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ALL QUIET IN MEXICO TODAY SAYS REPORT

PASSENGERS ON TRAIN INTO EL PASO DECLARE THERE WAS NO TROUBLE ALONG LINE; MADERO REPORTED SHOT.

El Paso, Texas, Nov. 25.—All was quiet between El Paso and Mexico City when the train came through which reached El Paso this morning, according to passengers. All the telegraph wires are in operation and there is no fighting.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Nov. 25.—The Mexican commander in Ciudad Portales Diaz last night informed Customs Collector H. W. Dove that Francisco I. Madero, claimant to the presidency of Mexico, was severely wounded in a fight yesterday at Guerrero between his forces and 200 rurales and cavalry commanded by Colonel Fuentes and Lieut. Nicanor Valdez.

The Mexican commander said that his advices came directly from a trustworthy citizen of Guerrero, who came in during the day. According to the report of Mr. Dove, Madero led his force when federal troops engaged them. The engagement was fierce for a time.

Madero was seen to fall from his horse. He was carried to the rear and his force fell back. The federal troops are reported to have followed up their advantage, scattered the rebels to the hills. The nature of Madero's wounds are unknown. Collector Dove said that he would wait for absolute confirmation before making any report.

General Reyes Out of It

Paris, Mexican soldier and statesman who came to Paris some time ago on a military mission for the Mexican government, has denied the report that he intends to return to Mexico to take a hand in the revolution. To a representative of The Associated Press General Reyes expressed the opinion that President Diaz, whom he described as a great patriot, would restore order and afterward adopt measures for allaying the present popular discontent in Mexico. General Reyes declined to go into details regarding the charges which led to the present condition of affairs in Mexico, but expressed the belief that the unrest could not be regarded as serious and would not last long.

Francisco Madero, leader of the revolutionists in Mexico, Gen. Reyes said: "Madero lacks in experience. He has had no public work which would make him formidable. Should some man with greater prestige and a popular following, especially a man of influence with the army, appear behind him, the situation might possibly become grave."

General Reyes said the present trouble in Mexico would not alter his plans. He expected to remain here long enough to complete the mission with which he is charged. Pointing to a document on his desk, he said: "The most important matter with which I have to deal has just come before me. Reports that I intend to intervene in the trouble are baseless. I left Mexico a year ago for the express purpose of preventing the use of my name as a slogan for revolution."

Dr. Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, is also in Paris, having arrived several months ago with his wife, who is under treatment for some ailment.

Dr. Limantour declared that the situation in Mexico was in no sense serious.

SOI. OF SECRETARY OF WAR, DIES

Father Receives Word of Death at Tennessee Stock Farm—Young Man Mourned Loss of Bride.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Jacob M. Dickinson, secretary of war, received word last night of the death of his son, Overton Dickinson, at Belle Mead stock farm, near Nashville, Tenn. The secretary had just returned from a visit to his son, whom he found apparently much improved. He left last night for Nashville.

The younger Dickinson had been in ill health for more than a year and succumbed to heart failure. His illness was said to be directly due to the shock following the death of his young wife some fourteen months ago. He was manager for the secretary's noted stock farm.

BLUE GRASS ROAD MEETING.

River-to-River Highway Boosters Will Gather at Creston on November 30.

Creston, Nov. 25.—A big booster meeting for the Blue Grass river-to-river road will be held here Wednesday evening, November 30, at which time State Highway Commissioner Thomas MacDonald of Ames has promised to attend and make an address in which he will tell how to make good roads without increasing taxes. The object of the meeting is to increase interest in the work.

DEAF MAN IS KILLED.

David Bates, Aged 82, of What Cheer Run Down by Northwestern Train.

Oskaloosa, Nov. 25.—(Special)—Benjamin Bates, aged 82, and deaf, was killed near What Cheer about 11 o'clock this morning by being run down at a crossing by a Northwestern freight train. He was a prominent and wealthy farmer and leaves a number of relatives.

