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MOTOR BOATS ARE MAKING QUEER MOVES

Mysterious Actions of Small Craft at Norfolk and in Gulf of Mexico Cause the U. S. Officials to Suspect Filibustering Plot

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GERMANS SAID TO BE AIDING

British Tank Steamer Reports Being Fired Upon While Off Coast of Mexico by Small Boat Which Carried Several Guns

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Officials believe that all of the following circumstances are connected in a general way with the sudden departure of six of the interned German motor yachts from Norfolk, which had been provisioned for a several days voyage, the arrival at Buena Ventura, Columbia, of the American ship Academy from San Francisco, also heavily provisioned. One of the owners of the Academy has telegraphed to the government here that the vessel held no instructions to go to Columbia. The captain claimed that he put in at Columbia for repairs. Doubt exists as to the real identity of the vessel, and officials have sent to the American consul at Calhou the registry number of the Academy, and have asked a complete description. Two yachts, the Alameda and the Ventura, have been lying at Key West for several weeks. Louis Vandorn of New York, the original owner, had sold the Alameda to General Fera, and the Ventura was recently stolen from Key West by "Mexican pirates," and was recovered by the American coast patrol. An American sailing vessel called "Two Sisters" went aground off an island on the coast of Louisiana recently, and claimed to have come from Mexico for repairs. Its status is under investigation. The American ship Zealandia left Pensacola suddenly at night with a large stock of provisions aboard for Tampico. There were a number of Germans in the crew.

FRANCE WANTS SUBMARINES

TOKIO, Oct. 24.—According to Tokio newspapers, France has approached Japan with a proposition to take over two submarines which the Japanese government ordered at French shipyards before the outbreak of the war. Only the question of price remains to be settled.

DEPOSED LEADER IS GLAD OF SUCCOR AT CLIFTON COUNTY JAIL

WANT RELIEF FROM BANDIT OUTRAGES

BROWNSVILLE, Oct. 24.—Nineteen residents of the border country on Monday will lay the border situation before Governor Ferguson. They were appointed at a mass meeting, and will also see General Funston, who expects to go to Washington with an appeal for relief from the bandit outrages.

JUAN GUERRA, First President of Clifton Local, Spends Sunday at Jail, Thanking Patron Saint for a Whole Skin

CLIFTON, Ariz., Oct. 24.—Juan Guerra, the first president of the Clifton local of the Western Federation of Miners, spent today in the county jail thanking his patron saint for a whole skin. Ricardo Rodriguez, the first secretary of the same organization, who was deposed along with Guerra yesterday, scarcely appeared outside his home, which is closely watched to prevent him from leaving the camp or communicating with the outside world.

A CONFERENCE OF INTEREST TO STOCKMEN

Meeting at Chicago to Inquire into the Causes of Wide Fluctuations in the Price of Live Stock Without Apparent Cause

Chicago, November 15 and 16, called by Charles J. Brand, chief of the office of markets and rural organizations of the department of agriculture to consider the problem of the live stock market. This meeting will be the result of a letter addressed last July to Secretary Houston of the department, by President Dwight B. Heard of the American National Live Stock Association.

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SOUTHERN STATES WILL HONOR MEMORY OF OGDEN

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 24.—The memory of Robert Curtis Ogden, who died August 6, 1913, is to receive tribute from his Southern friends at a large public meeting to be held in Richmond on November 26, when Mr. Ogden's early associates will commemorate his devotion to the cause of education in the Southern States, and will describe the amazing growth of the work he started.

FIRST CLASH BETWEEN VILLA AND CARRANZA

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CARRANZA MAKING PROGRESS

EL PASO, Oct. 24.—According to advices received by the Carranza consulate Carranza columns have occupied Kinney and Casas Grandes, and a third column is said to be moving toward Ojinaga, which is opposite Presidio, Texas.

JUSTIFIES THE EXECUTION OF ENGLISH WOMAN

BERLIN, Oct. 24.—Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, German under secretary of foreign affairs, has issued an official explanation of the recent execution in Belgium of Miss Edith Cavell, a British nurse. He pronounced his remarks by declaring that he examined every jot and tittle of evidence with the greatest care and found the verdict, though regrettable, to be just.

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DEGAGHATCHE CASUALTIES

LONDON, Oct. 25 (Monday)—The bombardment of Degaghatche caused the death of ten civilians and more than one thousand soldiers. A large number of soldiers also were wounded, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Athens. A large proportion of the casualties, the correspondent adds, were in the barracks of the Foreign Legion, which has figured prominently in all the recent communications, has been captured by the Germans.

GLOBE MEN CONFIRM NEWS OF TONTO OIL DISCOVERY

(Special to The Republican)
GLOBE, Oct. 24.—Local parties returning from the scene of the oil strike in the Tonto Basin confirm all the early details of the find. While the well of Col. James H. Fleming is still short some feet of oil, it is believed that the well has already been developed a definite flow. At a depth of 1,500 feet the boring has begun to pierce the reddish oil shale, which shows exactly the same formation as that which tops the Pennsylvania oil fields. Experts say that another fifty feet will bring the well to the main oil basin, which underlies the Tonto Valley at this point. Demonstrations to show the genuineness of the oil supply were made to a group of newspapermen from Globe, who spent two days at the camp. Hastings and Berry, the veteran drillers, who have been proceeding with the work in the face of great difficulties, drew the biter from the bottom of the well, and brought up borings of soft water, carrying distinct signs of gas. The oil seep on the water was examined and found to consist of paraffine-based petroleum. The water bearing strata has been cased off, so that now the work can proceed more rapidly. An effort will be made to sink the well another fifty feet within a very few days in order to determine whether or not the driller's opinion that oil in commercial quantities can be developed soon is well founded. For two weeks, the work has been retarded by the water. Materials and supplies have been ferried across the lake, considerable expense and difficulty, and this has added to the unfavorable circumstances surrounding the development.

