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## THE GOVERNMENT WANTS MORE MONEY

### To Make Up Deficiency in Building Road Between the Bridges

## CLAIM IS DECLARED UNJUST

### By Business Men at a Meeting Held in Globe—Reply To Be Prepared

Business men of Globe, who signed a bond of \$20,000 to the government, in order to have the Indian agent at San Carlos take charge of the construction of a highway between the San Carlos and Gila river bridges, on the reservation, with the \$20,000 fund appropriated by the State legislature for that purpose, held a meeting at the office of the Taxpayers' Association, Wednesday night, January 10th, says the Arizona Record. They decided that the claim of the government for more money is unjust, and, furthermore, that the government has not fulfilled its obligation to open to travel the bridges on which federal funds exceeding \$100,000 have already been expended.

Attorney L. L. Henry agreed to prepare a reply to the government's request for \$1,136.40, in addition to the \$20,000 already used on the road. He will point out that the road was completed for several hundred dollars less than the sum appropriated by the legislature and was formally accepted by the Graham county board of supervisors. He will also point out that Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs; Superintendents Lawshe and Stecker, and government engineers assured the Gila and Graham county people that no more than \$20,000 would be expended on the road and that if the highway was constructed the government would make available the bridges for public use.

Attorney Henry may also raise the question of the location of the bridges, showing that the government refused to heed the request of the public that one bridge be constructed, at \$25,000 or less cost, at San Carlos, instead of the two expensive structures that were located arbitrarily by the Indian department far from the main highway.

Lieut. Stecker's letter to the Globe Chamber of Commerce, expressing the contention of the government officials at Washington, reads as follows:

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, GLOBE, ARIZONA.**

GENTLEMEN: I have been directed by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to call upon you and your sureties, under bond dated August 6, 1915, in connection with the construction of the road between the Gila and San Carlos river bridges, for construction of which the State legislature appropriated \$20,000, to make up a deficiency of \$1,346.40.

There is still due the Arizona Eastern Railway Company, \$1,615.91 for freight on lumber used in the construction of this road. I still have on hand an unexpended balance of \$269.51 out of the \$20,000 appropriation. This amount, plus the \$1,346.40 you are requested to furnish, will pay in full the balance of freight charges still due and leave no other indebtedness.

In explanation of this matter, you are advised, that in ordering the lumber required, I was authorized to ship same on government bill of lading. I did so, and forwarded to the U. S. treasurer a check for \$1,539.34 in full payment of all freight charges. The comptroller, however, held that the lumber in question is not "public property" and that land grant deductions cannot be enforced thereon.

The check for \$1,539.34 was returned to me, and I applied same as part payment on the freight charges due the Arizona Eastern Railway Company, which left due said company a balance of \$1,615.91.

I respectfully request that you take this matter up promptly in order that final settlement can be made with the railway company at an early date.

Very respectfully,  
ERNEST STECKER,  
Superintendent.

In spite of the dissatisfaction that is felt over the fact that



**News Snapshots Of the Week**

The greatest diplomatic battle the world has ever experienced developed during the past week in the interest of peace; the allies' door of peace, but the reply to President Wilson gave still another chance for president's peace move, arraigned Ambassador Bernstorff. Plans for a great naval parade are under way to celebrate acquisition of Danish West Indies by Uncle Sam. Carranza's refusal to sign protocol may mean withdrawal of our troops in Mexico. The allies recognized Venustiano G. Carranza's government, and the Greek general, Dangleis, took charge of his troops. Wealthy men were implicated in murder of Grace Roberts, Philadelphia model. Governor Hunt of Arizona refused to give up office to Thomas E. Campbell, elected by small plurality. Lieutenant Bolling, Captain Carberry, Lieutenant Miller and other army aviators flew in New York to Philadelphia test flight.

## Woman's Club Elects New Officers

The regular business meeting of the Woman's Club took place at the M. E. Church, Friday afternoon, January 12th.

The response to roll call—club improvement—brought forth many helpful suggestions.

Letters were read from the State president, Mrs. H. A. Morgan, of Willcox, who urged a big attendance at the convention in Globe, January 24th; from Mrs. Fagerberg about donating to the girls' scholarship fund, and from Dr. Ancil Martin, of Phoenix, in relation to conservation of vision.

The following officers were elected for the new club year, beginning in March:

President, Mrs. F. L. Ginter; Vice President, Mrs. Ph. Fruedenthal; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Clayton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. F. Brandt; Treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Chambers; Advisory Board, Mrs. W. D. French; Mrs. R. A. Armstrong and Mrs. W. E. McWhirt.

Mrs. F. L. Ginter was elected the club's delegate to the Federation meeting.

The next meeting of the Woman's Club will be social and will be held at the home of Mrs. E. W. Clayton, Friday afternoon, January 26th.