Editor Gets Good Post



HON. HORACE G. KNOWLES.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The departure for Bolivia of the United States new minister, Horace G. Knowles, was the occasion of an interesting banquet in his honor given by friends. He was appointed minister to Bolivia on June 24, 1910, and his appointment was received with approval in both Bolivia, and the United States.

Mr. Knowles was born at Seaford, Delaware in 1863. He was graduated at Delaware college in 1884, and in 1889 was appointed United States consul to Bordeaux, France, and retired with the advent of the Cleveland administration in 1893. He was admitted to the bar of Newcastle county, Delaware, in 1895 and was for several years the attorney of the county, and successfully conducted many important cases. He was the editor and proprietor of The Evening Journal, the leading daily newspaper of Delaware, for two years prior to entering the diplomatic service in January, 1907, when he was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Roumania and Serbia, July 1, 1907. He was appointed minister to Roumania and Serbia and diplomatic agent in Bulgaria, and successively minister to Nicaragua and minister to the Dominican republic.

TO CONTEST FOR HAUGEN'S SEAT

FOURTH DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC LEADERS MAKE CHARGE OF FRAUD.

New Hampton, Nov. 25.—Alleging fraud and that improper political methods were used, democratic leaders of the fourth Iowa congressional district have decided to contest the election of Congressman G. N. Haugen, republican, over D. D. Murphy, democrat.

The decision was reached at a meeting of the democratic leaders of the district held at New Hampton, and which was attended by Judge Martin J. Wade, democratic national committee man for Iowa.

The democrats ask that a recount of the ballots be made. F. A. O'Connor of this city being chosen to manage the contest.

One of the charges which is brought by the democrats is that the members of the postoffice department, including the rural and city mail carriers, at the request and insistence of Congressman Haugen, were perniciously active in his campaign. They claim that they have plenty of proof to unsettle Haugen without a recount if necessary.

Both parties are preparing for the fight and both parties are claiming the victory in the contest. Congressman Haugen's majority over Murphy was between 130 and 200.

Mr. O'Connor in a lengthy letter set forth to the press last night set forth the position of the democratic party and committee in the matter.

REPEAL PEDDLERS' LICENSE

Des Moines City Council Takes Step That May Result in Cut in Prices.

Des Moines, Nov. 25.—(Special)—The city council put its foot upon the neck of the grocers' organization today by repealing the ordinance charging peddlers an annual license of \$35 which was claimed to be prohibitive. As a result farmers can peddle their vegetables, butter and eggs to the housewives and a drop of 20 to 30 per cent in retail prices is expected.

RAIL MEN INDICTED.

Harriman, Taylor and Ewing Must Stand Trial as Result of I. C. Graft Charges.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Frank B. Harriman, John M. Taylor and C. L. Ewing, former officers and employees of the Illinois Central and Joseph E. Buckner were indicted today for conspiracy in connection with frauds said to have been practiced against the railroad.

THE BRAZILIAN RIOTERS WIN THEIR BATTLE

CONGRESS GRANTS THEM AMNESTY AND THEN GIVES IN TO DEMANDS FOR MORE PAY AND LESS PUNISHMENT.

Rio Janeiro, Nov. 25.—The naval mutineers surrendered today, congress voting amnesty and granting the demands of the mutineers. The congress met in an extraordinary session this morning. The deputies first concurred with the senate in granting amnesty to the mutineers. Both houses then passed resolutions conceding the demands of the sailors. As soon as the action of congress became known the mutinous crews surrendered and the revolt was at an end and the city resumed its normal activities.

Capital Slept Under Guns.

The capital slept last night with the guns of its own navy trained upon it. Toward 1 o'clock this morning the mutinous scout boat Deodoro fired upon the naval arsenal. The cannonading did not last long and little damage was done. The Deodoro, accompanied by the battleships Minas and Gera then put to sea. The local garrisons and loyal torpedo boats did not respond, although according to this morning's papers the officers had received certain orders as to their duty in the event of a mutiny. The morning broke with the mutinous craft still outside the harbor and they did not return to port until some hours later.

