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BANKING SYSTEM NEED OF MEXICO

COMMISSION AT WORK

Will Try to Arrange for Comprehensive Scheme to Restore Nation's Finances.

New London, Conn., Sept. 19.—A plan for a Mexican national banking system to take the place of the suspended national bank and the Bank of London and Mexico, in Mexico City, was outlined to the American members of the joint Mexican-American commission here by Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican members.

Mr. Cabrera explained that a monetary commission has been created that will have supervision of a chain of government banks and it is hoped to obtain financial backing, chiefly from Mexican sources, to support the scheme.

This explanation was given after the American members had asked to be enlightened on the order suspending the two institutions. Mr. Carera said the two banks had issued bank notes far in excess of their metallic reserve, and recently had refused to sell to the government exchange on foreign banks at rates demanded by the government. The institution had been ordered to show a metallic reserve equivalent to their issue of paper money, he said.

Mr. Cabrera added that the step was largely retaliatory as the banks of Mexico, chiefly the two in question, were responsible for depreciation of Carranza currency.

Following is the official statement issued by the commission:

"On account of the publication this morning of the fact that two of the banks in Mexico City had been closed, the American commissioners expressed their desire for information upon this matter. The information was given by the Mexican commissioners that this was the result of a policy which the Carranza government felt had been carried on by certain of the Mexican banks to depreciate the government currency, that these banks were, in fact, the money trust of Mexico and the government was anxious to make these banks more loyal to the purposes for which they were instituted. These banks, it was said, were the chief agencies used for the depression of the paper currency and this was hostile to the welfare of the country. The government of Mexico is just contemplating, when these banks close permanently the establishment of a national banking system similar to that in the United States, the foundation for which already exists in a monetary commission."

The border situation was discussed by the commissioners in a casual way, but without much progress toward an agreement.

William Phillips, assistant secretary of state, conferred here today with the American representatives on his way back to Washington from a vacation. Counselor Polk of the state department is expected here tomorrow.

American and Mexican members of the commission made a trip this afternoon in a K type United States submarine. The craft was submerged for several minutes during the brief cruise. It was the first time the Mexican commissioners had been in a submarine.

LIBRARY TEA GREAT SUCCESS

The Library Tea given at the home of Judge and Mrs. Ernest Moore, Thursday, was a pronounced success in every way. A large number of people attended the event and all report a most enjoyable time.

The first program began at 4:30 and extended until 7:30 during which time delightful music and splendid recitations were greatly enjoyed. Refreshments were served. The second period of the program began at 8 and continued until 10 o'clock, music and readings constituting the principal features. Chocolate, wafers and tea were served by several young girls being directed by Mrs. Leroy Springs and Mrs. Hazel Witherspoon. Mrs. Ira B. Jones and Mrs. T. Y. Williams received the guests at the door. Eleven dollars was the amount netted for the benefit of the Library.

TO ORGANIZE COUNTY FAIR

ALL CITIZENS INVITED.

Meeting at Court House Monday Afternoon 6 O'clock to Perfect Plans.

A meeting of all Lancaster county citizens, interested in organizing a permanent county fair association, is to be held at the court house next Monday afternoon at 6:15 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing plans, etc., relative to such an association, and every citizen in Lancaster and Lancaster county is urged to attend.

At a recent meeting, a committee of ten men was appointed to canvass the city and secure pledges from the merchants and business men with which to operate the proposed undertaking. Some \$500 was pledged in this manner, and those behind the movement now feel that the fair is an assured fact for this fall.

A cordial invitation is extended all to meet at the court house Monday next promptly at 6:15 o'clock for the purpose as above stated. Let us all join in this laudable movement which has for its object the upbuilding of Lancaster county.

MIDWAY NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Neal and two small children visited at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Adams, Saturday.

Mrs. R. A. Love and daughter, Miss Cora Lee, visited at the home of the former's son, Mr. and Mrs. Don Love of Kershaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Gardner spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gardner.

Miss Carmon Roberts spent Sunday with Misses Ruth Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Morgan spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Adams.

Miss Bessie Catoe and Miss Pearl Deas visited Miss Neatus Neal Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Love visited at the home of the former's uncle, W. S. Neal, Sunday.

Mr. Ross Rivers spent Sunday with Mr. Earle Morgan.

Mr. Dewey Neal and Jack Phillips spent Saturday night at the home of E. G. Catoe.

Mrs. J. M. Phillips and daughter, Miss Ruth, visited at the home of Mrs. Thomas Self Monday afternoon.

