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YAQUI INDIANS ASK CONFERENCE WITH U.S. TARS

Guaymas, Dec. 23.—Yaqui Indians still have possession of all property in the Yaqui valley, except two ranches, one being owned by an American named Bruce, where he, together with another American and eight Germans, is supposed to be holding out, although no news has been received from them since Monday, when the second Yaqui raid began. According to accounts received today from settlers, the Indians have destroyed all the buildings and property where they have taken charge, but as yet no reports have been received of any Americans or other foreigners being killed. On account of lack of ammunition, Waldo Sheldon and Barrett Jones, two young men from Greenwich, Conn., who were conducting a large ranch and who last spring were successful in driving off the Indians, were compelled to abandon their property during the night and after a long journey through the Indians' lines, succeeded in getting out with only a skirmish in which no one was injured. Most of the settlers are practically destitute, it is said. An official of the Richardson Construction company received a telephone message from a pioneer, one of the Yaqui chiefs, stating that the Indians desired to have a conference in the mountains with Admiral Winslow, commanding the United States Pacific fleet, who has been aboard the cruiser San Diego, for the purpose of presenting their views to the Americans. He further announced that the Indians were holding in captivity Mrs. John Lehr, two young girls and two children, all of the same family. They were carried away by the Indians during the raid on Saquegran last month. It is reported that Mrs. Lehr is a Mexican woman whose husband is an American.

Irrigation in Egypt

The first attempt at irrigation in Egypt was made by Menes, the first king of the first Egyptian dynasty known to history, who constructed the great dike at Memphis. Since then the valley of the Nile has been the scene of thousands of attempts to improve the fertility of the land, culminating with the great Nile dam at Assuan, which was completed three years ago today, Dec. 23, 1912. The Assuan dam is but the modern development of the age long series of efforts in this direction. The system of irrigation initiated by Menes is that of flooding the cultivable lands during the annual rise of the Nile, thereby refreshing the soil and securing a plentiful supply of sub-soil water which may be raised by mechanical means after the river has fallen. This system has stood without a rival as a practical scheme of hydraulic engineering for thousands of years. In the last century many attempts have been made to improve on the system. The Barrage north of Cairo, the pioneer modern irrigation project of Egypt, was a miserable failure, owing to Oriental "graft" and inefficiency. It was not until the English stepped in, repaired the Barrage and made it a success, and followed this with other successful projects, with the mighty Assuan dam the climax.

CANFIELD, BEECHER & MARA FORM NEW LEGAL FIRM HERE

A new combination of lawyers to be formed January 1 which will be notable in legal circles of this city is announced today as a result of the death of the late William J. Beecher for many years associated with Frank M. Canfield, of Bridgeport. The new firm will assume the firm name of Canfield, Beecher & Mara and will comprise Frank M. Canfield, J. Robert Beecher, and George F. Mara. The present suite occupied by Attorney Canfield in the Sanford building will be enlarged to include rooms 25-6-7. Attorney Canfield, one of the best known lawyers in Bridgeport, has practiced here for the past 25 years and was for many years connected in partnership with the late Judge Beecher of Newtown, whose death week before last shocked the community. He is one of the oldest lawyers members of the Fairfield County Bar association. J. Robert Beecher, a graduate of the Yale Law School has practiced law in this city for the last seven years and was recently run for the senatorship of the Twenty-fifth senatorial district. He is a resident of Newtown where the new firm will maintain an office. George F. Mara, well known in political and business circles of this city, has practiced law in his office in the Newfield building since his graduation from Yale college in 1907. He is a son of Deputy Sheriff Charles B. Mara.

PATENT RIGHTS ISSUED TO CONNECTICUT INVENTORS

The following were issued Dec. 21, 1915. List furnished from office of A. M. Wooster, solicitor of patents, Bridgeport, Conn.: E. Roy W. Fisher and A. L. Fisher, Bridgeport, grease-gun. Gustav Palcos, Bridgeport, combined table and chairs. E. Woods, Bridgeport, talking machine.