Members are asked to come prepared to offer suggestions for future social meetings—improvements and interesting features.

Mrs. W. D. FRENCH,  
Club Reporter.

Bridges were located at what was said, at the time, to be above possible high water mark in the event that a reservoir is created, but which it has since been shown is twenty feet below that line, the Globe business men would be willing to meet an additional expense on the road if they believed the government's contention to be just.

They say, however, that there is no question but that the road between the bridges is government property and that there is no reason why the additional freight charge should be made. In support of this contention, it is shown that the government has refused to allow either Graham or Gila county or the State government to take over the road. Although the State paid for its construction, the road, together with ever stick of timber on it, belongs to the government and always has.

The contract was signed by responsible residents of both Gila and Graham counties, who are now called upon to meet a deficiency of \$1,346.40, incurred in the construction of the road between the bridges.

Under the terms of the agreement, they will be compelled to pay this sum, despite the fact that not a vehicle has ever crossed either of the bridges.

The contract which was entered into on January 22, 1915, is signed by the following:

F. F. Towle, A. Hanson, T. A. Pasco, P. C. Little, L. E. Wightman, J. N. Purdum, Frank Gill, F. J. Elliott, W. M. Coburn, R. D. Kennedy, W. D. Fisk, J. A. Fleming, J. N. Robinson, Harry Sultan, John S. Cook, George F. Wilson, J. D. Wick, Jr., P. P. Greer, Max Lantin, A. W. Synder and G. D. Barclay, of Globe; J. M. Allred, A. E. Jacobson, L. J. Broshers, E. W. Clayton, Geo. P. Jacobson, Z. C. Prina, C. M. Mack, C. S. Gilpin, Wm. C. Faulkner, Thos. A. Bell, W. R. Foote, of Safford; John F. Nash, Alex. C. Hunt, W. W. Pace, J. H. Larson and L. C. Snow, of Thatcher; R. M. Kelly, W. A. Lines and H. J. Anderson, of Pima; O. E. Webster, of Central.

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## THE LORCH COMPANY

### Opens Tonight at Armory with "Under Cover"—Here for Four Nights

The playgoers of Safford and vicinity will have an appointment the next four nights to enjoy the best theatrical treat that has come this way in many weeks.

Theodore Lorch and his excellent company opens at the Safford Armory tonight, January 19th, in a repertoire of plays seldom seen outside the big metropolitan centers.

The reputation of Mr. Lorch has preceded him to Safford, for he is just finishing a run of fourteen weeks in Phoenix and the past four weeks in Globe and Miami.

The company is one of the biggest, and, perhaps, the best ever seen here, and they carry nearly a carload of scenery, so that each play will be mounted in elaborate style.

A new play will be offered each night of the engagement, the first one being that great American play, "Under Cover," billed as the play that has everything. "Under Cover" is a mystery play of custom officials, secret service men and high society smugglers. It is of great interest, with a surprising punch at the finish.

Saturday night will be the most sensational dramatic success that has been seen in New York in years; the vital, vivid drama, "Today."

Sunday night, "The Rosary" and Monday night, "Dr. Jeckle and Mr. Hyde."

Very little need be said about Mr. Lorch's performance of Dr. Jeckle and Mr. Hyde, for he is recognized by the critics as the greatest actor living in this strange dual role.

Patrons may look forward to the best theatrical event that has been in Safford in years.

Seats are now selling for all performances at The Palms.

## PIMA NEWS

Mrs. Albert Haws and children, went to Miami last week, where they will join Mr. Haws, who has employment there.

Mrs. Oscar Taylor and little babe, returned to Morenci, Saturday after spending several weeks here with relatives.

John Nuttall made a business trip to Globe Friday, and returned Sunday morning.

Charley Kerby came in from Johnson, last week and spent several days here. He was accompanied back to Johnson by his wife and children. Mr. Kerby has a dairy there and they will make their home there for some time.

C. C. Mangum and family, of Silver City, Utah, arrived here last week and they moved on his farm, which he recently purchased at Cottonwood wash.

Loren Holladay returned last week from San Francisco, Cal., where he has been confined in a hospital on account of an accident which occurred while employed as a brakeman on the Southern Pacific R. R., at Tucson, in which he had his right foot crushed. It was necessary to amputate the foot. He is now able to be about on crutches.

The home of Mrs. F. L. Wilson was completely destroyed by fire last week. A dressed hog and a few quilts and pillows was all that was saved. The cause of the fire is unknown. Mrs. Wilson had just recently returned home from the Southern States, where she spent several months in research of her genealogical history, all the data which she had gathered while on this trip were destroyed in the fire. A subscription list is being circulated to raise funds for a partial relief of her loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Simmons have leased the Pima Hotel from Mrs. M. A. Cluff and took possession last Monday morning. Mrs. Cluff has built an addition to her residence near the hotel and will make her home there.