Miss Cora Lee Love spent Sunday with Miss Minnie Catoe.

Master Frank Roberts spent Sunday with Master Thomas and Frank Phillips.

Mrs. Bill Kirkley is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. F. H. Gardner, the past week.

Everybody seems to be mighty peaceable since the last election, as they all seem to be at ease now. The Manning people are pleased that Gov. R. I. Manning is re-elected.

A few weeks ago W. S. Neal killed a large owl, which measured four feet and 4 1/2 inches from tip to tip. It had been one of the pests to the chicken raisers of this section.

Mr. Guess Faile is visiting relatives in Chesterfield this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Morgan spent Saturday night at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Neal.

Any one that has any news for me to send I request them to get it to me by Tuesday afternoon. I will be glad to send any news of this section and will thank all who will help me get the news of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyte Faile and little son spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert New.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Catoe visited at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Neal, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. R. A. Love visited Mr. and Mrs. John Adams below Kershaw, Sunday. "A READER."

CUMMINS FOR SENATE.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 20.—Homer S. Cummins, vice chairman of the Democratic national committee, was nominated for United States senator by the Democratic State convention here today. Morris B. Beardsley was selected candidate for governor, Frederick E. Duffy, nominated for secretary of state, is a member of the Progressive State central committee and has been acting chairman of that committee.

WILSON IS NOT TO STUMP COUNTRY

FIRST SPEECH SATURDAY

President to Carry Out Plans Already Tentatively Made For Speeches.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 19.—President Wilson announced tonight that he has no intention of making any campaign tour, but that he will carry out plans already tentatively made for several speeches on public questions before non-partisan organizations. This announcement followed a conference between Mr. Wilson and Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Both the President and Mr. McCormick expressed indignation over stories printed to the effect that as a result of uneasiness over the Republican campaign Mr. Wilson had changed his plans and would stump the country.

Secretary Tumulty authorized the following statement:

"The President has no intention of making any campaign tour. He does not intend to change the program already agreed upon by those in charge of his campaign to accept invitations from non-partisan organizations to discuss political questions."

In addition to the speeches in different parts of the country the President plans to make addresses on the porch of Shadow Lawn to delegations from various States who will call upon him. The first of these speeches will be made Saturday afternoon to a delegation of business men with whom Mr. Wilson will discuss the record of business legislation made by his administration.

President Plans Addresses.

Chairman McCormick arrived here late today with a portfolio filled with letters from Democratic leaders and invitations from political and non-political organizations. He urged that as many as possible be accepted.

With Chairman McCormick, the President planned to the general trend of his addresses. In them he will avoid personalities and confine himself strictly to pressing public questions. Among other things he will discuss the settlement of the recently threatened railroad strike, which Charles E. Hughes has made an issue in the campaign.

The President displayed his intention of taking an active personal interest in his campaign. From now on, administration officials said, the Democrats will push the campaign as vigorously as possible. Plans are already being made for sending several cabinet members into the Middle West and all doubtful States to recite the record of the President and the Democratic congress.

Gets New York Returns.

The President met Mr. McCormick at the railroad station here within a short time after Mr. and Mrs. Wilson returned from Columbia, S. C., where they attended the funeral of the President's sister. Mr. McCormick remained at Shadow Lawn overnight. Early returns from the New York State primaries were telephoned to Shadow Lawn tonight.

Preparation of the speech the President will deliver next Monday at Baltimore before the convention of the National Grain Dealers' Association has been begun. In it Mr. Wilson will refer particularly to the rural credits bill passed by congress. In addition to discussing politics with Mr. McCormick the President today gave time to selecting members of the tariff commission, the shipping board, the board created by the eight-hour law for railroad employes and the board to carry out the provisions of the working men's compensation law. He is expected to name some of them within a few days.

SOCIALIST COMMENDS

WILSON FOR 8-HOUR LAW

Baltimore, Sept. 20.—At tonight's session of the second Summer conference of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society at Sherwood Forest, the co-operative colony on the Severn River, John Spargo of New York, a leading exponent of Socialism in the United States, commended President Wilson for his part in the enactment of an eight-hour law by congress.

Henri La Fontaine, of Belgium, is attending the conference and will take part in its deliberations.

GERMANS REPORT SUCCESS IN EAST

GIVE GROUND IN WEST

Trenches Near Ginchy and Before Comblès and on Verdun Front Evacuated.

Berlin, Sept. 19 (via London).—Taking the offensive on the Stokhod river the Germans yesterday stormed a strong Russian bridgehead and drove the Russians across the river, the war office announced today. More than 2,500 Russians were captured as well as 17 machine guns.

