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TO MAKE CLAIM FOR LOSSES

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Washington, May 29.—The United States, denouncing interference with neutral mails, has notified Great Britain and France that it can no longer tolerate the wrongs which American citizens have suffered and continue to suffer through the "lawless practice" those governments have indulged in, and that only a radical change in policy, restoring the United States to its full rights as a neutral power, will be satisfactory.

This notification is given in the latest American communication to the two governments, the text of which was made public on Saturday by the state department. The time in which the change must be effected is not specified, but the United States expects prompt action.

"Onerous and vexatious" abuses which have been perpetrated by the British and French governments in seizing and censoring neutral mails are recited in the communication, and answers are made to the legal arguments contained in the reply of the entente governments to the first American note on the subject.

It is vigorously set forth that not only have American commercial interests been injured but that the rights of property have been violated and the rules of international law and custom palpably disregarded. Notice is served that the United States soon will press claims against the British and French governments for the losses which already have been sustained.

The death of Cervantes will go far toward clearing up the banditry in this section.

U. S. TROOPS KILL VILLA CHIEF

Notorious Bandit Cervantes Slain After Attack on Engineers—American Killed and Wounded.

Field Headquarters United States Army, near Namiquipa, Mex., via radio to Columbus, N. M., May 29.—A short sharp battle between a force of American army engineers and a gang of Mexican bandits under the leadership of the notorious Candelario Cervantes, one of Pancho Villa's most trusted lieutenants, was fought south of Cruces.

Three Americans were wounded, one so badly that he died a short time after, and two of the bandits were killed, several wounded and the band scattered. Among those killed was Cervantes himself.

Lance Corporal Marksbury, attached to a machine gun detachment of the Seventeenth Infantry, was the American soldier killed in the clash with Villistas near Cruces, Mex. Marksbury's home was at Herrodsburg, Ky.

The engineers were working on road repairs six miles south of Cruces. With them were a few soldiers.

The Mexicans made a surprise attack. Cervantes has been hunted from pillar to post the last two weeks.

The Mexicans dashed over a small hill and down on the unsuspecting Americans as they worked in a small ravine. Three Americans dropped at the first volley. The soldiers rallied instantly after that first volley, and returned shot for shot at close range.

The body of Cervantes was positively identified by residents of Laa Cruces.

One of the Americans wounded was Private Hulitt of the Seventeenth Infantry, who was in charge of the machine gun, and who killed both the Mexicans. His wound is not believed to be serious.

JAMES J. HILL SERIOUSLY ILL

Dr. Mayo Called to St. Paul by Magistrate's Son—Stricken Ten Days Ago.

St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—James J. Hill, railroad magnate, is seriously ill. This was revealed when Dr. W. J. Mayo, the famous surgeon of Rochester, Minn., came here on Friday in a special train for the second examination of the ailing man in four days. The case, while serious, is not one to cause alarm, Doctor Mayo said after the second examination. Mr. Hill has been ill for ten days. He was stricken May 16, Doctor Gillfillan, the attending physician, said after his consultation with Doctor Mayo, that Mr. Hill's condition is not serious and no operation will be necessary. Doctor Gillfillan says intestinal trouble followed by slight infection caused Mr. Hill's illness.

Nat Goodwin's Wife Ill.
New York, May 29.—Margaret Moreland, fifth wife of Nat Goodwin, is seriously ill at St. Elizabeth's hospital where she underwent an operation. Miss Moreland was formerly an actress in Mr. Goodwin's company.

Dr. Timothy Dwight Dead.
New Haven, Conn., May 29.—Rev. Dr. Timothy Dwight, former president of Yale university, died here on Friday in his eighty-sixth year. Doctor Dwight was born in Norwich, Conn., in 1828.

"HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL"



TO PUNISH 116 GUARDS RETAKE FRENCH FORT

LOTS OF TROUBLE AHEAD FOR THE BALKY TEXANS.

