

PERU-ECUADOR WAR SEEMS TO BE ABOUT OFF

Washington, D. C., June 3.—The government of Peru has indicated its intention of withdrawing its army from the Ecuadorian frontier June 4. Up to this time Ecuador has failed to indicate her purpose with respect to the withdrawal of her army and officials here declare that if war between Peru and Ecuador results, the entire responsibility will rest with Ecuador.

ALAMOGORDO TAKES A WAY PLEAL RIP AT THE ITS CASE

Officials Believe Still That They Have Power to Levy a High License.

INTERVIEWS ON SALOON DECISION

Alamogordo, N. M., June 3.—The village officials of Alamogordo will most likely appeal from the decision of Judge Mechem in which he ruled against Alamogordo in the saloon case. Mayor Byron Sherry, still believes the general laws of the territory empower the village to regulate saloons, although Judge Mechem held that the law under which the town is incorporated, does not give this power.

Speaking of the case, mayor Sherry said that if Judge Mechem's decision is correct, then all ordinances in New Mexico regulating saloon licenses, are null and void. He said:

"The point involved in the case was as to the validity of the ordinance relating to a liquor license. It was claimed on the part of the petitioner for the writ that the ordinance was invalid for the reason that the board of trustees had not given the power to enact the ordinance to enact the ordinance. The village of Alamogordo was incorporated under the laws of 1903, which of itself does not give the power to license, but my contention is that the power is given under the general act of this territory relating to municipal corporations, compiled laws, 1897, Subsection 18, of section 2402, of said act, provides that municipal corporations 'shall have the right to license, regulate or prohibit the selling or giving away of any intoxicating, malt, vinous, mixed or fermented liquor, and to determine the amount to be paid for such license.' I am informed that Judge Mechem has recently, in a similar case, involving the validity of an ordinance of the village of Aztec, held that villages have the power to license, regulate or prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks. As the question involved is one of general interest, I presume that Judge Mechem will file a written opinion."

The saloon at this place had remained closed since April 1, or since the "saloon ordinance" went into effect where by the retail liquor license was fixed at \$2000 per year. The reason given for closing the saloon was that \$2000 license was prohibitive, that, and that \$2000 license was prohibitive, three of the trustees prepared and offered an amendment to the "saloon ordinance," reducing the license to \$2000. The mayor, acting under authority granted by him by an ordinance, refused to approve this amendment, and the matter of "high license" remained as it was, even as though no amendment had ever been offered. Frank M. Beach, general manager of the Alamogordo improvement company, stated that his company would have paid the \$2000 license and allowed the matter to go without an attack by the company, but since it appeared that there was no way to get the "high license" reduced, the improvement company, acting upon advice from its attorneys, J. E. Wharton, of El Paso, and J. L. Lawson, of this place, determined to settle the saloon question one way or the other, and so the saloon was opened in violation of the "saloon ordinance" in order to make a test case, which was done, and the case was argued before Judge Mechem at Carizozo last Saturday.

Other Ordinances Not Attacked. It is a mistake that all the ordinances were attacked. J. E. Wharton authorizes the statement that only the "saloon ordinance" was attacked, and that upon the grounds that the authorities of the village of Alamogordo had no legal right to levy license upon the saloon, and this was the only question before the court for a decision.

This is the first time, so it is stated, that such a case has been acted upon by a New Mexico court affecting the saloon licenses of village incorporations.

Willing to Pay \$2000. Mr. Beach, when interviewed, stated (Continued on last page)

TEACHERS GET NO SUMMER SALARIES

School Board Elects Teachers for Year and Increases Some Salaries.

HIGH SCHOOL CHIEF IS NAMED

No summer salaries will be paid the teachers in the El Paso public schools this year and probably none will be paid next year unless the finances are improved to such an extent that there will be enough cash on hand to warrant the outlay of the money for this purpose. However, the salaries of six high school teachers were raised from \$123.33 per month, to \$138.33 per month, after a discussion of the propriety of raising the salaries at this time, when money is so scarce.

E. M. White, a teacher in the high school, was appointed principal of that school to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of N. R. Crozier to the superintendency.

Rene De Sevier was appointed teacher of French and German at a salary of \$128.33 per month. This is the highest salary ever paid to a teacher created upon the suggestion of Vassar college, which has recently affiliated the El Paso high school. De Sevier was formerly professor of modern languages at the El Paso Military Institute.

