FEAR REPUBLIC OF **MEXICO GOING DRY**

WETS SAY THE CAPITAL MAY BE ARID WITHIN A YEAR.

OBREGON SUPPORTS MOVE

Report that President Would Issue a Decree Putting a Ban on the Maguey Plant.

Mexico City.-The wets in Mexico are frankly alarmed. They say there is a real possibility that Mexico city, at least, may go dry before the end of the year, and that if so the next step would be to make the entire republic arid of alcohilic beverages.

President Obregon does not say that he is a prohibitionist, but within the past few months he has given his unqualified support to certain legal measures which aim to cut down drinking and eventually to put intoxicants under the ban.

Saloons, clubs and cantinas have been put under more rigid restrictions and, only a few weeks ago, a presidential decree increased the federal revenue tax on alcoholic drinks 100 per cent. There are many rumors that these taxes will be automatically increased until they become prohibi-

Nationwide protest was heard several days ago when the newspapers said that President Obregon contemplated issuing a decree forbidding the planting and cultivation of the maguey plant, which is the basic ingredient of the most popular native drinks.

The maguey, which is a species of cactus, must be replanted every seven years and a decree prohibiting its cultivation would mean its extermination, and with it the elimination of tequila, mescal and pulque, drinks of undisputed potency.

Planters of maguey rushed numerous petitions to President Obregon. pointing out that the plant is a part of the agricultural wealth of the nation in that it produces a valuable fiber. sugar, a base for paper and a medicine that is said to be a specific for kidney disease. It was also said that its spines, treated by an expensive process, make cheap and excellent phonograph needles.

President Obregon has not yet is sued the decree, but the planters are still worried, and se are certain other persons.

The wets have held numerous meetngs within the past few weeks t ganize their campaign against prohi-

Secretary of Interior Calles is coming in for a large share of the criticism for the dry wave, as he was a staunch "bone dry" advocate long before be left the state of Sonora to take a cabinet position. Secretary of the Treasury de la Huerta is also a prohibitionist.

Marketing Bill to President. Washington, D. C .- By a vote of 276 to 8 the house accepted senate amendments to the farmers' co-operative marketing bill and sent it to the president for his approval. The measure. long before congress in one form or another, would permit organization

Father of 17 at 70.

farmers for co-operative dealing.

of marketing associations among

Star City, W. V .- John W. Dysenberry, of Star City, aged 70 years, is celebrating the birth of his 17th child. At the age of three score years and ten he is in excellent physicial condition and works eight hours each day as a carpenter. The 17th child was born to his second wife, who is aged 50 years.

Millions of Dope in Sewer.

New York - Narcotics confiscated by the police department during the last 18 months were dumped into a sewer. The value of the drugs destroyed was conservatively estimated at \$3,500,000. This included large quantities of opium, morphine, heroin and cocaine.

Hotel Fire Toll Increased. Richmond, Va.-Four more bodies were found in the ruins of the Lexington hotel, destroyed by fire last week, increasing the known death list to 12. Three of the hotel's guests still are missing.

These Women Not Dry.

New York.-Only one woman out of more than 30 stood up at a meeting of the woman's democratic club when the chairman called for a rising vote of those in favor of prohibition.

Ban Mabel and Mary's Pictures. Saratoga, N. Y .- Films in which Mary Miles Minter and Mabel Normand appear will not be shown in the future at the Palace theater here on account of the connection of those actresses with the scandal resulting from the murder of William Desmond Taylor, moving picture director, at Los Angeles, the theater management announced. A picture featuring Miss Minter was to have been accounted at the Palace this week, but its showing has been cancelled and a substitute film billed.

Puzzled



SOLDIERS' COMPENSATION TO

Officers of the Army, Navy and Mar

ine Corps Submit Their Figures

to Committee.

Washington, D. C.-The soldier's

Washington, D. C .- The problem of

the cost of a soldiers' bonus measure

ment that they should confer jointly

ing that when a decision was reached

it should be submitted to the presi-

dent with a view to his concurrence.

Attacks Legion; "Goes Under."

made up of "bums and tramps," the

paper only. Failure of the newspaper

reasons for the company's failure.

per cent average of convictions.

hogs has been difficult to fill.

To Slash Passenger Rates.

mately 20 per cent in the passenger

Burlington and Quincy, the Great

railroads for the summer months

Movie Director Dies.

New York.-William Bela Flower,

elevator accident at his studio at

Glendale, N. Y. He was 35 years old.

Fabbri Pneumonia Victim.

