

AFFAIRS IN MEXICO

STATE DEPARTMENT TOLD OF ECONOMIC CRISIS—SITUATION IS GRAVE.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN CAPITAL

De Facto Government Pictured as Facing Serious Situation—Monetary Problem Becomes More Acute—Railway Men on Strike.

Washington, D. C.—The economic situation in Mexico is extremely grave, according to official advices sent to the state department. With the monetary problem already acute, the food shortage in Mexico City virtually continuing without prospect of any immediate relief and with the labor strike extending over virtually all the Mexican railway lines, the de facto government is pictured as facing a serious domestic plight.

Consul Letcher from Chihuahua City is here, and brought with him a synopsis of the reports of five other consuls recently ordered to the border to talk over conditions with military officials there.

It was officially stated that while Mr. Letcher makes his report on conditions in Mexico, that was not the sole purpose of his trip. It was explained he was ordered here that routine matters might be taken up with him.

The department has received further advices from Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City telling of the new note that was in process of preparation by the de facto government, but the message threw no light on its purport.

While reports as to the domestic situation of the Carranza government are gloomy, the attitude of the Mexican officials toward the United States has been described as more friendly since the border conferences between Gens. Scott and Obregon. It is believed possible this will be reflected in the new note, although some officials think a new request for withdrawal of the American expeditionary forces will be recommended with whatever other proposals Gen. Carranza has to make.

NEW PROTEST FOR BRITAIN.

United States Again Objects to Interference with Mails.

Washington.—President Wilson Monday completed a note vigorously renewing the protest of the United States to Great Britain against interference with American mails.

Secretary Lansing and legal experts at the state department made the original draft of the note and the president revised its phrasing. It is made up largely of legal arguments to meet the contentions of Great Britain, in the memorandum, concurred in by France, presented to the state department several weeks ago. The United States takes the position that practices complained of in its first complaint on the subject have been continued, and the American government must now insist more emphatically that they cease.

State department officials consider that the chief weakness in the position of Great Britain is her policy of taking neutral mail vessels into British jurisdiction and submitting them to local censorship regulations.

Bill Carries \$23,900,000.

Washington, D. C.—That agricultural appropriation bill was reported by the senate committee Monday, carrying \$23,900,000, a reduction of nearly \$750,000 from the total as passed by the house. The committee cut in half the \$2,500,000 provided by the house for foot and mouth disease eradication and eliminated entirely \$300,000 allowed for free distribution of seeds. Items for general expenses of the animal industry and soils bureau were increased \$388,000. If the bill passes as reported there will be a fight in conference, as the house always insists upon its free seeds.

To Save Daylight.

Kansas City.—The clocks of Kansas City will be set forward an hour, to conform with the daylight saving plan, from the first Sunday in June to the first Sunday in October, if an ordinance that was passed in the lower house of the city council is favorably acted upon by the upper house. Friends of the measure say its passage there is assured.

Concern Over Illness of Hill.

St. Paul.—The illness of James J. Hill, railroad builder and capitalist, is causing more than passing concern to his friends and business associates. Mr. Hill has not been at his office in the railroad building since Wednesday of last week, remaining in retirement at his Summit avenue residence.

Johnson Taps for Bishop.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y.—Dr. R. E. Johnson, superintendent of Sioux City hospital, the Methodist Episcopal church, Monday led the field of white candidates for election as missionary bishop at the general conference of that church in session here.

News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

European War News

One hundred and fifty steamers have been assembled at the Hungarian seaport of Fiume to transport troops, munitions and supplies under protection of the Austro-Hungarian fleet to Durazzo, Albania. This information was received at Paris in advices from Innsbruck.

Corporal Kiffen Rockwell of Atlanta, Ga., a member of the American flying squadron, attacked a German aeroplane operating near Hartmannswillerkopf, says a statement issued at Paris. The German machine was brought down in flames.

Since January 1 enemy merchant ships having a total tonnage of 671,500 have been sunk by German and Austrian submarines, it was announced at Berlin.

Amsterdam dispatches issued by the Overseas News agency at Berlin state that members of the crew of the Cymric on their arrival at Liverpool reported the White Star liner had been sunk by an explosion of its boilers.

The capture of a small French position on Hill 287, northwest of Verdun, by the Germans, was admitted by the French war office at Paris.

