

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Latin America Wants the Monroe Doctrine Defined

WASHINGTON.—Latin American countries which participated in the peace conference and also those invited to join the League of Nations are watching the request of Salvador that the United States define the Monroe doctrine so that they will know just what they are agreeing to if they join the league. The state department has acknowledged receipt of the request from Juan Franco Paredes, minister for foreign affairs of Salvador. His note says, among other things:

"The text of the treaty contains one article which has awakened warm discussion throughout the whole American continent, including the United States, due no doubt to its brevity and lack of clearness. I refer to article 21: "Nothing in this covenant shall be deemed to affect the validity of international engagements, such as treaties of arbitration or regional understandings like the Monroe doctrine, for securing the maintenance of peace."

"My government recognizes that the Monroe doctrine consolidates the independence of the continental states of Latin America and saved them from the great danger of a European intervention. It realizes that it is a powerful factor in the existence of the democratic form of government in this continent and that it raised a barrier to European colonization."

"Since however, the covenant of the League of Nations does not determine the purposes nor fix a definite criterion of international relationship in America, and since, on the other hand, the doctrine will be forthwith transformed—in view of the full sanction of the nations of the world—into a principle of universal public law, juris et de jure, I request that your excellency will be good enough to give the authentic interpretation of the Monroe doctrine, as it is understood in the present historical moment."

Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the association, has given out figures which show the tremendous increase in pulp wood consumption. In congress the subject has come up for frequent discussion.

Here are the figures submitted by Mr. Pack, who calls for a national forest policy and for better fire protection for the forests, in cords consumed and value:

"Stop Throwing Forests Into the Waste Baskets!"

"STOP throwing the forests of the country into your waste basket," is the message sent to the business houses of the country by the American Forestry association, which is enlisting the aid of the schools, business houses, and women's organizations in a paper conservation campaign.

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The words spoken can be heard distinctly a distance of half a mile by the small laboratory instrument, and a distance of over eight miles by means of a larger apparatus.

Condensed News Items

SHORT STORIES TERSELY TOLD FOR THE BENEFIT OF BUSY READERS.

CONGRESSIONAL.

A proposal to utilize United States mail trucks for transporting children to and from rural schools, and to put post offices and schools in these districts in the same building in order to effect a consolidation of educational facilities, will be introduced in this congress.

The House Education Committee has reported unanimously in favor of a bill which will raise the maximum monthly allowance of disabled service men undergoing government vocational training from \$80 to \$100.

A fund of \$1,450,000 for establishment of a new York-San Francisco air mail route was included in the post office appropriation bill as reported by the Senate Post Office Committee. The House, in passing the bill, struck out all appropriations for air mail.

Ralph A. Hayes, secretary to the Secretary of War, sailed for France on the New York to investigate the feasibility of removing additional American war dead buried in French cemeteries.

The Senate confirmed Hugh S. Cumming as surgeon general of the public health service, succeeding Rupert Blue.

Rejection of all bids received for the 30 former German passenger ships offered for sale by the Shipping Board was recommended to the Senate Commerce Committee by Chairman Payne of the board.

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farmers realized \$2.50 per hundred-weight more for hogs under the food administration than they have this season in an unassured market, Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, stated.

The Italian Bell Telephone Company has been organized in Indianapolis to take over all companies of this system in the state. Capital is \$15,000,000, and about 100 companies will be in the consolidation.

The "glue sundae" is the latest peril to public health in New York, the board of health announced. "Ice cream" sold in sodas and sundaes is so full of gelatinates that it will not melt in the sun, expert declared.

The miners of Saline County are preparing to erect a \$150,000 hospital in Harrisburg, Ill., this summer.

Vernon Olds, a night watchman, confessed to killing James P. Gallagher, an attorney, last November. Chicago police stated.

An award granting a working month of eight hours daily for 30 working days was received at New York headquarters of the Brotherhood of Dining Car Conductors here from Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads.

A big drop in food prices will come this summer, Government experts predict, if farm production is equal to or greater than the production available for the 10 years period just closed.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Officials of San Quentin (Cal.) prison, where Harry S. New, Jr., is serving a sentence for the murder of Freda Lesser, denied a charge made by his mother that the reputed son of Senator New is critically ill as the result of his work in the prison jute mill.

With the ultimatum of the attorney for the defense of the 10 alleged I. W. W. charged with the Centralia murders, that either the troops or he must leave Montesano, Wash., the court is faced with a problem.

A floating dry dock now building at the River Mass. works will be used in Boston when completed. The dock is 500 feet long and 130 feet wide, with a lifting capacity of 10,000 tons weight. It will take it possible to dry-dock a boat in 30 minutes.

PERSONAL.

Edward Chambers, who has been serving in Washington as director of divisional traffic for the railroad administration, will return to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe March 1, as vice president in charge of traffic.