Secretary Baker Announces Men Who Refused to Serve Will Be Tried at Once.

Washington, May 25.—Reversing his previous decision, Secretary Baker announced that the 116 members of the Texas National Guard who failed to present themselves for muster into the Federal service will be brought to court-martial immediately under the present law.

Mr. Baker had intended to await the signing of the new militia law now before the president and proceed under its provisions.

Secretary Baker explained his action by pointing out the Dick law requires an obligation to defend the constitution and obey orders of the governor of the state, but not the order of the president. The Hay-Chamberlain act requires an oath to obey orders of both the governor and the president.

Upon recommendation of Judge Advocate General Crowder the secretary has decided that the alleged offense of the guardsmen refusing to "present" themselves for muster, was committed under the Dick law and trial should be under that law.

General Crowder in a supplementary opinion held that the Hay-Chamberlain act would not abolish the offense with which the Texans are charged, as has been suggested. On this showing it will not be necessary to issue a new call for the border militia after the Hay-Chamberlain bill is signed.

RETREAT ADMITTED BY ROME

Bulgarians Join Austrian Troops in Drive Against Italians—Advance Checked.

Rome (via Paris), May 25.—Along the Isonzo front the Italians have made prisoners of Bulgarians, showing that Bulgars have joined the Austrians in their present offensive.

The official statement issued here on Tuesday in part is as follows: "In the Sugana valley between the Astico and the Brenta our troops fell back gradually on their main lines after repulsing Austrian attacks throughout the day of May 22. The retreat was orderly and spontaneous."

O. K. APPROPRIATION BILL

Measure Carrying \$145,000,000 Has Provision to Carry Out Army Reorganization.

Washington, May 27.—The army appropriation bill, carrying \$145,000,000 and including provision for carrying out the Hay-Chamberlain reorganization bill, was agreed to by the house military committee on Thursday. The bill includes provision for a council of executive information for co-ordination of industries and resources in war time.

Mexican Shot by Rancher.
El Paso, Tex., May 29.—Residents of Dona Ana county, New Mexico, along the border, are taking extra precautions against trouble following the shooting of a Mexican by C. D. Cassad, a rancher.

Greek Cabinet Resigns.
Athens, May 29.—The Greek cabinet has resigned. The resignation of the ministry was brought about by growing political unrest over conditions imposed upon Greece by the war.

TEUTONS ALSO CAPTURE VILLAGE OF CUMIERES.

Ten Thousand Fall in Bloodiest Engagement of the Three Months' Battle of Verdun.

Paris, May 26.—The Germans have reoccupied Fort Douaumont, while the French hold the immediate approach to that position. This announcement is made in the official communication issued on Wednesday by the French war office, which says that two new divisions of Bavarians effected the recapture after a series of furious attacks.

This success of the Germans followed capture by the Teutonic troops of a portion of the village of Cumieres, east of Dead Man hill. The fighting at this point developed into a hand-to-hand struggle. The French were faced by more than three divisions here.

Ten thousand men have gone down to slaughter in what is rapidly becoming the bloodiest engagement of the three months' battle of Verdun.

From Dead Man's hill eastward to the ruins of Fort Douaumont the most savage struggle in any theater of war in the past two months is being waged.

PORTO RICAN BILL PASSED

House Kills Amendment Giving Women Vote—Greater Self-Government to Island Possessions.

Washington, May 25.—The house on Tuesday struck from the Porto Rican bill, by a vote of 80 to 69, an amendment designed to grant woman suffrage to the island. The bill then passed without roll call, virtually as introduced. The vote on the amendment showed a complete disregard of party lines, although more Democrats than Republicans voted against it. The amendment was inserted in the bill by Mr. Mann, minority leader. The bill, as passed, gives the Porto Rican government all of its internal revenue, regardless of whether the goods on which it is paid are used in Porto Rico or this country.