Replying to the German suggestion that Great Britain, in response to the change in the German submarine campaign, should modify the food blockade, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, informed the press at London there was not the remotest possibility that British economic pressure on the central powers would be relaxed.

None of the passengers or crew of the French coasting steamer Mira was saved when the vessel was sunk as a result of a torpedo attack in the Mediterranean May 15.

The Italian official communication issued at Rome admits the evacuation by the Italians of Zegnatorra (in the Lagarina valley south of Trent), and also of the line from Monte Maggio to Sagliodaspio, between the Tarragnolo valley and the upper Astico (southwest of Trent), after several days of violent artillery bombardments.

French troops stormed and captured a small German fort northeast of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, the Paris war office announced.

Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, announced in the house of commons at London that the government had been informed by Sir Henry Howard, British minister at the Vatican, that representations have been made to Germany by the Vatican with a view to inducing Germany to abandon submarine warfare.

The sinking of two German steamships by a submarine, believed to be a Russian, is reported in a Reuter dispatch to London from Stockholm. The steamships were the Kolga, Hamburg, for Stockholm, the Bianca and the Hera.

Sir Roger Casement and Daniel Flanagan, who were arrested in connection with an attempt to land arms and ammunition in Ireland for use by the rebels, were held for trial in the high court of justice in London, on the charge of high treason.

Domestic

Jose Buenostrico and Melquisedes Chapa, Mexicans, convicted of the murder of A. L. Austin and his son Charles, in the Mexican border raids last fall, were hanged at Brownsville, Tex.

The northern Baptist convention at Minneapolis empowered a commission to sit as a court of all differences between affiliated societies and thus bring about more effective co-operation between Baptist organizations.

The submarine L-11, the last of seven vessels of this class built by the Fore River Shipbuilding corporation, was launched at Quincy, Mass. The submarine is 170 feet long.

More than \$300,000 worth of whisky, beer and gin has been seized by representatives of the state attorney general's office in raids on 30 places in Girard, according to information received at Montgomery, Ala.

The Authors League of America, of which Winston Churchill is president and Theodore Roosevelt vice-president, is considering the advisability of uniting with the American Federation of Labor.

Nearly 1,000 grapes wagon drivers employed by all the big railroad grape companies in Chicago went on strike to enforce their demands that their union be recognized by the companies.

Five men were shot, one seriously in a strike at the plant of the Ansonia Manufacturing company at Ansonia, Conn.

Rock Island arsenal is to be made one of the greatest munitions factories of the country under appropriations made by the house committee on appropriations at Washington, the plan to be perfected by the war department. A field artillery ammunition plant costing \$1,250,000 is to be erected at this arsenal.

Justice Charles E. Hughes of the United States Supreme court is leading in the Oregon primary preference vote for Republican nominee for president.

Governor Morehead of Nebraska named William J. Bryan a delegate to the meeting of the League to Enforce Peace at Washington May 26 and 27.

Theodore Roosevelt urged thorough military preparedness for the United States and pleaded for true Americanism in two addresses at Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Herbert Welch, D. D., LL. D., was elected a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church on the eighth ballot taken at the present general conference at Saratoga, N. Y. Thomas Nicholson was elected a bishop on the ninth ballot and Rev. A. W. Leonard on the tenth.

Ward Macauley of Detroit was elected president of the Booksellers' Association of America at Chicago, in succession to John J. Wood of Cleveland.

Washington

Germany, considering the submarine controversy with the United States closed, has decided to make no response to the latest American note on the subject. Information to this effect is contained in a confidential report to Washington from Berlin.

President Wilson, acting at the request of Senator O'Gorman of New York, sent a message through the state department at Washington to Ambassador Page at London directing him to make every possible effort to secure delay in the execution of sentence on Jeremiah C. Lynch of New York, a naturalized American, convicted by a court-martial of being implicated in the Irish rebellion.

Germany, through Ambassador von Bernstorff, at Washington, has instructed all German consuls in the United States to admonish German citizens in their districts to observe American laws scrupulously. This is done in an effort to end various alleged violations of American neutrality.

The house naval committee at Washington voted to abandon the five-year building program, recommended by Secretary Daniels, and to recommend that five battle cruisers, to cost \$20,422,533 each; four scout cruisers, ten torpedo-boat destroyers, 20 submarines, one hospital ship, one oil supply ship and one ammunition supply ship to be built during the 1917 fiscal year. The naval bill carries a total appropriation of approximately \$200,000,000.

