

### VILLA PLANS FOLLOW OUT IDEAS OF U. S.

#### Rebel General Agrees to Protect Foreigners' Rights in Mexico.

### ON SPANIARD PROTEST

#### All Those Not Supporters of Huerta Cause to Be Indemnified for Losses.

Chihuahua City, Mexico, Dec. 19.—General Villa says he is disposed to follow the suggestions of the United States as to the rights of foreigners in Mexico. In conformity of this plan he has named a committee to take an inventory of the property of expelled Spaniards and said he would indemnify such Spaniards as had not actively supported the Huerta government.

Villa had received through the American consul representations which called for a strict accounting of his acts, should the rights of any foreigners be violated.

A communication also had been received from General Carranza, head of the revolution, following protests of Spaniards that their property had been seized and protests of other foreigners that they had been forced to pay money to the rebel cause.

#### Lives in Danger.

"It was necessary to expel all Spaniards," said Villa, "because their lives were in danger here, and it was necessary to impose the death penalty in order that they go. It is well known that in the uprising in Mexico City last February hundreds of Spaniards sided with Diaz and with arms cooperated in the uprising to enable Huerta to bring so much suffering to Mexicans. Arrests are being made daily of persons suspected of being Huerta sympathizers. They are held pending investigation of their acts."

#### Zapata Near Capture.

Mexico City, Dec. 19.—Federalists just missed capturing Emiliano Zapata, rebel leader, last night at a ranch on the federal district 15 miles south of here. After hours of skirmishing the rebels were routed. Some rebel prisoners said Zapata himself was in command and one of the last to escape. The rebels were not pursued owing to darkness. Persons coming from the state of Morelos confirm report that activity of Zapata is due to instructions from General Carranza, who is reported to have supplied Zapata with funds for renewal of the campaign against the federalists. The newspaper, El País, says offers are being made to enlist volunteers in Brazil for service in Mexico in the event of an American invasion.

### GERMAN OFFICER IS SENT TO JAIL

#### Army Lieutenant Is Convicted of Precipitating the Recent Riots at Zabern.

Strasbourg, Germany, Dec. 19.—The court martial today sentenced Lieutenant Baron von Forstner of the ninety-ninth infantry to 43 days' imprisonment for cutting down with a sabre a lame shoemaker in Zabern, Alsace. Forstner precipitated in the recent troubles in Zabern by making insulting remarks in regard to Alsatian citizens when he addressed the recruits of his company. The townspeople became acquainted with circumstances and serious rioting and disorder broke out, lasting several days. The incidents caused a government crisis in parliament and the transfer of the ninety-ninth infantry to other parts of Alsace on direct orders from Emperor William.

The sentence automatically deprives Forstner of a commission as an officer. The prisoner argued self-defense, but several soldiers testified that the shoemaker was held by both arms and was unable to move when Forstner struck him. Forstner entered an appeal.

### NEW YORK'S VICE PLAN AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.—Chief of Police Gleason today announced what he called the New York plan of control, but the elimination of women of the underworld would be adopted. The plan requires a strict record of arrests of women kept; that they be arrested for vagrancy charges and be compelled to serve in the house of correction without the option of paying a fine.

### A LITTLE DISCIPLINE



### WOMEN WORRIED BY COURT RULING

#### Decision in Drainage Case Is Regarded as Blow to Act Recently Passed.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 19.—What is regarded as a blow to the women suffrage act, which is now under consideration by the supreme court, is found in the opinion handed down in the case of Brooks vs. Hatch, appealed from the county court of Pike county, in which the supreme court holds that the drainage act of 1905 and subsequent amendments to the same are unconstitutional on the ground that while purporting to be separate and distinct acts, they are, in fact, amendments to former acts.

The question of the constitutionality of the drainage act of 1905 and the amendments was raised in combating a tax levy to improve a pumping station. The court says in its opinion:

"It, in fact, it makes changes in the various sections of the levy act, substituting provisions, adding new ones and mingling the new with the old on the same subject so as to make the old and the new a connected piece of legislation covering the same subject the later act must be considered an amendment to the former."