The measure now goes to the senate.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Washington, May 25.—The senate on Tuesday by a vote of 38 to 38 refused to reconsider its vote of last week of 37 to 41 rejecting the nomination of George Rublee of New Hampshire to the federal trade commission.

Chicago, May 27.—Mrs. Anna Dollie Ledgerwood Matters and her codefendants, Charles S. Mellon and Harry Edwards, were found not guilty on Thursday of attempting to foist a false heir upon the probate court. The jury was out two hours and forty minutes.

Tuskegee Head Installed.
Tuskegee, Ala., May 27.—Maj. Robert T. Moton, a negro of unmixed blood, was installed here as principal of Tuskegee Institute, founded by Booker T. Washington for the uplift of the colored race.

General Gallieni Dies.
Paris, May 27.—General Gallieni, former French minister of war, died at Versailles, following an operation for bladder trouble. He was the defender of Paris, and factor in the battle of the Marne.

MUST CUT BURDEN

PROBLEM OF THE CARE OF MENTALLY UNFIT.

WORKING FOR AMENDMENT

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
If the social and economic burden of care for insane is not reduced it will ultimately become unbearable, according to Dr. L. B. Pillsbury of the state hospital for the insane, in an address on "Classification of the Insane," before the second annual conference of officers of Nebraska state institutions. He recommended lessening the procreation of the unfit through segregation and otherwise as one aid to reducing the burden. Dr. J. P. Lord of Omaha presented a paper on "Recent Tendencies in Orthopedic Practice." Discussion of the paper was led by Dr. H. Winnett Orr of the state orthopedic hospital.

Alumni Meeting Next Week.

Extensive preparations are being made for the entertainment of alumni during University of Nebraska commencement next week. An effort will be made to make the event the biggest celebration of its kind in the history of the school.

"If you want to see the city campus and the farm campus before they have changed so that you cannot recognize them," reads the announcement sent out by Secretary Annis S. Chaikin of the alumni headquarters. "Then come back early enough to join the automobile tour which will start from alumni headquarters at 11 a. m., June 6. There will be committees on the campus to welcome and register every visitor. The automobiles will be plentiful enough to hold the entire family."

The program for the two days will include numerous meetings, luncheons and conferences. The class reunions will be held Monday.

Working for New Amendment.

Food Commissioner Harman is sending out petitions for signatures to be used for the submission of a proposed constitutional amendment, which is intended to make the food, drug, dairy and oil commissioner a constitutional officer appointed by the governor for a term of six years and free from the governor's control, instead of a statutory officer appointed for two years by the governor and under control of the governor. If the proposed amendment is submitted and is adopted at the general election in November, it will become effective within ten days after the canvass of the vote by the state canvassing board. The law makes it mandatory for the governor to issue a proclamation within ten days after the canvass declaring the amendment adopted and in force.

Refused to Register Bonds.

The state auditor's office has declined to register the \$7,000 electric lighting bonds of Sargent. The law in Nebraska requires that before voting on such bonds there shall be twenty days' notice and publication of the notices of election. In this case the notices were out only eighteen or nineteen days and it will be necessary to hold another election to vote upon the bonds before they will be accepted in the state auditor's office.

Frank Pilger of Pierce, now in the banking business there, but formerly engaged in school work, is a candidate for appointment to the state normal board as the successor of A. H. Viele of Norfolk when the term of that member expires in June.

Average Farm Worth of State

Another compilation of agricultural wealth production in Nebraska has been made by Secretary Mellor of the state board of agriculture, showing that in 1915 the average was \$4,505 for each farm. The best that has been claimed by Kansas by its statistical bureau is \$3,690 per farm. There are 129,678 farms in Nebraska, according to the government census, and the total value of crops and live stock produced last year was \$584,245,778. The value of live stock assessed for taxation was \$232,361,282.

Crop conditions in western Nebraska are very promising and during the past week rain fall has been above normal. Previous to that time heavy winds have done considerable damage although wheat generally never looked better at this time of the year than it does this season. Alfalfa and all early small grains are well advanced. Corn planting is nearing completion and very favorable conditions have aided the farmers in putting the crop in. The demonstration crops on the state farm at Curtis, are in excellent condition.

