

Military Forces Holding Control of Peru Affairs

Lima Put Under Martial Law After President Leguia Forced Out—Much Damage Caused

Lima, Peru, Aug. 25.—The Peruvian cruiser Amirante Grau steamed into the Pacific ocean today, carrying into obscurity President Augusto B. Leguia. The 67-year-old man who seized the Peruvian government by a coup d'etat in 1919, and since had ruled the country as a dictator, resigned before dawn this morning in compliance with the demands of a military junta.

Thereupon the junta immediately established a new government headed by General Manuel Ponce, and announced that its policy under the existing constitution would be one of "progress, concord and moral sanitation." Martial law was decreed this afternoon by the provisional government.

Then the government guaranteed safe conduct out of the country to the former president and the Journey to Callao, port of Lima, began. At 5:15 o'clock this morning, accompanied by his son John, his son-in-law, Alfredo Larranaga, and the remainder of his family, Leguia went to the dock and walked aboard the Amirante Grau, which immediately steamed out. The cruiser was scheduled to connect with the British steamer Orduna, which is due in Panama August 29, at sea.

Revolt Last Week.
The dramatic events which unseated one of the strongest rulers of South America began only a few days ago. Late last week the garrison at Arequipa revolted under the leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Sanchez Cerro, and the revolt soon spread to other districts in the southern part of the republic.

Nothing occurred in Lima but the city had a restless air yesterday. The ministers were reported to have become dissatisfied at a meeting Friday when some of them suggested that Sanchez Cerro be given command of the army. Leguia refused.

Meanwhile students began demonstrations during the morning, shouting, "Down with the dictator! Long live liberty." They were not disturbed by the police until one group was dispersed at the door of the government house.

In the face of this the president, who has a large racing stud, followed his usual Sunday custom of going to St. Beatriz race track. There he received an ovation from a little group of friends in the official grandstand.

the last for him on Peruvian soil. He left the track about 10 p. m. and his motor car, escorted by police, was followed by students who shouted against the dictatorship. The cries were taken up by great crowds. The party reached the presidential palace without incident.

Balked by Military.
Leguia then conferred for half an hour with his military staff and announced that the resigned cabinet would be replaced with a minister under General Pedro Pablo Martinez. On hearing this news a group of officers informed the president they would not accept Martinez, so the president designated General Fernando Sarmiento to head the new government.

At midnight President Leguia went to the government building to swear in the new cabinet. When all had been sworn in a dramatic interruption came with a military committee, which said that no cabinet headed by either Sarmiento or Martinez would be satisfactory to the military forces.

The resignation was written out soon afterward. All of this made a great day for the populace of Lima. As early as 4 o'clock this morning the central thoroughfares were filled with excited crowds shouting "Long live liberty!" "Long live the army!" "Long live the navy!" No one slept, apparently.

Most of the demonstrators were joyous and good natured, but some groups attacked the buildings of El Tiempo and La Prensa, newspapers which were regarded as Leguia organs. La Prensa was stoned, some of the doors and windows being broken.

FAMINE KILLS THOUSANDS
Brussels.—The death of 40,000 natives from a famine in Ruanda province of Belgian Congo was reported Friday by Bishop Claes, chief missionary of Belgian's great African possession. The famine was caused by a severe drought. Ruanda province was formerly a part of German East Africa. The bishop stated that thousands of natives had emigrated to the British territory of Uganda.

DIES WHEN TRUCK UPSETS
Rulo.—Mary Louise Behme, six year old Rulo girl, was fatally injured Monday when an ice truck into which she had climbed rolled down a hill and overturned. The driver had stopped the truck in front of her home and soon after she had entered it the brakes gave way and the machine sped down the hill.

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Prepares to Inspect Waterways Projects

Hurley and Chief of Army Engineers to Head Trip Down Mississippi—Outlines Program.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Secretary Hurley prepared tonight for an immediate inspection of all Mississippi waterway, river and harbor and flood control works from Minneapolis to New Orleans, while army engineers were gathering data with a view to speeding up river work to relieve unemployment.

