THE PROPOSED NEW STATES

MEXICO'S CONSTITUTION LAID BEFORE HOUSE BY CANNON.

Arizona's Seems Doubtful—Initiative, Referendum and Recall Features May Bar Door.

Washington.—The constitution of the proposed new state of New Mexico was laid before the house of representatives by Speaker Cannon, a copy of it having been submitted to the speaker personally by Governor William K. Mills of the territory.

Another copy was left at the White House for President Taft.

Speaking of the prospects of obtaining approval of the constitution, Governor Mills said:

"New Mexico expects the president and congress to approve its constitution. It is rational; it is conservative; it is strong, and it meets the needs of the people of that great territory.

"We entertain no fear as to the outcome of this measure, I am here to defend our constitution which was adopted by 18,000 majority, as far as it needs defending."

Subsequently Governor Mills called on Representative Stephens of Texas in regard to the pending joint resolution recognizing the existing New Mexico-Texas boundary as the true line.

After the conference Representative Stephens said that Governor Mills signified to him that there would be no opposition from him to the passage of the resolution, so long as it did not attempt to settle the question of the eighteen-mile boundary on the Rio Grande from the 32d parallel southward. The changing river bed of the Rio Grande since 1848 has put ten sections of Texas land in New Mexico and Representative Stephens is willing not to bring into the present controversy the question of the change in the bed of the Rio Grande.

It is expected that there will be no objection on the part of congress to the New Mexico constitution if the house adopts the joint resolution finally determining the Texas-New Mexico boundary.

There was also an interesting development in connection with the Arizona statehood constitution.

It was the straightout declaration of the seven progressive republican senators that they will give their "heartiest support to the popular government features, particularly the initiative, referendum and recall, in the state constitution."

This declaration was brought about by people in Arizona appealing to the progressives and democrats for information as to the prospects of Arizona statehood which was telegraphed to Arizona by the delegate of that territory:

"After more than a month of careful and ceaseless investigation and inquiry, I can unhesitatingly say that if the constitution is ratified at the coming election statehood for Arizona would be defeated for the present time. While this information may not be the most gratifying to Arizona, the fact nevertheless remains that under the terms of the enabling act, which we accepted with due appreciation, our constitution must be allowed by congress and the president. And from my personal knowledge of the situation it is an assured fact that the required approval will not be given the constitution in its present form."

Marketing Early Vegetables.

Cuero, Tex.—The marketing of early vegetables is evidence of the mild weather for the past few weeks. All indications point to an early spring, although some uneasiness is expressed by many engaged in trucking. Planting of all kinds of vegetables is going on in this section, and if no severe frost strikes this community a bounteous early crop will be had.

Acadia Parish Strawberries.

Crowley.—George Koch, a local vegetable and fruit dealer, Saturday received from Rayne a crate of strawberries for sale on the local market. This is the second consignment of strawberries this season from farmers in the parish. Growers of berries find the outlook for a berry crop good.

2,921,269 Bales Ginned.

Austin, Tex.—The official cotton report given out by the state department of agriculture shows that there had been ginned in Texas for the month of January 3,812 bales, or a total of 2,921,269 bales for the entire season of 1910-11.

Blizzard in Hoosierland.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Northern Indiana is experiencing the worst snow storm of the winter. Interurban traffic is greatly impeded and the street car lines at Fort Wayne and South Bend are completely tied up. At the latter place eight inches of snow has fallen.

Miss Clara Barton Ill.

Oxford, Mass.—Miss Clara Barton, founder and organizer and for many years president of the National Red Cross in the United States has been seriously ill at her home in Glen Echo, Md.

Shipping Eggs to New York.

Flatonia, Tex.—G. C. Simmons shipped two cars of eggs to New York this week. He intends shipping two or three cars per week during the season.

BEAUMONT-NEW YORK SERVICE

Seaboard and Gulf Line Agreed to Furnish Steamers—Current Rates to Apply Both Ways.

Beaumont, Tex.—Monday it was announced that the Seaboard and Gulf Steamship Company had agreed to give a three months' test of a steamer service between Port Arthur and New York, and sailings were announced from New York Feb. 23, March 24, April 21 and from Port Arthur March 9, April 6 and May 4. Current rates between Galveston and New York on Morgan-Mallory lines to apply Port Arthur to New York both ways.

