

MEXICAN SITUATION NOW IS BECOMING VERY GRAVE

CONFIDENCE IS SHAKEN BY UNWISE AGITATION

Declares Judge Gary, Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation in Address.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States steel corporation, in an address today at the semi-annual meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute declared that the stability of business has been interfered with and the confidence of capital shaken by "unreasonable and uncalled for agitation and attack."

"There are exceptional cases," declared Judge Gary, "in which mismanagement has caused distrust or dissatisfaction on the part of foreign and domestic capitalists; but this is not the principal reason for resistancy at the present time on the part of these capitalists in making investments in our securities. They wonder why it is that with our great and growing wealth and resources and our superior advantages we are not more continuously prosperous; why we are not more stable in prices and values and in general conditions; why there is ever any disposition on the part of any one to interfere with the normal and natural progress in the development of our country and its industries. Every one who travels extensively abroad is confronted with these inquiries by foreigners friendly and interested in our commercial and financial conditions and success; and we assembled in this room are asking ourselves the same question. I venture the assertion that it is largely because of much unnecessary agitation and ill-considered criticism by those who have not the nation's best interests at heart. There is too much demagoguery, too much mudslinging. The man out of office criticizes the one in office and the one in office in turn seeks to advance his own interests regardless of the effect upon all others. In many public speeches and in magazine articles the author is influenced by motives of selfishness or cupidity. Appeals are made for the purpose of creating a feeling of dissatisfaction and unrest when this is unnecessary and unjustified. Fortunately this is partially offset by the conservative attitude of some of the leading journals; and the number is increasing.

"It is not uncommon in public discussion to treat success as an offense; to consider the possession of wealth, however honestly acquired, as wrong. Legislation calculated to create classes is urged persistently; also laws to impose unnecessary and unreasonable burdens; to forcibly take from one something which he has and is entitled to have, and turn it over to another; to prevent or to lessen the success of legitimate enterprise and endeavor. Capital, always timid, has been seriously affected by this unreasonable and uncalled-for agitation and attack. Indeed, it is becoming frightened. Confidence has been shaken. It is becoming almost impossible to raise money for any purpose."

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CONGRESSMEN GIVE FIVE DOLLARS EACH

For the Purchase of a Wedding Gift for the President's Daughter, Jessie.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Congressmen in an informal meeting called today by Republican Leader Mann, selected Speaker Champ Clark, chairman of a committee to select a wedding gift for Miss Jessie Wilson. "How much will we chip in?" asked Mr. Mann. "Will five dollars a member be too high?" "No, no, chorused Democrats, Republicans and Progressives, as they handed in their money. The membership of the House is 432. All contributing to the wedding gift fund would total \$2,160. What the gift will be has not been determined.

OLDEST WOMAN

In the State of Ohio Dies Suddenly as the Result of Natural Decay.

CONNEAUT, O., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Dorcas Jones, 105 years old, said to be the oldest woman in Ohio, died suddenly here last night. Death was the result of natural decay. She had never had a day of sickness. Mrs. Jones celebrated her 105th birthday on April 21. The entire city will participate in the funeral ceremonies Sunday.

MARRIAGE LICENSES. Marriage licenses have been issued to William T. Wiger and Opal May Martin and Phillip S. Williams and Mary M. Martin.

PRICE

Tells the Postmasters' Convention about Some of His Own Experiences.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Andrew Price, postmaster at his home town of Marlinton, who was one of the first Democrats appointed to office by President Wilson, told the national association of postmasters about one of his experiences soon after his name was entered on the list of Uncle Sam's postmasters, and the laughter which followed quite upset the dignity of the convention. For many years Bogachontas county, of which Marlinton is the county seat, was one of the banner Democratic counties in the state, but there were always enough Republicans in the county to run the post-offices. Mr. Price was the first Democratic postmaster in the county for a quarter of a century. He related that after he had been in charge of the office but a few days he was standing at the stamp window one morning when a grizzled old mountaineer from over in the "wilderness" section walked up to the window and addressing Mr. Price, inquired if he were the postmaster. "Yes, I am the postmaster," he replied, swelling with pride, "do you want some stamps?" Ignoring the question, the old man continued his interrogations and asked "are you a Democrat?" With evidence of even greater pride, Mr. Price responded, "yes, I am a Democrat and postmaster too; can I sell you some stamps today?" "No," replied the stranger, still looking intently at the new appointee. "Well, what do you want?" asked Mr. Price. "I just want to look at you," came the answer. "I haven't seen a Democratic postmaster since before the Civil war, and I have come in from my home out on the mountain to see what one looks like."