The court holds that the drainage act of 1905 does this and declares it unconstitutional.

The decision is apparently in contradiction to the decision of the court in the Rock Island high school case, in which the high school acts of 1909 and 1911 are both held constitutional.

The refusal of the court to hurry action on the Swoen vs. Czarnocki test case of the woman suffrage law also served to add to the worries of the suffrage leaders.

### INTER RAMPOLLA IN ROME CHURCH

#### Notable Assemblage Attends the Funeral of Late Cardinal at St. Peter's.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 19.—At the funeral service today for the late Cardinal Rampolla the coffin was carried from the little palace, where he died, to St. Peter's, where there were gathered members of the sacred college, diplomatic corps, papal court, Roman aristocracy, Knights of Malta and a large body of clergy and laymen of all nationalities. The requiem mass was by Monsignor Jorio Viva of St. Peter's and absolution by Cardinal Vannutelli. The body was buried in the church of St. Cecilia, of which Rampolla was protector and which he had caused to be magnificently restored.

Cardinal Sebastian Martinelli, papal legate to the United States from 1896 to 1902, is seriously ill. He is 65.

**Private Bank Closes.**  
Plainfield, Ill., Dec. 19.—The private bank of J. I. Everts, founded 20 years ago, did not open this morning. No reason given. Excitement prevails.

**London.**—The cabinet decided against official representation of Great Britain at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

### THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday, probably occasional rain or snow flurries; somewhat warmer to-night with the lowest temperature near freezing, much colder Saturday. Moderate to brisk variable winds, becoming northwesterly Saturday.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 28. Highest yesterday, 39; lowest last night, 27.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 2 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none.

Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 77; at 7 a. m., 92.

Stage of water, 32; a fall of .1 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

### ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars, Jupiter, Saturn. Morning stars, Mars, Mercury, Venus. The first magnitude star Capella, approaching zenith on the east in the evening, belongs to constellation Auriga.

### PARLIAMENT END BACKED BY YUAN

#### Chinese Favor Government Affairs Conducted by Administrative Council.

Peking, China, Dec. 19.—President Yuan has approved and submitted to the administrative council a petition suggesting the definite termination of the Chinese parliament. The petition purports to come from Vice President Li, and is signed by the military and civil governors of all provinces.

The administrative council, formed in November by Yuan, has 71 members including cabinet officers and others appointed by the president and provincial governors. It meets at the palace, where Li resides with Yuan. With the exception of the first meeting in April last, there has never been a quorum of members of the parliament.

A round robin advising permanent dissolution says, "Parliament has enacted no important laws in the seven months of its existence, and will not do so if it continues 100 years. The administrative council now convened in Peking is more useful than the old parliament. A council similar to that convention was formed by 13 states which assisted George Washington in a revision of the American constitution. We Chinese people and foreigners disprove of the conduct of had members of parliament. Therefore the president need not hesitate."

### SLAYER OF EDGAR HOWE NOT KNOWN

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.—That Edgar C. Howe, former race track man, met death a month ago by a shot fired by an unknown person was the verdict of the coroner's jury today. It had been believed Howe was a suicide.

**Waltham Company Loses.**  
New York, Dec. 19.—The federal court of appeals today decided the Waltham Watch company, Waltham, Mass., could not force Charles A. Keene, a New York jeweler, to stop selling their watches at cut prices.

### MACKAY OPPOSES BURLESON'S PLAN

#### President of Telegraph Companies Denies Business Is Monopoly in Country.

New York, Dec. 19.—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Mackay companies, being asked what he thought of Postmaster General Burleson's report that the government take over telephone and telegraph lines, said:

"The postmaster general is mistaken in his idea that telephone companies are subject to the post road act of congress of 1896. The supreme court of the United States in the Richmond case (174 U. S., 761) held that they are not."

