

INTEREST CENTERS IN MEXICAN CASE

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RAIL BILL IS BEFORE SENATE

Long Fight in Prospect Over Measure's Anti-Strike Provision—Roads Not Likely to Go Back Until New Law is Effective.

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Work Enough Ahead.

Aside from Mexico there is work enough to keep the senate and house busy until the holidays, and little probability that the German peace treaty will be taken up in the senate meanwhile.

Senate leaders still hope to get a vote this week on the Cummins bill, designed to meet conditions with return of the railroads to private operation and control.

Sterling's Sedition Bill.

Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, will attempt to have the house pass this week his sedition bill, penalizing attempts to overthrow the government.

The coal strike and other industrial troubles will be considered at a special meeting of the senate labor committee. Chairman Kenyon hopes that congress in some way may be able to assist in settling the strike.

NORTH DAKOTA MINERS RETURN

Go to Work Under Schedule Calling for 14 Per Cent Advance.

Minot, N. D.—Lignite miners in this state went to work under a wage schedule calling for 14 per cent increase, authorized by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

The agreement granting this advance was signed at Burlington between representatives of North Dakota Coal Operators' association and miners' representatives from the four large mining districts in the state.

The price of lignite at the mines will be increased 25 cents a ton, to \$2.50 at the mines, the maximum fixed by the federal fuel administration.

Cold Wave Sweeping Rock Mountains

Denver, Colo.—A cold wave is sweeping down upon the Rocky mountain region. Heavy snow was predicted for Utah and snow has been falling a greater part of the day in Wyoming and parts of Colorado.

Soldiers Home from Siberia.

San Francisco.—Eleven hundred American soldiers arrived from Siberia recently on the transport Sheridan.

Wets Grab at "Straw."

Washington, D. C.—Mandamus proceedings to compel Secretary Lansing to cancel the state department proclamation announcing ratification of the prohibition amendment to the constitution has been filed in the district supreme court here by Robert A. Widemann of Stony Point, N. Y.

SEES PEACE DELAY AS UNREST CAUSE

President Wilson So Declares in Message Read Before Both Houses of Congress.

BUDGET SYSTEM IS URGED

Necessity of Increased Production to Help Decrease Cost of Living—Imperative Need of Definite Program Concerning Labor.

Washington, Dec. 2.—President Wilson's message, which was read to both houses of congress today, only incidentally mentioned the peace treaty, blaming the delay in ratification as one of the causes of nation-wide unrest.

I hope that congress will bring to a conclusion at this session legislation looking to the establishment of a budget system. That there should be one single authority responsible for the making of all appropriations and that appropriations should be made not independently of each other but with reference to one single comprehensive plan of expenditure properly related to the nation's income there can be no doubt.

The budget so prepared should be submitted to and approved or amended by a single committee of each house of congress, and no single appropriation should be made by the congress, except such as may have been included in the budget prepared by the executive or added by the particular committee of congress charged with the budget legislation.

Another and not less important aspect of the problem is the ascertainment of the economy and efficiency with which the moneys appropriated are expended. Under existing law the only audit is for the purpose of ascertaining whether expenditures have been lawfully made within the appropriations.

Taxation Question Taken Up. I trust that the congress will give its immediate consideration to the problem of future taxation.

It is of the utmost importance that in dealing with this matter the present law should not be disturbed so far as regards taxes for the calendar year 1920, payable in the calendar year 1921.

The message then discussed the favorable balance of trade and the need of adjusting our economic life to the changed conditions and of abandoning the policy of isolation.

Farmers Are Praised.

During the war the farmer performed a vital and willing service to the nation. By materially increasing the production of his land, he supplied America and the allies with the increased amounts of food necessary to keep their immense armies in the field.

The importance of doing everything possible to promote production along economical lines, to improve marketing and to make rural life more attractive and healthful, is obvious.

Blames Government for Unrest. I would call your attention to the widespread condition of political restlessness in our body politic.

HOME OF THE CIRCUS.

A school teacher was reading an exciting story to her group of youngsters about the jungle. In order that each child might understand clearly what the story was about, she said: "Which one of you can tell me what the jungle is?"

from or are connected with the failure on the part of our government to arrive speedily at a just and permanent peace, returning us to normal conditions, from the transference of radical theories from seething European centers pending such delay, from heartless profiteering resulting in the increase of the cost of living, and, lastly, from the maintenance of national and malevolent agitators.

It seems to me that in dealing with this situation congress should not be impatient or drastic, but should seek, rather, to remove the causes. It should endeavor to bring our country back speedily to a peace basis.

Should Extend Food Control. I renew and strongly urge the necessity of the extension of the present food-control act as to the period of time in which it shall remain in operation.

The right of individuals to strike is vindicated and ought not to be interfered with by any process of government, but there is a predominant right and that is the right of the government to protect all of its people and to assert its power and majesty against the challenge of any class.