The Germans have yielded more ground on the Somme front and the Verdun sector, the war office announced today. The statement follows:

"Army group of Prince Rupprecht: In the Somme region, on account of unfavorable weather conditions there was no severe engagements although the artillery was active at some places. East of Ginchy and before Comblès we yielded to the enemy some trenches which had been demolished by artillery. We repulsed partial attacks near Belay and Verdunovillers.

"Army group of the German crown prince: West of the Meuse (Verdun front) an attack on the western slope of Dead Man hill enabled them temporarily to penetrate our trenches."

The statement referring to the Eastern front reads:

"Army Group of Prince Leopold: German and Austro-Hungarian troops belonging to the command of Gen. von Bernhardt, under the leadership of Adjt. Gen. Clausius, stormed the strongly fortified Russian bridgehead north of Zareze, on the Stokhod, and pursued the enemy to the eastern bank. Thirty-one officers, 2,511 men and 17 machine guns fell into our hands.

"Near Perpelniki, between the Zereh and the Stripa, a German patrol captured two officers and 80 men.

"Army group of Archduke Charles Francis: A counter attack on the Narayuvka (a tributary of the Gneila-Lipa) in Galicia brought us additional success. The number of prisoners has been increased to more than 4,200.

"Lively fighting is taking place in the Carpathians from Smotero to the region of Kirlibaba. Several strong Russian attacks have been repulsed. The enemy gained small advantages in the Ludowa region.

"On both sides of Dorna Watera, the Russians and Roumanians suffered heavy losses in vain storming attacks. In Sieberburgen (southern Transylvania) the Roumanians were repulsed southeast of Hatzeg by troops under Lieut. Gen. Staab. They are being pursued."

FLORINA CLEARED OUT.

Last of Bulgarians Driven From Town.

Paris, Sept. 20.—The last of the Bulgarians have been cleared out of Florina, near the western end of the Macedonian front, the war office announced today. After the occupation of the town by the entente forces Bulgarian soldiers held out for a time in several houses, resisting with savage energy. One hundred prisoners were taken in capturing these positions.

The announcement says the Serbians have captured height 2,625, the highest peak of the Kaimakalan range, after desperate fighting at close quarters. On the left wing the Bulgarians are still resisting on the heights north of Sisoderi.

DAM DASTARD COST

MANY SCORE LIVES

Two Hundred and Forty Persons Dead as Result of Accident in Bohemia.

Reichenberg, Bohemia, Sept. 20.—(via Berlin to London).—The seriousness of Monday's flood disaster caused by the bursting of the Tannwald dam grows as the water subsides and investigation becomes possible. In addition to the known 240 dead whose bodies including those of many children, already have been recovered, it is believed numerous persons were caught in houses that were swept away.

The property damage can not yet be estimated with accuracy, but it is certain that hundreds of buildings were destroyed.

PLEASANT VALLEY NEWS

FAIR IN OCTOBER

SCHOOL TO OPEN SOON

Successful Protracted Meeting Closed—Community Fair to Be Held October 27.

Mr. Editor: At a very enthusiastic meeting of the Pleasant Valley Fair Association some days ago, it was decided to hold the annual community fair here on October 27 at the Pleasant Valley school house. Extensive preparations are being made, especially by the ladies, and the fair will probably be a great success in spite of the recent storm, floods, bad crops, etc. Our community is rather proud of the fact that we began the community fair work in Lancaster county, and we are glad to see that quite a number of other communities in the county are following the good example which we set three years ago.

A very successful protracted meeting was concluded at the Pleasant Hill Methodist church last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. E. Z. James, was assisted by Mr. Shealy, an evangelist singer of Leesville, S. C.

The recent race for magistrate for Indian Land township proved to be quite exciting. Mr. W. C. McGinn defeated by six votes the present magistrate, Mr. D. K. Hall, who has filled the office very acceptably for eighteen years. Mr. J. D. Potts was elected constable in the first primary.

The Pleasant Valley school will begin its regular session on October 16, with the following teachers: S. E. Bailes, principal; Miss Harmon of Lykesland and Mrs. C. H. Ross of Pleasant Valley, assistants.

Mr. Robert C. Potts of this community was notified last week that he had been awarded the four-year scholarship to Clemson College from Lancaster County.

Mrs. O. P. Heath and daughter, Miss Helen, of Charlotte, are visiting relatives here.

Miss Annie Faris of Gold Hill, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Z. Bailes.

KERSHAW NEWS.

