits "or other impediments," as the General phrased it, a veteran regular. Every man is a veteran regular. They will take rations, twenty rounds of ball cartridges, each, blankets and shelter tents. Two days will be required to make the march of twenty-seven miles. The first night's camp will be made on a hill thirteen miles from camp. A machine gun platoon, with two maxims and a hospital train of twelve ambulances, will form a section of the column.

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The Pope Sees Reyes

Rome.—The Pope Received in private audience General Bernardo Reyes, the Mexican soldier, and discussed with him the situation in Mexico. His Holiness remarked to General Reyes that although President Diaz was responsible for the separation of the Church and State, the Vatican is well satisfied with the position of the Church in that country.

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