Major General Lytle Brown, chief of army engineers, and Thomas Q. Ashburn, chairman of the Inland Waterways corporation, have been selected by the secretary to accompany him. The trip down the river will be made by boat and Mr. Hurley plans to survey projects away from the stream by airplane. The war secretary will begin his tour about September 1.

The work of the engineers to determine which projects can be expedited to relieve unemployment is being done as a result of the conference over the week-end between President Hoover, Secretary Hurley and army engineers at the president's Rapidan camp.

Localities where unemployment is most serious will be given the benefits, so far as possible, of the residue of the 35 million dollars available during the fiscal year for flood control work, the secretary said.

In discussing the general subject of waterways Mr. Hurley said it was the purpose of the president's so-called five-year program to place traffic from the great lakes to the sea by the Mississippi within a period of five years. It is very probable, however, he said, that there will be continuous work on the Mississippi and its tributaries for a century, during which time new streams, now considered non navigable, would be opened to traffic.

With regard to a proposal to increase the annual appropriation for flood control from 35 million dollars to 70 million dollars, the secretary said it was necessary to rely on the engineers as to the amount of money which could be economically expended and that the war department would not anticipate recommendations for the engineers.—World-Herald.

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WOMAN DRIVER IS DEAD

Omaha—Lydia M. Hutchinson, "Whistlin' Lydia" Hutchinson, one of the most celebrated woman dog team drivers in the United States and Canada, died from pneumonia at Ashton, Ida., Monday, according to information received at Union Pacific headquarters here.

"Whistlin' Lydia" had participated in the annual Ashton race for more than ten years. Fortune never favored her team of Alaskan mushers but she persisted and in the last two derbies she finished "in the money." She also had participated in Canadian derbies and was widely known to mushers because of her habit of coaxing her dogs to superhuman efforts by whistling at them.

INCREASE IN FARM PRODUCTS VALUE SEEN

Ottumwa, Ia., Aug. 25.—Belief that the value of farm products will increase was seen Monday by L. A. Andrew, state superintendent of banking, as the basis for better business conditions in Iowa this fall.

Addressing the Ottumwa Rotary club, he urged a "fighting optimism" and said he believes Iowa will be the first middle western state to recover from the deflation period.

BANKER CLAIMS HE WAS DUPED

Seward, Aug. 25.—W. H. Kirchman, former cashier of the State Savings bank of Wahoo, went to trial in district court here Monday on charges of appropriating a customer's mortgage for his own use.

Kirchman is being tried on two counts. Using his bank with an intent to injure and defraud Edith and Olive Lasure, and using his bank to defraud the First National bank of Lincoln.

Attorney Eugene O'Sullivan of Omaha, counsel for the defense, admitted that the mortgage was sold and assigned to the Lincoln bank, but said W. H. Kirchman had signed the paper when asked to by F. J. Kirchman, not knowing what was in it, and having no intent to defraud.

FACES FORGERY CHARGE

Falls City, John Davis, twenty, confessed Monday, Falls City authorities said, to having forged \$90 worth of checks near Boone, Ia. The youth, who lives near Rula, was taken to Iowa to face charges.

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Watered Lands of Kansas Find Drought Relief

Arkansas and Kaw Valley Districts Win Through Irrigation Scheme.

Topeka, Kan.—The continued dry weather with the resulting injury to farm crops has served to direct attention to irrigation as a means of insuring crops against the effects of drought. During a previous sequence of dry years, irrigation received a great deal of attention in Kansas, but because the last two years have been unusually favorable for crop production as far as rainfall was concerned, we have heard much less of irrigation.

With the occurrence of the present dry spell, a survey was made to determine the extent to which pumping plants installed during previous years were now being used for the protection of crops, and the results show that practically every pumping plant in the State is now being used to its full capacity. Where such crops as corn are being properly watered they are continuing to make rapid growth and are suffering no ill effects whatever from the drought or heat.