It is officially stated the trouble is not of a political character, and should be described as a mutiny among the sailors to enforce certain concessions from their officers, rather than a revolt against the administration of President Fonseca.

For some time the men of the navy had been agitating the matter of more pay. They also objected to the practice in the navy of inflicting corporal punishment upon insubordinate or otherwise offended sailors.

DUBUQUE'S BIG BOND ISSUE.

City Council Takes Action to Dispose of \$490,000 Indebtedness.

Dubuque, Nov. 25.—At a protracted meeting of the city council yesterday it was decided to issue city bonds in sums of \$500 each to meet a \$490,000 obligation.

The indebtedness was incurred chiefly by the old water works trustees and which the supreme court decreed the city is responsible for. Just how much the tax levy will be increased will be decided later by a meeting of the council.

LANSDOWNE'S PLAN ADOPTED

HOUSE OF LORDS PASSES RESOLUTION FOR REFORMING UPPER BODY.

London, England, Nov. 25.—The house of lords last night, without a division, adopted the resolutions of Lord Lansdowne, the opposition leader of the house of lords, and decided to send them, together with Lord Rosebery's plans for the reformation of the membership of the lords, to the house of commons.

The upper chamber then adjourned until Monday, when dissolution of parliament will take place. Thus the government's veto bill has been ignored by the house of lords.

A noticeable feature of the debate has been the number of liberal peers who supported Lord Lansdowne's scheme and opposed the government's veto bill.

Andrew J. Gallagher, of the San Francisco Trades and Labor council, took up the cudgel of the newspaper solicitors. He said the federation council, as the result of influence brought to bear by the publishers, had threatened to revoke the charter of the newly organized solicitors if they continued the boycott. He claimed that J. M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical union, was aligned with Gompers and the publishers.

The latter, in a vitriolic speech, denied that undue influence had been responsible for the action of the Federation council.

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CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT AT WATER MEETING

PRESIDENT KAVANAUGH OF LAKES-TO-GULF ASSOCIATION IN ANNUAL ADDRESS SAYS TAFT IS PARTIAL TO OWN RIVER.

St. Louis, Nov. 25.—The convention of the Lakes-to-the-gulf deep waterway association began here today. Reports of the secretary and treasurer, and an address by President Kavanaugh was the principal business of the morning session.

Oppose Pork Barrel.

President Kavanaugh reviewed the work of the association and declared it had consistently opposed the "pork barrel" policy and demanded that river betterment be put on a practical basis. "For years," he said that has been the association's policy and as a result public sentiment has been changed and the demands for waterways improvement have become non-political. Even the president, despite the growing indifference toward our great project and a favorable leaning toward his own river, has announced that hereafter no pork barrels will receive his approval."

Continuing Kavanaugh declared the association through its advocacy of business instead of political methods has "imprinted in the hearts of the people a sense of civic duty rising above the call of parties on the demand for honest and let him who doubts recall the ideas of November."

Kavanaugh Criticizes Taft.

Referring to the provision in the act of congress making a small appropriation for the gulf deep waterway conditional upon the approval of the board of engineers, Kavanaugh said it was well intended and had the intent been carried out faithfully, the critical stage of the waterway project now doubtless would have been passed. But he said, though an official partiality, the president postponed appointing this board so long that it was apparent the board's report must be hastily arrived at, and he appointed men on the board whom the people feared were unfriendly to the project. "Thus by indirection," declared Kavanaugh, the purpose of the legislation has been delayed if not thwarted." He expressed the opinion that the president "misjudges the temper of the people of the interior and indeed of the country at large." Our need, he said, is for legislation so specific that it will become effective "despite indifference and unpopularity from any quarter, however exalted, but however unexpected and unwarranted the opposition may be."

Leaders to Meet in Mobile.

Winona, Minn., Nov. 25.—Secretary Shepard announced today that the next convention of the department of superintendents of the National Educational association will meet in Mobile, Ala., February 23, next.

