

# MEXICO SAYS NO TO U.S. DEMANDS

Refuses to Free Consul William O. Jenkins, Says Press Dispatch.

## NO OFFICIAL ANSWER YET

Undersecretary of Foreign Relations Declares There is "No Legal Foundation Nor Principle of International Law" for Such Action.

Mexico City, Nov. 28.—Declaring there is "no legal foundation nor principle of international law" upon which the United States bases its demand for the immediate release of William O. Jenkins, United States consular agent at Puebla, the Mexican government, through Hillario Medina, undersecretary of foreign relations, stated it was impossible to accede to the request of the American state department.

It is asserted that the executive department cannot under Mexican law intervene at this moment in an affair which is strictly in the hands of state courts.

It is declared the imprisonment of Mr. Jenkins was neither unjustified nor arbitrary and that Mr. Jenkins is preventing his own freedom by refusing to give bail, for which reason, it is said, "he cannot be considered a victim of molestation."

Washington, Nov. 27.—The state department's demand upon the Mexican government was for the "immediate release" of Consul Agent Jenkins, who is still held in the penitentiary, charged with complicity in his own kidnapping.

The American demand, though calling for Jenkins' release "immediately," had not brought a reply to Washington, though sent to Mexico City over a week ago.

Some officials expressed belief that the Mexican government's delay in replying to the American note was part of a deliberate plan to still further antagonize the United States.

Secretary Lansing issued this statement:

"The state department has not received the answer of the Mexican government. A dispatch from Mexico City says the press there announces that the Mexican senate at an executive session November 24 decided to ask President Carranza for full information on the Jenkins case. The Mexico City press quotes the secretary of foreign affairs as saying that the reply to the American note was expected to be handed to the American embassy of Mexico City November 25."

Reports are being received daily through official channels regarding efforts to discredit Jenkins. Today's advice tell of the refusal of the court at Puebla to hear witnesses who volunteered appearance to refute the report that Jenkins had been seen conferring with members of the rebel bands, on which, it is said, was based the charge that he was in collusion with them.

Additional information regarding the pressure brought to bear on peons to secure testimony against Jenkins is contained in an article in El Universal, a Mexico City newspaper, a copy of which has just reached the state department.

The paper tells of the arrest by the secret police of Jose de Jesus Largo, Florentino Anayan, and Julio Gomez, peons on Jenkins' hacienda, when they appeared for their pay checks, and of the "capture" on the following day of five more peons, all of whom were lodged in jail until they gave their testimony.

The correspondent of El Universal reports that he interviewed every one of these peons, and that all of them except Anayan were later freed. They all stated, according to the correspondent, that the judge, as well as the police inspector at Puebla, exercised pressure on Ignacio Justo, Juan Salazar and Rosenda Evangelista to make statements against Jenkins.

## NINE HURT IN \$1,000,000 FIRE

Old Johns Hopkins University Buildings Destroyed—Firemen Are Injured.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 29.—The group of buildings formerly occupied by Johns Hopkins university and about a score of other structures in the square bounded by Howard, Ross, Monument and Eutaw streets were either destroyed or wrecked by fire. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Heavy explosions occurred in McCoy hall, one of the university buildings. Nine firemen were injured. McCoy hall had been used recently as a welfare building and previously as the headquarters of the chemical warfare service of the army.

## Lake Ship Is a Total Loss

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 1.—The steamer Tioga, which went aground on Eagle River reef, was abandoned to the marine underwriters. The vessel is full of water. The steamer is valued at \$175,000 and its cargo at \$250,000.

## French Troops in Marsh

Constantinople, Dec. 1.—French occupational troops have entered Marsh, Alutab and Ourfa, the principle centers of the Aleppo district. It is reported that there had been a clash between French soldiers and villagers.

## MIJURO SHIDEHARA



A new portrait of Mijuro Shidehara, ambassador from Japan to the United States, who has recently presented his credentials in Washington. Shidehara is one of the youngest men to have so important a post, being only forty-seven years old. He has served his government, however, ever since he was graduated from college. He was formerly counselor of the embassy in Washington.

## HOLDS DRY ACT VOID

COURT DECISION OPENS SALOONS IN NEW ORLEANS.

U. S. Judge Issues Injunction Forbidding Interference With Sale of Bonded Liquor.

New Orleans, Nov. 27.—Holding the war-time prohibition act unconstitutional, Federal District Judge Foster granted an injunction restraining government officials from interfering with the sale by the Henry Leise Liquor company of bonded liquor held in warehouses here.