"In denominating the telegraph business as being monopolistic in its nature he is also mistaken. If there ever has been more competition, than that between the Postal and Western Union, I will be pleased to know when and where. The money question, however, is the main question. \$900,000,000 would not be a look-in. The Bell telephone companies alone would demand more than that. Then there are the thousands of independent telephone companies and farm lines scattered all over the country. The entire bill, including telegraph lines, would be about two billions of dollars, which is about two-thirds of the national debt at the close of the Civil war, when many intelligent men despaired of the solvency of the republic."

"Nor is this the worst. Judging from the last experience that vast sum would be entirely lost, because under government management the operating expenses year by year would exceed the income. The following figures are taken from a report of the postmaster general of Great Britain showing the results of government ownership of telegraphs in that country. The yearly receipts, actual operating expenses, operating loss and total annual loss, including paid and fresh money expended:

1908—\$15,516,865;	\$17,542,840;	\$2,025,975;
1909—\$4,847,425;		
1910—\$15,492,459;	\$18,394,005;	\$2,901,756;
1911—\$15,248,245;		
1912—\$15,830,960;	\$17,841,015;	\$2,010,055;
1913—\$5,981,835;		
1914—\$15,829,969;	\$18,059,710;	\$2,229,750;
1915—\$15,747,420;	\$18,985,090;	\$3,237,670;

(\$5,636,965 Estimated.)

"One of the worst complications that would arise would be in regard to the contracts between the telegraph companies and the railroads. England found this out when it took over telegraph lines and then had to pay the railroads an enormous sum to get full control of the telegraph lines which were built on the railroads and in which the railroads had an interest, the same as in this country. The English railroads were not modest in their demands, and the result was that a perfectly enormous and unexpended sum had to be paid by the government to the railroads to get rid of these contracts."

"And as to service, government service would be a joke as compared with present service. If you don't believe it, just try the government service telegraph and telephone in Europe."

Washington, Dec. 19.—The parcel post's first Christmas has brought such an enormous burden to the mails that facilities are taxed to the utmost.

### WILSON GETS MONEY DRAFT IN FOUR DAYS

#### Readjustment of the Currency Question to be Hurried Along.

### LAW TO END ALL WASTE

#### Secretary McAdoo Announces Millions Will Be Ready to Assist in New Program.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The new currency bill is expected to reach the senate before adjournment tonight, go to conference with the house and be ready for the president's signature not later than Tuesday.

One of the most important points to be considered by the conference concerns when the new system will go into operation. The house bill proposed that it become effective within three months of the passage of the bill. The senate bill says "as soon as convenient." Administration leaders believe the senate provision will prevail.

As one of the provisions of the senate bill extends the Aldrich-Vreeland law to operate during the transition period, officials expect to see the new system working smoothly while reserves are being shifted and conditions are changing to meet the new law.

Secretary McAdoo announced the federal treasury would be ready with millions to help the transformation in every way.

A complete reform of waste and complicated machinery in finance, banking and currency will be accomplished by the bill. Cummins presented an amendment to authorize regional banks to loan direct to individuals on proper security if banks in the borrowers' vicinity are "unable or unwilling." Several republicans joined with the democrats and it was beaten.

#### Reject Central Bank Plan.

The senate finally rejected the central bank plan. Then, in committee of the whole, adopted without a roll call the administration bill framed by the democratic caucus and offered by Owen as a substitute for the house bill. In this form the measure went before the senate for a final vote.

Representative Church, democrat of California, introduced a bill providing a \$5,000 fine and imprisonment of not less than ten years for any person or persons who "make or circulate verbally or by writing false statements in regard to the financial condition of the people and business interests of the United States for the purpose of bringing about what is generally known as a money panic."

Senator Ashurst introduced a bill proposing a barbed wire fence along the Mexican boundary to check incursions into American territory. A total of \$300,000 would be appropriated.