"Kansas has about 5,000,000 acres of land on which, or under or near which, sufficient water can be obtained for profitable irrigation," declares George S. Knapp, chief engineer of the water resources division of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture. "Where such water is available, experience has shown that pumping plans can be put in at a cost which will more than justify the installation, and their use will do much to stabilize crop production on such land."

Until a few years ago but little irrigating was done east of Garden City. In 1924 a few farmers in the Arkansas valley and in the Kaw valley and its tributaries installed irrigation pumping plants for the purpose of getting first-hand information on the value of irrigation. Results obtained were so satisfactory that even chamber of commerce in different parts of the State began to establish irrigating demonstration farms in their respective communities for the purpose of bringing to the attention of the farmer the value of irrigation.

Mr. Knapp says that it is as crop insurance that irrigation can fill a place of economic importance in the State's agriculture. It is not to develop irrigation, often expensive irrigation, to reclaim cheap land and

make rural homes, but to develop cheap irrigation for high-priced lands and thus bring crop production in line with the cost of owning and operating such lands that irrigation performs its proper function.

In the Arkansas Valley in Kansas today, electrically driven pumping plants are being constructed at costs ranging from \$10 to \$15 per acre for the number of acres the plant is capable of serving. To illustrate these costs in another way: The pumping plan for a farm of 40 to 50 acres should have a capacity of 750 to 1000 gallons per minute. It will cost between \$800 and \$1000 to construct it. For larger farms, i. e., 80 to 120 acres, the plant should have a capacity of about 1500 gallons per minute, and should cost about \$1800. If the farm is larger than 120 acres, a supply of not less than 2000 gallons per minute should be developed, and the cost will run in the neighborhood of \$125 to \$150 per gallon per minute of capacity.

The irrigation pumping plant, if properly constructed, can remain unused for long periods of time without falling into such a state of disrepair that it cannot, when needed, be put in service with but little more than an hour's notice. When idle it requires little or no maintenance. The chief item of cost in the operation of the pumping plant is the actual cost of pumping, but this expense is incurred only when the farmer is actually using water.

LANCASTER JAIL CONDITION HIT

Lincoln, Aug. 25.—J. H. Strief, federal inspector of prisons, paused in Lincoln Monday long enough to tell Sheriff Claude Hensel that the Lancaster county jail is none too good. He pointed out the lack of hospital facilities and proper wards for women, children and men, and said also that prisoners have no proper places to receive visitors.

At the same time, County Attorney Max Towle said he had been asked by the commissioners to decide whether it would be legal to spend \$100,000 from the county general fund for a new lockup.

BURNS FATAL TO TOT WHO UPSET GASOLINE

Fremont—James Heller, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heller of Fremont, died Monday, the result of burns suffered Thursday when a can of gasoline which he had upset near a stove exploded. Mrs. Heller, severely burned in trying to rescue her babe, is still in a serious condition.

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Hyde Makes Tour of the Drouth Regions

And Returns Much Encouraged by Rains and Efforts of Farmers; Pastures Green.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Improvement in farm conditions in five states affected by the drought was reported to President Hoover today by Secretary Hyde upon the latter's return from an automobile tour of the regions with experts of the agriculture department.

"I feel much better about the situation," the secretary said on leaving the White house. "While the loss is there, pastures are not permanently injured."

The agriculture secretary, with Dr. Harry N. Vinal, specialist on the southern pastures in the bureau of plant industry, and John B. Shepard, bureau of crop estimates, made a four day trip through Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, southern Indiana and southern Ohio.

"I think probably the worst affected area in the drought stricken sections we visited was the Shenandoah valley in Virginia," Mr. Hyde said, adding: "In a general way the loss of the corn crop is at least as great as estimated, but the hopeful thing is that the rains are bringing back the pastures."

"Even in the areas in Kentucky which we were doubtful about and thought would be ruined are beginning to get green. They are turning cattle on them."

"I think the adaptability of the average American citizen, including the farm, is perfectly amazing. They are adjusting themselves to conditions and are showing a much more hopeful attitude. Our problem is about what the experience of President Hoover indicated it would be—an individual problem."—World-Herald.

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