

MEXICO TELLS U. S. TO MIND OWN AFFAIRS

Right to Instruct It in International Law's Observance Not Recognized

MEXICO CITY, April 17.—The Mexican government refuses to recognize the right of the American government to instruct it on its duties in its observance of international law. The declaration is made in a statement by Minister of Foreign Affairs Calero today in reply to the demand of Assistant Secretary of State Huntington Wilson. After setting forth at length the clauses of the Washington note, the minister continued:

"In reply, and by expressed instructions of the president of the republic, I have the honor to say to your excellency:

"The Mexican government has a full consciousness of its duties, and neither by its acts nor by the manifestations of its functionaries has given a reason to doubt the sincerity of its determination to cause to be respected the generally accepted principles of international law and the rules which govern the conduct of civilized nations. Your government has recognized this in the note which I have the honor to answer, and by means of other repeated demonstrations of friendship toward the government and the people of Mexico, which demonstrations so highly and so cordially have been esteemed in this country.

RIGHT NOT RECOGNIZED

"For these reasons the Mexican government finds itself in the painful necessity of not recognizing the right of your government to make the administration which the note contains for the reason that it is not based on any incident that should be chargeable to the Mexican government and which could signify that it might have departed from an observance of the principles and practices of international law."

"In view of the fact that a part of the country is in a state of rebellion, the Mexican government has as its principal duty the suppression of the rebellion movement, and if in the regions removed from obedience to the legitimate authorities attempts are committed against the lives and property of foreigners the legitimate government of the republic will not be obligated in this respect except in the same terms as would the government of the United States or any other country if a rebellion existed in its own territory.

"The government of the United States may be assured that it is the firm determination of the Mexican government to observe and to cause to be observed the principles of international law and the laws of the country, which latter are in full conformity with the former with respect to American citizens or other foreigners who may be made prisoners among the rebel forces; and although there does not exist sufficient data to suppose that the chiefs of the rebel forces, orders have been sent to the military chiefs that if it should happen that foreign subjects should be taken prisoners these should be treated in conformity with the laws of the republic and of international practice."

"The government and the people of Mexico lament that the peace has been disturbed in any part of the republic and are making incessant and strenuous efforts to re-establish it. This the government expects to accomplish by means of a concentration of the elements of war and through the aid of the clearly defined opinion of a great majority of the Mexican people, which, as your excellency and other foreigners who reside among us should know, is emphatically seconded by the present government of the republic.

"Far from evading responsibilities which may be contracted by illegal acts against the lives and property of foreigners, the government accepts beforehand such responsibilities, while these by their nature should be a charge upon the government; but it refuses and will always refuse to accept responsibilities of other character which any may attempt to impose on it outside of these principles. My government recognizes with true satisfaction that the government of the United States would never attempt to impose this latter character of responsibilities, for that is guaranteed by the high culture and the spirit of justice of the people and government of your excellency, and by constant proofs of great friendship which in the present circumstances have given to this country.

"It is to be regretted that some Mexicans have spread unfounded rumors of injury to property and interests of foreigners. Here, with respect to this, the facts are not confined to Mexico, but is common to all countries whose press makes it a point to publish sensational and even false news. The authorities of the republic have always endeavored, within the limits of its law, to punish those who cause the damages to which your excellency alludes.

"My government has taken notice of the communication directed to the rebel, Orozco, by order of your excellency's government and through the conduct of Consul Letcher in Chihuahua, not without lamenting the fact that it has been obliged by circumstances to follow this course, as expressed in the communication, since the person is guilty of flagrant violation of the laws of the country, having risen in arms against the legitimate government and is only responsible before the Mexican government.

"The Mexican government and people can not be responsible, therefore, for the acts of this rebel chief, along the lines laid down in the communication which was sent to him by order of your excellency's government.

"My government also deplors that the tenor of the instructions to Consul Letcher in Chihuahua were given to the public in the same official note which I have the honor to answer. I take this opportunity to reiterate to your excellency the assurances of my most high consideration."

LIQUOR SEIZED DAY OF FIRE; OWNER SUES U. S.
Philip Boen filed a suit to recover \$245 from the United States yesterday in the United States district court. Boen owned a saloon at 1941 Point Lobos avenue April 18, 1905, and he contends that the soldiers under the command of First Lieutenant John W. C. Abbott of the coast artillery confiscated the liquors in his saloon on the morning of the fire. He contends that he has a receipt from Lieutenant Abbott and has tried to get the army to pay the cost, but the army has refused to acknowledge his claim.

ANOTHER REPRIEVE FOR CARSON—Sacramento, April 17.—Governor Johnson today issued another reprieve for Charles Carson, the Fresno prisoner who took part in the big break several years ago. Carson has been hanged April 27. The clemency extends until June 7. Carson has been reprieved many times before.

Wild West Show Is Replete With Thrills, Action and Fun

Some of the Indians to be seen at the Wild West show.



Real Indians and Cowboys Crowd Plenty of Interest Into Performance

"Real" Indians and equally genuine cowboys, dashing bronchos, some of which refuse to be "busted," 57 different varieties of shooting, long horned cattle with sullen dispositions, twisting, snakelike ropes and massive buffaloes are some of the main elements of the 101 Ranch Wild West show, which opened yesterday afternoon at Twelfth and Market streets for a five days' stay here.

There is a thrill and a dash about the show which stirs the blood of those who enjoy the picturesque methods of the far westerners in dealing with their livestock, and the program is given with a vigor and promptness which makes it thoroughly enjoyable.