New York.-Allesandro Fabbri, pio-

neer in the use of motion pictures in

scientific research, died from pneu-

Millions Motor Stock Worthless.

worth of Lincoln Motor stock certifi

was sold within 90 minutes at \$50 per

Detroit, Mich. - Over \$800,000,000

the 1920 increase.

was 45 years old.

Chicago .- A reduction of approxi-

Hogs Reach \$10 in Chicago.

Liquor Deaths Cause Change.

New York.-Poison liquor deaths

have caused a change in the attitude

the hands of a receiver.

Chicago.-Less than three months

It was believed that the inter-com-

and marine corps.

TAX ON CHECKS CUT OUT OF VETS' COMPENSATION PLAN

Program Drafted Also Boosts the Rate of 10 Per Cent on Admissions to 20 Per Cent.

Washington, D. C .- A tax of 21/2 per bonus revenue program was agreed the basis of estimates prepared for committee.

A slight increase in parcel post rates to yield a total of \$20,000 a year also was understood to have been agreed upon.

Washington, D. C .- Reaching a final rested in the hands of the majority agreement on the soldiers bonus, ac members of the house ways and cording to program, the house ways means committee and the senate fiand means subcommittee decided nance committee. Informing the maagainst a tax on bank checks.

but it was stated authoritatively that that whatever bonus bill was enacted as that given out previously.

This program included: One cent a gallon on gasoline, es-

timated to yield \$70,000,000. Twenty-five cents per horsepower on automobiles, \$50,000,000.

Five dollars per \$1,000 on real estate transfers, \$20,000,000.

with the rate on the transfer of stocks sion of the bonus hearings before the of officers, the watchman and eight and bonds at one-tenth of 1 per cent, house committee.

Double the present 10 per cent tax on admissions where the charge exceeds 25 cents, \$70,000,000.

An increase of 50 cents per 1,000 ticle declaring the American legion is provinces. on cigarets, \$25,000,000. An increase of 2 cents on chewing Illinois Staats Zeitung passed into

and smoking tobacco, \$5,000,000. to say what tax, if any, had been subagainst any increase in either the first given by Frederick W. Beech, formeror second class postage rates.

French Plan Turned Down. London.-Great Bricain will agree to no postponement of the Genoa economic conference unless the request for such postponment emanates from of federal juries toward rum violators, Rome, it was authoritatively stated said Col. Wm. Hayward, United States here. The French ambassador, it is district attorney. Before the first of understood was so informed by Lord the year only 1 in 10 liquor defend-Curzon, the foreign secretary, during ants was found guilty, but since Janconference.

Ship Crippled in Storm.

San Francisco.—The steamship Bessie Dollar, 790 miles from Cape Flattery, Washington, is badly damaged in ket here \$10 a hundred-weight for a storm, her bridge is gone, the stew hogs. This is \$2.10 gain since last ard killed and the captain injured, ac cording to a radio message received pork products have recently been here by the marine department of the much depleted, and with the approach chamber of commerce. The steamers M. S. Dollar and the Bearport were packing operations the demand for reported standing by.

Joke Results Fatally.

Omaha, Neb .- When Edward Sureck, 19, Omaha, handed a gun to William Staskiwicz, so the latter rates from Chicago to the Pacific could "scare" his brother and a companion, the weapon was discharged. according to the story told by Sureck Northern and the Northern Pacific and Carl Jensen. Staskiweiz died later from the wounds.

Ford Orders Full Speed.

Detroit, Mich.-Henry Ford has ordered full speed in all departments of his huge Dearborn plant, declaring that he intends to make and sell 1. 000,000 tractors a year when his farm injuries received five days ago in an power production goal is reached.

Pacts Presented by President. Washington, D. C .- The treaties ne gotiated during the Washington conference were laid before the senate by President Harding with a request that they be ratified as guarantees of monia here after a brief illness. He

Fall Not to Resign. Washington, D. C.-Secretary of the Interior Fall took notice of widespread rumors that he was planning to re- cates are worthless. This amount sign from the cabinet and made the following statement: "Although I share when offered to the public. have received telegrams from news. These certificates have no relationpapers in my own state and else- ship to the property now owned by where inquiring as to these rumors. Henry Ford. The Lincoln Motor com-I am at a loss to account for them. I pany still exists, but it does not own am not resigning; I have not the mat the Lincoln plant. The Lincoln Motter in contemplation, and my official or company will have \$8,000,000 cash relationships so far as I know are en- with which to meet debts amounting tirely satisfactory. Nor have I re-ceived any offers from oil companies." the stock is worthless.

