

Says Company Did Not Fulfill Conditions

Mexico City, Aug. 8.—Questioned regarding the reported diplomatic protest by the United States Government against the nullification of the concession held by the "Compania Constructora Richardson, S. A." to utilize the waters of the Yaqui river, Pastor Rouaix, Secretary of Development, is quoted by El Democrata as saying that the concession was cancelled because the company had not fulfilled the conditions relative to furnishing water for irrigation purposes and development work upon which the concession was granted.

The paper also states that, according to the secretary, the company's irrigation system has been expropriated by the government for the public good, after compensation had been fixed on the basis of the cost of the development work already done.

From the Angle of Bethlehem

The International Sunday School Lesson For August 10 is "Winning Others to Christ"—Acts 16:9-15; James 5:19-20

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In the soft glow of a summer evening I rode yesterday from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. The distance is only a little more than five miles, along the main southern highway to Hebron. It was over this very road that Joseph and Mary and their faithful donkey went in haste the day before Christmas. The ancient well by the wayside is pointed out, with every degree of probability, as the one at which Mary refreshed herself. Near Bethlehem we pass the tomb of Rachel. Olive and vine-clad terraced hills surround the town, which is solidly built of the ubiquitous limestone of the land; the wise man builds his house on the rock—the underlying rock of Palestine—and of the rock as well. The stone is quarried soft and hardens upon exposure to air.

In a limestone cave, which once was the rear room of stable of the Bethlehem inn, or khan, there was born nineteen centuries ago a babe. Over that cave to-day there stands the oldest Christian Church in the world, built in the reign of Constantine the Great, on the site of a still earlier construction. Since the capture of Jerusalem by General Allenby—when an American officer in his army was made first governor of Bethlehem—certain unlovely evidences of ecclesiastical strife, notably the unsightly wall that divided the interior, have been removed. It is still necessary, though, to maintain a military guard at the manger to prevent sectarian strife; though now the soldiers are British, instead of Turks.

A silver star is set into the center of the grotto beneath the church, and it is inscribed, "Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus status est." Around it burn perpetually the lamps of the Latin, Greek and Armenian churches. There is much ecclesiastical ornamentation. One can scarcely realize that at this holy spot the miracle of the ages was wrought; and that here was manifested the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. Here gathered the wondering shepherds from the neighboring hillsides. Over this town the mysterious celestial glory shone; and later the star rested. This is the focal point of the universe and of eternity.

New Power of an Old Place. What has all this got to do with the present lesson? Everything. This Bethlehem manger has become central to a newly self-conscious world. The star that shone here nineteen centuries ago has become, as it were, the supreme luminary of a celestial system, drawing all lesser planets into its orbit and power. It represents the uplifted Christ who is to-day drawing all men unto himself. Now, above all days that have been, is a time of the supremacy of the living and spiriting sacrifice of Jesus, once born at Bethlehem as a lowly mother's Babe. The heart-sore world is ready to be healed by the way of the manger. As of old Paul heard Macedonia calling in a vision—that same poor, distant Macedonia through which I have recently traveled—"Come over and help us," so now all the weak and war-worn and newly-torn nations are crying to Christ and His Church, "Come over and help us." There is no thoughtful person intelligently reviewing the world's present condition who does not arrive at the conclusion that the greatest need of the nations is spiritual, and to be met only by a vitalized and present religion.

As the Soldier Sees It. Upon returning from Bethlehem yesterday, and after dinner, I spent two hours in conversation with a staff captain in the British Army, a problem-plagued man who has seen most of the world's unquiet. We discussed the national perplexities, one by one, and finally confessed ourselves baffled. Until the soldier said—and he is not a religious man—"I feel you, this whole business will never be settled except on the basis of religion which will make people really friendly. There has got to be some great power to bring the spirit of brotherhood into all the world." That interview was true to type. Over and over again I saw young men turning to religion as the solution of the present world chaos. Some express a desire for a new religion, a new prophet or an amalgamation of all religions. In the speech of soldiers and statesmen and men of the world, the great armament of Christ is being echoed—mankind must be forged again, and receive a new nature, before it can live a life of holiness and helpfulness and harmony.

Under His Own Hat. That line of reasoning leads us straight to the conviction that the most important work in the world at the present is to create Christians. When men and women are led to Christ they are led out of the selfishness and smallness and sorrows that afflict society like a disease. A sturdy type of intelligent Christianity is the best work against Bolshevism, capitalism, imperialism, and all the other ills that menace the integrity of civilization.

Recently "Life" had an editorial upon the importance of each man's having a league of nations, and of good intentions under his own hat. If the little world that lives there is reorganized, the affairs of the greater world will be cared for automatically. The final problem is the state of mind of the individual. That is so obvious that its importance may be overlooked. All of us are so busy with vast schemes or making over mankind in the mass that we are tempted to forget that God's way is the one-by-one method. He deals with individuals. He is changing the world by transforming men one at a time. He never leads a friend into discipleship to Christ is doing really a world service as many of the men associated with the Peace Conference.