The president today came to his office the first time since taking ill more than a week ago. He told friends he felt practically as well as ever. He worked on a mass of accumulated correspondence, after which he met the cabinet.

The president signed the Hatch-Hetchy bill granting a public water supply to San Francisco.

### CHICKEN THIEVES OUT AUTOMOBILE

#### Wisconsin Farmer Pulls Spark Plug and Then Routs Invaders from Hen Coop.

Janesville, Wis., Dec. 19.—An Oxfordville farmer possesses an automobile and two grain sacks which he looks upon as a Christmas present from a couple of college students. Hearing a noise in a hencoop, the farmer seized a shotgun, called forth, and discovered two thieves in the hen roost.

On the road stood an automobile with no lights. He removed the spark plug from the machine, returned to the hen roost and fired a shot over the heads of the thieves, who dropped the bags of fancy chickens and rushed for the automobile.

Failing to start the machine, they plunged into the brush and were last seen tracking towards Beloit through the fields. The farmer wheeled the automobile into the barn and awaits a call from the owners, who he thinks may be students of Beloit college.

### Pretender Breaks Arm.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 19.—The Duke of Orleans, pretender of the throne of France, broke his arm today while skating at an ice rink here. He collided with another skater. Both were unconscious a few minutes.

### "PURE FOOD LAW A PRISONER"—WILEY



Harvey W. Wiley.

New York, Dec. 19.—"If they had left me alone, food adulteration in this country would be only a memory and not a menace, as it is today."

Thus spoke Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief chemist of the department of agriculture, in addressing the National Civic Federation in session here. He followed it up with what he called inside history of the reasons why the pure food law is "a prisoner of war, bound with thoughts and girded about with ropes."

The chief reason for its inefficient enforcement he gave as interference with the lawful powers of the bureau of chemistry by Presidents Roosevelt and Taft.

Of the laws relating to public health he said the bitter opposition is twofold.

"Part of it is religious," he went on. "However, I am willing to admit that the opposition of Christian Science and those who oppose vaccination is sincere. But the other class, consists of those who use advertisements to make man believe he has hydrophobia, epilepsy or any disease—always ending up with 'Use our No. 1.'"

"These two classes are banded together with the League for Medical Freedom. Their lobby always comes to congress, and you can't get remedial legislation as long as it exists."

Speaking of pure food and his trouble in enforcing the law, he said:

"This opposition went to the president—I've almost forgotten his name. It was in 1907—oh, yes, I remember it now—and told him that unless Wiley was shackled, gagged and hamstringing their business would be ruined. If I had the value of all the business I have ruined I wouldn't associate with John D. Rockefeller."

"So the president signed an executive order naming the Remsen board to decide matters which the law said I should handle as head of the bureau of chemistry."

"The board decided against me on the question of benzoate of soda, and now manufacturers may shovel into food all of the substance they want to, not because of law, but because of perversion of the law."

Dr. Wiley told of the discussion with President Roosevelt of the question of saccharin, which Dr. Wiley had condemned.

The next vice president-to-be (he was Sunny Jim, and congressman) told the president," said Dr. Wiley, "that he had saved \$4,000 a year by the use of saccharin, and then the president, pounding the table, said:

"Any body who says that saccharin is injurious to health is an idiot."

"That determined my status. I was officially an idiot."

Dr. Wiley gave the history of the war on the definition of whisky. Mr. Roosevelt, he said, and Attorney General Bonaparte had upheld him.

"Then came another president, Mr. Taft reopened the question, held a hearing of his own and forced a re-definition of whisky, and today it is any old kind of alcohol with coloring matter to suit. Shortly afterward I met the late Justice Harlan and he said to me: 'What's this I hear about holding the supreme court in the White house?'"

"But the matter will go to the real supreme court in time."

### MOTHER OF BECKER DIES IN IGNORANCE

New York, Dec. 19.—Bedridden for years and in ignorance of her son's plight, the mother of former Police Lieut. Becker, who is in Sing Sing awaiting execution for his part in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, died here today.