LEADER ANSWERS WARM CRITICISM

PRESIDENT GOMPERS ASSAILED AT LABOR MEETING AND DEFENDS COURSE.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 25.—President Samuel Gompers was called upon to defend a charge that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor recently had been influenced by the American Newspaper Publishers' association, at yesterday afternoon's session of the convention.

The controversy was precipitated as the result of a special committee report upholding the action of the executive council in preventing a boycott on the San Francisco Call, which a newspaper solicitors' union some months ago, desired to make effective.

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Penny Lunch For School Children



MRS. P. J. O'KEEFE. MRS. ELLA FLAGG YOUNG.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—As a result of a careful investigation carried on by a number of women it has been determined that many of Chicago's school children have no noon lunch and are forced to attend school throughout the day hungry. Others are in the habit of eating the scraps left by their more fortunate brothers and sisters. The system is demoralizing, and in order to put a stop to it Mrs. P. J. O'Keefe has made the startling proposition to the Chicago school board that noon lunches be furnished school children at one cent each. The lunch will be made up of soup and bread.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the public schools, is actively back of the movement. The experiment it first to be tried out on a few of the schools and if it proves successful it will ultimately be extended to the entire city.

The bread it is planned to turn out from the cooking school, which is carried on in connection with the public school. The soup is to be prepared in freeless cookers made in the manual training school, so the expense will be kept to a minimum. It is estimated that by an expenditure of not to exceed \$1,000 per year Chicago's hungry school children can be fed by the school board at one cent each.

OFFER OF RAIL JOB TO BRANDEIS

LAWYER WHO SAID RAILROADS WASTE MILLION DAILY IS "CALLED."

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Louis D. Brandeis, the attorney for the eastern shippers, who told the interstate commerce commission that the railroads ought to save a million dollars a day by eliminating wastes in their expenditures, instead of seeking to increase their revenues by raising freight rates, was offered a position yesterday as economist for the western railroads.

Mr. Brandeis' opportunity to work for the railroads instead of the shippers, in pointing out the waste and inefficiency in railroad management, was submitted to him during the day in a telegram addressed to him in care of the interstate commerce commission office at Washington on behalf of and with the authority of the western railway presidents, by O. L. Dickeson, inspector of transportation of the Burlington road, who has held a similar position for his own company.

Terms of the Offer.

The message to Mr. Brandeis follows: "It is reported you have stated before the interstate commerce commission that American railroads are wasting \$1,000,000 daily. If you can point out a practical way by which a substantial part of this amount may be saved, several western railroads would be pleased to offer you employment, allowing you to name your own salary."

"This proposition is made to you in the same spirit of sincerity in which you rendered your statement to the commission."—O. L. Dickeson, speaking for the western railway presidents.

SCHOOL TEACHER ASSAULTED.

Mayor of Logan, Who Also is Member of Board, Mixes It With Dietrichson.

Logan, Nov. 25.—(Special)—Paul Dietrichson, inspector of manual training in the schools here, called on C. A. Bolter, mayor of Logan, a member of the school board to arrange for a football game with Shenandoah Thanksgiving day. Mr. Bolter opposed the teams' playing and charged Professor Dietrichson with being responsible for the teams' weakness. Dietrichson declared Bolter was a dictator. Mayor Bolter flew into a rage and attacking Dietrichson, so severely punished him that a doctor was called and has been under his care.

MUST EJECT ALL DRUNKS.

Railroads are Liable to Damages if Intoxicated Passengers Annoy Others.

New York, Nov. 25.—The state supreme court here has just decided that a railroad company must eject intoxicated passengers promptly from its cars or pay damages to persons whose feelings are hurt by the presence of the drunken persons. A verdict of \$500 is awarded to a passenger whose shins were kicked by an intoxicated man who crossed the aisle from him.

PRIZES TOTAL A LARGE SUM FOR OTTUMWA

SEVEN OUT OF EIGHT CONTESTS ENTERED GIVE VICTORIES TO LOCAL SINGERS IN EISEDDOFFS YESTERDAY.