The cowboys and the cow girls risk their lives so gallily; the Indians ride and dance with such keen and evident enjoyment; the Cossacks, who have wandered in from their steppes to help things out a bit, do their dare-devil "stunts" so dramatically; everybody's so happy; in fact, that the audience can not fail to fall in with the same attitude of mind.

It is one of the best of the many wild west exhibitions which have visited San Francisco and is well worth seeing.

A feature new to San Francisco is the herd of long horned cattle from the plains who are roped, "bulldozed," ridden for a very brief space of time and herded up and down most realistically by the cowboys in their high boots or "shaps," their wide brimmed hats and the other paraphernalia of their calling.

Another thing which is particularly good is the Indian camp with its kayle attired braves, chiefs and medicine men, its plump squaws and its eager children, among whom are some of the notable riders of the show.

One of the notable events is the riding of Lulu Parr, one of the cowgirls, who mounts and stays on one of the worst of the bucking bronchos, while the audience looks on with cold chills of fascinated horror.

They are introduced by way of a comedy element three clowns, a Hebrew, a policeman and a non-descript comedian, who do all manner of tricks with the clown mules to the delight of every one.

The show will be here five days, afternoon and evening performances, the last being on Sunday night.

TODAY'S DAY OF DAYS FOR SCRIBES

World Will Have to Wag On Alone While They Try to Act

Today is the biggest day of the year for the newspapermen of the Press club of San Francisco. It looms mightier on the calendar than an election day, an exposition ground breaking or any such ordinary affair—even a payday. For a few hours this afternoon the world will be left to spin along on its axis as best it can without the help of the news gatherers, for this is the day of the annual Press club show.

At the stroke of 2:15 o'clock this afternoon the rising of the Columbia theater curtain will disclose the journalistic histrions of San Francisco directing their utmost endeavors toward smoothing the furrowed brow of care and eliminating all else save merriment from within the sphere of their influence. The first edition of the Press club's "Six Years After" show will be launched on its joyous way.

The anniversary of the San Francisco fire has been chosen by the Press club for its annual performance, not in remembrance of a day of sadness, but in recognition of the greater city which was born amid the ruins of that day. So custom has decreed that the show must be a jolly one, and this year's performance promises to outdo all previous ones in this respect. It has attracted more widespread interest than any former Press club show, and for this reason it is to be repeated at a second performance Saturday night, beginning at midnight. The advance sale of seats at the Columbia theater indicates that both shows will draw packed houses.

Only club members will appear in the calcium glare, but the program is one of interesting variety. A Dutch minstrel first part, enlivened with jests galore and nearly a dozen catchy solos and choruses is to start the ball rolling. Eury Melotich, Al Joy, E. D. Burrows, W. L. Mullabar, Franklin B. Morse, Walter Anthony, Frank Rodolph, Arthur A. Knapp, Frank W. Thompson and Fred Thau will be among the leaders in the fun making.

The only modern Roman classic, "When Caesar Ran a Paper," will be repeated in revamped form from last year's show, with Waldemar Young and W. J. Jacobs, the authors, in the leading roles. The presidential campaign travesty, in which half a dozen other stars will appear, promises to add rich fun to the program. Then there will be a novelty act with an absolutely new twist to it, a violin solo by Herman Heller, 10 minutes of magic

by Malini, an exhibition of lightning pastel work by Halg Patigan and, to give the whole a proper flavor, some excellent musical numbers by an augmented orchestra under the direction of Herman Heller.

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 - Eureka Valley Improvement association, 505 Castro street.
 - Sunnyvale Improvement club, 419 Forest street.
 - Valencian Valley Improvement club, 103 Raymond avenue.
 - Ingleisle Improvement club, 1033 Ocean avenue.
 - Lincoln Park Improvement club, 4250 Geary street.
 - Citizens' Promotion Association of the Lakeview and Ingleisle Districts, Parker's hall, Ocean and Brighton avenues.
 - Cortland Avenue Property Owners' association, 115 Cortland avenue.
 - Mission County Lane Improvement club, 5283 Mission street.
 - Holly Park Improvement club, 210 Crescent avenue.
- Clubs are requested to furnish data for this column.

GEARY STREET ROAD LOW BID \$253,695

P. H. Mahoney Submits Best Offer; Bates, Borland & Ayer Don't Compete

The second series of bids for the construction of the Geary street road from Fifth avenue to Kearny street were opened by the board of works yesterday, the lowest bidder being P. H. Mahoney, at \$253,385. This is \$28,670 higher than the 111 slated bid of Bates, Borland & Ayer, which was opened March 27 and which those contractors made frantic efforts to withdraw on the ground that the specifications were illegal.

The bids opened yesterday and those submitted March 27 were as follows:

March 27	April 17	
P. H. Mahoney	\$253,385	\$253,385
E. B. & A. L. Stone company	253,370	253,370
Henry Finkle company	257,350	258,250
City Street Improvement Co.	267,226	288,707
Quincy Construction Co.	322,500	256,500
P. Salasol	No bid	284,250
Waters Construction company	228,110	208,200
Willett & Burr	322,500	312,250

TO VISIT DRUIDIC GROVES—Officers of the California grand grove of the United Ancient Order of Druids will pay official visits to subordinate groves as follows during the current month: April 18, to Volta grove, San Francisco, by Grand Marshal T. W. B. Leland; 20, Mendocino grove, Fort Bragg, Grand Secretary C. A. Guellet; 20, Lodi grove, Lodi, Grand Marshal T. W. B. Leland; 21, Elk grove, Elk, Grand Trustee Y. Towson; 22, Point Arena grove, Point Arena; Grand Secretary Guellet; 23, Noma grove, San Francisco, Grand Marshal Leland; 28, Portugal grove, Haunford, Grand Herald Y. Capogno.

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