Mr. Heyward Blackmon left Friday afternoon for Furman University. Hazel Horton and J. S. Ingram left this morning (Monday) for Wofford College.

Sherette Croxton returned home Monday morning from Washington. He will leave immediately for Furman University.

Mr. L. Jacobson returned Friday from New York, where he has been to purchase fall goods.

Miss Joyce Horton spent the weekend with her cousin, Miss Hellen McDonald.

E. K. Plyler and brother, William, of Lancaster, spent two days the past week in Florence.

Benton Crosby left Monday for Columbia, where he attends Carolina.

Miss Louise Dye left Saturday morning to take up her position as teacher.

Misses Lillie Mae and Etta Blackmon and Mamie Blackmon spent Sunday in Heath Springs.

Frank Powers is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Powers.

Prof. D. L. Guy, wife and son, of McBee, spent a few days last week at the home of the former's uncle, Mr. D. McDonald.

WILSON PREDICTS

WIN IN NEW YORK

Intimates He Thinks Progressive Voters Will Stand With Democracy There.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 20.—Victory for the Democratic ticket in New York State in the November elections was predicted by President Wilson tonight after the receipt of returns from the primaries yesterday. The President indicated his belief that Progressive voters in New York will support the Democrats.

Taking his first active part in the campaign, Mr. Wilson sent telegrams of congratulation to William F. McCombs, the Democratic nominee for the United States senate, and Judge Samuel Seabury, the nominee for governor. The message to Mr. McCombs follows:

"I congratulate you most warmly on your nomination by the Democrats of New York for the United States senate. A united body of Progressive voters will be behind you."

MORRISON CALLS COTTON FARMERS

WILL UPHOLD PRICE

Rapid Ginning and Selling Depress Market—Meeting in Columbia September 28.

Columbia, Sept. 18.—A cotton holding movement will be launched at a meeting of farmers to be held in Columbia September 28. The call for the conference was issued yesterday from McClellanville by H. T. Morrison, president of the South Carolina State Farmers' union.

The following is the call which was issued to "the cotton farmers of South Carolina:"

"At a meeting of the State presidents of the Farmers' union held in New Orleans, La., September 5 and 6, a resolution was passed urging upon the cotton planters of the South the importance of holding meetings in their respective States for the purpose of organizing a cotton holding movement.

"While the price was apparently high on the first of September, the rapid ginning and selling of cotton are already depressing the market, almost twice as much cotton having been ginned as was last year at this time. The buyers are naturally taking advantage of this fact and unless we can check up the selling the price will go still lower.

"Reports show a very short crop and probably not more than 11,000,000 bales and when all remember that two years ago, under war conditions, a 16,000,000 bale crop was consumed we can appreciate where cotton will probably go to if slowly marketed.

"Harbin's report gives only 58.7 per cent of a crop for this year, with South Carolina at 48.2 per cent (about half of a crop which as far as my personal knowledge goes is about true.)

"Somebody is going to sell cotton before the next crop comes in at 20 cents and up, and why not the man who makes? With our State warehouses, money at a low rate of interest and cheap storage and insurance, there should be no reason for the majority of the farmers of this State to depress the market by selling now. In 1914 we made a big crop but got nothing for it; in 1915 the price was fair but the crop short. The 1916 crop will probably be the shortest we have had in ten years and the world may be facing a cotton famine. Why not the producer reap the harvest? To do this we must act together, unorganized we can never bill the market.

"You remember that two years ago when the Southern farmers asked congress to pass an act opening up the ports of the warring countries to their cotton they were told that congress was a slow working and conservative body and that nothing could be done in time to save that crop even if it bankrupt the entire South. But when organized labor, 400,000 strong, threatened the country with a general railroad strike, President Wilson discovered that congress was not as slow and conservative a body as he thought it was and the eight hour law was passed in less than that many days. Whether this was right or wrong we are now discussing, but it proves very clearly that if the farmer wants anything he has got to go after it and be organized well enough to demand it.

"To start this cotton holding movement I have been requested to call a meeting in Columbia, Thursday, September 28, at 3 o'clock p. m. This I will do if farmers are interested enough to attend such a meeting or will join in the holding movement and will so indicate by writing me a card."

COLUMBIA WILL FIGHT

TO RETAIN COMMISSION.

Columbia, Sept. 20.—Columbians have begun a fight to retain the commission form of government. An election on the recall of the system has been ordered for September 26. The proponents of ward politics government have become active during the past few days and mass meetings are to be held.

Columbia has gone steadily forward under the system and an organized campaign will be carried on to retain the system.