Dr. E. H. Irvin, of the external committee, reported that his committee had rented a house on Rio Grande street opposite the Meem school for \$25 per month to be used by the manual training department next year, as that is cheaper than two new rooms can be constructed in the high school.

Special Meeting.

All this was decided at a called meeting of the school board, held at the office of superintendent N. R. Crozier at the Mesa school Thursday night, there being present trustees, H. A. Carpenter, R. L. Dorbandt, E. M. Worsham, H. Harper, W. L. Peabody, E. H. Irvin and W. H. Winter and superintendent N. R. Crozier and E. A. Ross.

The meeting was called for 8 o'clock but both trustees Peabody and Dorbandt were late in arriving and when they did reach there the internal committee held a long conference with superintendent Crozier and Ross in the former's private office before the business of the evening was finally started, at 9:25.

President Carpenter called for a report from the internal committee, two were presented showing the teachers recommended for reelection and the salaries to be paid, it being recommended that if summer salaries were to be paid the salaries should remain the same as this year and if not, then the salaries of the high school teachers were to be raised to \$150 from \$123.33 per month.

Kindergarten Teachers Raised. Following the reading of the report secretary Harper said: "Before the adoption of that report, I should like to submit an amendment. Miss Dixie Fassett and Miss Emma Hoffman have been teaching in the kindergarten department for the past two years and they are not receiving as much pay as some of the teachers in the manual training department who have been teaching for two years. There are I think it only just that they should receive \$55 per month."

Dr. Worsham then said: "These lists were arranged without summer salaries and there are others in which, if summer salaries are granted, the salaries are fixed at the same as last year."

Winter said: "Why is there a difference in the salaries paid to the principals of the schools?" and Worsham replied: "They are based upon the number of rooms in the various schools."

E. L. Dorbandt said: "I make a motion that we discontinue the summer salaries. I do that because we are short of funds." He then moved the acceptance of the report for the nine months' salaries, which was seconded by Irvin. However, Harper stopped the adoption of the report by offering the amendment that the two kindergarten teachers referred to be paid \$55 per month instead of \$70 as at present.

Winter said: "As I understand it, you have not raised the salaries of the grade teachers while the salaries of the assistant teachers in the high school have been raised."

Harper said this was so and Winter replied: "I mean that the salaries be the same as last year."

High School Teachers. Harper's amendment was then called to the attention of the board by president Carpenter and seconded by Dorbandt, unanimously passed.

Winter again took the floor and said: "If there is any good reason why the high school teachers should be raised, I would like to know it and I will withdraw my objection."

Worsham said: "The reason, Mr. Winter, is that several of the teachers in the high school are men with families dependent upon them and this will make a great difference to them."

Winter asked for a vote on his amendment, which was supported by himself, Dorbandt and Harper, and opposed by Worsham, Irvin and Peabody, so president Carpenter was called on to cast the deciding vote. He said: "Well, they will go to \$150."

Harper said: "I am not in favor of lowering salaries. I am always in favor of raising them where possible but I feel that the ward school teachers should be raised the same as those in the high school." Winter then moved that the salaries be made \$125 instead of \$133. Dorbandt seconded the amendment, which resulted in a tie, the trustees voting the same as on the previous amendment offered by Winter.

Merits of Teachers. Taking up the matter, Harper said: "I have never voted against a raise in salaries, but you have teachers in the high school who have nothing but permanent certificates while some of our teachers in the grade schools have diplomas."

Irvin said: "I never heard of a city where the high schools did not pay better."

Harper: "I am in favor of that, but if that be the case, then you should have better teachers."

Peabody: "It has always been the idea to make 50 percent of the teachers in the high school men and the other (Continued on Page Two.)

AMERICAN CONSULATE INSULTED

Glenn Curtis and Wife and Gen. Howe, El Pasoan's Father



The upper photograph shows Glenn H. Curtis leaving the ground on the second leg of his trip from Albany to New York. This was at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. where he landed for supplies of oil and gasoline. Below, on the left, the aviator is shown with Brig. Gen. W. D. Howe (on his left) father of district attorney W. D. Howe, of El Paso, and other officers after the landing at Governor's Island. On the right is a photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis taken in front of the machine in which the wonderful flight was made.

PAY RATE OR INSURANCE IS NIL

No Chance to Get Any Concessions From General Agents; Local Men Tied.