### WOOD TO LEAVE AS ARMY'S STAFF CHIEF

Washington, Dec. 19.—Major General Wood will leave the office of chief of staff next April to command the eastern department, with headquarters at Governor's Island, succeeding Major General Barry, who will go to the Philippines. Wood's successor has not been announced.

### Convicts to Publish Monthly.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 19.—A prison monthly written and edited by convicts of the Illinois penitentiary is soon to make its first appearance. It will be printed outside the penitentiary as there is not a printer among the 1,500 convicts.

### ATTORNEY IN BAD ESCAPES BY SUICIDING

#### Henry I. Nowlan of Peoria Throws Self Before a Burlington Train.

### ACCUSED AS A FORGER

#### Chief Counsel for Clyde Stratton, Recently Convicted in Rock Island Court.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 19.—Henry I. Nowlan, a prominent criminal lawyer of this city, committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a Burlington train at Galva, 50 miles from here, Thursday night. A warrant for his arrest charging forgery of a note for \$3,250 was issued at noon Thursday.

Nowlan is alleged to have forged the name of Moran Win, a farmer residing near Toulon, to a note which he is alleged to have given as collateral to secure a loan of \$3,250 from the Dimes Saving & Trust company of this city.

Complaint was made to the state's attorney by representatives of the bank when the abstract on the farm on which he claimed to hold a mortgage for money alleged to have been borrowed from him by Win failed to show up. It was then that the bank, it is claimed, became suspicious. Nowlan was notified, and he is alleged to have explained that he had been busy in a distant court and had been unable to give the matter immediate attention.

Nowlan is alleged to have borrowed \$3,250 from the bank, payable in five years. He had paid one-half of the principal. When he fell back in his payments, it is alleged, the bank went after him. It was then, it is charged, that Nowlan put up the note which he claimed had been given him by Win.

#### No Record Found.

Nowlan is charged with forging the name of Win and also the name of Justice of the Peace Frederick to the acknowledgment. He also is charged with forging the name of the recorder of Stark county, showing that the mortgage had been properly recorded. The charge is made that no record of the instrument can be found in the recorder's office of Stark county.

When Edward Smythe and James Rae of this city were indicted for complicity in the alleged dynamiting operations of the iron workers, Nowlan was retained to defend the men.

### Defends a Stratton Here.

Nowlan had a wide reputation as a criminal lawyer. He served as chief counsel for Clyde Stratton, recently convicted of manslaughter by a jury in the Rock Island county circuit court. Stratton was sentenced to an indeterminate term at Joliet, his crime being an attack on J. Lee Crowder, the Illinois banker, during the robbery of the bank. Crowder died a few months afterward from his injuries.

Nowlan also assisted in the defense of the men accused of conspiracy in the transportation of explosives used in wrecking bridges in the dynamiting campaign of the Bridge and Structural Ironworkers' union.

### WIFE OF PATRICK PASSES AT TULSA

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Albert T. Patrick, whose husband served 12 years in Sing Sing prison as the alleged murderer of William March Rice, is dead. Patrick and their children were at the bedside. Mrs. Patrick, as Mrs. A. M. Francis, was married to Patrick soon after his conviction, and the ensuing 12 years devoted her entire time and expended \$50,000 in efforts to prove her husband's innocence and gained a pardon for him.

### Finding Work for Unemployed.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.—With the object of distributing unemployed men from where not needed to points where work is available, the Association of American Employment offices was formed here by labor commissioners of Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and other states, who are considering the question of the unemployed.

### SPITTERS SEIZED BY CLUB WOMEN

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 19.—Two hundred women, members of the Women's Health League, today were stationed in the principal streets of Pittsburgh at the opening of a campaign to enforce an anti-spitting ordinance passed several years ago, but never enforced. There were a number of arrests, the first by two club women.