Hour of Test and Trial.

This is the hour of test and trial for America. By her prowess and strength and the indomitable courage of her soldiers, she demonstrated her power to vindicate and defend her principles.

There are those in this country who threaten direct action to force their will upon a majority. Russia today, with its blood and terror, is a painful object lesson of the power of minority it is.

Labor and Capital Peace Renewed.

No one who has observed the march of events in the last year can fail to note the absolute need of definite program to bring about an improvement in the condition of labor.

Sound thinking and an honest desire to serve the interests of the whole nation, as distinguished from the interests of a class, must be applied to the solution of this great and pressing problem.

Eight-Hour Day Is Big Step.

Congress has already shown its willingness to deal with the industrial wrongs by establishing the eight-hour day as the standard in every field of labor.

Rights of Labor Are Cited.

The great unrest throughout the world, out of which has emerged a demand for an immediate consideration of the difficulties between capital and labor, bids us to recognize the rights of labor.

To analyze the particulars in the demands of labor is to admit the justice of their complaint in many matters that lie at their basis.

Police Dogs Latest Fad.

Belge is the first European-born dog to accompany an American Y. W. C. A. secretary to her home in the United States.

Giant Air Bus Built.

M. Bleriot has completed the building of a giant aeroplane, which recently went through its trials at Buc aerodrome in Paris.

Collective Bargaining Right.

Governments must recognize the right of men collectively to bargain for humane objects that have at their base the mutual protection and welfare of those engaged in all industries.

No less regard ought to be paid to the humane machine, which, after all, propels the machinery of the world and is the great dynamic force that lies back of all industry and progress.

Return to the old standards of wage and industry in employment are unthinkable. The terrible tragedy of war which has just ended and which has brought the world to the verge of chaos and disaster would be in vain if there should ensue a return to the conditions of the past.

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General Pershing as a Grammarian.

General Pershing, according to Everett T. Tomlinson, parsed himself into the United States army, in "The Story of General Pershing" we are told that: "Eighteen applicants took the examination and Pershing won, though by only a single point, and that was given only after he and his competitor, Higginbotham, had broken the tie by each diagramming the following sentence: 'I love to run.'"

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Saturday Half Holiday.

The custom of having Saturday afternoon as a holiday is supposed to have originated in Scotland.

Big Ben's Big Bell.

The bell that strikes the hours for Big Ben in London, largest clock in the world, weighs 14 tons.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

In Pennsylvania every worker loses on an average six days a year due to sickness.

A new coffee strainer can be fastened inside any pot by wires inserted in the spout.

Nets for recovering golf balls that may be driven into water have been invented in England.

For motorists who smoke a new electric torch is equipped with a cigar lighter on one side.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

Public schools at Omaha, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Crete and numerous other places in the state have been closed because of the coal strike.

Hastings is tightly closed by the fuel order. Theaters and the library are shut down. All meetings, lodge gatherings and public entertainments are prohibited.

In a field of eight contestants for the privilege of submitting plans for the new Nebraska \$5,000,000 state capitol, John Latenser & Sons of Omaha, Ellery Davis of Lincoln and John and Allen MacDonald of Omaha, presented plans that were selected by the capitol commission in Lincoln.

A municipal wood yard was started last week by 50 business men at Superior. They contributed \$25 each as a working fund.

In the book of estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, Secretary of the Treasury Glass asks for an appropriation of \$102,500 for the Geneva Indian school, and \$1,000,000 for the North Platte reclamation project in Nebraska.

L. C. Christie, county agent for Dodge county for the last two years has resigned and will go to Seward county to take up similar work.

The republican state central committee will take no part in the contests between individuals in the republican primaries, according to a statement issued by Robert Devoe, chairman of the republican state central committee at Lincoln.

Land values in Saunders county are increasing. Six years ago Eli Keiser bought 40 acres of unimproved land north of Ashland for \$6,000.

Formation of co-operative associations throughout the state soon will be started. Governor McKelvie is having printed some pamphlets containing the laws regarding the forming of associations of this kind which will be distributed to the public.

Two hundred "buck privates," who served under General Pershing overseas, will meet him at the Nebraska state line and escort him to Lincoln when he arrives in December to spend Christmas in the Capital City.

Business men of Beatrice have shortened business hours from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. All display signs and residence street lights have been turned off.

With three of last year's team back in school and some excellent material to choose from, Midland College at Fremont, will have a fast basket ball team to represent it in the conference games this year.

A Marsland colored boy was arrested for robbing the bank at that place and locking the cashier in the vault. The money stolen from the institution was found in the boy's possession.

Governor McKelvie directed Adjutant General Paul to take charge of the enrollment of Nebraska volunteers for work in the coal mines, pursuant to his proclamation for such service.

It is estimated that approximately 6,000 packing house workmen at South Omaha will be benefited by the increased wage scale announced by Judge Alschuler of Chicago.