Must Notify Italian Consul.

In compliance with a request from Secretary of State Lansing at Washington, Governor Morehead has issued a circular letter to all county judges and county attorneys of Nebraska calling their attention to a treaty provision with Italy, whereby notice should be given to the nearest Italian consul whenever any citizen of that country dies in the United States without leaving heirs or a will. The consular agent for Nebraska is Antonio Veneto at Omaha.

NO CHANGE LIKELY.

Valuations Will Remain as at Present Assessed.

At an informal conference of members of the state board of assessment it appeared to be the opinion of a majority that no increase would be made in the assessed valuation of railroad property in Nebraska and that real estate values would not be increased in counties where the present assessment is considered high enough. The board some time ago started out on the theory that real estate should be assessed 75 per cent of actual sales value. This would have resulted in a large increase in a majority of the counties of the state. Then it was suggested that if real estate is increased materially, railroad property ought to be raised. Now it is likely that no increase of much consequence will be made in real estate values and none in the value of railroad property. For several years the railroads have tried to convince the board that real estate is assessed at about 50 per cent of its true value, while railroads were assessed near to or in excess of full value.

Sent Liquor Through Mails.

Although the offense cannot be punished under the laws of Nebraska, Attorney General Reed has written to A. G. Roberts of Lewellen that the sale of liquor in Nebraska by mail from another state is forbidden by the federal laws and that the United States authorities will take up the matter if it is brought to their notice. Roberts sent a letter to the state legal department, saying that a St. Louis liquor company had sold liquor by mail to a minor at Lewellen. Attorney General Reed interpreted this to mean that the liquor itself was shipped by mail.

Result of Competitive Drill.

A. L. Burnham of Stanton will be the cadet colonel of the university battalion for next year, according to an announcement made at the annual competitive drill held on the athletic field last week. A. J. Covert of Lincoln was made lieutenant colonel, J. L. McMaster of Lincoln, major, executive and delinquency officer; B. Nye of Kearney, major of the First battalion; K. Y. Craig of Omaha, major of the Second battalion, and C. S. Holcombe of Maxwell, major of the Third battalion. D. T. Lane of Seneca was announced as major of the band.

Must Make Itemized Report.

Auditor W. H. Smith has succeeded in getting the examiners of the state board of pharmacy to file properly itemized bills for per diem and expenses. The examiners under the law are enabled to draw from the state treasury every cent of fees received, but in the past it has been impossible to enforce the rule requiring the filing of itemized bills so that some trace will be left on the state house records of what purpose the fees were expended. Under the budget law all departments are also required to report expenditures.

Sending Out Corporation Tax Notices

Notices of the payment of the corporation tax for the current year have been sent out by Secretary of State Pool. The tax becomes due July 1 and delinquent a month later. The charge is based on the amount of paid-up capital stock, and varies from \$5 to \$2,500. Foreign corporations' taxes under this law become due August 1 and delinquent September 1. Corporations which do not pay in time can—and will, says Secretary Pool—have an additional 15 per cent of the amount of their tax charged against them as a penalty.

A signal corps attached to the Nebraska national guard is to be organized in Omaha and Dr. F. H. Millener, wireless expert of the Union Pacific railroad at that place, will be in charge with the rank of major.

State Superintendent Thomas has apportioned \$1,401.15 of government funds to the counties of Blaine, Cherry, Grant and Thomas. The money was derived from government lands withheld for forest reserve purposes and goes to the counties in which forest reserve lands are situated. Blaine county receives \$58.64, Cherry \$817.94, Grant \$4.59 and Thomas \$519.98. The counties must apportion these funds as follows: One-fifth to the county road fund, one-fifth to school districts and three-fifths to school districts on a basis of school population. In the case of the smaller sums the counties may have to apportion the fund in the form of postage stamps because some school districts will receive only a few cents.