After a lively discussion of the Mexican situation, the National Guard and the proposed government nitrate plant, the senate at Washington adopted the conference report on the army reorganization bill without a roll call. The bill provides for a regular army of 211,000.

To meet Japan's objection to having the so-called gentleman's agreement enacted into law in the pending immigration bill, the senate immigration committee agreed upon an agreement which removes the Japanese entirely from the bill, but accomplishes Asiatic exclusion.

President Wilson has replied to the message sent him recently by Pope Benedict, in which the pope conveyed the impression that he hoped the United States might be of assistance ultimately in restoring peace to Europe. The reply was not made public.

Mexican Revolt

The order of withdrawal sent to the Sibley-Langhorne expeditionary column two days ago has been countermanded and the American troops which invaded Mexico in search of the Glen Springs bandits will remain indefinitely, it is reported at Marathon, Tex.

The Mexican bandits who raided Glen Springs several weeks ago and killed half of the gallant little band of American troops that garrisoned the town were captured near Laguna del Fresno, 105 miles south of the border, by the troops under Major Langhorne and Colonel Sibley. Six Mexicans were shot. The others, numbering about seventy-five, surrendered.

The Sixth regiment of American cavalry, consisting of about eight hundred men detached from General Pershing's column, arrived at the expeditionary base at Columbus, N. M., riding from Mexico through a blinding duststorm. The troops are the first to be withdrawn.

United States Consul Marion Letcher and nine other Americans arrived at El Paso from Chihuahua City. Nearly a thousand Mexican refugees followed the Americans out.

HOGS ON RIVER TRIP

JACKSON BROS. SEND THREE HUNDRED HEAD ON THE J. W. SANFORD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE STATE

What is Going On Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout South Dakota and Vicinity.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Dallas.—The Jackson Bros., owners and operators of the 30,000-acre "Mulehead" ranch near Dallas, S. D., have again demonstrated river trade possible with Sioux City by sending 300 head of hogs to market by steamer. The shipment was in charge of O. P. Chambers, manager of the cattle department of the ranch. The J. W. Sanford carried the cargo.

"All along the route I found farmers and feeders who would welcome the establishment of a packet line to Sioux City, provided adequate service could be given," Mr. Chambers declared. "Even now several of the biggest ranchers in our district are contemplating operating a line to Sioux City for their own use. This would save considerable money and do away with much unnecessary waiting, as is the case when boats are chartered."

"On our main ranch we have 2,400 breeding cows and the Crilly ranch to the north of us has fully that many more," he declared. "This does not include the steers being run on both places, as each one is capable of turning out over 5,000 cattle every year."

In this and a river shipment sent last year to Sioux City by Jackson Bros. the amount of money expended for the return load far exceeded that received for the stock.

When the boat leaves for the ranch this time it will carry 50,000 pounds of cement, salt and groceries, all from Sioux City warehouses, Mr. Chambers said.

"In 1915 the trip was made only as an experiment, but it turned out so profitable that we decided to make it a regular thing, and if our present plans go right we will make another trip in September," he asserted.

The river is in bad shape below Yankton, according to Mr. Chambers. Several times the boat was held up on sandbars and snags, but he said all that is needed to build up a river trade for Sioux City is a clean channel between here and Yankton, which is the worst place along the entire route.

Railroad transportation is much harder on live stock than by river, Mr. Chambers asserted. On a boat the stock continues to grow just the same as in the feed lots, but it makes a correspondingly large shrink when hauled around in trains. The loss added to the expense of hauling or driving the stock overland, which is seventeen miles in the case of Jackson Bros., swells the railroad transportation rates.

About twenty-four hours of travel were taken to complete the down river trip, although Mr. Chambers stated that the time would have been cut down considerably had the channel been free. The boat was chartered from Capt. Albert Ayers and was under his command. No serious mishaps were encountered.

Thirty-Nine Will Graduate. Madison.—The senior class of the local high school contained 41 members. Of these 39 graduated at commencement exercises held Thursday, May 25. Two of the original members of the graduating class did not graduate, one of them having moved to Sioux Falls and the other being compelled to abandon her studies because of illness.

