

OCCUPATION OF MEXICO SOON BY UNCLE SAM

State Department Admits That Efforts for Friendly Adjustment of Outrages in Mexico Have Failed—Time for Action at Hand.

Madero's Answer to Taft's Demand for Redress Angered Taft Who Penned Curt Note in Reply.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—No ultimatum has yet been presented to President Madero of Mexico but a note curt and severe and demanding greater protection of American life and property is being prepared here this afternoon.

This admission was made here today by Secretary of State Philander C. Knox. He would not state, however, whether the note would constitute an actual ultimatum but it is believed here that it will.

Congressmen here suspect the news that President Taft has "served an ultimatum" on Madero, outlining what would happen if Americans were not given greater protection, was purposely permitted to leak so Madero would take the hint and act.

Occupation Near

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Occupation of a portion of Mexico by United States troops within a month unless President Madero at once accedes to a new ultimatum sent by President Taft, is admitted today to be more than a possibility by state department officials.

The department admits that efforts to reach a friendly adjustment of the outrages against American citizens and American-owned property in Mexico have failed, and both President Taft and Secretary Knox recognize the time for action has come.

Madero's reply to President Taft's demand for redress, received here December 14, angered the president and before leaving last night for Panama he penned a curt demand on Madero, in which severe threats were made.

Says Fate Was Just

In his answer to President Taft's former demand, Madero intimated that the Americans slain in Mexico deserved their fate; that Americans would not be indemnified for property destroyed there, and that the Mexican government practically is unable to keep order in the country.

The crisis with Mexico follows a long series of diplomatic exchanges and the latest ultimatum makes it plain that Washington no longer intends to temporize with the situation. Unless President Madero has given a satisfactory response by the time President Taft returns from

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CHURCHILL AND BERESFORD MIX OVER BRIDGEMAN

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Bitter warfare as was ever heard in the house of commons ensued in the sessions of that body today when Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who is a member of the first lord of the admiralty, Winston Churchill, clashed over the retirement of Vice Admiral Sir Francis Bridgeman from the position of first sea lord of the admiralty.

Opposing the retirement of Bridgeman, Lord Beresford bitterly denounced Churchill, accusing him of pursuing a policy of bribes and threats. Beresford charged "backstairs methods" and applied "skulking" and other epithets of the sort to Churchill.

Beresford declared that if the sea lords dared to differ from Churchill they were dismissed from office "in a most insolent manner."

Churchill's reply was urged with the bitterest invective. He argued the retirement of Bridgeman because of ill-health and declared he had demanded the retirement for that reason alone.

MR. PALMER FIGURES IN INVESTIGATION



A. MITCHELL PALMER, Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, Democratic National Committeeman from Pennsylvania, is one of the principal characters in the present investigation at Washington, where he has been charged by his republican colleague from Pennsylvania, Representative John H. Farr, with forcing the employees of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad to vote for him at the last election.

Mr. Palmer was the foremost Wilson man in Pennsylvania in the pre-convention fight last spring. He is said to have aspirations to go into Mr. Wilson's cabinet.

ROYALTY PRESENT AT LAST SERVICES TO WHITELAW REID

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, representing King George and Queen Mary; many other notables and 3000 Americans, at noon today, attended the memorial services to the late Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to Great Britain, in Westminster Abbey here.

The gathering included all the members of the British cabinet the archbishop of Canterbury, the bishop of London, the Lord Mayor, and diplomatic corps.

A choral orchestra rendered the Beethoven, Chopin and Purcell funeral marches. A gun carriage bore the casket to Westminster Abbey from Dorchester House. On top of the casket lay a wreath sent by the king and queen.

After the memorial services the body was taken to Portsmouth under the escort of the Coldstream Guards and a guard of honor from Victoria station. The body will be taken aboard the British cruiser Natal this evening, and the warship will sail for New York on Saturday. The widow of the late diplomat, and Ogden Reid, his son, will sail for America Saturday on the liner Campana.

MORGAN'S PARTNERS CALLED TO TESTIFY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The business partners of J. P. Morgan, the New York banker, will be called before the house money trust investigating committee when that body resumes its probe here January 6. They will be asked to explain, it is said today, the details of various Morgan deals, including the formation of the United States Steel corporation.

Members of the committee hope to end the hearing as early as possible, so bills intended to remedy alleged abuses may be presented to this session of congress.

NOTED IRISH PATRIOT HAS PASSED AWAY

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—Thomas Brennan, Irish patriot, who boasted that he had seen the interior of every prison in Ireland as a political prisoner, yet had never been tried, is dead at his home here today.

