

Mexican bank notes, state bills, 15 1/2 @ 110; pesos, 100; Mexican gold, 49 1/2; National bills, 15 1/2; bar silver, 15 1/2; H. A. H. quotation, 15 1/2; copper, 12 1/2; #2, grains higher; livestock steady; stocks firm.

WEATHER FORECAST. El Paso and west Texas, unsettled, showers; New Mexico, local showers; cooler; Arizona, generally fair. FOURTEEN PAGES TODAY.

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Japanese Seek Base At Panama Canal?

LANSGING IS ORDERING INQUIRY

Agent For Japan Has Obtained 60,000 Acre Concession, Says Report.

COALING BASE IS REPORTED PLAN

Newly Elected President Of Panama Is Said To Be Implicated In Plot.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Investigation of reports from Panama that a 60,000 acre land concession at the Atlantic end of the canal has been secured by a Spaniard named Fernandez, presumably for Japanese interests, was ordered today by secretary of state Lansing.

At that time it was commonly believed in diplomatic circles that private Japanese shipping interest were seeking land, through Spanish intermediaries, to establish a base for storing coal at lower rates than could be had from the American government monopoly base. So far as is known, nothing definite came of that plan.

Panama President Involved? The present reports are that Fernandez, Havana agent for Japanese interests, secured a 60,000 acre land concession through the activity of Ramon Valdes, whose recent election to the presidency of Panama may possibly be disputed by the United States because of alleged frauds and coercion.

CHINESE SIX COMPANIES PROTEST TO PRESIDENT

San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 21.—The Chinese Six Companies have sent president Wilson a protest against what they declare is an attempt on the part of secretary of labor Wilson to secure the removal of Chinese consul general Shu Shan Chin.

CAMP MABRY PREPARED FOR 15,000 SOLDIERS

Asotin, Texas, Aug. 21.—Camp Mabry is being placed in first class condition for the reception of the 15,000 troops of the army now stationed at Fort Sam Houston. The camp was recently cleaned and cleared of brush and weeds by a detail of about 30 convicts to whom governor Ferguson granted full pardons after they had completed the work.

VETERAN OF THE NAVY, BRAIN PARALYZED, DIES

Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 21.—Dr. Edward Kerchner, 85, was retired, was stricken with paralysis of the brain while teaching a Sunday school class, and died in ten minutes.

CRUSHED BY BIG ROCK, BISHOP MINER IS KILLED

Bisbee, Ariz., Aug. 21.—Charles A. Burgeon, a miner at the Shattuck mine, was killed when a great boulder fell on him while in the mine. The stone broke his neck and crushed his right shoulder and side.

The War At A Glance

ITALIAN troops are to take part in the important campaign just opening in the Balkans, according to Saloniki advices today which report the disembarkation of Italian soldiers at that port now in progress.

The Macedonian campaign itself does not yet seem to have developed an engagement of first rank magnitude, but there is pronounced activity along the 150 mile fighting front, with successes claimed by each side at various points.

In the Verdun region the Germans who again lost the village of Fleury northeast of the citadel in fighting last week, are making determined efforts to regain the place.

Along the Somme front, the artillery battle is raging violently. No infantry actions are reported by Paris, however, although a German counter attack apparently is in preparation, following the capture by the French of a strongly fortified wood between Guillemont and Maurepas northwest of Peronne.

HUGHES VISITS THE EXPOSITION

Republican Nominee Spends Busy Days in Los Angeles and San Diego.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 21.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for president, and party arrived in San Diego early this morning for a stay of ten hours. Following breakfast in his private car, Mr. Hughes was taken in charge by a reception committee of prominent San Diegans and given a trip to Point Loma and several other nearby points of interest, after which he returned to his train, where he was met by president C. A. Davidson, of the Panama-California International Exposition and escorted by a large parade to the exposition grounds.

The larger part of the morning at the exposition grounds was devoted by Mr. Hughes and his party to an inspection of exhibits. This afternoon at 2:30 o'clock Mr. Hughes made his public debut of the day in San Diego at the organ pavilion in the exposition grounds.

Spends Busy Sunday. Mr. Hughes spent a strenuous Sunday, from the effects of which he was today recovering. He reached Los Angeles from San Francisco early Sunday, went to church, held a public reception, took a 100 mile motor drive, stopped at the Los Angeles museum on the way back and did not reach his hotel until late in the evening.

At Long Beach Mr. Hughes spent half an hour in the hotel and then went to church. Governor Johnson reached the hotel an hour before Mr. Hughes did, and upon learning that the nominee was expected, went to his room, saying that while he would like to meet Mr. Hughes, he did not care to embarrass the reception committee and other Republicans by meeting the nominee publicly on that occasion.

Johnson Stays in Room. Governor Johnson remained in his room while Mr. Hughes was at the hotel. The nominee held an informal reception for half an hour there, shaking hands with a crowd that choked the hotel lobby and overflowed into the street.

Mr. Hughes told callers today that he did not care to insert himself into the situation arising from the differences between Republican and Progressive leaders in California. The nominee then issued a statement that he was local and should be decided locally.