ADDITIONAL LEAD

In Natural Gas Value is Given West Virginia by Belated Figures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—Belated figures sent into the United States Geological Survey show that the total production of natural gas in West Virginia for 1911 was 239,088,066,000 cubic feet, valued at \$235,49,021, and in Pennsylvania \$12,149,855,000 cubic feet valued at \$18,539,672. This gives West Virginia an additional lead of \$1,990,000 in value over figures recently issued by the survey.

SOCIETY DRAMA.

Miss Alice Joyce of the Kalem Film Company, can be seen at the Bijou theater tonight in an interesting society drama, entitled, "A Bolt from the Sky."

MEETING OF EDUCATION ASSOCIATION'S EXECUTIVE BOARD TO BE HELD AT PARKERSBURG.

PARKERSBURG, Oct. 24.—The executive committee of the West Virginia Education Association will hold an important meeting Saturday afternoon at the Chancellor hotel in this city. The committee is composed of President O. G. Wilson, of Clarksburg; Secretary A. P. Morrison, of Elkins; Secretary A. P. Morrison, of Clarksburg; Treasurer J. F. Marshall, of Charleston; H. F. Fleishman, of Hinton; and Printing F. M. Longenecker, of Parkersburg. Important business that will be before the committee is the decision of the dates for next year's meeting and the arrangement of a program. The association will meet at Morgantown next year, probably in June, that having been decided at the association meeting held here last summer.

PIANO TUNER DEAD.

PARKERSBURG, Oct. 24.—Richard E. McGee, a widely known piano tuner here for many years, is dead at his home on Staunton avenue after a brief illness of acute indigestion.

GOES TO CLEVELAND. PARKERSBURG, Oct. 24.—Fred W. Perkins, for several years connected with the editorial department of the Parkersburg Sentinel, has resigned to take an editorial position with the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Affairs More Ominous Than at Any Time Since Mr. Wilson Became President.

TO BACK UP POLICIES WITH THE NAVY AND ARMY IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE URGENT NOW.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 24.—There is no intention on the part of the government to molest General Felix Diaz, according to Senor Moheño, minister of foreign affairs. Senor Moheño said today that General Diaz was at liberty to come to the capital when he chose. The fact that General Diaz was officially relieved from his mission to Japan by the foreign office after he had completed his assignment from the war department in France, relieved him of any charge of insubordination according to officials here. The members of the embassy, which accompanied General Diaz to Europe on the way to Japan, were arrested for disobeying orders the government had sent them at Havana to return to Paris as soon as possible.

In a statement to the press today, concerning yesterday's meeting of members of the diplomatic corps at the palace, it is said that the provisional president has learned that in some of the Mexican states his friends purpose to support him for the presidency. This calls forth the following official statement: "The government can not prevent the provisional president's friends supporting him owing to the lack of time to do so before the elections are held, but while the provisional president appreciates the attitude of his friends, he declares once and for all that he cannot accept votes and if, through them he should be elected president, such an election would have no effect as it would be contrary to the constitution."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Developments of a few hours today in the relations between the United States and Mexico emphasized a gravity of affairs more ominous than at any time since President Wilson's administration began. Absolute silence was the order in official quarters. The release of the ward liner, Marro Castle, after preemptory demands by the United States, terminated a delicate situation. Orders were in preparation to the commander of an American warship, plying off Vera Cruz, to insist on her release.

A statement was in preparation today by Secretary Bryan and Counselor John Bassett Moore, which Secretary Bryan brought to the White House for the president's approval. No intimation as to its contents was revealed but there was every reason to believe that before many hours have passed a notice by the United States that it would not brook European interference in Mexico by the warships dispatched to Mexican waters by the foreign powers would be proclaimed.

It is understood also that the United States by the same statement will reiterate the American policy that only governments founded on constitutional law and order will be recognized on the western hemisphere.

The situation had assumed such aspects that it was considered possible that President Wilson might cancel, at the last moment, his trip to Mobile, Ala. He had planned to leave early tomorrow and he went until Tuesday night. There was doubt in the president's mind today whether he could afford to leave Washington at this time.

That the United States may be required to back up measures and policies is being taken into consideration by administration officials and while there is no comment to indicate the trend of affairs, there is unmistakable evidence that high officials are prepared for any eventuality.