Timber along Muddy Creek is being used as fuel by the people in Stella and vicinity. The coal supply was exhausted last week.

Actual suffering from lack of fuel was reported to the Nebraska Railway commission in a telegram from Seward, which said the village had been without coal for ten days.

The statement that farm women are driven to hospitals for insane by country life gains no support from facts announced by J. O. Rankin, of the Nebraska College of Agriculture at Lincoln.

Loss of stock, snowbound mails, and suffering among the poor resulted in Arthur county from the blizzard last week.

A handsome Partridge Wyandotte cock, owned by Fred Karre, of Cotese field, was awarded the sweepstake prize at the Omaha Poultry show. The bird is valued at \$3,500.

George E. Johnson, secretary of the Nebraska department of public works, told delegates to the state convention of county clerks, registrars of deeds, commissioners, supervisors and highway commissioners at Omaha that every county in the state will have state aid roads next year.

The suddenness of the blizzard which swept over northwestern Nebraska early last week caught many ranches of Hooker and surrounding counties without sufficient brushwood and cobs to last through the bad weather. One rancher is reported to have torn down a half mile of fence in order to get the posts for fuel.

Bartos Brothers, Wilbur, attorneys, charged with illegal practices in their profession during the war, have filed an answer in the supreme court in Lincoln denying all charges. The complaint was filed by the county attorney of Saline county with the idea of having them debarred.

A Hooker county rancher offered \$20 a ton for coal the other day at Mullen, but was obliged to go home with an empty wagon. Two cattle cars, remains of a wreck, at Mullen, three weeks ago, are bare skeletons, every bit of removable lumber having been torn off.

At a special meeting of the county board in Kearney, Chairman George Conroy was authorized to sign a lease with the Union Pacific railroad for 50 feet of their right-of-way through Buffalo county for use as a federal and state aid highway.

Since farm bureaus of the state have been so successful in combating hog cholera, grasshoppers and other destructive pests, attention is now turned to ridding Nebraska of the gopher pest, which is threatening alfalfa production.

Several deals relating to a tract of land in Platte county, chronicled recently in a Columbus paper, shows that the land was bought thirty-nine years ago for \$3,150, and was sold the other day for the sum of \$180,000.

Gravel is to be used as surfacing on the latest federal and state aid road project designated for Buffalo county. This is the Lincoln Highway, work on which will be started in the spring and completed before fall.

The War department at Washington refused Governor McKelvie's request to cut national guard companies from 100 to 65 men, basing its contention that the latter would be too small for a peace time state military unit.

Nebraska is the largest potash producing state in the union, according to the Omaha Chamber of Commerce. The state produced 28,854 tons of the 64,562 tons of potash in the United States in 1918.

The state department of finance has bought seventy twelve-foot graders for road construction in the department of public works, paying \$48,790 on a contract calling for deliveries by March 1.

Father F. B. Tomanek dedicated the new Sacred Heart hospital at Lynch, which was immediately opened under the supervision of the Sisters of St. Benedict from St. Vincent hospital, Sioux City.

The annual convention of the Nebraska State Laundrymen's association, scheduled to be held in Fremont last week, was indefinitely postponed because of the fuel shortage.

Geo. A. Williams, head of the state bureau of markets, plans to tour the state to encourage formation of co-operative enterprises, as a means of reducing living costs.

That Sarpy county land prices have not yet reached the top was evidenced when the Olderog 160-acre farm near Gretna was sold at referee's sale for \$50,000 cash.

William Krieger Post No. 126, American Legion, has been organized by over 100 ex-service men in Butler county with headquarters at David City.

The will of the late Frederick Krug, pioneer Omaha brewer, filed in county court at Omaha, shows he left an estate valued at \$500,000.

The annual convention of the Nebraska Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union will be held in Omaha January 13 to 15.

Farmers in the vicinity of Imperial and Belfast are reported to be burning ear corn, due to the inability to secure coal or wood.

The Lincoln Commercial club sent a request to the government urging the use of the army and volunteer labor to work coal mines.

Members of the midwest retail implement dealers' association will meet at Omaha January 6 to 8.

The first airplane taxi line in the world is the claim of Lincoln, where the Ensign company, pioneers in taxicab service in that city, have purchased a plane, hired a driver and selected a landing field for the new branch of their business.

Shortage of coal has led to the possibility of the state board of control beginning a wood harvest on some of the trees near the Soldiers' Home at Milford. A natural growth of timber along the Blue river will insure the institution sufficient fuel to keep the veterans warm.

Farmers' unions all over Nebraska and Iowa are preparing to combat the reduction of hog prices, say members of various organizations in this state.

Weather records in a number of Nebraska cities show that the last few days of the past month were the coldest for November in more than ten years.

Lester Kittering, who returned in June from France, was killed at Grand Island by the explosion of a bomb which he picked up on the battlefields of France and brought back with him as a trophy.