He Was All Right. Yankton.—The state game wardens are working, but do not always land something. Phillip Angevine returned from a fishing trip to Lake Andes. He was arrested and a trunk of fish examined. It was found to contain close to 60 fish, but only bullheads. Not a fish was discovered and the young fisherman was released with regrets at his detention.

Presbyterians to Build. Lead.—The Presbyterians of this city have concluded arrangements for the erection of a new church building, at an estimated cost of from \$12,000 to \$15,000. Members of the denomination and other residents of the city are contributing liberally to the building fund. The work of construction will commence at an early date.

Undertakers Elect. Pierre.—The undertakers of the state selected Aberdeen as the place of their next meeting. Officers chosen are: President, H. E. Frost, Belle Fourche; secretary-treasurer, W. H. Davis, Lead; delegate to national convention, C. F. Calloway, Vermillion.

Has 92d Birthday. Deadwood.—One of the most remarkable of the aged residents of the Black Hills is George Winn, a veteran express man of this city, who has just celebrated the 92d anniversary of his birth. He came to Deadwood in 1877, and was actively engaged in his line of work until about a year ago, when he sustained a broken limb in a fall. Despite his age, he has recovered sufficiently to again be about and daily looks after his business as usual. He expects to stay in the harness until he gets the final call.

AFTER MORE TRADE.

First Town in State to Engage Expert in Municipal Advertising.

Valley Springs.—What promises to be one of the most important and effective community welfare and trade extension campaigns ever carried on in the state is now being conducted by Valley Springs.

In the face of the obvious need of methods to guard South Dakota's retail business, against the inroads of unfair competition, Valley Springs, with its usual progressiveness, is the first town in the state to call in the services of an expert in municipal advertising. The splendid results already obtained have demonstrated that the average man knows that, in a measure, his welfare is bound up in that of his community, and he does not send his money away just to be sending it away. He would rather spend it at home if given the opportunity by means of good stock-keeping and straight, clean, forceful advertising. Just how strong an advocate of the use of newspaper space Valley Springs is, is shown by the fact that the commercial club regularly publishes a six column eight-page paper, at its own expense.

The entire campaign is in the hands of an executive staff supported by the entire commercial club and its ladies auxiliary of 94 members from both town and country.

Finds Baby's Body in Creek.

Mitchell.—With the corpse badly decomposed and past all semblance of a human being, the body of a baby boy was found floating in Firesteel creek two miles east of town in a large coffee can. The child had evidently been put in the can at birth and had been in the water from five to ten days. The appearance of the baby showed that it had received no medical attention at birth and that it had been disposed of almost at once. The can was found by a fisherman, who pulled it to shore thinking it would make a good minnow can. It had been filled with holes and slits, evidently so it would sink. The nude body of the infant had been put in the can feet first and crowded down as the can was only about 18 inches high. It appeared to have been a healthy baby and fully developed.

Physicians in the surrounding country have been questioned regarding treating a case that might be connected with the crime, but no clue has been discovered. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by unknown persons by felonious drowning.

Dakota Man Loses Life.

Aberdeen.—W. G. Faulkner, for ten years a member of the state board of agriculture, former county auditor and county commissioner of Faulk county, was killed May 19 at his home at Berkmer, ten miles west of Faulkton. He was about to drive away from home, when the rein caught over the end of the tongue of the wagon. He walked down the tongue to unfasten it, when the horses started up and ran away, dragging Mr. Faulkner a considerable distance. He was 60 years old and leaves a widow and family of grown children.

Huron Scholarships.

Huron.—The result of the seventh annual Louis K. McClymonds scholarship examination held May 8 and 9, places Elkton, Moberg, Bryant, Huron and Rapid City among the winning high schools. The examination for these scholarships is open to seniors of all regular four-year high schools of South Dakota. Each scholarship pays \$100 in cash to each of the six candidates who excel in the competitive examination conducted by Huron college. The six successful students this year are: Eleanor Miller, Rapid City; Bernie Peterson, Bryant; Ted Woods, Moberg; Charles Kearney, Elkton; and Francis Tait and Mary Laughlin, Huron.

Surprise for Lawler.

Lead.—A surprise was tendered Bishop Lawler at Assembly hall when at an informal reception City Attorney James G. Stanley presented him with an automobile purchased by public subscription. Bishop Lawler, in his response, declared that he accepted it as the culmination of the disappearance of hostile feeling engendered here two years ago and the commencement of a new era in Lead.