As Secretary Bryan went to conference with President Wilson just after noon, he was asked to say definitely whether Consul Canada's instructions were broad enough to include the granting of asylum to members of General Felix Diaz's staff. He replied that asylum would be accorded to anyone who sought it.

Chairman Bacon of the Senate foreign relations committee conferred at the state department and White House. He declared that while the United States would always like to have the approval of foreign governments in its policies towards Mexico and would always listen to suggestions, nevertheless this government would never yield to its views because it had broader and more important moral considerations at hand in dealing with the Mexican problem than merely material interest.

The gravity of the situation, it was apparent, would be increased by Felix Diaz taking refuge in the American consulate at Vera Cruz. The possibility that the Huerta authorities might demand his release and provoke another emergency was fully realized.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 24.—Wire communication with the besieged city of Monterey ceased at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, according to an announcement here today. At that hour the fighting was raging furiously. The main rebel forces occupied a railroad yard about a mile from the center of the city. They had a number of cannon with which

DENVER BANDIT MURDERS A MAN

In the Street and Mortally Wounds Another Pedestrian There.

SHOOTS A FELLOW THROUGH THE HEART WITHOUT SAYING ONE WORD TO HIM.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 24.—A bandit, running wild near the heart of the city early today, held up five pedestrians within a few blocks and shot and instantly killed T. J. Chase, of Palmer Lake, Colo., and mortally wounded E. A. Clark, of this city.

The bandit fled before an automobile filled with police, who traced him from the scene of one holdup to another, only to arrive too late. The shooting began when the bandit held up Antonio Fuguris, a street sweeper, sending a bullet through his hat. A few minutes later Clark started into a drug store with a bullet through his right lung. Four blocks away Chase met his death. Without a word the bandit shot him through the heart. He held up and robbed two others without shooting them.

MILK STORE

Will Be Opened in the Siers Building on Murdock Alley by Mr. Sturm.

P. C. Sturm, formerly a retail milk dealer but out of the business the last year and a half, is preparing to open a milk store in the city November 1. He has secured quarters in the Siers building on Murdock alley just opposite the rear of the James and Law Company store and is equipping it with latest machinery in his line. His farm is two miles east of the city where he will have dairy stock. The store room is equipped with a boiler, a pasteurizing machine which will heat milk to 150 degrees and the milk passes through a cooler bringing the heat down to forty-five degrees. The washer has a sponging tank and brushes for cleaning the interior and exterior of bottles and there is a sterilizing machine in connection therewith.

A modern bottler is to be used to bottle the milk. Milk will be delivered by Mr. Sturm either pasteurized or not, as desired. He will inaugurate a prompt and complete delivery service. The store is sanitary in every respect and the business will be conducted on the highest plane.

ORDER

By Government Concerning the Proposed Bridge is Likely to Be Changed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—Congressman Sutherland, accompanied by S. D. Brady, chief engineer of the Buchanan and Northern railroad, appeared before General Kingman, chief of United States engineers, in regard to the bridge that the railroad company expects to construct across the Monongahela river at Catawba. The government some time ago ruled insisting on a 350 foot river span for this bridge, but after the hearing it is expected that the previous order will be changed and the railroad company allowed to make it a 300 foot span.

Authoritative announcement was made today that the members of the Carmelite Order plan to establish a convent near Wheeling in the near future. The new convent will be a replica of the one at Arja, Spain, where St. Theresa was a nun. St. Theresa founded the order in the sixteenth century.

SEVEN DRUNKS.

Seven drunks was the total of Friday morning's session of police court. Three of them paid, while the remaining four were discharged with warnings as to a future offense.

Press criticisms of the recent utterances of Sir Lionel Carden regarding Washington's lack of understanding of conditions in Mexico do not appear to have much affected the British minister to Mexico. He appears to regard the matter as an unwarranted controversy with which he declines to have anything to do. Sir Lionel explained his views at some length to the Associated Press today but firmly declined to be quoted again. It was easy to observe that Sir Lionel was not fully in accord with the policy of Washington and it was apparent that he thought the British government was entitled to have a policy of its own and that he saw no reason for following that of the United States. It is believed that policy should be regarded not

STEEL IN BRIDGE IS CRYSTALLIZED

In Opinion of Expert Engineer and Structure is Unsafe.