Mrs. Vina Crunk and two children and her sister Miss Vera Dodge came up from Miami last week to visit with relatives here.

Mrs. Poulson and babe, arrived here from Morenci Sunday, to spend a month here on account of her health.

Mrs. Joe Horn passed away at her home at Cottonwood wash last Sunday evening, after an illness of several weeks. Her remains were taken to Thatcher, where the interment was made in the Thatcher cemetery. She leaves a son, Guy, and a daughter, Mrs. Bob Roberson, of Thatcher, who were with her at the time of her death, to mourn her loss.

Mr. and Mrs. John Adler of San Francisco, arrived here Monday evening. Mrs. Adler will attend the annual meeting of the Solomon-Wickersham Co.

H. J. Dowdle received a telegram Monday announcing the serious illness of his mother at her home in Hollywood, Cal. Mr. Dowdle came in from Klondyke by auto Tuesday morning and left on the morning train for California.

D. W. Wickersham, accompanied by his sons, Lieutenant Ernest S. Wickersham, of Company B, First Arizona Infantry, and Wilmer Wickersham, arrived here Monday evening from Los Angeles, Cal. Mr. Wickersham is here to attend the annual meetings of the Bank of Safford, of which he is president, and the Solomon-Wickersham Co.

## SOCIETY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Solomon entertained at family dinner Monday night, at the Hotel Solomon, Solomonville, the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. John Adler, of San Francisco, Cal., and Chas. F. Solomon, of Tucson, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Solomon.

Tuesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Ph. Fruedenthal, entertained at an eight-course dinner at their home in Solomonville. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Adler, of San Francisco, Cal.; Charles F. Solomon, of Tucson; D. W. Wickersham, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Mrs. I. E. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Solomon and Mrs. E. S. Mashbir.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Solomon entertained Wednesday with a theatrical party. Their guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Adler, of San Francisco, Cal.; Charles F. Solomon, of Tucson; Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Ph. Fruedenthal and Mrs. E. S. Mashbir.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Mead M. Bledsoe, State Evangelist, will hold services at the Baptist Church, Sunday 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., also 7:30 p. m. each evening throughout the week. All are cordially invited to attend.

## DANISH WEST INDIES

### Is Now the Property of the United States for the Sum of \$25,000,000

Sovereignty over the Danish West Indies, after half a century of negotiation, passed to the United States Wednesday, January 17th, with the exchange of ratifications of the purchase treaty by Secretary Lansing and Danish Minister Brun. The actual physical transfer, with the raising of the American flag, will take place upon payment of the \$25,000,000 purchase price, which congress will provide in a few weeks.

During the interim, the government of the islands will be administered by the present Danish governor. Under the terms of the treaty, a joint commission is to begin work immediately to arrange the details of the transfer.

The question of the permanent form of government and of name must be arranged by congress, probably on the lines of the Foraker act, under which the Territory of Porto Rico was acquired. As the new group was acquired primarily at the instance of the Navy Department, because of its strategic importance as a naval base, that department is anxious to be placed in absolute control under such a tenure as exists in the case of the Island of Guam.

It is probable that a joint board of army and navy officers will be sent to the islands soon to concert measures for the military protection of the group and for the immediate establishment of a naval station.

## OBITUARY

Malvirda Gillian Stratton, born July 25, 1845, at Shreveport, La. Died January 11, 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nora Clark, at Phoenix, from paralysis.

In 1862, she was married to N. L. Stratton, at San Antonio, Texas, who died August 14, 1916.

She is survived by three sons, Lee N., John N. and Joseph B. Stratton, and one daughter, Mrs. Nora Clark, of Phoenix.

Funeral services were held at her late home on First North street, Tuesday, January 16, 1917, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., Rev. F. L. Glisson, pastor of the M. E. Church, officiating.

The interment was made in Union cemetery.

## Maccabees Will Install New Officers

Safford Tent, No. 8, Knights of the Maccabees of the World, will install its new officers, at the K. O. T. M. Hall, corner of Second South and Fourth West streets, Saturday night, January 27th, at 8:00 o'clock.

The new officers are: Commander, Max C. Krueger; Lieutenant, Elmer G. King; Recorder, Charles Krueger; Chaplain, James L. Jensen; Sergeant, Weaver Brier; Master at Arms, G. D. Barney; Sentinel, Theodore Krueger; Picket, R. J. McAllister.

A banquet will be given after the installation.

## FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10:00 o'clock a. m., Mrs. DuBois, superintendent. Wesley Bible Class, A. O. Bray, teacher. All young people are invited to join this class. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, F. L. Glisson. League and B. Y. P. U. joint session at 6:30 p. m. Bible study Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Everyone cordially invited to all these services. Strangers especially welcome. If you want church work, we need you. If you are without a church home, you need us.