MUST COLLECT FULL CHARGES

The insurance men of Texas—the general agents, the big bosses—seem to think the people are going to stand for the new law and in a short time forget its oppressiveness, and that all will soon be all right. Extend the time for paying premiums or hold to the old rates pending a settlement? Not for the insurance men. It is a case of "come through with the premiums or get no insurance."

Local agents have taken up the matter of rates with their chiefs and all get the reply that there is nothing doing. "We can't discriminate," is the plea, "if we let El Paso have the old rates, temporarily, it will be discriminating against other Texas cities," they say, failing to add that it would set a precedent by which other Texas cities might also make a fight for justice.

William Moerger has received letters from three general agents and each pleads that "under the law we have no authority to allow you to collect the old rates or to hold off collection of premiums pending the settlement of appeals." They each refer also to the action of the law preventing discrimination.

Several other agents have received letters of a similar nature. The local agents are therefore compelled to collect the rate as prepared for El Paso. They have no other alternative.

Whole State Howls. Austin, Texas, June 3.—Because it thinks the public believes the key rates announced are rates made officially, which is erroneous, the fire rating board this morning gave out a statement saying it will not announce for publication the receipt of any more key rates.

The rates will be open to the inspection of the public but no more formal statements will be made to the press. This action is believed to be the result of a storm of criticism which has arisen from various parts of the state on account of increases made by the actuary of the companies.

DEMOCRATS DIVIDED ON RAILWAY MEASURE. Washington, D. C., June 3.—A conference of Democrats and senators prior to the meeting held for the purpose of determining the course to be pursued on the railroad bill. They failed to bring about any agreement. Some favored voting for the bill as amended, but others would not assent to such a program.

ELEPHANT BUTTE DAM ORDERED TO GO ON AHEAD OF ALL OTHERS

Secretary of Interior Sets Date for Beginning Work and Orders That When It Starts, There Shall Be No Delay—Commencement Will Be Short Time After June 13, When Court Approves Award of Commissioners.

Work should begin on the Elephant Butte project right after June 13. Nothing now remains to be done before the actual operations on the project is begun but the formal affirming of the finding of the Socorro commission which condemned the land to be used for the dam reservoir and the railroad right-of-way. This will come up before Judge Mechem at Socorro as soon as he opens court on June 13. As the affirmation is only a legal form, it is expected that it will be attended to among the very first things taken up by the court.

Then the \$200,000 deposit will be made with the Socorro county clerk and with this done, the last formality will have been complied with, the director of the reclamation service will flash the order from Washington to the district engineer's office here and work will begin immediately on the construction of the railroad from the Santa Fe main line to the dam site. This is the first real unit in the project proper and one of the most important, as the road is necessary to get materials and machinery to the site of the big dam before any active work can be done on the wier itself.

Head of Other Work. Secretary Ballinger has made a written order to proceed with the work at once, as the Elephant Butte project in his opinion has precedence over all other projects because of the treaty obligations with Mexico. This information was received from Washington Thursday evening in the form of a telegram from congressman W. E. Smith who wired R. F. Burges as follows: "Secretary of interior has made a written order to proceed with preliminary work, declaring the treaty requires speedy construction of the dam. His order says Engle project must have precedence over all other reclamation projects, and that necessary allotments will be made."

"Newell only awaits advice from you that money may be deposited in suit. Expedite proceedings."

Mr. Burges's reply to the congressman's message containing the good news read: "Accept renewed assurance of our profound gratitude and intense satisfaction at this crowning order from secretary. Court has set hearing on hearing exceptions to award for June 12. Under our construction of statute we expect order giving us immediate possession."

Mexico Has Date Set. From Mexico comes the assurance that the dates for the beginning and completion of the project have been agreed upon by the United States and Mexico, making the early completion of the big dam doubly sure. This information was received by Felix Martinez in a letter from Mexico City and a part of it read: "In response to the requests of Mexico, an agreement has been signed between the United States and Mexico fixing a date for the beginning of

work on the Elephant Butte dam and for concluding the work."

To Begin Work. Engineer W. M. Reed, who will have active charge of the preliminary work as district engineer of the reclamation service, said this morning that he hoped to have the railroad line built to be grinding out the stuff that is to make up the greatest dam in the world. The district engineer fixes upon 1914 as the probable time for storing the first water behind the big dam and from that time on, there will be a surplus of water in lake R. M. Hall for the use of the valley ranchers during the dry season.

