

**COLBY FORECASTS**

**RECOGNITION OF MEXICO**

**Secretary Predicts U. S. Will Recognize New Mexican Government at Early Date.**

Washington, Oct. 29.—Early recognition of the new government in Mexico was forecast today by Secretary Colby. Whether it will precede inauguration of President-elect Obregon next December 1, was not stated.

In revealing that "discussions" have been in progress with Roberto V. Pesquera, confidential agent of the Mexico City government, however, Secretary Colby said that these gave "promise of a speedy and happy outcome."

The announcement came as a surprise. Earlier in the day a report circulated in New York that recognition was imminent met with emphatic denial at the state department. A few hours later, however, Secretary Colby made public a letter from Mr. Pesquera as the basis for his announcement, saying it afforded a foundation "upon which the preliminaries to recognition can confidently proceed."

"I think I am warranted in saying," Mr. Colby's formal announcement said "that the Mexican question will soon cease to be a question at all, inasmuch as it is about to be answered, not only as it concerns the United States, but, indeed, the whole world as well."

Mr. Pesquera's letter told of his earlier informal negotiations with Under-Secretary Davis at the state department, and said it "was a new Mexico" which, "submitting herself to the recognized principles of international law," now sought recognition by the United States. Mr. Colby described the latter as "a very significant and a very gratifying and reassuring statement of the attitude and purposes of the new government of Mexico."

**Flying Visit**

Mr. Pesquera, formerly Mexican financial agent in New York, recently returned from a flying visit to Mexico, when he was appointed confidential agent to succeed Fernando Iglesias Calderon, recalled. Mr. Colby's announcement said Mr. Pesquera "came to Washington bearing the fullest powers to act and speak on behalf of his government."

George Creel, former chairman of the committee on public information,

accompanied Mr. Pesquera to the Mexican capital. Before his departure Mr. Creel had a personal interview with President Wilson. Published reports that he was making the trip as a personal representative of the President brought repeated denials from the state department, where it was stated he had no official status and that his application for a passport showed the purpose of his Mexican visit to be "business and pleasure."

Friends of Mr. Creel said he had gone to get material for a magazine article.

On his arrival in Mexico City, Mr. Creel had a six hour conference with Provisional President de la Huerta, and was quoted by Mexico City papers as having said he would return to the United States to work for immediate recognition, taking the matter up direct with the White House. Mr. Creel again saw President Wilson yesterday and later conferred with Mr. Colby. Following Mr. Colby's announcement of impending recognition, officials refused to discuss Mr. Creel's status or activities in any way.

**STEAMERS COLLIDE;**

**NINETEEN MISSING**

**Concrete Steamer Cape Fear, Sinks When Hit by Steamer, City of Atlanta. Accident Occurred in Narragansett Bay.**

Newport, R. I., Oct. 29.—The concrete steamer Cape Fear, a United States shipping board vessel, was sunk in the deepest point of the Narragansett Bay tonight in a collision with the Savannah line steamer City of Atlanta. At a late hour 19 of the crew of 34 of the sunken vessel were unaccounted for. The Cape Fear sank in three minutes about half way between Castle Hill on the Newport shore, and Rose Island, going down bow first in 125 fathoms.

The Cape Fear was outward bound from Providence for Norfolk in ballast and carried only her crew, as did the City of Atlanta, which was bound from Savannah for Providence with a cargo of pig iron. Just how the accident happened was not definitely determined tonight, especially as the weather was clear, with only a slight cloudiness and a light sea running.

The City of Atlanta's bow was badly damaged, the result of hitting the Cape Fear amidship, but although there was a seven foot hole above the main deck, the bulkheads held and she

anchored in the bay.

Of the 15 men saved from the Cape Fear, five slid down lines to the City of Atlanta and the others were picked up from the water by ropes or by boats that were lowered for them.

Captain Garfield of the City of Atlanta, in describing the accident, said that he picked up the lights of the Cape Fear and signalled with one whistle, which was answered. He was bearing steadily to port, he said, with plenty of clearance room, when suddenly the Cape Fear swung across his bow. He blew two whistles as a signal for the steamer to pass on the other side and ordered full speed astern, but could not avoid the collision.

The City of Atlanta struck squarely with her bow, the blow cutting a deep hole in the Cape Fear and shattering the concrete. Lines were immediately thrown aboard but the steamer sank so quickly that the majority of the crew had to dive overboard.

**DETECTIVE CAUGHT BY SPOONY COUPLE**

**Man Attempting to Break Up Supposed Spooning Match Lands in Jail.**

New York, Oct. 15.—Detective William Kenney of the Rockaway Beach precinct was seated on the sand under the Boardwalk at the foot of Beach Twentieth street, Rockaway Beach, last Wednesday night about 10 o'clock and by his side was a charming young woman.

They had been there only a few moments when a man walked up to them, tapped Kenney on the shoulder and said:

"What's the idea, spooning on the beach like this?"

Kenney scrambled to his feet and the man turned a flashlight on him.

"I'm a detective," said the man, sternly, "and you're violating the law. You get away from here quick. I'll take care of the young lady."

Detective Kenney backed away from the man and hid behind a pillar of the Boardwalk. The man who had accosted him then turned to Kenney's companion, who by this time was standing.

"Don't you worry," he said, "I'll take care of you."

"Thanks," said the young woman. "I can take care of myself."

The "detective" did not notice the young lady was quite muscular. He grinned and stepped toward her, and

she smashed him in the jaw and knocked him down. He tried to get up, and she knocked him down again and then Detective Kenney came from behind the pillar and handcuffed him. After that he was taken to the police station and searched. The police say he had in his pocket a loaded revolver.

He gave his name as Arthur Jaycox of 510 Central avenue, Far Rockaway.

Young Jaycox was arraigned in the Jamaica police court yesterday when it developed that the "young lady" who had knocked him down and given him a black eye was Detective George Raeburn, attired in some of his sister's clothes. Kenney and Raeburn had gone to the beach after the police had received numerous complaints that couples sitting on the sand had been interrupted by a man who had said he was a detective and who always chased the men away and then tried to make love to the young women. Magistrate Miller held Jaycox for further examination today in the Far Rockaway court on a short affidavit charging him with having attacked Miss May Goodwin of 231 Twenty-first street, Brooklyn, after he had frightened away her escort by displaying a revolver.

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