BINGHAM DEAD AFTER SNUB ON FORD'S JUNKET

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 23.—Pneumonia, contracted on the Ford peace ship cruise, resulted in the death here yesterday of Lloyd Bingham, Amelia Bingham's husband. Back of the diagnosis of his disease as pneumonia lies a sadder story. Some of Mr. Bingham's friends believe his death was hastened by buffets he suffered aboard the peace ship. They are saying he was greatly depressed when he curtly compliments to fellow delegates were misconstrued. Mr. Bingham, an old friend of Mr. Ford, was one of the first to accept an invitation to accompany the party. When the Oscar II sailed he was one of the most conspicuous figures on her deck. He acted as master of ceremonies, calling on one delegate after another to address the multitude which assembled to see the crusade start. He continued his efforts as an entertainer on the passage. His benevolent and generous pronouncement to please some of the delegates. These protests accomplished the abandonment of plans for a mid-ocean concert he had arranged. There were even recommendations that he be omitted from the party after Christiania was reached. Lloyd Bingham had a reputation along the Tenderloin as a man with a sensitive nature, which required periodic indication. In fact, he was one of the most noted of the apostles of force in the circles in which he moved. His penchant for practice of the manly art accentuated the surprise of his friends as his inclusion in a peace expedition. Bingham registered for the Ford trip as Amelia Bingham's husband. "The original plan was," he said, "that I was to go with Henry Ford and tell my funny stories to the men in the trenches until Christmas, so that they would run out and end the war. I telegraphed Amelia saying, 'I am crazy to go with Henry Ford.' She replied, 'I agree with you.' I did not like the layout of the dressing rooms on the steamer. I was entitled, as Amelia's husband, to the star dressing room. Then, when the announcement was made, several of the papers merely used my name, without mentioning Amelia or the fact that I am her husband." Bingham was about 50 years old. He had been Amelia Bingham's manager for a number of years, having married her when she was, Amelia Smiley. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a Mystic Shriner. His body will be sent back to the United States. Amelia Bingham, who is with the William H. Crane Stock Company, is playing in Texas. Y. M. C. A.

HEIRS FIGHT OVER \$10,000 ESTATE OF NEWTOWN RESIDENT

Michael Lynch's Nurse Willed \$3,000 for Her Care in His Illness. (Special to "The Farmer.") Newtown, Dec. 23.—Objecting because the late Michael Lynch of the Hanover district left the bulk of his \$10,000 estate to one brother, a trick, and \$3,000 to Miss Margaret Lester, who nursed him during his last illness, other heirs-at-law are contesting the admission of the will at the probate court in Newtown. Michael Lynch was a bachelor. He made his will a few days before his death. The kindness and apparent solicitude of Miss Lester made him desire to leave her something as a token of gratitude. The will was drawn by John J. Cassidy of Southbury, but in the opinion of the counsel for the triangle of contestants, is defective in certain particulars of the laws governing wills. Attorney J. Robert Beecher, representing the children of Thomas Lynch, who resides in New York and the late Jesse, and Attorneys Ives and Keating of Danbury, representing the claims of the children of Daniel Lynch of that city, another brother, have objected to the probating of the will. Acting Judge Howard Woodman decided to adjourn the case for one week to allow all the other heirs at law of Lynch to be heard personally, or by counsel. Besides the parties interested who have already appeared in court the descendants of two sisters of the testator reside in the probate district, and the judge decided they should be given an opportunity to be heard.

THE SMITH-MURRAY CO. BRIDGEPORT'S BUSY CASH STORE. STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL XMAS

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Help Santa Fill His Pack

The children will be waiting for Old Saint Nick on Xmas Eve. Have you provided everything to fill up their stockings with? All the playthings that a child's heart could desire are here all ready to bring joy to some small folks. Bring the children to see the dolls, games, books and mechanical toys and let them make their own selection. Basement

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THE FAIRCHILD STORE Christmas Suggestion, No. 25

Some Random Reminders

The wife would like a new Ring or Pendant or some Silver added to her table. The husband, if he smokes, would like some handy smoker's article, or a new set of Studs, a Sticky Pin or some Toilet Articles. The girl, some pretty pieces of Jewelry in the latest idea, a Watch or a Silver Mounted Toilet Set. The boy, Stick Pins, Cuff Links or a good serviceable Watch. It is not too late to get these things here now and our stock is still sufficient. An investment here of one dollar or one thousand dollars insures YOU the best that money can buy.