Lieutenant Edward Bagnall of the National Guard aviation corps gained signal honors in the east as a result of his six weeks' training course with the Curtiss school and for which payment was made by the Aero Club of America. The Cornhusker flyer has been selected as mechanic for Steve McGordon, one of the principal entrants in the Sheephead bay meet.

The petition asking for the submission of a constitutional amendment, prohibiting the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors, which was filed with the secretary of state Monday forenoon, was arranged in book form during the afternoon. Eight persons, including prohibition workers and members of the governor's office force and assistants of the secretary of state, performed the work of detaching the signatures from original petitions. Secretary of State Pool will later verify the number of signatures by actual count.

FIND CACHE OF ARMS

SOLDIERS UNEARTH VAST QUANTITY OF VILLA RIFLES AND SHELLS.

LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE

Ex-President Taft Presides Over Meeting at Washington—United States Will Not Tolerate Interference.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.
Field Headquarters Near Namiquipa.—A Villista cache of machine guns, rifles and ammunition was unearthed Sunday in a canyon near here by townspeople of Namiquipa working under American direction. The find, which was officially reported to General J. J. Pershing, expeditionary commander, is regarded as important, not only because of the quantity of armament discovered, but because it reveals a change in the spirit manifested toward the American troops by the natives of the section. Since the beginning of the expedition many rumors have been current that Villa had numerous stores of arms and ammunition cached in Chihuahua, but the store found is the first to be uncovered by the Americans.

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LEAGUE TO ENFORCE PEACE.

Meeting Held at Washington With W. H. Taft Presiding.

Washington.—The league to enforce peace, formed a year ago in Independence hall, Philadelphia, with the aim of securing a lasting world peace at the close of the European war, held its first annual meeting here Friday and heard its president, William H. Taft, and other men prominent in the country's affairs, state the purpose of the organization and outline what it hopes to accomplish. Slight reference was made to ending the present war, the opening declaration by Mr. Taft in calling the meeting to order was that the league was not urging the administration to take steps to stop the conflict. Some delegates, though, expressed a hope that such a movement would grow out of the meeting and did not disguise their belief that President Wilson's address might be significant in this connection. The league's determination to confine its efforts to establishing a permanent peace for the future was described by Mr. Taft as developing from a belief that a definite purpose, with limitation, was more likely to be realized than if the league essayed too much.

Big Preparedness Parade.

Boston, Mass.—Boston sentiment for national preparedness found expression Saturday in the greatest street demonstration that this city ever has witnessed. Forty thousand men and women, by actual count, marched under the American colors over a route of three miles, while perhaps a half million others applauded the paraders.

Americans Slay Mexican Bandit.

Columbus, N. M.—Candelario Cervantes, the Villista bandit leader, was killed by American troops south of Cruces Friday. Cervantes' end came after he had made a surprise attack south of Cruces on a detachment of engineers repairing the motor truck road. He was beaten back and pursued into the hills by the engineers, who had been reinforced by a detachment of the Seventeenth Infantry. One other Mexican, Jose Bencomre, and one of the Americans were killed. Two Americans were wounded.

New York.—The destitute in Belgium and northern France are today living on one-third the amount of food necessary to maintain human life and more supplies are needed at once, says Casper Whitney, big game hunter and editor, who has been in charge of the work of the commission for relief in Belgium and the northern part of France since April, 1915. Mr. Whitney has just returned from Europe. The bread lines in many states are increasing daily, he states, and the people's power of resistance is daily growing weaker.

King Signs Compulsion Bill.

London.—The signature of King George has been affixed to the military service bill recently passed by parliament. The bill provides for general and immediate compulsion and calls to the colors all males, married or single, between the ages of 18 and 41. An army reserve for industrial work also is provided for in the bill and the government may use as many of the conscript as it requires to maintain industrial conditions intact. Ireland is excluded from the operation of the law.