In the opinion of a mechanical engineer of many years' experience, steel in the Glen Elk bridge, part of which collapsed Wednesday evening, is crystallized to such a degree as to make the structure unsafe. When the big beam fell from the bridge Wednesday evening, it struck and broke several steel rods and cross-pieces on its way to the ground. An inspection of the broken parts by the engineer mentioned disclosed that the parts were broken in places where they should not have broken from the same sudden shock and strain were the steel sound; and that the points of severance revealed serious crystallization. Structural steel when new or in a sound condition is fibrous and exceedingly cohesive while steel that is crystallized is quite brittle. It is the opinion of the engineer that the crystallization of steel in the Glen Elk bridge has been caused by constant vibration, the result partly of neglect and partly because the structure has been subjected to exceptional wear and tear. He thinks the collapse of the beam has given an impressive object lesson as to the dangerous condition of the bridge.

FAVORS TEMPERANCE

Governor Baldwin's Movement is Defeated by Overwhelming Vote against It.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 24.—By a vote of 517 to 14 the National Council of Congregational Churches went on record in favor of temperance. The vote defeated a movement headed by Governor Baldwin, of Connecticut, who opposed the report of the temperance committee, favoring an amendment to the federal constitution prohibiting the manufacture, sale, importation and exportation of intoxicating beverages throughout the United States.

SENTENCES COMMUTED

Two Men Will Serve Less Time If They Pay Big Fines Imposed upon Them.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—President Wilson today commuted the sentences of Frederick A. Hyde and J. H. Schneider, of California, convicted of celebrated land fraud conspiracies, to one year and a day in prison for each, provided that they pay the originally imposed fines of \$10,000 on Hyde and \$1,000 on Schneider.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—President Wilson has designated Thursday, November 28, as Thanksgiving Day and issued his first Thanksgiving proclamation.

MEXICANS NOW SEE EUROPEAN ALLIANCE

One Mexican Newspaper Declares That Entire Europe is on the Side of Mexico.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 24.—The controversy between the United States and Great Britain appears to have convinced Mexicans that the European nations generally are coming in line with England in opposition to the United States. On the headline of "Entire Europe is on the Side of Mexico," *La Independiente* says: "In London everybody is taking note of the possibility of Anglo-American complications. The United States has not taken into account that at the back of England there are many other nations interested in the solution of the Mexican problem. On this line, it is known absolutely in perfect accord, namely those of London, Paris and Berlin. Back of them are the great European alliances and the Anglo-Japanese alliance. It would be neither diplomatic nor prudent to defy these great nations."

MERCHANT

To Be Arrested for Selling Cigaret to a Minor.

Shirley Hannigan, aged 16 years, of Broad Oaks, was arrested Friday morning by Charles Pearl, chief of police of Broad Oaks, for smoking a cigarette. Hannigan was brought before Justice Carter and pleaded guilty to the charge. Sentence was suspended when he informed the justice where he secured the cigarette and a warrant has been issued for the party who sold

BLOWERS OF SAFE MAKE A BIG HAUL

Break into An Ohio Postoffice and Get Away with \$15,000 in Cold Cash.

BUILDING COLLAPSES

No Trace of the Burglars When the Town Awakes But a Search is Being Made.

CHICAGO JUNCTION, O., Oct. 24.—Robbers early today blew open the safe in the postoffice at Attica, O., and escaped with loot estimated at \$15,000. The explosion of the safe, which rocked the town, demolished the two-story building which sheltered the postoffice. The sum they obtained represented not only the money and stamps of the office but large sums of money belonging to the Seneca County Fair Association and other organizations of which Postmaster W. F. Uhle was secretary. Uhle was only recently appointed postmaster and had not yet arranged to pass over funds of some of the offices with private concerns, which he had formerly held.

FLOOD

Figures as Reported by the Red Cross Form Some Interesting Data.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—That 250,000 persons were driven from their homes by the Ohio river flood of last March and had to be cared for by friends or relief committees is one of the statements made in the October number of the Red Cross Magazine, published by the Red Cross Society. The relief work incident to the flood is virtually closed, according to the report, although considerable expenditures remain to be made to carry out plans already entered upon to supplement the work of the regular local relief agencies in the coming winter, in places where the after-effects of the flood have placed upon them a burden which they can not bear alone. In Ohio and West Virginia, along the banks of the Ohio river, the report states that a severe outbreak of typhoid fever occurred, following the hot summer months, and the Red Cross Society still maintains a representative in that neighborhood. The report shows that in the days immediately following the flood more than 300,000 persons were compelled to depend upon relief supplies for food, while 64,161 families, consisting of about 350,000 persons, were driven from home and left temporarily dependent upon relief agencies or friends for shelter. The flood destroyed 2,691 dwellings, while the number of houses repaired and put into habitable condition by the Red Cross exceeded 10,000. The total expenditures in cash by the Red Cross and various state and local committees to not less than \$3,500,000.