AGUA FRIA NEW BRIDGE STARTS COMING WEEK

Another Link in Chain of Bridges on Coast-to-Coast Route to Be Commenced, Hassavampa Only Ford to Be Left Open

Next week will see the beginning of active work on the new 400-span bridge which is to be built across the Agua Fria river at Avondale, sixteen miles west of this city, and when this improvement is completed, it will mean that one of the most dangerous and troublesome spots on the Phoenix-Yuma-Borderland route will have been eliminated. For years past, the traveler has had to ford the river at this point while making the trip to Yuma, and in times of high water the road was impassable and the crossing had to be made via the neighboring railroad bridge, which was not only dangerous, but also very inconvenient. Also in times of dry weather the approach to the river bed was somewhat blocked by the presence of large quantities of quick sand. There are three rivers which must be crossed en route to Yuma, the Gila, the Hassavampa and the Agua Fria, and when this new bridge is completed it will mean that two of the rivers have been successfully bridged, leaving only the Hassavampa as a barrier to the trans-continental tourist. The new Antelope Hill bridge across the Gila was dedicated yesterday and will prove a source of great satisfaction to the traveler who has occasion to use that route.

BANK STOCK IS PERSONAL PROP. CAMPBELL SAYS

Question Arises Under the Semi-Annual Tax Law, and is Answered by Tax Commissioner Campbell for Treasurer McDonald

At the last session of the legislature a law was passed which gives the taxpayer the privilege of paying his taxes in two semi-annual installments, that is provided his taxables included real estate, or in other words, if the taxpayer owned real estate, he could pay the taxes on his personal property at the time for paying the tax on his real estate, and if he was not a real estate owner, he must pay up his personal tax whenever it was demanded of him. This situation caused a question to be raised as to whether bank stocks were to be classed as real or personal property, and whether the owner of the stock should, in the absence of any real estate in his list of taxables, be compelled to pay the tax on the bank stock upon demand of the assessor. In order to have the matter settled, County Treasurer McDonald of Maricopa county, in consultation with the tax commissioner, Saturday, and Commissioner Campbell, in ruling that the stock should be regarded as personal property, gave out the following statement:

Repeating to your request for an opinion from this commission, defining the classification of bank stocks for purposes of assessment and taxation, beg to give you the following opinion: Shares of bank stock are personal property. (See Paragraph 4847, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913, Civil Code, defining "Personal Property.") Bank shares of bank stock should be listed and assessed to the owner thereof. (See Paragraph 4859, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913, Civil Code.) In a manner provided by paragraph 4851, Revised Statutes of Arizona, 1913, Civil Code, which creates the relation of agency on the part of the banking company, corporation or association toward its shareholders and makes it the mandatory duty of the officer in charge to pay the taxes on said shares of stock and protects him in so doing. The shares of stock of such banking corporation or association control, and through said control own all the real and personal property of said corporation or association. This commission holds that where a banking corporation or association (Continued on Page Seven)

SEVEN DEAD IN AUTO CRASH

DETROIT, Oct. 24.—Seven members of one family were instantly killed and the eighth probably fatally injured, when a Grand Trunk passenger train struck an automobile in which they were riding. The dead are Mrs. Rachel Stoldt, her five daughters and her sister, Miss Minnie Engel. William Stoldt, her husband, was badly mangled. Stoldt failed to see the train.

BIG RUSSIAN DEBT

PETROGRAD, Oct. 24.—An Imperial Class authorizes the Russian minister of finance to transmit foreign market credit operations amounting to two billion, seven hundred and fifty million dollars.

To Bring Six Thousand Troops Through States

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Arrangements for the passage of the Mexican troops through American territory were made after Carranza had been recognized. The action of the Taft administration of allowing the

President is Found

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—A wire to General Calles from General Hill states that he expects to obtain the consent of the United States to bring six thousand troops through the United States to Agua Prieta. This will give the Carranzistas approximately twenty-seven thousand men in Sonora. The Villa forces are reported to be disintegrating.

PRESIDENT AT CHURCH WITH HIS FIANCEE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The president attended church today with his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, for the first time since their engagement was announced. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Wilson. There was such a crowd that many were turned away from the church.

Plans For Worldwide Campaign For Trade

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Elaborate plans for a worldwide campaign for trade by the United States were revealed in the estimates of department of commerce expenditures for the next fiscal year to be presented to congress this winter through the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The department proposes to aid American merchants and manufacturers in taking advantage of the opportunities now before them in preparing for a struggle for trade supremacy which commercial officials are certain will follow the European war. The reorganization of the staff in Washington and an increase in about twice its present extent in foreign commercial service is contemplated. Appropriations would be sought to provide for extensive commercial investigations abroad.