Brennan was secretary of the Irish Land League at the time of the Phoenix Park tragedy in Dublin when Lord Cavendish was assassinated. He has made his home here since his escape from Ireland nearly thirty years ago.

AUSTRIANS ARE STILL MAKING READY FOR WAR

Continued Preparations Are Made for War With Serbia—Steamers Are Converted Into Transports and Many Troops Arrive Daily.

Extensive Fortifications Are Under Way—Serbia Is in No Condition to Make War on Austria.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Dec. 20.—That Austria still expects war to follow its dispute with Serbia over the announced intention of the Balkan states to acquire an Albanian port in the Baltic Sea is indicated by its continued preparation for hostilities. Numerous steamships are being converted into transports, large numbers of troops are arriving daily in Dalmatia and extensive fortifications are under course of construction.

According to Austrian papers it is evident that the people as a whole are opposed to allowing a small nation like Serbia dictate as to what ports on the Baltic Sea she shall be allowed to occupy and it seems certain that Austria will back up her dictates with force of arms.

One paper has openly hinted that Russia is not to be feared as the Austrian troops can strike so rapidly that they will have occupied all strategic points before the northern nation can get into action.

Serbia, it is believed, will not be able to put up a determined opposition owing to the fact that famine is at her doors at present following the part played by the little nation in the Balkan war. All of her sons have been called into battle and already she is heavily laden with her dead and wounded.

It is stated that these two situations have influenced Austria not to recede from her position, taken when Serbia first announced her intention of securing a seaport on the Baltic.

CRAZED BY GRIEF WOULD END LIFE

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Crazed by grief over the death of his wife, who was killed by a Great Northern engine while she was fishing on a trestle here, Harry Rogers this morning, after twice attempting to commit suicide was arrested and locked in the city jail. Rogers tried to drown his sorrow in drink yesterday, was arrested last night and released early this morning. He immediately went to the trestle where his wife was killed, and was getting ready to jump off into the bay when a pedestrian caught him. They struggled, and Rogers then attempted to throw himself in the path of an engine.

MATLOCK LEAVES TO VIEW REMAINS

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 20.—Unwilling to believe that the bandit killed recently at Santa Ana after attacking a 14-year-old girl was Joe Matlock, former mayor of J. D. Matlock of this city, father of Joe Matlock accompanied by his other son, Ed Matlock, is today en route to California to view the remains.

ONE TO FIVE YEARS IS GIVEN DR. START

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Dr. Harry Start, the first one to be convicted as a result of charges growing out of the current vice scandal is today sentenced to a term of from one to five years in the penitentiary. The wife of the convicted man was present when sentence was imposed and was visibly affected.

The trial of E. E. Wedemeyer, another member of the vice ring here, is being concluded today.

SCENE AT THE BURIAL OF GREEK PATRIARCH, JOACHIM III.



LEAVING THE LITTLE CATHEDRAL OF THE PHALAR

COST OF LIVING IS ATTACKED BY CHICAGO WOMEN

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—With hundreds of clubwomen back of the movement a "cost of living" campaign was opened here today with ten carloads of eggs being sold direct to consumers from stations in all parts of the city.

Some of the most prominent women in Chicago offered their services as "saleswomen" to Mrs. John C. Hiley, president of the Clean Food club, which is managing the sale.

It is planned to sell the eggs at 24 cents a dozen, which, according to market figures, is 20 cents below the prices asked by grocers. Chemical tests of the eggs sold will be made to prove their good quality.

JURY WILL GET CASE AGAINST HICKEY TONIGHT

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The fate of J. Frank Hickey, self-confessed murderer of seven-year-old Joseph H. Josephs, will be in the hands of the jury before tonight. Aliens charge the Hickey knew what he was doing when he strangled the Josephs boy, two others maintaining the inability of the murderer to distinguish between right and wrong.

ADOLFO DIAZ IS NEW NICARAGUA PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Adolfo Diaz and Ferdinand Solozano are elected president and vice-president respectively of Nicaragua by the national assembly, their terms to begin January 1 next, according to formal announcement in the hands of the state department today.

FROM POORHOUSE TO RICHES IN AN INSTANT

MIDDLETON, N. Y., Dec. 20.—California lawyers today wired Charles Drake, an inmate of the county poor house here, that his brother, who died recently, had left him an estate valued at \$500,000.

JOHN H. HALL IS PARDONED BY PRESIDENT TAFT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—John H. Hall, formerly district attorney of Oregon was sentenced in 1890 to serve a sentence of sixty days in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$1000 as a result of Francis J. Heney's charges against him in connection with fencing government lands was pardoned today by President Taft. Hall's case is now before the United States supreme court.

