

MENNONITES WILL TO GO MEXICO TO ESTABLISH COLONY

(By Associated Press)
El Paso, Texas, Nov. 18.—One of the largest migrations of Christian people of modern history is that of about 200,000 Mennonites, 50,000 families, from Canada to Mexico, which will begin in December. Their trek is expected to last two years.

The Mennonites for the past year have been looking for a new home, claiming unjust treatment in Canada during the world war. Eight nations have invited them. Land "sharps," "boomers" and others have tried to influence them.

After a dozen trips to Mexico, during which representatives conferred with President Alvaro Obregon and officials of the Mexican immigration service, the leaders almost decided to settle in Mexico. Then editorials from various sources, save Mexican, declared the Mennonites were "making a mistake," that religious freedom which they have sought could not be guaranteed them under the Mexican constitution. Another trip was made to Mexico and state and national governments assured the Mennonites that they could worship God as they pleased, that they could hold all the tenets of their religion and could enter that country and make their permanent home.

Canadian Mennonites hold the same belief as early members of the sect who settled in the United States—that of non-resistance. The Mennonites, in defending their belief, declared that they suffered less in the early days at the hands of the Indians than did others who waged warfare against the savages.

The Mennonites still refuse to enter any war.

Another peculiar custom of these people is the washing of feet. They say that the command of Christ to the woman to wash His feet stands on the same spiritual level as His acts of distributing food and drink to the hungry and thirsty. To the Mennonites the story related by St. Luke is comparable to the ones other Christians regard, including the sacrament and communion.

Community property is another belief of some Mennonites, although it is not general. The members of the sect cooperate in building roads, school houses and churches.

The removal of the Mennonites to America came about when William Penn had been granted land for his Quaker followers. He was told of Mennonites who had fled from Germany to Holland and his Quakers came to their aid. The Quakers are credited with helping them financially and in colonizing parts of Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska and So. Dakota. Later, colonies were established in Saskatchewan and other parts of Canada. During the past year a few of the sect have settled in Florida.

For many years there were 14 independent bodies of Mennonites, but years ago the sect was reunited.

The Mennonites will settle in Chihuahua and Durango, principally in the former state. Options have been taken on land in both states and improvements are being made on one large tract, the Bustillos hacienda, or ranch, near Bustillos and Chihuahua City. The colonists have paid 25,000 pesos to hold this tract, the money being on deposit to the credit of the Zuloaga family, heirs of the large land owner, Carlos Zuloaga. The purchase price is 600,000 pesos.

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Austria Undergoing Another Collapse of Finance Scheme

(By Associated Press)

Vienna, Nov. 18.—With the collapse in the exchange value of the kronen, Austria is undergoing another economic and financial spasm. Since July 16 the crown has dropped from 650 to the American dollar to about 3,000. The 100 crown note, whose pre-war value was \$20, is now about the minimum unit of daily use, and 10,000 crown notes cannot be printed fast enough to meet the needs of business.

For the last month the government presses have been printing some 5,000,000,000 kronen a week to meet current expenses. The issue will have to be increased to meet the demands of the great army of civil servants for a living wage. Within a month they have received increases amounting to about 5,000,000,000 kronen and already, with steadily falling exchange and the equally steady advance in living costs, they are formulating new demands.

The same is true of private business. In every class of industry and wage earning employers are being forced to raise pay while prices of everything mount.

When the collapse of the currency set in so feverishly a few weeks ago, a swarm of alien buyers swept over the country. They bought everything they saw that had a value. Stores were stripped of stocks until the majority of merchants began to retire their goods or refuse to sell more than one article to a customer.

These foreign buyers were aided by natives in the general desire to get rid of Austrian money. The feeling was that anything was better than the crown.

The most serious feature of the situation however is the alarming increase in food prices. The increase in wages has not been equal to this rise and the result is much unrest among the poorer classes. Women have been storming the public markets, overturning stalls and in some cases beating marketmen. They

have had public sympathy and the police have been very mild in their attempts to control these demonstrations.

In the height of the panic many articles of food disappeared magically from the shops to reappear at greatly enhanced prices. Tinned milk for instance jumped from 180 crowns to 256 and this article is a fair index of increased prices.

Tailors are demanding pay in pound sterling and refusing crowns. Jewelers ask for Swiss francs, de-

spite the law forbidding business in foreign moneys.

The collapse of the currency was foreseen by financial experts but none could suggest a means of averting it as long as the government is forced to buy foreign money at any prices in order to buy breadstuffs and coal.

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Prohibition Is Proposed in Chili

(By Associated Press)

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 18.—President Alessandri has announced that he intends to ask Congress to pass legislation prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants in the industrial centers in Chile. These include the coal mining district in the south and the nitrate fields in the northern provinces.

The president's announcement in reply to requests from various societies asking for a "dry zone" in the coal mining district where occurred recently between government troops. Eight workers were killed and 20 before order was restored. It will take more than a war to put the "dry" in ex-

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