A Monster Throng Gathers in Front of St. Peter's to Receive the News.

RATTI ELECTED HEAD

OF CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rome.-Pope Pius' first benediction after his election was bestowed from the outside balcony of St. Peter's upon all nations and all people, with the intention that it should bring to the whole world the wish and announcement for the universal pacification we all so ardently desire." Rome. - Cardinal Achille Ratti,

archbishop of Milan, was proclaimed elected pope in succession to the late Benedict XV. He has taken the name of Pius XI.

The thousands waiting in front of St. Peter's for the wisp of smoke which would tell of the election of a new pope or the failure of the sacred college to reach a decision, gave a mighty shout when a thin wisp of smoke came from the chimney leading from the Sistine chapel. It was COST TWO AND HALF BILLION then known that the Catholic church had once more a duly elected pontiff.

As soon as the two-thirds vote for Cardinal Ratti had been verified, Cardinal Vannutelli, as dean of the sacred college, arose and proceeded to the throne of the chosen one, accompanied on either side by Cardinal Logue cent on the undivided profits of cor- bonus would cost the bederal govern- and Bisleti, respectively, deans of the porations as a part of the soldiers' ment approximately \$2,500,000,000 on cardinals, priests and the cardinal deacons. He was asked in Latin by upon by a house ways and means sub- the house ways and means committee | Cardinal Vannutelli, in accordance by fiscal officers of the army, navy with custom, if he accepted the election to be supreme pontiff, and the new pope answered with the formal: "Since it is the will of God, I must

selecting revenue sources to defray obey." The purple canopies over the thrones of the cardinals were let down, one by one, until only that over the new pontiff remained. This was done to show that the whole sacred jority members of the two commit-college rendered obeisance to the new The program was not made public, tees at the White House conference head of the church. Dean Vannutelli thereupon asked the new incumbent with the exception of the bank checks should carry a revenue provision, what name he chose to take during tax, it was "substantially the same," President Harding joined in an agree- his pontificate, and upon his reply "Pius XI," Mgr. Sincero, secretary of on the question of how the revenue the conclave, verified his election to should be raised, with the understand- the papal chair.

Policemen Slain in India. London.-A mob of 2,000 Indian nationalist volunteers and villagers atmittee conference would begin a day tacked the police offices at Chauri on Increased documentary stamps, or two after the approaching conclu- February 4 and killed the entire staff armed police, who were sent as reinforcements, says a telegram received by the Indian office here from the British commissioner at Gorakpur, in after its editors had published an ar- the northeast section of the united

Seek Solution Irish Problem.

Members of the committee declined tinue publication as a Sunday news- situation arising from the boundaries question and other points in the Angstituted for the check levy, but it was owners to discharge Arthur Lorenz, lo-Irish treaty were resumed at Prestated that the committee had decided author of the offending editorial, was mier Lloyd George's official residence. Arthur Griffith, president of the Dail ly advertising manager, as one of the Eirrean; Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, and other Irish leaders met Mr. Lloyd George and other British representatives.

Tariff Rates on Farm Products.

Washington, D. C.-Majority members of the senate finance committee in framing tariff rates on farm products are understood to have approved the recommendations of the senate their discussion of the French memo uary 1, with its wake of wood alcohol republican agricultural bloc in the randum urging postponement of the victims, juries have maintained a 73 case of approximately two-thirds of the items thus far considered. These rates are generally slightly higher than those in the Fordney bill. Chicago.-Advancing prices reached

U. S. Attorney Under Fire.

new milestone in the livestock mar-Washington, D. C.-Federal Judge Evans A. Evans ordered Charles Clyne, United States district attorney, November. Packing house stocks of and two assistant district attorneys, to appear before him to answer charges that there had been corrupof the end of the winter season for tion in Mr. Clyne's office in connection with the recent bankruptcy proceedings against the Co-Operative Society of America.

Arbuckle Trial March 13.

San Francisco.-The court has set March 13 as the date for starting the coast was announced by the Chicago, third trial of Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle, motion picture star, on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, The reduction was said to place the motion picture actress. Both previrates on the same level as prior to ous trials ended in disagreements.

Panic in New York Movie.

New York, N. Y .- An explosion, followed by fire, spread panic among motion picture director, is dead from 500 patrons of the Lyric motion picture theatre here, but all reached the street. The blaze was put out by firemen after it had destroyed several thousand feet of films and dam aged the operating room.

