

CUSTOMS MONEY LOAN BASIS

Negotiations for Refunding Honduran Indebtedness Still Pending.

TREATY TO SECURE AMERICANS

Reports that Arrangements Will Amount to American Protectorate, Not Confirmed—Interest in a Big Sum.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—It was said today in reliable quarters that the negotiations by the commission appointed by the Honduran government and New York bankers for refunding the Honduran indebtedness are still pending and that the main feature of these negotiations is a loan to be secured by the customs receipts of Honduras, which are to be collected under a treaty to be arranged with the United States government.

The details of the plan have not been given out. They would seem to contemplate the appointment of an American customs officer to see that the customs receipts are collected and dispensed in accordance with the proposed treaty. No confirmation can be obtained, however, of reports that this will amount to an American protectorate, although it is so interpreted in some quarters.

Source of Loan Discussion.

The refunding of the Honduran external debt has been under discussion for the last year or more. This was originally contracted about forty years ago and consists of four loans made between 1842 and 1878. The interest on these loans is \$1,200,000. Payment of interest began to fall off soon after the debts were incurred and interest payments stopped entirely after 1872.

The aggregate of unpaid interest up to July, 1909, was estimated at \$1,875,000. This made a total indebtedness for principal and unpaid interest of \$3,075,000, or about \$30,000,000. It is the readjustment or refunding of this indebtedness which has occupied the attention of the Washington authorities and financial interests here for the last year or more. The indebtedness has been in London and was looked after by a committee of bondholders in connection with a committee of the British bondholders.

Refunding Project.

This council first put forward the refunding project in August, 1909. Their circular invited bondholders to deposit their bonds with the council against the issue of negotiable deposit receipts with authority to deliver the deposit certificate to the London banking house of J. S. Morgan & Co. against the cash payment of \$1 for each \$100 of the existing bonds, with unpaid coupons attached, provided a settlement of the debt of Honduras under the auspices of the government of the United States is effected by August 1, 1910. It is understood these refunding plans by the London banking house of J. S. Morgan & Co. have been carried forward in this country by the American house of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The State department at Washington has explained that its interest in the matter was due to the unsettled and chaotic condition of Honduran finances and the desirability of having these placed on a stable basis to promote more stable conditions in the country itself. This attitude and the foregoing taken by the bondholders have led up to the present plan for refunding the debt and insuring its payment by a treaty arrangement.

Farmers Resisting Union Pacific Road in Moving Fences

Long Line of Broken Posts and Cut Wire Extends Along Line in Merrick.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—A long line of broken posts and severed strands of barbed wire tell of the fierce resistance which is being made by the land owners along the Union Pacific against the company's attempt to set its fences over 200 feet on either side of its track on the government sections, where it claims its 60 feet right-of-way.

TEXT OF TREATY BETWEEN GERMANY AND RUSSIA

Past Between Kaiser and Czar Probably Will Be Resurrected by France and Great Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—An evening paper publishes what purports to be the text of an agreement between Russia and Germany on Persian affairs and supposed to be a result of the meeting of Emperor William and Emperor Nicholas at Potsdam last November.

O'NEILL DOUBLES IN DECADE

Census Bureau Announces Population of Two Towns in Nebraska—(Continued.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The census bureau today announced the population of the following Nebraska towns today: Chadron, 2,862, as compared with 1,300 in 1900; O'Neill, 1,008, as compared with 516, ten years ago.

Count in Sixth District.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Judge Conrad Holsenbeck and George H. Thomas are sending out cards announcing the terms of court in the Sixth Judicial district for the coming year. Their list is made up as follows: Colfax County—January 25, May 1, November 2; Dodge County—February 15, May 1, November 2; Kearney County—January 30, May 1, November 2; Nemaha County—March 4, June 1, December 1; Platte County—February 15, May 1, November 2.

Coroner's Jury Says Couple Came to Death By Means Unknown

Sister of Dead Girl Was Also Seized with Illness Showing Symptoms of Poisoning.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The coroner's jury today returned its verdict in the case of the death of a young girl by means unknown to the jury. This was the conclusion reached by the twelve men who for nearly five hours tonight heard testimony regarding the death of the girl last Saturday of Grace Elmer and Charles T. Twigg, whose bodies were found by the mother of the dead girl, seated on a sofa in the parlor of the Elmer home. The tragedy occurred less than thirty hours prior to the time that the bodies were discovered by the coroner's jury. The coroner's jury gathered in a little mortuary chapel belonging to an undertaker. Witnesses, officials and newspaper men crowded the place almost to suffocation. More than a dozen witnesses were heard, but little was developed that was not already known to the public.

One of the points brought out was that May Elmer, one of Grace's sisters, had, after helping her mother carry Grace's body from the parlor to a bed in a room in the rear, herself become seized with illness which showed symptoms of poisoning by hydrocyanic acid. No connection between this and the death of the other was made apparent.