In view of this trial Beaumont merchants and other shippers will pool their shipments and endeavor to give this vessel sufficient cargo to keep it in service permanently and these trial sailings are to be made in response to the request of many interests for an opportunity to prove that Beaumont and surrounding territory can furnish cargo for one vessel a month each way. The whole matter is the outcome of an increase in clean rice rates by rail between Beaumont and New York This increase set the rice mills to action and they speedily pooled interests and guaranteed 10,000 pockets of rice to get a ship to Port Arthur. The Honduras has arrived and is now being loaded, but instead of 10,000 the mills are giving the ship 16,000 pockets.

This was the starting point and since the idea took hold of the rice people they and the Kansas City Southern Railroad local officials have made vigorous efforts to secure the ship for one trip a month permanently. The result is the three months' trial. All efforts will be combined to furnish the vessel with cargoes both ways on the sailings named and after that if it has been successful the vessel will be continued. Those at the bottom of the movement are confident that it will succeed. Beaumont alone receives enough freight from Atlantic seaboard to load the vessel and a canvass will be made in Orange, Lake Charles, Shreveport and other cities to help in maintaining this ship. The ultimate idea is to get the ship in operation and when the channel up to Beaumont is completed the vessel will move right up to the city and Beaumont's deep water will be inaugurated with a steamship line already established.

AN AEROPLANE FOR SCOUT DUTY

Wright Machine Will Be Operated Along Texas-Mexican Border. Now En Route.

Washington.—In order to take every possible step to carry out the instructions of the state department to fully protect the neutrality of the Mexican border, General Leonard Wood, chief of the army general staff, accepted an offer of an aeroplane on Monday to be used for scouting purposes along the Rio Grande. The machine, which has just been bought by Robert Collier of New York, will be rushed to the border for immediate use. John Ryan of New York, president of the National Aeronaut Reserve organized by him last fall, was in conference with General Wood and Brigadier General James Allen, chief signal officer. Mr. Ryan announced that Mr. Collier, a member of the corps, had volunteered the free use of his machine by the army in the first actual military scouting work ever undertaken.

Mr. Ryan was instructed to have the machine shipped direct to Lieutenant B. D. Foulois, the army's aeroplane expert, who is in charge of the aeronaut reserve which has been operating at San Antonio for over a year.

Texas Postmasters Appointed.

Washington.—Nominations of Texas postmasters were sent to the senate as follows Wednesday: Jacob J. Utts, Canton; John B. Schmits, Denton; Samuel J. Holt, St. Joe.

Penitentiary Physicians.

Huntsville, Tex.—Dr. Josiah R. Lay of Hallettsville has been appointed as physician and surgeon by the board of penitentiary commissioners for Harlem and adjacent state farms, with headquarters at Harlem. Dr. L. H. Bush of Huntsville has been appointed by the same board as physician and surgeon for Huntsville state prison.

Houston's Banana Ship.

New Orleans, La.—With the arrival of the steamship Mercator Wednesday of the Central American Steamship Company this vessel will leave that service, and as she has been chartered by the new banana company at Houston, Tex., will make trips from Central America to Houston after March 1.

Money Pouring In.

Austin, Tex.—State Treasurer Sparks stated Tuesday that tax collections were pouring into the treasury now. Tuesday's collection amounted to $110,000.

Flatonia Creamery Purchases.

Flatonia, Tex.—The Flatonia Creamery paid out for cream to its patrons over $50,000. This is a large increase over the former year, and farmers are going into the industry extensively each year.

Four Trains of Cavalry.

Dalhart, Tex.—Four trains of United States cavalry, en route for the Mexican border, passed through Monday. Three were from Des Moines and one from Denver.