May Illuminate Road.

Mitchell.—The first illuminated automobile highway in the state of South Dakota will probably be the road between Mitchell and Letcher, 14 miles northwest of here. Plans are already nearing completion. The plans are to utilize the transmission lines of the local electric power company in conducting current to the northern town.

Given Four Years.

Deadwood.—Sentenced to four years at hard labor in the penitentiary, William N. Berry, former saloonkeeper, who shot and killed a Finnish farmer near here last January, has been taken to Sioux Falls to commence serving his sentence.

Child Drowned.

Belle Fourche.—While playing with a little cousin near the large reservoir at Twelve Mile, Mont., northwest of here, 3-year-old Elizabeth Westland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Westland, was blown by the wind into the water and drowned before help could arrive. The child's aunt who went to look for them, found her little daughter pointing at the water mumbling "Lisbeth down there," but though the child was fished out, efforts to revive her proved fruitless.

FRECKLES

Now Is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots. There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the prescription ointment—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots. Simply get an ounce of ointment—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion. Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.—Adv.

The Easiest Way.

Tommy had a cold in his head, which confined him to the house, so he was allowed to invite his young friend, Jack, to tea.

Afterward the two small boys commenced playing hide-and-seek, and Tommy rushed into the dining room and asked his father to conceal him. This father did, behind a big armchair.

Presently in came Jack, and instead of beginning his search, calmly threw himself down on the rug before the fire.

"Come, Jack," said Tommy's father, "aren't you going to look?" "No fear," was the small boy's calm retort. "I'm waiting till he sniffs!"

MORNING—NOON—NIGHT.

If you would have attractive teeth you should use "SPEARMINTO" TOOTH PASTE. It is SAFE and PURE. Contains the only known harmless ingredient that will prevent formation of TARTAR DEPOSITS. No ALCOHOL—SOAP—COLORING—GRIT or any other injurious ingredients. FORMULA OF JOHN O. BUTLER, D. D. S. Consult your DENTIST often and use "SPEARMINTO" daily. For sale at DRUG STORES or by mail, prepaid, 25c. Liberal sample and "DIRECTIONS FOR PROPER CARE OF THE TEETH" by mail for 4c. Start using "SPEARMINTO" today. Address, THE SPEARMINTO CO., 336 W. 63d St., Chicago, Ill.—Adv.

Regular Nightmare.

"Well, Bobby," said young Lightwit, as the small brother of the only girl entered the grocery, "how are all the folks—and what can I do for you this morning?" "Oh, the folks ain't got no kick comin' 'cept Mame. I heard her tellin' maw she dream'd about you again last night."

"And what did your maw say?" inquired Lightwit, bending over the counter eagerly.

"Maw told her she'd have to cut out mince pie and pickles before she went to bed after this—and I want a nickel's worth of crackers and two cents' worth of milk," rejoined the youngster.

Didn't Want Much.

One Saturday night a lady who possessed a fruit and vegetable shop hurried to serve her last customer, a very red-faced woman.

She asked for a pennyworth of vegetables, and wanted a piece of everything.

When she had been given what she desired, she politely asked if they could be wrapped in a piece of paper and tied with a string.

The shopkeeper turned to her, quite calm, and said:

"Wait a minute, and I will run across to the butcher's for a bone, and I think that will complete your Sunday's dinner."

Vain Search.

Mr. Bacon—Do you know, dear, I have only two suits of clothes to my name?

Mrs. Bacon—Yes, John; I have noticed that you have very little change in your clothing.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Fruit Farming in South Africa.

Fruit farming is making rapid progress in South Africa. A good orchard tractor is one of the things needed.

Don't blame a girl for assuming a striking attitude when she's trying to make a hit.

"He who has health has hope, And he who has hope has everything."

(Arabic Proverb)

Sound health is largely a matter of proper food—which must include certain mineral elements best derived from the field grains, but lacking in many foods.

Grape-Nuts

made of whole wheat and malted barley, supplies all the rich nourishment of the grains, including their vital mineral salts—phosphate of potash, etc., most necessary for building and energizing the mental and physical forces.

"There's a Reason"

Sold by Grocers everywhere.