GENERAL MORTGAGE

As a Basis for Company's Financing is Being Considered by President Rea Now.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—In answer to inquiries by stockholders, President Rea of the Pennsylvania railroad today confirmed the report that the company is considering the creation of a general mortgage as a basis for the company's financing for many years to come.

STORE OPENS SATURDAY.

W. T. B. Clemm, who has been busy all week moving his stock of goods from the Elgbrigt building in Glen Elk to the McCarty building on West Main street, has all of his stock in his new store room now and will have his opening there Saturday. Mr. Clemm's new store is one of the largest wall paper stores in the state.

KEISTER DOGS

Do Fine Work in the Capture of Two Negroes in the Mountains.

A. N. Keister, of Weston, arrived here this morning from the eastern part of the state with his two bloodhounds, after capturing two negroes who were in the battle yesterday in which E. B. Kinney and J. C. Orr, railroad policemen, were seriously injured. The Keister dogs trailed the negroes through the mountains a distance of six miles. The dogs were put on the trail at 10 o'clock and by 4 o'clock both negroes were in jail. One of them was found hiding under a ledge of rock and the other was caught in a shanty. Those familiar with the case say the dogs did fine work.

ELOPERS CAUGHT.

MORGANTOWN, Oct. 24.—Accused of stealing not only the wife of Nicholas Pontere but also \$325 and a gold watch, Michael Furri, in company with Mrs. Pontere, was arrested here at the instance of Pennsylvania authorities and taken back to Monongahela, Pa. The woman used strong language against her husband and said she would not live with him under any conditions.

STARTS NOVEMBER 1.

FAIRMONT, Oct. 24.—Announcement has been made by officials that the new Buchanan and Northern railroad would be placed in operation from Pittsburgh to the present

RESCURERS LOST

In Colorado Mine Where Explosion Was and They May Be Dead Now.

DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 24.—Two of the helmeted rescue gang in the Stag Canyon Mine No. 2 were lost in the workings early today and they are believed to be dead. Two others who accompanied them were brought out scarcely alive. Volunteers at once began search for the missing men.

AUTO DELIVERY

Added to Efficient Service of Heinze and Co., Cleaners and Dyers.

The firm of Heinze and Company, cleaners and dyers, has just added a new auto delivery to its very efficient service. This was done to insure prompt calling and delivering and to add to the service in every way. This firm has shown a constant desire to serve its patrons in the best possible manner and the people of Clarksburg are showing their appreciation by their valued patronage.

GOFF AND CHILTON

Are Not Included in Senator LaFollette's List of Senate Absentees.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—Senators Chilton and Goff have both been in attendance upon the sessions of the Senate this week and neither was included in the list Senator LaFollette had in mind when he insisted that Senators should come here and work or resign. In the House Representative Avis is the sole member from West Virginia who answers to roll call on the question of adjournment.

COMMISSION

Is to Hold a Meeting in the City of Wheeling to Hear Some Complaints.

CHARLESTON, Oct. 24.—Announcement has been made that Commissioners Howard N. Ogden and Charles H. Bronson, of the state public service commission, will sit at Wheeling, Friday, October 27, to hear complaints relative to the proposed increase in rates by the Manufacturers Gas Company, Wheeling Natural Gas Company, Ohio Valley Gas Company, Blacksville Oil and Gas Company, Tri-State Gas Company, Cameron Gas and Oil Company, and West Virginia Gas Company. The commission announced the appointment of James W. Spilley, of McDonald, as accountant, Cal. F. Young, of Charleston, claim clerk, and Samuel L. Walker, of Fayetteville, as field inspector, under the Workmen's Compensation branch.

NEW MODERATOR.

The West Virginia Synod of Presbyterians in annual meeting this week at Woodside near Wheeling honored the Rev. Dr. H. T. McClelland, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here, when it elected him its moderator.

VETERAN DEAD.

FAIRMONT, Oct. 24.—George Davis, an aged and prominent resident of Hibernia, this county, is dead after a long illness.