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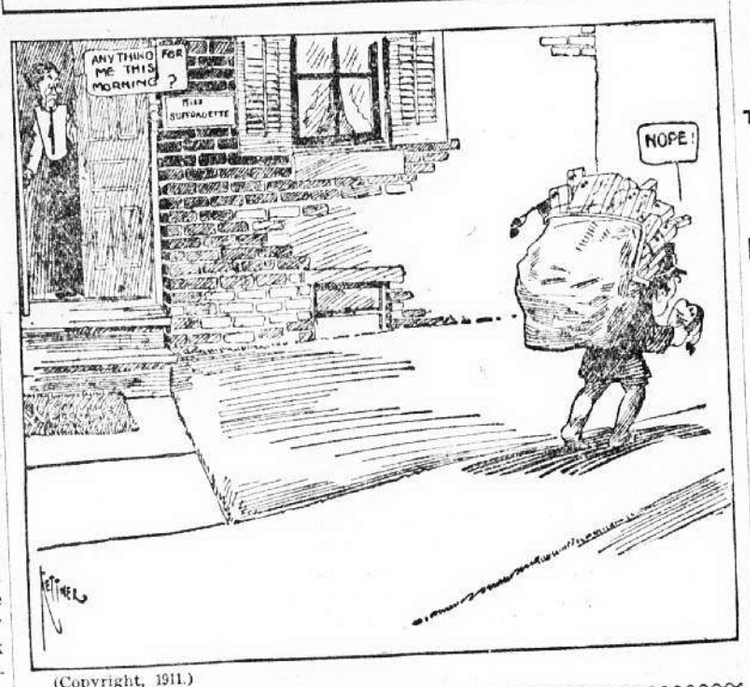

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TEN MEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Terrific Concussion Jarred Entire Community and Was Felt Fifteen Miles Away.

Smithville, Tex.—A terrific boiler explosion in the Katy round house on Wednesday caused the death of ten persons and the wounding of nine more.

The dead are: H. E. O'Rourke, Charles Gray, Thurston McNeill, Harry Clark, Will Phelps, T. Barino, Aaron Harless, Phil Hubbard (colored), Albine Mitchell (colored) One not identified.

The wounded are: George Cook, C. H. Knopp, William Bailey, Eugene Roville, Harry Banks, J. M. Schellbarolt, B. C. Hodges, G. F. Petsquinger and George Berry.

The dead were all killed instantly. Switch engine No. 233, which blew up, had just been turned out of the shops after a thorough overhauling, and the safety valve, or popoff, was being set when the accident occurred. Machinist H. E. O'Rourke, who was screwing down the popoff, was blown to atoms, as were four others. One body landed on top of a house more than three hundred yards away.

O'Rourke's body was identified by his foot, which had one toe amputated. The bodies of Charles Gray and four others were found under engine No. 550, which stood on one side of the switch engine, and one body was found under the truck of engine No. 327, which was on the other side.

When the explosion occurred the wrecked engine shot forward some fifty feet from where it was standing and the tender was blown backward into the pit of the turntable. Part of the firebox of the engine went high into the air, landing over in town alongside Mohler's grocery store, breaking the leg of his delivery horse. Another piece came through the roof of this store. Other parts and pieces of human flesh, rained all around for several hundred yards.

Nearly all the plate glass was broken in the windows of the buildings near the depot and on the south side of as far up as Second street. The shock was terrific and set the entire population wild with excitement. A special train was made up to take the injured to the hospital at Waco, after having been attended to by local physicians.

Waterworks Improvements.

Belton, Tex.—Mayor Head closed a deal Tuesday whereby the $11,000 additional waterworks bonds were sold to the First State Bank of the city at par. Work on construction of new standpipe and water mains for South Belton will begin at once.

Propose New Line to Velasco.

Needville, Tex.—The directors of the Velasco, Gulf & Northwestern Railroad Company held a meeting on Monday and elected the following: Henry Hackstaedt, chairman, and G. M. Gohlsmith, secretary of the Needville section; Mr. Meininger of Rosenberg, chairman of Rosenberg section. Right of way has been pledged through this part, instructions have been issued and funds raised to secure a charter. This promised line of railway is to tap Oklahoma and make an air line to the port of Velasco to meet the increased traffic.

Grant Insurance Permits.

Austin, Tex.—Two insurance companies were Thursday issued permits to do business in Texas for the year. The Two Republics Fire Insurance Company of El Paso, a newly organized company, with a capital stock of $200,000 and a surplus of $150,000, fully paid, was issued a permit. The other company was the Texas Commercial Union of Tyler, a fraternal and beneficiary association.

Caney Valley Potato Growers.

Wharton, Tex.—An enthusiastic meeting of the Caney Valley Potato Growers' Association was held Wednesday at the courhouse, with practically every member in attendance. The meeting was a spirited one, brought about by the discussion of the best method of handling this season's crop. There were some who favored the employment of a local sales agent while others were in favor of continuing the method which obtained last year.

$500,000 WANTED IN CHINA

Otherwise Two Million People Will Die From Starvation—No Crops. Cold Adds to Misery.

