

PASSENGER STATION HOLTON INTER URBAN RAILWAY AT HOLTVILLE

MEXICO IS RESPONSIBLE

Wm. E. Smythe Discusses the Colorado River Problem

William E. Smythe is the first man so far as we are informed, to take up the question of the Colorado river and discuss it from the standpoint of justice to the United States and the people of this valley. In his Fourth of July address he discussed the threatening situation on the Colorado river and urged that the annexation of Lower California would be the true, statesmanlike solution of the difficulty. On this topic he spoke in part as follows:

"Has the expansion of the Republic toward the southwest permanently ended with the establishment of the city and county of San Diego? In considering this question, we instinctively look across the mountains to the great desert where rolls the Colorado. While we are celebrating the past, the inexorable river is making history in the present.

"The government of the United States, first through its administration and then through committees of both houses of congress, deliberately refused to countenance a private monopoly in the waters of the Colorado. Then the representatives of that monopoly, declaring that they would accomplish their object regardless of the wishes of the United States, applied to the government of Mexico and obtained the most sweeping rights to the waters of the stream. In pursuance of those rights, they proceeded to make a new heading just below the international boundary on Mexican soil.

"Through that new heading, made with the consent of Mexico in utter disregard of the attitude of the United States, like an angel of wrath came the whole volume of the Colorado, submerging railroads and industries, destroying homes, farms and towns, and threatening to lay waste not only the opulent Imperial Valley, but the region higher up the stream in Arizona and California for whose benefit the United States is now constructing massive works of reclamation. The destructive power of the Colorado, when the sluggish fall to the Gulf gives place to the rapid fall to Salton Sea, menaces everything which men have done or planned to do on the lower courses of the stream, even far above Yuma.

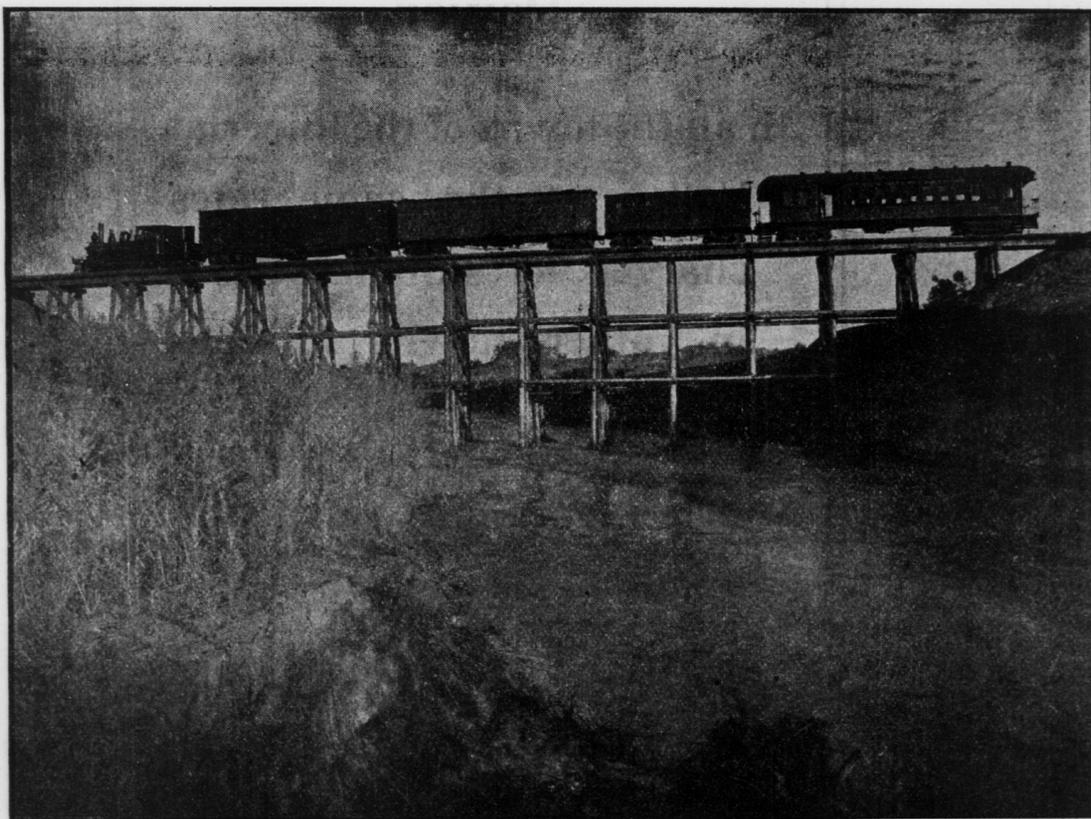
"Mexico was under solemn treaty obligation with the United States to maintain navigation on the Colorado river. By granting these sweeping rights, specifically denied by the United States, Mexico has not only failed to maintain navigation, but absolutely abolished navigation, for the time.

"Thousands of citizens of San Diego county are suffering in their rights and property, or are in imminent peril of such suffering, because of the divar-

sion of the great river from the place where it flowed before those rights were granted by Mexico to the place where it flows to-day.

"I want to say that morally, if not legally, Mexico is responsible for every dollar of loss which has befallen, or which shall befall, the citizens of the United States. Was it not an act of international discourtesy, at least, for a friendly government, bound alike by treaty stipulation and by every tie of good will, thus to anticipate and attempt to nullify the decision of the United States while the whole complicated problem of the Colorado was still pending at Washington? And does not that act of discourtesy become a live question of international politics when it is followed by such fearful consequences to a nation which had committed no offense against its neighbor?"

Mr. Smythe proceeded to argue that the annexation of Lower California by means of peaceful negotiation and for just compensation, will assuredly be compelled by events and that it is the logical solution. He suggested that if the Mexican constitution forbids such a policy, constitutions may be changed while boundaries fixed by natural conditions cannot be changed by human



HOLTON INTER URBAN RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER ALAMO RIVER AT HOLTVILLE

legislation. He declared that without a single, responsible control of the entire stream it would be difficult, if not impossible, for either nation to use it to the best advantage.

"It has been suggested," said the speaker, "that Mexico might be willing to cede a strip of its territory in order to give the United States a free hand in the reclamation of the desert. If

Mexico can cede a strip, it can cede the whole peninsula. We can afford to pay all it is worth to Mexico, for it will be worth far more to us.

"I hope the day may come, and come soon, when the Stars and Stripes shall float over every mile of the Colorado river and over every mile of Lower California from Tia Juana to Cape St. Lucas."

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Day	March	April	May	June	July
1		28.31		42.75	
2	25.60			43.35	
3		28.72			
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5	25.85	29.11			
6					
7	25.93	29.53			
8	25.98	29.72			
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10	26.04	30.16			
11					
12	26.00	30.54	36.41		
13	26.18	30.87			
14		31.10	36.91		
15		31.32	37.20		
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17	26.32	31.71	37.51		
18	26.38		37.80	51.85	
19	26.44	32.02	38.02	52.02	
20		32.18	38.36	52.78	
21	26.55	32.29		53.05	
22			38.92	53.23	
23	26.85			53.50	
24	27.02		39.50	54.85	
25	27.13	33.01	39.82	55.35	
26			40.03	55.75	
27	27.58	33.32	40.75	56.25	
28	27.69		41.27	56.73	
29			41.55	57.35	
30	28.18		41.83	57.94	
31			42.50		

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