> The giving of the left hand in greeting is a compliment in France, and is reserved for relatives, or those held in high esteem by the giver.

> Taylor's Murder Still a Mystery. Los Angeles.-The little green eyed monster, jealousy, police and private detectives say, has directed search for a prominent New York man, formerly engaged to one of the beautiful stars of filmdom, in connection with the mysterious murder of William Desigond Taylor, noted motion picture director here, known in New York prior to 1908 as William Cunningham Deane-Tanner, art connoisseur. This mystery suspect was reported to have checked out of a hotel here on the

day the murder was committed.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

Pawnee City made physical examiboy was found to be totally blind in teens, neither his parents nor the teacher had found this out before. Another boy had inverted eyesight. Everything was viewed upside down. He held his books upside down to read, and people on the street seemed to him to be literally standing on their heads. The boy and his parents were both un. conscious of the defect.

fields to either Omaha or Sloux City into a bed of hot ashes, burning its on the Missouri river is a possibility of right foot so badly that three of the the near future, with construction to smaller toes were sloughed off, disbegin this summer. The Mid-West Co., figuring the little fellow for life. The one of the largest operators in Wyoming, is the concern behind the move- Planing mill. ment for construction of the line, which if built will follow the route of the Northwestern from Casper through O'Neill to enable it to tap the Big bank of that place. The company Chief fields north of Rushville, which the Mid-West now is developing.

The fame of Valley county as the popcorn center of the world is evi-Brown of Brigalow, Queensland, Aus- stockmen and will deal directly with trailia, wrote a letter to County Agent | the war finance corporation, C. C. Dale desiring a supply of the pressed her wants to the Valley counas 9,000 acres at times.

state banking board the Exchange will sign up for re-connection. Bank of Ogallala which was closed last week has been laboring under Breede, publisher of the Hastings Tribfinancial difficulties for six months, due une, a delegate to present Nebraska at to the fact that it could not realize cash the Contennial exposition in Brazil on its securities. The bank was founded nearly a quarter of a century ago will pay his own expenses, he will and was considered one of the most become a member of a party that will profitable and enterprising banks in tour the Brazilian states as guests of western Nebraska.

M. C. Shurtieff, Lincoln real estate man and stock promotorer, and Perry Anthony, stock salesman, were arrested on three joint indictments of the grand jury in session at Lincoln charging them with conspiracy and obtaining money of inquiry into highway construction in under false pretenses, in connection with the sale of stock in the Lincoln 21, 1922. Hearings will be held at automobile and tractor school in 1919 Lincoln and will be public.

Owing to numerous cases of scarlet fever in the country around Diller, the authorities are taking every precaution to prevent its appearance in the town. Schools and churches are still runningas usual, but all other public gatherings have been postponed indefinitely.

The Nebraska Gas and Electric Co. has enjoined the city officials of Fullerton from reducing the rates for electric current. The city has employed an engineer and will build a municipal plant if rates cannot satisfactorily be arranged.

The Louisville bridge across the Platte river is closed for repairs, such as new piling, floor and railing. This will throw all travel to Lincoln from Omaha to the Ashland bridge until the repairs have been made, unless crossing is had at Plattsmouth.

Three coyotes and many rabbits were killed at a hunt near Dannebrog. After the roundup the animals were sold at auction. The next drive will be held February 12. More than 400 persons have been taking part in this sport.

Omaha Jewish people have entered upon a campaign to raise \$75,000 to be used in relieving the suffering Jews covered by insurance. of Europe. The Nebraska quota is

About \$75,000 damage was done by fire to the stock and b g of the Witt and Broberg st ewman Grove. The fire wa overheated stove.

Merchants Spring Main crieWeek is scheduled for Omaha, OZEN &11, W. quarters A. Ellis is secretary. will be at the Omal \$ \$10 Commerce.

Actual construction of Kearney's new \$100,000 municipal auditorium is expected to start in a few weeks.

The estate of the late Charles W. Sanford of Lincoln was valued at \$1.-500,000 in a will just filed.

A pimple which developed on his face after shaving a short time ago, inent bus ness man of Randolf. The pimple became infected when Buol

Fearing that he would become a burden upon his family, J. L. Williams, merchant of Arapahoe, fatally shot

Shipments of hay out of Nebraska showed a slight increase, about one- of a new \$100,000 club house. third of the receipts of prairie hay at cording to the state bureau of mar- building.