Washington.—Unless relieved, two million people in China will die of starvation. This is the calamity predicted by American Consul General Wilder at Shanghai in a cablegram received at Washington from him Saturday by the American Red Cross Society.

The consul general appeals for quick assistance for the suffering people and says that a half million dollars is needed immediately. There will be no crops until the end of May and the relief is inadequate, he adds.

Describing the pitiful conditions Mr. Wilder says the scenes are horrifying. Children are being given away by afflicted people, dead lay by the roadside and the misery of the sufferers is being increased by severe cold and snow. The famine area stretches over a territory 300 by 150 miles. The Shanghai relief committee which has been formed to alleviate the condition of the starving inhabitants is trustworthy, the consul general adds.

The Red Cross telegraphed to China $5,000 which was contributed by John D. Rockefeller. Red Cross committees throughout the United States are collecting supplies to be sent to the stricken people on an army transport from Seattle, Wash.

Auto and Car Collide.

Houston, Tex.—Seriously ill and on the way to Houston for treatment, Dr. Robert Jean Moechael of Pasadena was hurt, probably fatally, Tuesday morning when the automobile in which he was riding was completely wrecked in a collision with a street car on the Harrisburg line of the Houston Electric Company near Milby street. The automobile was thrown about fifteen feet by the impact with the street car and completely demolished. Dr. Moechael was thrown from the car against the hard pavement, sustaining a skull fracture and several deep cuts about the face and likely dangerous internal injuries.

Gossett Escapes.

Huntsville, Tex.—A convict named Mac Gossett, sent up from Galveston in March of last year upon charge of drowning his twin babies, made his escape from a squad employed in doing carpenter work outside the walls Saturday. Gossett had a forty-year sentence. He is a large man with wavy black hair and two of the upper front teeth are gold filled. The prison commission is sending out descriptions of the man and offer $50 reward for his capture.

Archbishop Ryan Dead.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Most Rev. Patrick John Ryan, D. D., LL. D., archbishop of Philadelphia and metropolitan of Pennsylvania, died Saturday at the achepiscopal residence. For weeks the distinguished prelate, who would have been 80 years old had he lived until the 20th of this month, fought off death, but a weak heart, enfeebled by the arduous duties of his office, could not stand the strain and he passed away, breathing the benediction "God bless you," upon those who stood about the bedside.

Robery at Pauls Valley.

Pauls Valley, Ok.—The postoffice was robbed Wednesday, locked pouches for the night trains north and south containing several registered letters were taken, the entire pouches gone and no traces of other mail found. A hole was cut through the panel in the large door large enough for a man's hand and the door was unlocked. The registered letters were known to have contained nearly $200. No clew.

Warrant for $10,000.

Austin, Tex.—Governor Colquitt on Monday signed a warrant for the $10,000 which the thirty-first legislature appropriated to pay Mrs. John H. Reagan for the historically valuable papers of her late and distinguished husband.

Negro Murderer Hard to Kill.

Raleigh, N. C.—Philip Mills, a negro wife murderer, was electrocuted in the state penitentiary Friday. Four shocks were necessary to cause death.

BOSTON MAN KEEPS OWLS IN A CELLAR

THIS HUB NATURALIST MAKES THE BIRD OF WISDOM HIS HOBBY.

HOOTERS PROFOUNDLY STUPID

Will Return to Same Place Day After Day and Sit for Hours Motionless as Statues—Are Always Very Easily Captured in Daytime.

Boston.—The mysterious owl which has for days riveted the attention of passers-by on School and Tremont streets, so that these thoroughfares have at times been blocked by curious crowds looking for him on his perch near city hall, would not attract a moment's notice from Willis Gould of Melrose Highlands, who has studied owls from the cradle to the grave, and received them into the bosom of his home and family by the dozen.

Mr. Gould is not a scientist, but he is a naturalist of wide practical experience, and his hobby has been owls—he knows the well-springs of owl nature and the scale of owls' souls, as the horseman knows the horse, or the violinist the violin.

It is not at all singular, he declares, that an owl should find a resting place in an eligible central location of the modern Athens, since the owl is the symbol of Athens, and the personification of wisdom. Nor is it remarkable from a purely physical point of view, he believes, because owls fly great distances, and the quiet of the night in King's chapel burying ground is hardly more disturbed than that of the country woods.