Visits Garfield's Widow. On his first trip to Hughes made a number of short stops. The first of these, at Pasadena, was to greet a group of children at the Boys and Girls Aid society home. The nominee and his wife made a short call on the widow of former president Garfield and later Mr. Hughes stopped for a moment to leave his best wishes at the home of former senator George F. Edmunds of Vermont, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were the luncheon guests of the Republican city committee of Pasadena where they afterward held a public reception. The nominee then motored to a suburb where there is a big moving picture establishment, of which he made a brief inspection.

Photographed Beside Mastodon. On the way back from Long Beach to this city, Mr. and Mrs. Hughes went through the mine where a skeleton of a mastodon, estimated to be 20,000 years old which was recovered recently from a bed of asphalt near this city.

He left at midnight for San Diego. His program calls for an address here tomorrow night.

POPULATION OF STATE PRISON SHOWS 49 GAIN. Austin, Tex., Aug. 21.—The state prison population of Texas increased 49 last month, according to the July report of the state penitentiary commission just received by Gov. Ferguson. This report shows that on July 1 the total number of convicts was 388; new convicts received during the month, 132; recaptured, 15; returned by sheriffs, 2; discharged, 45; pardoned, 28; escaped, 19; died, 5; on hand August 1, 437.

WE COVERED UP WITH MUD AND DEBRIS.

Another Falls Into Washout On County Road and Is Completely Buried.

MONTANA HOME IS FILLED WITH MUD

Water and Filth Run In On First Floor, Ruining the Rugs—A Cloudburst.

An automobile, bearing license number 2496, issued in the name of J. C. Telles, was almost completely buried on the county road between old Fort Bliss and the smelter, following the rain Sunday afternoon.

An automobile belonging to the Elita Confectionery company was buried above the running board in rocks, mud and debris on Noble street just north of Arizona, by the force of the floodwaters that came rushing down from the mountains and mesas when the cloudburst came Sunday afternoon shortly after three o'clock.

The militia camps in the lower end of the city were inundated and in many cases much damage was done. Camp Stewart escaped heavy damage.

Several mess sheds in course of construction in the camps of the Michigan guardsmen were blown away and some of the men sustained minor injuries. One was seriously hurt.

Water Runs Into Home. Water poured across the back yard of Robert Townsend's home, at 2255 Montana street, and flooded the floors on the first floor of the home. The rugs were ruined and the floors will have to be refinished.

The basement of the Townsend home was filled to the first floor level and the front and rear yards were ruined by the water. The flood poured through a Southwest-ern culvert just back of the Townsend home, which is lower than the ground to the rear of it and water covered the entire yard.

A giant Russian sundress, which Mrs. Townsend had been watching with great care, was washed out by the roots just as it had started to bloom. Many of her other flowers were washed away and the lawn ruined.

It was one of the heaviest rains ever seen in El Paso and tons of earth and rocks were washed over the streets at every crossing below the mesa district. A heavy wind accompanied the torrent of rain.

Water in Streets. Many who witnessed the cloudburst could see great sheets of water floating down the side of Monte Franklin, rushing upon the city. Arroyos and canyons seemed to be full from bank to bank. This water was deposited upon the lower levels of the city, tremendous force and cut the streets to pieces, filled basements and stopped traffic of all sorts.

Automobiles were tied up all over the city, water getting into carburetors or on magnetos and causing short circuits as the drivers attempted to force their way over the rocks and gravel through the raging torrents in the streets.

One of the peculiar things connected with the storm was that the sun was shining in some parts of the city. People down the valley say the sun could be seen shining through the clouds in the west and south side pouring the water onto the rugged sides of the old mountain.

Two Autos Buried. The automobile that was buried on the county road, ran into the washout after dark. Water from Monte canyon had cut through the Santa Fe railroad grade and had in some way undermined the road paving, and washed out the dirt grade. The paving for a width of 12 feet caved in and when the car was driven into it, the machine went down almost on end and only the top was left visible above the washout. Nobody was seriously hurt, according to the report saw, the accident or arrived shortly thereafter.

The car of the Elita company was parked on Noble street when the storm came up and was literally half buried by the debris. Mexicans with picks and shovels later dug it out of its imprudent grave and a big truck of the Krueger construction company helped to pull it out. An army truck also gave assistance.

Streets Made Impassable. Grant avenue in cotton addition was made practically impassable from Cotton avenue to Rosewood streets by the tons of rock and dirt whirled in upon the paving by the rushing torrents of water. The same was true of Montana street from Cotton avenue to Pedras street. Montana street in front of the W. W. Turney home was filled with rocks and dirt to such a depth that it was necessary for a moment while city wagons removed the obstructions.

Noble street from the Mesa down to Montana was torn to pieces by the fury of the floodwaters. The street is virtually impassable.

Street Cut To Pieces. Rosewood street from Grant avenue down to Montana was also torn to pieces by the force of the waters pouring down off the mesa, out of Grant avenue and out of Bliss street. The water was belly deep to horses at the corner of Montana and Rosewood and

SCENES IN "THE ARID SOUTHWEST"



Flood Waters at Montana and Rosewood Streets in El Paso Taken Sunday Afternoon.