MAD KING OTTO TO BE DETHRONED IN NEAR FUTURE

MUNICH, Bavaria, Dec. 20.—Dethronement of Mad King Otto and the installment of Prince Ludwig, the prince regent of Bavaria, is the plan of the Bavarian premier who imparted this information today to the Speaker of the Bavarian diet. Otto has never known that he is a royal personage and his dethronement is planned for early in 1913. An amendment to the constitution to be submitted at a special session of the diet in January, by which the regency would be abolished and Ludwig would receive the title of king is the way Otto's dethronement is to be accomplished.

BRISK DEMAND FOR STOCKS AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Brisk demands for stocks at the opening of the market here today resulted in fractional gains among the standard issues. Union Pacific proved exceptionally strong, recording a gain of 1 5/8 points. Large advances were likewise scored by many of the less prominent issues. American Tobacco rose three points, Mexican Petroleum 2 1/2 and Canadian Pacific 1 1/2. Union Pacific soared to 160 5/8 after a scramble for the stock and a response followed all along the line. Gains of between 1 and 2 points were made by Reading, Steel and the copper issues.

Speculative confidence showed every evidence of improvement during the morning session and was attributed to the optimistic condition of general business. The market closed firm. Bonds were firm.

NORTH DAKOTA IN GRIP OF BLIZZARD

FARGO, N. D., Dec. 20.—One of the most terrific storms in the history of the state hit North Dakota in its grip today. Drifts from fifty to sixty feet are reported. Railroads in all sections of the state are hampered by the heavy snowfall, which at present shows no sign of abating.

TRYING TO SETTLE STRIKE AT CANAANA

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Personal representatives of Governor Mayotrena of Sonora are hurrying to Cananea today try to effect a settlement of a strike of 1200 Mexican laborers in the Green Cananea mines.

BASKET BALL HURTS YOUNG GIRLS' NERVES

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Young women students at Cornell will not be allowed to play basket ball with other colleges in future because of the high nervous tendencies resulting. The athletic council took this step upon the recommendation of Dr. Esther Parker, who told the council that inter-collegiate games were injurious.

ASQUITH SEES BALKAN PEACE IN NEAR FUTURE

Turkey, However, Intends to Insist That the Greeks Cease Fighting and That the Allies Permit the Re-Victualing of Constantinople.

Austrian-Serbian Dispute is Said to Be Near End, a Compromise Having Been Effected.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Flat predictions that the conference now in session here would agree on terms which would settle the Balkan war was made here today by Premier Asquith in speaking at a lord mayor's luncheon given by that dignitary to the peace envoys before they were presented to King George.

"I am an optimist," said Asquith. "I believe that the negotiations now in progress here between the Balkan combatants will be successful and that the outcome will warrant posterity in regarding the peace treaty of London as one of the city's proudest and most valuable laurels."

Soldiers of Fortune Killed  
Reports that the Garibaldi Legion lost all its officers and had 400 men killed and wounded in the fighting near Janina have been confirmed. The legion was composed of 2,000 soldiers of fortune, commanded by General Ricciotti Garibaldi, son of the Italian patriot.

Dispatches from Constantinople today indicate that Turkey intends to insist that the Greeks cease fighting and that the allies shall permit the re-victualing of Constantinople. As a result of this information, and despite the predictions of Premier Asquith, many observers believe the resumption of war in the Balkans will occur within a week. This view of the future is given strength by dispatches received today from Sofia which positively declare that the Bulgarian parliament will sanction no peace agreement under which Bulgaria fails to get Adrianople as one of the spoils of war.

Serbian-ustrian Dispute  
It was authoritatively stated here today that the Serbian-Austrian dispute was practically settled at the last "conversation" of the ambassadors of the powers here. Serbia, it is said, is to get San Giovanni di Medina or some port near it, on the Dalmatian coast. It is reported that Austria will agree to this, and that Serbia will thereupon abandon its claim to hold Durazzo.

JEWELER FOUND BOUND, GAGGED, AND MURDERED

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—J. P. Logue, a diamond merchant was found today in his office in the McClellers Theater building in the heart of the "loop" district today. His head was crushed, his hands were tied behind him and a gag was in his mouth. There was no evidence of a struggle.

When a boy found the corpse an empty cartridge lay beside it, while in the same room was Logue's safe with the door locked. How long the diamond dealer had been dead and whether he was shot before a burglar crushed his skull will be determined at an autopsy. It is impossible to tell whether anything was stolen until experts open the locked safe.

238 HAVE LOST LIVES IN CONQUERING AIR

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Aviation statisticians figured today that 238 men and women have lost their lives since men began to fly, including the deaths of Aviator Kearny and his passenger, Chester Lawrence, near Los Angeles.