C. D. St. John, miller, of Plattsextinguished.

William Jennings Bryan's splendid home southeast of Lincoln has been offered to the Presbyterian church for use as a hospital and it is expected that the gfft will be accepted. Two mem-News of All Kinds Gathered From bers of the board of relief of the church have been in Lincoln from Philadelphia and were well pleased with the property. Missionaries and teachers and members of their families who A short time ago, the doctors of have been incapacitiated in service in China and Japan are the ones intended nations of every pupil in the public to be brought to Lincoln. These at schools. Among the defectives found present go to hospitals further east, were very extraordinary cases. One and it is said that additional facilities are badly needed. Mr. Bryan one eye, and altho he is nearing his made his offer when he learned of this fact.

The \$10,000 damage action of Leslie Hawkins, an infant, by Pearl Hawkins, his mother, against Frank Robertson, is on trial before a jury in district court at Beatrice. The plaintiff alleges that as a result of the careless burning of shavings and other rubbish on a patch back of a home where Mrs. A pipe line from the Wyoming oil Hawkins was visiting, the child ran defendants are owners of the Beatrice

A new cattle loan company has recently been incorporated at Alliance by those connected with the First State will be known as the Northwestern Cattle Loan and Investment company and is capitalized at \$50,000. The company will take advantage of the denced by the fact that Miss Jennie federal fund now available to the

Bloomfield citizens are to have telebest popcorn available and has so ex- phone service again soon, two local men having closed a deal to take over ty agent. Valley county has around the exchange from the Union Tele-4,500 acres of this valuable crop to her phone Co. It is reported that over 500 credit this year and has had as much patrons have signed up to resume service and it confidently expected that According to secretary Hart of the nearly 650 of the 700 striking patrons

Governor McKelvie appointed Adam next September, While Mr. Breede that government.

Questionaires to all county clerks in Nebraska, calling for detailed costs of read building and maintenance have been sent from Lincoln to provide data on which Governor McKelvie's board Nebraska will start to work February

C. Lawrence Stull, owner of 1,000 acres in Cass county and reputed to be worth between \$300,000 and \$400,000, was sentenced by Federal Judge Munger of Lincoln to thirty days in the county jall and fined \$200 on a charge of illegal possession and manufacture of liquor. Stull pleaded guilty to the

The St. Andrews' Episcopal church of Scouttsbluff has installed a radiophone that will supply to the congregation, at various times, music from all over the world, news of the day, lectures and other things of Interest.

A petition signed by more than a thousand farmers has been filed with the board of supervisors of Platte county asking that no appropriation bemade for the county agent and farm bureau.

George A. Taylor, a prominent resident of Friend, a veteran of the civil war and commander of William T. Sherman post, G. A. R., died at his home here after a long illness.

The farm house of S. R. Ayers, located east of Blue Springs, was destroyed by fire, with most of its contents. The loss of \$4,000 was partially

Voters of Pierce approved a bond issue of \$135,000 to finance the erection of a school house. Plans have been drawn and construction will start Immediately.

Grant and Crook posts, G. A. R., Omaha, have voted to consolidate. The ranks have been so depleted by death that this action was thought advisable. About sixty pure bred hogs sold at Stanton, by Ed Kern averaged \$300. No animal sold under \$200.

But one case of small pox is reported in Omaha, whereas, on this date last year there were eight cases.

The attendance at the North Platte night school at the close of the third week was 1.374.

Stamped by the Sargent postmaster, after having been addressed, the small caused the death of F. M. Buol, prom- son of Harold Perrin was sent by parcel near Callaway. Three woives and many jackrabbits,

opened t and he was ill only a few killed in a wolf hunt, in which 250 persons participated, were sold and the proceeds will be given to the needy at Auburn. Auburn enthusiasts to the number

himself thru the heart in an alley near of more than 100 have organized a the Ford hospital in Omaha. The dead country club and leased 80 acres of man had been a patient at the hospital, suitable land near town. An attracwhere he was undergoing nerve treat- tive club house, golf links, tennis courts and swimming pool will be provided.

Plans are being perfected by the during the latter part of January Lincoln Woman's Club for the erection Work will be started in the spring

Chicago coming from Nebraska, ac. on Fremont's new junior high school

M. M. Foley, residing northeast of Anselmo, met with a serious accident mouth, employed by the Nehawka roll- while trying to hitch a fractious team ers mills, was warming the office with to a wagon loaded with corn. During an oil stove when it exploded. He the process Foley slipped and fell and dragged it from the building, but his the wagon, which was on a slight inface, head, arm, shoulder and hands cline, passed over his body breaking were badly burned. The tire was several ribs on the right side, one of them penetrating the right lung.