Creel's Work. Mexico has proved to be the best friend of the valleys of the Rio Grande and to the republic of the south is due a great part of the credit for bringing the Elephant Butte project to the point where its ultimate completion is absolutely assured. To foreign minister Enrique Creel, El Paso's best friend in Mexico, is due the thanks of the entire Rio Grande valley for it has been through his tireless efforts that the project has been placed first on the list of reclamation service activities to receive attention.

Felix Martinez, of the Water Users' association, will leave for Mexico City Sunday on business connected with the international project and will probably call on former governor Creel while there.

BALL WINS ENGLISH GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SEVEN TIMES. London, Eng., June 3.—Vernon Johns Ball today won the amateur golf championship of Great Britain, defeating C. Aylmer in the finals, ten up, nine to play. This is the seventh time Ball has won.

"It was the biggest crowd of children we ever had at the park," said manager Frank Rich Friday, referring to the second Herald's children's day at Washington Electric park Thursday.

"We carried over 4000 passengers on the merryground during Thursday afternoon and evening, and we have not counted the coupons taken in at the slide. The collectors have two shirt boxes full of coupons, and it was a solid stream of boys and girls that floated down the slide from the time the sun began to sink until late last evening."

"The theater had to give three performances in the afternoon to accommodate The Herald children, and although the place was crowded continuously."

CHINESE ARE OFFENDING PARTIES

Anti-Foreign Uprising Is Being Urged by Placards in Chinese Towns.

AMERICAN SHIP READY TO ACT

German and British Cruiser Can Also Land Forces to Protect Foreigners

Peking, China, June 3.—Consuls at Nanking report native disturbers in that city have assumed openly an insulting attitude toward foreigners and have defiled the walls of the American consulate in a disgusting manner.

U. S. WARSHIPS ON SCENE. Washington, D. C., June 3.—The city of Nanking, China, has been posted with placards inciting the people to the destruction of foreign life and property. The feeling in several provinces of China are still giving the authorities much concern.

Minister Calhoun at Peking, in reporting conditions at Nanking, says the cruiser New Orleans is there and prepared with the German and British warships to land a considerable force if necessary to protect the foreign consulates.

REVOLUTION FEARED. Peking, China, June 3.—Threats that a revolution will be launched June 5, the date set for the opening of the Nanking exposition, are causing the Chinese merchants to flee with their treasures to the country districts, where they are burying their wealth. All diplomats at Peking think an outbreak in the provinces south of the Yangtze-Kiang river is likely to occur.

CONVICTS DASH; ONE MAN IS KILLED. Another Is Wounded, Five Have Got Away and Two Are Surrounded.

Brenham, Texas, June 3.—One dead and one wounded, five likely make good their escape and two closely surrounded by officers and deputies in a posse are the results to noon today of the desperate attempt to get away from the guards, made by nine convicts in the Santa Fe camp near Lyons, Burleson county, Wednesday night.

Card McLaughlin was killed by the guards in the attempt and J. L. Wolf was shot in the right foot. Seven others fled. Two are believed to be surrounded in the broken country near the county line according to reports received here at noon today.

TEXAN IS HANGED FOR A MURDER

Clarendon, Texas, June 3.—G. R. Miller, convicted of the murder of Floyd Autrey, of Fort Worth, in a box car between Wichita Falls and Clarendon on the Denver road March 29, was hanged by sheriff Patmon here at 11 o'clock this morning. The man's neck was broken and death was instantaneous.

RAILROADS CANNOT SPEND ANY MORE MONEY. Improvements They Had Expected to Make on Money from Increased Rates, Cannot Be Made.

Chicago, Ill., June 3.—At least \$200,000,000 which American railroads had tentatively arranged to spend in replacements as a result of increased revenue from the advance in freight rates they had expected, must now be used to stave off ruin, according to a statement made by Sisson Thompson, of the Railway News bureau here today.

JILTED LOVER ILL. Bisbee, Ariz., June 3.—Arthur Pentals was shocked into sudden illness at the news that his sweetheart had asked him to return her photograph. He is at home suffering with high fever.

TEXAS ROADS ARE SPENDING MORE THAN THEY TAKE IN MAKING NO MONEY

Austin, Texas, June 3.—The gross earnings of the railroads for nine months ended March 31, show an increase over the same period last year, according to a statement issued by the railroad commission today.

The operating expenses are shown to be about three million more for the same period, while the increased income from the operation of the roads is less than a million more than for the last nine months ending March 31 last year.

The expenses show a slight increase over the earnings. Freight earnings and the income increase is shown to be very small.