SIXTY TAKE PART IN HUGE CHORUS

SECOND MONEY TAKEN IN CHIEF EVENT BY LOCAL CHORAL SOCIETY; FIRST PRIZE WON BY WILLIAMSBURG.

Seven prizes out of eight contested for is the record made by the Ottumwa Choral society at Albion yesterday, where the singers participated in the annual Eisteddfod, or Welsh singing festival that is held every Thanksgiving day in the Monroe county capital. Sixty Ottumwans took part in the huge chorus, which, under the able direction of James Swirls, won second prize in the big event of the day and was made richer by \$100 through the winning Williamsburg was the winner in this contest, taking the \$200 prize. The net monetary earnings of the Ottumwans was \$202.50, with a loss of but one event entered. The singers are immensely pleased with their success and the name of Ottumwa was on every lip during the big event. No small measure of the success of the local singers is due to the excellent accompaniment by Mrs. J. Spurgeon, who presided at the piano during the numbers sung by the Ottumwans.

The Ottumwa Winners.

The numbers entered by the Ottumwa singers and prizes won were the following:

- Quartet of mixed voices, "Moonlight Will Come Again"—\$10.
- Ladies' chorus, "Annie Laurie"—\$10.
- Trio, soprano, tenor and bass, "God be Merciful"—\$7.50.
- Double quartet of mixed voices, "The Ash Grove"—\$20.
- Duet, soprano and alto, "Hark, Hark My Soul"—\$5.
- Ladies' chorus, "Robin Adair"—\$50.
- Chief chorus competition, sixty voices, "Oh, Father, Whose Almighty Power"—prize \$200, in which Ottumwa took second and \$100 prize.
- Harold Ayres in a violin solo was awarded a medal.
- Alto solo, "Out of the Depths" was entered, but failed to win.
- Director Swirls and the singers are jubilant at the success of the choral society in the competitions entered and are glad to have entered, although for some time it was thought the local singers could not participate in the Eisteddfod. The local singers who attended and participated, numbered sixty.

The Other Winners.

- In the afternoon program the following prizes were won:
- Children's chorus, "The Trumpet Shall Sound"—Albia high school; prize \$50.
- Duet, tenor and bass, "How Sleep the Brave"—Chester Lee and Thomas Evans of Albion; prize \$5.
- Piano solos for adults "Andante from Surprise Symphony"—Miss Irene Jones of Williamsburg; prize, gold medal.
- Berlione solo, "Man the Life Boat"—Chester Lee, Albion; prize, gold medal.
- Glee club thirty to forty voices, "The Rivulet"—Williamsburg chorus; prize, \$25.
- Declaration for adults, "Saved"—Miss Luella Christner, Williamsburg; prize, gold medal.
- The evening prizes not captured by the Ottumwa Choral society were won as follows:
- Bass solo, "The Clank of the Foreman's Steel"—Chester Lee, Albion; prize, silver cup.
- Alto solo, "Out of the Deep"—Miss Helen Turley, Ottumwa; prize, gold medal.
- Soprano solo, "Merrily I Roam"—Miss Gladys Reese, Albion; prize, gold medal.
- Tenor solo, "Winter"—Thomas Evans, Albion; prize, gold medal.
- The delight in playing of Master Harold Ayers struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the audience, who insisted that the youthful musician play an encore. At the conclusion of the number, the talented lad was given a great ovation, more pronounced in fact than that received by any other of the afternoon numbers. The audience by their applause insisted upon an encore, which the youth gladly played.

Director James Swirls desires to have the members of the Choral society meet at Trinity church next Tuesday evening to take up certain business matters that are important to be disposed of at an early date. All are urged to be present.

Freight Experts Testify.

Witnesses For Railroads at Washington Hearing Say Increases Are Needed.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Expert freight tariff testimony featured today's sessions of the interstate commerce commission. Several witnesses detailed the effect of these scheduled increases, dwelling on the discriminating phase of the railroads' plan to meet the alleged need for more freight revenue.