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NEW HAVEN MAKES SCHEDULE CHANGES

Important changes of passenger train schedules will go into effect on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at 12 noon, Sunday, Dec. 26. Timetables giving detailed information regarding the new train schedule will be in the hands of agents prior to the date on which the new schedules go into effect. The principal changes affecting this locality are: The State of Maine express leaving Worcester daily at 12:30 night for New York will leave at 1:10 a. m. and Putnam at 2:08 a. m. due Williamantic at 2:54 a. m., Middletown 4:11 a. m., New Haven 5:07 a. m. and New York 7:08 a. m. Eastbound, the State of Maine express will leave New York at 8:25 a. m. and will be scheduled from two to 16 minutes earlier than at present at stations from Bridgeport to Putnam inclusive. The Midnight express leaving New York daily at 12 night for Boston will be scheduled from three to 20 minutes later than at present. Stamford to Providence, inclusive, running eastbound, will be due at 5:57 a. m. Westbound, it will be scheduled from one to five minutes later, Bridgeport to Stamford inclusive, due New York 6:57 a. m. The train now leaving New York week-days at 8:37 p. m. for New Haven will leave at 8:20 p. m. and be scheduled nine minutes earlier at intermediate stations to New Haven, where it will be due at 12:26 night. The week-day train now leaving New York at 12:19 night for Stamford will leave at 12:27 night and be scheduled eight to nine minutes later than at present at all intermediate stations to Stamford, where it will be due at 1:45 a. m. The train now leaving Bridgeport week-days at 5:42 a. m. for New York will leave at 5:40 a. m. and be scheduled from one to two minutes earlier than at present at all intermediate stations to South Norwalk inclusive, and run on its present schedule thence to New York. The train now leaving New Haven week-days at 8:30 a. m. for New York will leave at 8:28 a. m. and be scheduled from one to six minutes earlier at intermediate stations to Noroton, running on its present schedule thence to New York. Eight firemen, who were overpowered by smoke, were rescued by outriggers when fire destroyed a six-story building in New York. The loss is about \$50,000.

WATERWAYS BILL ENTAILING GREAT SUMS CONSIDERED

Washington, Dec. 23.—Despite prospects of a fight in Congress over passage legislation and the aid of party leaders for economic, Chairman Sparkman of the House rivers and harbors committee, is planning to report general waterways bill and there was talk today of the intimation of the House public buildings committee, headed by Representative Clark, of Florida, to report an omnibus bill, developed today that when the rivers and harbors committee meets after the holidays it will have for consideration favorable reports of the army engineers on new projects aggregating \$250,000,000. The committee may decide to restrict the bill for continuation of projects under way. There are numerous big projects on file, favorably reported on by the war department. Some of these larger ones are: New York, Delaware Bay waterway, \$20,000,000; Tennessee river at Muscle Shoals, \$18,710,000; East river at Hell Gate, \$15,400,000; waterway, Beaufort, St. Johns river, Fla., \$14,400,000; Chesapeake & Delaware canal, purchase and improvement, \$5,000,000; Cumberland river, above Nashville, \$4,500,000; Red river, La., and Arkansas, \$6,000,000; Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers, Cal., \$5,860,000.

FORMER REDDING TAX OFFICER DISCHARGED FROM STATE HOSPITAL

(Special to The Farmer.) Redding, Dec. 22.—James J. Duncan, former tax collector of Redding, arrived home last evening after having been discharged from the State Hospital at Middletown. He is expected to resume his life and occupation as a painter here. Mr. Duncan's case was diagnosed as paresis. He was discharged as cured. His commitment followed the discovery six months ago that he was short in his accounts as tax collector.

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