Yet, although the owl is accepted as the emblem of wisdom, says Mr. Gould, he is in fact one of the stupidest creatures in existence. Catching him is simple. In the daylight, when his eyes cannot endure the glare, he sits motionless and alseep on a tree limb, or by preference in any dark place he can find, unless he has a hole. By cautiously climbing the tree, one can avoid waking him until near enough to seize him by the legs, when he is defenseless. He rages and flaps, but the captor bears him safely off. This is the way Mr. Gould has caught most of his owls, which he commonly

One Way of Catching Owls.

keeps alive in the cellar. Mr. Gould's dog occasionally catches one of his owls, but not for amusement.

Owls, furthermore, he claims, are good weather prophets. In winter, especially, they are very quiet just before a storm, which is the easiest time to catch them. In close winters, when there is much snow on the ground, Mr. Gould has easily been able to keep his cellar full of them, and even there they act as barometers, for at the approach of bad weather the screech owls set up a doleful and distracting chorus under the floor beams, to the no small inconvenience of the family, who, of course are sleepiest when the owls are widest awake.

On entering the cellar in the daytime, however, even if it was full of owls, nobody would see one, but every nook and cranny where there was sheltering and grateful dark would harbor an owl, none the less. In the night it would be a different story, and altogether a surprising one for anybody having the hardihood to venture down there. The flight of owls of any species is practically noiseless, and that of the common owls of New England is wholly so.

Without a sound the great creatures dart and swoop through the inky blackness of the cellar, searching for the scraps of meat on which they are fed, and circling in vigilance committees after unhappy house or field mice that chance in a fatal minute to venture within pouncing distance.

That some should think of the Kings chapel burial ground owl as being stuffed and put there as a practical joke, to collect one of those crowds, which even the most trivial thing will collect in the city, Mr. Gould does not consider remarkable.

Owls, he says, will return to the same place day after day, and sit there all day long, day in and day out, as motionless as statues. Indeed, this is another point on which the bird is seen to be profoundly stupid, for when Mr. Gould fails to catch an owl he has climbed a tree after, he simply returns to the same spot when conditions become favorable again and bags the game.

Mr. Gould is big and hospitable and inclined to look on his owl hobby with a good deal of amusement, but in view of the hooting cellarful that he has had from time to time, everybody will have to agree with him that a single owl in a city burial ground as a public spectacle is no great sight, after all

STRANGE ANGLE OF SIGHT

Happy but Perplexed Father Thought Himself the Possessor of Twins.

"There's nothing like temperance," said Mayor Shank at a temperance dinner in Indianapolis. "Take the case of John Humphreys.

"Humphreys, at a supper, drank more than was good for him, and arrived home at 2 a. m. in a rather unfortunate state.

"The family physician met him at the front door.

"'Humphreys,' he said, 'I congraulate you. You're a father again.'

"And the physician led Humphreys upstairs to the nursery, where the nurse proudly exhibited a fine infant.

"But Humphreys, instead of manifesting Rooseveltian joy, frowned, swore and left the room.

"The next morning, when he again saw the newborn child, he showed amazement and perplexity.

"'But, nurse,' he said, 'where is the other one?'"

Time for Stillness.

Mrs MacLachlan was kind to her American boarder, but she did not propose to allow her to overstep the limits of a boarder's privileges, and she made it very clear.

One Sunday the boarder, returning from a walk, found the windows of her roof, which she had left wide open, tightly closed.

"Oh, Mrs. MacLachlan, I don't like my room to get stuffy," she said, when she went downstairs again. "I like plenty of fresh air."

"Your room will na' get stuffy in one day," said her landlady firmly. "'Twas never our custom, miss, to hae fresh air rooshin' about the house on the Sawbath."—Youth's Companion.

Runs on the Bank of England.

Even the Bank of England has not been entirely free from runs nor from the necessity of saving itself by strategy. In 1745, for instance, it was forced to employ agents to present notes, which were paid as slowly as possible in sixpences, the cash being immediately brought in by another door and paid in again, while anxious holders of notes vainly tried to secure attention. In 1825 too only the accidental discovery of 700,000 £1 notes saved the bank from stopping payment.—London Chronicle.

No Need to Be Good.

A little Shaker Heights girl surprised her parents last week by refusing to be scared into being good. "It's no use telling me Santa Claus won't come, or that the angels will write it down in their book if I'm naughty, mamma," she said. "I might as well tell you that they think up in heaven that I'm dead."

"But why should they think that dear?"

"Because, I haven't said my prayers for two weeks."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.