13 LIVES LOST IN HURRICANE

Corpus Christi, Tex., Aug. 21.—Thirteen lives were lost in the tropical storm which swept the Texas coast last week, according to the latest available figures. Of these, nine were members of the crew of the small freighter Pilot Boy, which foundered off the Aransas Pass jetties.

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FIRST BIG RAIN SINCE APRIL FALLS AT LUBBOCK. Lubbock, Texas, Aug. 21.—The first rain of any consequence since the middle of April fell during the day and night. The rainfall was one and one half inches, insuring splendid crops, better than the average yearly production and also an abundance of winter grass for cattle.

WESTERN PACIFIC WON'T HAVE TO PAY INCOME TAX. San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 21.—Judge Wm. C. Van Fleet, of the United States district court, relieved the Western Pacific railroad today from payment of a federal income tax of approximately \$15,000 on the road's earnings of \$1,500,000 while it was in the hands of receivers during 1915.

ITALIAN ARMY REINFORCES ALLIES ON MACEDONIAN FRONT; WILL MEAN ITALO-GERMAN WARFARE.

Paris, France, Aug. 21.—Italian troops began to disembark at Salonika Sunday, says a Havas agency dispatch from that point.

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RUSSIAN STORM MAGURA HEIGHTS

Berlin, Germany, Aug. 21.—(By Wire- less to Sayville.)—The Austrian headquarters statement of August 19, says of the east front.

Front of archduke Charles Francis: West of the Moldava in Bukovina. Honved infantry and German battalions stormed the much disputed heights of Magura. The Russians left 600 prisoners and two machine guns in our hands. Russian counter attacks failed.

West of Zabie we withdrew our advanced troops after violent fighting, towards the Chernoburg ridge. Near Stanislau to the northwest our riflemen repulsed a Russian advance.

Front of field marshal von Hindenburg. Our troops repulsed a Russian attack near Seelow. Near Tzol on the Stoloboi the Russians advanced into our trenches but were thrown back. A new Russian attack is in progress.

ENGLISH WRITER REFUSES WAR SERVICE; SENTENCED. Berlin, Germany, Aug. 21.—Because he declined to serve in the British army, the English writer, Norman Angell, has been sentenced to 18 months imprisonment after several months under arrest, according to an Italian newspaper. Angell claimed exemption from military service under the "conscientious objection" clause.

RESOURCES OF SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENTS \$3,854,989. Austin, Tex., Aug. 21.—Resources of the savings departments of the 28 state banks in Texas maintaining these departments, at the close of business on July 31, amounted to \$3,854,989. Of the resources \$2,505,825 is in first liens on real estate and \$394,474 in school bonds. Of the liabilities, \$2,387,554 is due depositors, and net undivided profits are \$12,118. The required cash reserve is \$358,378, while the actual cash reserve is \$674,807, which last amount is \$316,429 in excess of the legal requirements.

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LEADERS BEGUN TO PREPARE REPLY

Want Board To Discuss Wages With No Strike Until After Report.

ARBITRATION IS ULTIMATE HOPE

Spokesman For Railroads Says Executives Trying to Reach Final Decision.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—The railroad executives, including the new arrivals from the west, his demand that they accept his plan for the settlement of the threatened railroad strike. The executives then began the first of a series of meetings in which they will frame their reply.

As the railroad presidents entered the white house, Hale Holden, their spokesman, said the executives already here had sought to maintain open minds on the entire question, but that after president Wilson had explained his plan thoroughly to the new arrivals, considerations of all questions involved would be begun with the object of reaching a final decision.

The railway heads spent several hours today trying to devise some form of settlement of the threatened strike which would still preserve the principle of arbitration and be one which president Wilson could prevail upon the men to accept.

One of the suggestions the railroad presidents were prepared to make at the white house was for legislation to create a board to investigate the betterment of relations between railroad employers and employees. The board would be created by act of congress.

Present strike. Until Report. Pending its investigation the employees would not be permitted to strike or to take a strike vote. After the board had reached its conclusions from the facts, a public report would be made and there would be opportunity for arbitration but it would not be compulsory.

If arbitration was refused the men would vote directly on the question of a strike.

Not Ready for Answer. It was understood that the railroad executives were not yet ready to present their final answer today to the president on his plan. The conference this afternoon was arranged to allow the officials who arrived here today to get the president's viewpoint first hand.

WILSON OUTLINES EFFORTS TO ASSIST AGRICULTURE. Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—In a letter to representative Lever of South Carolina, chairman of the house committee on agriculture, president Wilson has outlined the program for the betterment of rural life, which was mapped out at the beginning of the administration.

The president formally announces the signing of the agricultural appropriation bill, completion of an important part of the program for the betterment of rural life, which was mapped out at the beginning of the administration.

Summing up the records, he mentions increased appropriations for the support of agriculture, efforts to foster production, the cooperative agricultural extension act, creation of the offices of markets and rural organization, the cotton futures act, the grain standards act, the federal warehouse act, the good roads law and the federal reserve and the farm loan act.

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