SUPPOSED DEAD MAN ALIVE

Wales W. Aldridge, Who Disappeared from Springfield, Mo., Eight Years Ago, Found.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 7.—A man long believed to be dead was recognized by the law as being alive today when Wales W. Aldridge, through his attorney, petitioned the court of appeals here to be made a defendant in the suit of his wife, Lillie M. Aldridge, against the Brotherhood of American Yeomen.

Attractions in Omaha.

"The Fortune Hunter" at the Strand. "Cinderella" at the Boyd. "The Showmaker" at the Krug. "The Merry Widow" at the Grand. "Auldrie" at the American. Burlesque at the Gayety.

In these days when women are seeking new lines and avenues of occupation it doesn't seem strange, indeed, to find no less than seven different occupations represented by the army of femininity which constitutes the chorus of the New York Hippodrome. These girls, who behind the footlights represent everything from a mermaid to a Japanese lantern, are just as versatile in their propria persona. Put this group of girls into a city, give each girl an opportunity to take up her former means of employment and you will find that they can run a telephone exchange, do typewriting and stenography, sing in church choirs, teach school, give dancing lessons, each music do maitre d'hotel, turn out plan and fancy sewing, nurse the sick, be milliners and dressmakers, dress hair, act as exhibitors, sell fruit, soda water and newspapers, be telephone operators, cloak models, pose for artists, sell tickets, write songs, make lace and teach fancy swimming. A canvass of these Hippodrome girls reveals the following: Clerks, 18; stenographers, 20; chorus singers, 25; ballet dancers, 20; school teachers, 15; music teachers, 15; theatrical performers, 17; cashiers, 6; telephone operators, 9; chorus girls, 10; article models, 10; dancing teachers, 15; manicurists, 4; bookkeepers, 2; newsdealers, 1; dressmakers, 1; soda clerks, 2; plain nurses, 2; china decorator, 1; timekeeper, 1; milliner, 1; waitress, 9; acrobats, 2; fancy swimmer, 1; artist, 1; clock model, 1; telegraph operator, 1; ticket seller, 1; phone operator, 1; seamstress, 1; drummer, 1. These girls have entered the chorus either because of the ambition to succeed in stage work or because of the prospect of earning more money and work less hours a day than their own lines of business would compel. Some of them went into the ranks of the chorus in being members of the New York Hippodrome who realize that they belong to the foremost organization of the world and, although they have to work very hard, they live the distinction, the prestige and the glory which they covet a whole lot for the chorus girl.

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Bundle of Letters Asking for Money Turned Over to District Attorney by the Relatives of the Aged Parents.

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PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7.—Election of officers was postponed until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning by the National Wool Growers' convention today in response to a general demand for a continuation of the debate on "Schedule K" of the tariff. Joseph B. Grundy, a Philadelphia manufacturer, was given time in which to reply to the onslaught upon the wool schedule delivered by State Senator Frederick H. Blume of Wyoming.

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NOTED MEN ATTEND DINNER Culled from the Wires. Assets of the Washington-Alaska bank now in the hands of a receiver, are \$1,000,000 and its liabilities are \$200,000. Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, who has been confined to his home for two days with a sore throat, was reported better. W. R. Hearst must either pay damages or prove to a court of law that he cannot be held responsible for the fire works explosion of election night, 1902, in which several were killed or wounded. A student of the freight rate on cottonseed from points in Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana to Memphis, Tenn. is made by the Interstate Commerce commission in an opinion handed down in the case of

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CANADIAN HOSPITALS SAY Pe-ru-na Gives Splendid Results for Colds and Catarrhal Troubles. Max Hoehn, Leading Politician, is Dead. TURPENTINE MAGNATE Must Finish Sentence. LEGHORNS ARE EGG LAYERS. PENSION FOR MOSQUITO BITES. A YOUNG girl, fifteen years old, had an obstinate cough, which half a bottle of Peruna caused to disappear. As to myself, two bottles have convinced me that Peruna is magnificent as a tonic. Before the treatment I could not walk for a block of an hour without experiencing severe fatigue. Now I can walk a mile easily. Through these three weeks the efficacy to make known to the public the desire of your reward. Hospital St. John, St. Johns, Province of Quebec. A letter received from the same institution reads as follows: THREE weeks ago I wrote to tell you how satisfactory we found Peruna. We recommend it strongly for colds, coughs, catarrh and neuralgia. I have used it myself as a tonic with the best results, taken as directed, half a teaspoonful every half hour. PERUNA not only promptly relieves coughs and colds in their first stages, but is equally prompt and efficient for catarrhal diseases in the chronic stage. It is only reasonable to suppose that less medicine will be necessary to relieve a slight attack than after it has been allowed to become chronic. Caution of the proprietary organs is a common ailment in Canada. Therefore, when Peruna was discovered by Canadian people to be a reliable remedy for these catarrhal diseases, it at once became a popular medicine. Ask Your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1911.