We cannot improve upon the Lord's Master's methods. Amid these hills of India and Galilee Jesus chose a dozen common men—just such looking men as are at this moment passing through the Jaffa Gate of Jerusalem before my eyes—to be his friends and helpers. Association with him made them uncommon men. Their discipleship led them into a service where they became a world-revolutionizing force. Again we are at a plastic hour in history. New personalities are yet to emerge to lay a shaping hand upon events. Who knows that the young person who is to-day brought under the spell of Christ's leadership may not be decisive in the hour of human destiny? We are serving the world in profoundest and most fundamental ways when we lead men into Christian allegiance.

British Company to Organize Trade in the Near East. London, Aug. 8.—Organization of The Levant Company with a capital \$5,000,000 for developing trade between Great Britain and the near eastern countries has been announced here. The American Chamber of Commerce in London compares this company to the \$20,000,000 American Foreign Trade Corporation, organized to develop American trade in the near East and which is establishing headquarters in Constantinople, Smyrna, Syria and on the Black Sea and suggests that interesting competition will result.

To Solve Mystery as to Mound Builders. Mexico City, Aug. 8.—Archeological investigations by a governmental commission to solve the mystery of who built the great pyramids at San Juan Teotihuacan, 27 miles from Mexico City, have brought to light two great granite heads of the ancient Mexican god of the air, Quetzalcoatl. These heads are almost perfect specimens, bearing all the symbolic markings. The long disputed point as to who erected the pyramids is, as yet, unsolved. These huge mounds, one to the sun and the other to the moon, the former being 761 by 721 feet at the base and 216 feet high, are generally attributed to a tribe that preceded the Toltecs, probably dating from about the sixth century.

German Trades to Come to Latin-America. Mexico City, Aug. 8.—The German government intends to devote a great portion of its commercial activity to the revival of its relations with Latin-American countries, according to communications just forwarded to Mexican officials here by Arthur von Murguth, representative of the German government in Mexico. He asked for complete information in regard to the demand for German products here.

YANKS HONORED IN MONTENEGRO

High Military Decoration Is Conferred Upon Red Cross Members

Cettinje, Montenegro, Aug. 8.—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Jugo-Slavia has conferred high military decorations on several members of the American Red Cross unit in Montenegro, say advices from Belgrade. Other members have been awarded lesser orders. The director of the unit, Major Henry Rushton Fairclough, formerly professor at Stanford University, is given the Order of the White Eagle, fourth class. Captains Chelsea C. Pratt and Joseph E. Jarvis receive the fifth class decoration of the same order.

About fifty Americans have been engaged recently in relief and medical work in Montenegro. Four hospitals were operated in addition to numerous dispensaries and canteens and a general program to improve health and sanitation was conducted.

The American Red Cross work is now supplemented by that of a unit representing the International Red Cross at Geneva.

WOMAN SPURNED KILLS PHYSICIAN IN STREET

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 8.—Dr. Henry Zimmerman was shot to death near his home here yesterday by Miss Jennie Zimmerman following a violent quarrel in the street. After firing five shots Miss Zimmerman, who is not related to Dr. Zimmerman, threw her revolver away and ran. She was overtaken and held, however, until the arrival of officers. Miss Zimmerman is about 25 years old and Dr. Zimmerman ten years older. Miss Zimmerman said the doctor had spurned her.

DIES AT HOSPITAL

Wrightsville, Pa., Aug. 8.—Joseph Hill, an aged resident, died at the Columbus Hospital at noon yesterday, of cancer of the stomach. He was 74 years old.

PACIFIC STATES GAVE 472 SHIPS

Contributed 3,721,524 Dead Weight Tons During the War

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—The three Pacific coast states of Washington, Oregon and California will have contributed 3,721,524 dead-weight tons of ships at the close of the 1919 building program, according to the approximate figures given out here to-day by the United States Shipping Board. In all 472 ships will have been added to the American merchant marine since the intensive war time shipbuilding began to "bridge the Atlantic" in the battle waged against the German submarines.

Steel and wooden ships to the number of 318 with a tonnage of 2,326,986, is the estimated production of Washington and Oregon shipyards from the beginning of the war to the completion of the 1919 program. Of these 245 are steel and 73 of wood.

In California the total tonnage of steel vessels to be constructed to the end of 1919 is 1,192,538. Of wooden vessels, constructed, or under construction, California's contribution is 28 with a total dead-weight tonnage of 17,000. Concrete ships are represented by 15,000 tons.

Arrest Woman For Trying to Kidnap "Baby Irene"

Ottawa, Aug. 8.—Charged with assault after an unsuccessful attempt yesterday to obtain possession of 4-year-old Katherine Ryan, who as "Baby Irene" was the central figure in a sensational trial in the Federal courts of Chicago three years ago, Mrs. Dolly Ledgerwood Matters of Chicago, was in custody here to-day.

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Wants P. O. Employees to Get 50 Per Cent. More. Washington, Aug. 8.—President Wilson was asked in a letter presented at the White House yesterday to recommend to Congress an increase of fifty per cent. in the wages of post office and postal employees over the country to meet the high cost of living. The letter was presented by a delegation headed by Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor.

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A recommendation on this subject to the Congress favoring adequate legislation in behalf of this important group of American wage-earners, the letter said, "would sharply direct attention to the post-wage problem—one that is fully as pressing as the railroad wage problem and we are confident it will result in bringing merited relief."



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