Henry Russell, vice president and general counsel of the Michigan Central Railroad, died, of pneumonia in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, New York.

"Don't make any mistake about the President; we found him cocky as hell." So one of the three railroad union chiefs who recently saw the President on the White House portico told his associates at Washington from the outside districts to attend the wage conference.

FOREIGN.

The Tolsey anti-Bolshevik army has been defeated by Soviet troops in the region of Guriev, a Moscow wireless dispatch to London says.

A higher birth rate in Paris has been noted for some months and a record of 203 births in one day, which far exceeds the pre-war number, was reached during the last week in January. The daily birth rate averaged 167 in December. The pre-war average was 150.

Tifis dispatches say that a great earthquake has occurred in the district of which the town of Gori, Italy, is the center. Gori lies about thirty miles northwest of Tifis. There have been numerous casualties and serious damage.

The German Exchange Commission, in its report on economic conditions, says Germany no longer possesses the means to pay other countries, according to an Fxchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin.

Early recognition of the Russian Soviet government at Moscow by the allies was forecast in press comment in Paris on the developments attending sessions of the council of premiers in London.

The comment of Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for war, in the House of Commons at London, on the United States was the "less excusable from a man who is himself self American," the Daily News says.

The war time system of cards for breads, fats and sugar and a system of meatless days will be inaugurated in Italy.

The French Aero Club announces it will send three balloons to America this year to compete in the races for the Gordon Bennett cup.

A dozen persons were arrested after midnight for appearing in the streets of Dublin without permits. They included a Dublin newspaper man seeking for copy to show how the law could be evaded. He is now awaiting court martial.

It is the purpose of the British government to introduce legislation to make permanent the Summer Time Act, under which clocks are set forward one hour, according to a statement made in the House of Commons by Edward Shortt, minister for home affairs.

Colliers in the Rhonda Valley, Eng., are idle following a strike of 30,000 miners, who struck in sympathy with two men who were discharged.

A Berlin dispatch says burglars rifled the mausoleum of Charlotteburg Castle recently. They forced the lid and removed the jewels from Queen Louisa's coffin, but failed to open the other coffins.

The Russian Soviet government has sent a note to the United States, Japan and Roumania, offering peace, said a wireless dispatch from Moscow, received at London.

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No Age in History When Rogues Were Not Laying in Wait to Fleece the Unwary.

The origin of the confidence game is not easy to trace, observes a writer in the Saturday Evening Post. The Vedas and the Mediterranean classics reveal the ancient gods themselves as rascals. "Petronius" and the "Gesta Romanorum" contain descriptions of Latin rogues. Chaucer is forever dwelling on the trickery and scoundrelism of his contemporaries and in the succeeding era a whole literature of lawlessness had sprung up in Europe, reflecting the manners and methods of the engaging criminals of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, undoubtedly greatly romanticized. Lazarillo de Tormes in Spain, Gil Blas in France and Till Eulenspiegel in Germany are the archetypes.

England's Robin Hood is a quotable but less analogous figure. The early English novelists are, however, brimming with the stories of picaresons who are the progenitors of the modern confidence man. The chaste Richardson has a type in his Clarissa. De Foe's Colonel Jack is of the stripe and so are the numerous picaresque heroes or antiheroes of Fielding. And Smollett in his Roderick Random described with uncanny exactness the work of a bunco steerer.

FOODS NECESSARY TO HEALTH

Science Has Learned That Certain Substances Must Be Included in the Human Diet.

The work of the last half century, besides revealing the vegetable and animal parasite to which most of our diseases are due, has been marked by a new lesson in dietetics. In his review in Nature, Dr. C. J. Martin writes that it has become increasingly apparent that man cannot live on protein, fat and carbohydrate alone, but must have also small quantities of what, until they can be isolated and identified, have been named "necessary food-factors." The best example is the long-recognized antiscorbutic substance in fresh vegetables and fruit. The existence of at least three accessory food substances has been now established, and an insufficient supply of any one brings trouble. If one is inadequate, scurvy results; deficiency of another leads to beriberi; and it deprived of a third, animals fail to grow. Rickets in children, too, appears to be due to a similar cause. This knowledge has been long utilized to prevent scurvy; and where intelligently applied it has eliminated beriberi from coolie camps, the population of jails, and industrial communities of the far East.

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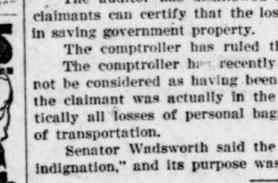
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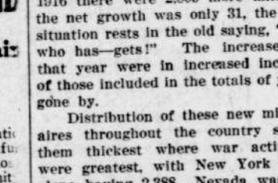
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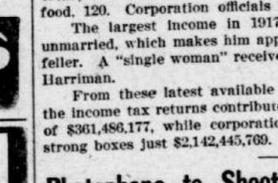
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