Try ZENSAL for that itching Eczema. A trial convinces. Sold by COOK, the Druggist.

## FOR SALE—Fourteen acres, all in cultivation, south of Safford. Must sell and is a bargain. Call at N. M. ROLLINS, Layton.

## Eye-Sight Specialist Coming

Dr. J. E. Ward, the well-known Eye-Sight Specialist, will be at Thatcher, January 18th, and at Hotel Olive, Safford, January 19th and 20th. If you are having headaches, or if your eyes are troubling you in any manner whatever, do not miss this opportunity to secure first-class optical service. adv-49-1t

## FOR SALE—Will sell bunch of Angora goats; fine condition; just received \$2,000 for this year's wool. Will sell for \$6,000 cash. Apply to CASIMIRO GARCIA, San Jose, Arizona. adv-48-2t

## NATION'S HERO DEAD

### Admiral Dewey Passes Away at His Home in the City of Washington

Admiral Dewey, the nation's Spanish war hero and by priority of grade, the ranking naval officer of the world, died at his home in Washington, D. C., Tuesday night, January 16th, in his eightieth year. He had not been conscious since Monday, when he lapsed into coma, still believing that in a few days he would be back at his desk in the Navy Department.

A general breakdown, accompanied by arterio sclerosis incident to old age, was the cause of death. The disease had been gradually spreading its hold upon the powerful body for a year and a half, but the admiral, proud of his physical vigor, had fought it off and even kept its existence a secret from his most intimate friends. Last Wednesday he was at his office, apparently hale and hearty. The next day he collapsed as he was preparing to leave the house, and the beginning of the end was at hand.

Mrs. Dewey and the admiral's only son, George, were at the bedside Tuesday night. They had known since Monday there was no hope.

The admiral died at 5:56 o'clock. President Wilson and Secretary Daniels were notified at once and the news was flashed by wireless to American naval vessels and stations all over the world. The message carried orders that all flags be half masted.

President Wilson conferred with Secretary Daniels and Rear Admiral Badger and arrangements for the funeral to be held Saturday were completed.

The body will be buried at Arlington national cemetery, on the Virginia shore of the Potomac river, where many of Admiral Dewey's former comrades have been laid to rest.

Only two other men—Farragut and Porter—have held the rank of the admiral of the American navy, and since civil war days no military figure has held such a place as Dewey in the affection and admiration of the American people. His death ended 62 years of active service.

## STATE SOLONS ARE BUSY WITH BILLS

### While Waiting Decision of Supreme Court in the Campbell Case

## STATE FLAG IS PROPOSED

The State legislature has been doing business this week to the extent at least of introducing bills in each house, pending the decision of the Supreme Court in the Campbell mandamus proceedings.

Among the bills introduced in the House were one by McGrath, of Cochise, increasing the age for compulsory education from 16 to 18 years; by Peterson, of Graham, providing for the public transportation of school children living more than a mile distant from school; by Houser, of Gila, amending the primary election law, so that a candidate for a nomination receiving a majority of the votes cast, should be declared elected to the office; by Edwards, of Yuma, to adopt as the State flag for Arizona, the flag of the Battleship Arizona; by Lines, of Graham, making the leasing of premises for prostitution a misdemeanor; or to clarify present law for the election of members to county boards of supervisors by supervisory districts.

In the Senate bills were introduced by Mahoney, of Mohave, to pay jurors \$3.00 per day and mileage one way at 10 cents per mile; by Sutter, of Cochise, providing for issuance of bonds by school districts for the purchase of school sites; by Winsor, of Yuma, a memorial to the president and Secretary of the Interior for action with reference to the distribution of the Parker reserve on the Colorado; by Roberts, of Cochise, a proposed constitutional amendment placing the corporation commission under the authority of the people, and one to compel railroads to pay for stock killed on rights of way; by President Claridge, for the better protection other than beasts of prey in State preserves.

## New Order About Closing Post Office

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION, SAFFORD, ARIZ., Jan. 15, 1917.

POSTMASTER, SAFFORD, ARIZONA.

In view of the departmental order in regard to the closing of postoffices on Sundays, you are advised that the post office at Safford, Arizona, need not be opened for the transaction of business on Sundays.

However, the lobby door should be opened in order that the box owners may have access to their post office boxes, as on week days.

A box should be provided with letter drop, so that letters may be mailed from without the post office building when the lobby door is closed.

In view of the fact that your office is not protected with standard steel screen from boxes to ceiling, you are instructed to open the lobby at 7:30 a. m., and lock same at 6:30 p. m. One electric light should be left burning in the lobby from dark until daylight or as long as the service will permit.

Respectfully,  
F. E. COOPER,  
Post Office Inspector.

Mrs. Nora Clark, accompanied by her sons, Stratton and Bowen, left yesterday morning for their home in Phoenix.

## Bad Habits

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere. adv-47-4t