An hour after the injunction was granted, many saloons in New Orleans resumed the sale of liquor and did a land-office business. The federal district attorney announced that, if the United States Supreme court held the war-time law valid, those now selling liquor would be prosecuted.

Judge Foster, in granting the injunction, said:

"The act of November 21, known as the war-time prohibition act, is certainly without effect now, as the provisions it required have been fulfilled. The emergency which it provided for has ceased to exist, and the president declared the army and navy demobilized in his veto of the Volstead war-time enforcement bill, which he sent to the house of representatives October 28, 1919. The war was formally at an end when congress adjourned without rejecting the peace treaty."

## REDS WIPE OUT 3 REGIMENTS

Bolshevik Forces Forge Ahead on Volga Line and in Omsk Region.

London, Nov. 29.—An official statement from the soviet government at Moscow indicates that most severe fighting is in progress on the Volga front, where the bolsheviks have captured Dubovka, 180 miles south-southwest of Saratov, with 800 prisoners.

The statement claims the bolsheviks have annihilated three regiments of the forces of General Denikin, leader of the antibolshevik armies in southwest Russia. The advance of the bolsheviks continues rapidly in the Omsk region.

## JAMES LARKIN IS INDICTED

Irish Labor Agitator and Former Assemblyman Face Charge of Criminal Anarchy in New York.

New York, Nov. 27.—James Larkin, Irish labor agitator, and former Assemblyman Benjamin Gitlow, arrested in a recent raid on communist headquarters, were indicted on charge of criminal anarchy by an extraordinary grand jury. They were accused of advocating the overthrow of the government by force in the radical newspaper Revolutionary Age.

## Pillage U. S. Army Supplies

Bordeaux, Nov. 25.—The police have arrested a gang of 29 men who have been pillaging American stocks at Saint Sulpice, among them five French soldiers. They will be court-martialed. Goods to the amount of several thousand francs have been recovered.

## Will Let the Reds Starve

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 1.—The city council agreed to let the 22 alleged I. W. W., who are on hunger strike in the city jail, starve if they want to, following a decision that the city cannot be held responsible.

## Ask Suppression of D'Annunzio

Milan, Italy, Dec. 1.—At a meeting in which all the socialist deputies of Italy participated here resolutions were passed asking the government to energetically suppress Lieut. Col. D'Annunzio's enterprises.

# U. S. TO FORCE MINE OPERATION

Troops Will Protect Workers if Needed, Is the Official Edict.

## BAKER TO FURNISH SOLDIERS

Department Commanders to Use Regulars to Preserve Order and Provide Protection for Those Desiring to Work.

Washington, Dec. 1.—The government served blunt notice on soft coal miners and operators that interference with coal production would not be tolerated.

Warning that legal prosecution would be employed to thwart conspiracies by either side and troops sent wherever necessary to protect miners willing to work came from the department of justice after members of the cabinet had considered every phase of the fuel situation, admittedly critical. In view of the abrupt breaking off of negotiations.

It is not the intention of the government to let the mines remain idle with half of the country in the grip of cold weather and the coal supplies rapidly diminishing.

Seizure of mines where the owners do not show a disposition to cooperate in increasing production has been decided upon, it was stated officially.

The administration, it was thought, had fully expected the miners to reject the 14 per cent wage increase offered by Fuel Administrator Garfield. Anticipating this, plans had been considered for augmenting the present output of bituminous mines, officially figured at better than 40 per cent of normal.

A statement by Assistant Attorney General Ames gave assurance to all miners that they would be afforded ample protection if they returned to work, even if troops had to be called out. This was the only definite statement of policy from the government. In official circles it was said that the federal authorities were determined to force resumption of operations on the terms laid down by the fuel administrator.

Secretary Baker, Mr. Ames said, already has authorized department commanders when requested by state authorities to use troops to preserve order. That policy provides protection for those desiring to work, he said.

Discussing department of justice plans, Mr. Ames said:

"All United States attorneys in the bituminous fields have been officially advised of the result of the negotiations at Washington and have been given instructions relative to the situation.

"It is, of course, obvious that the time has come when ample protection will be furnished all persons desiring to work in mines. All persons, whether miners or operators, making an agreement or arrangement with each other to restrict the supply of coal will be proceeded against as the law provides, and it should be understood that any person who aids or abets in restricting the supply of coal is likewise guilty by the terms of the Lever act.

"Instructions heretofore issued by the war department are still in force and, under these instructions, department commanders will act in proper cases when requested to do so by the state authorities."

Operators set out to resume production, as far as possible under the muddled conditions, by telegraphing notice for posting at mines everywhere offering an increase of 14 per cent for all men willing to work.

There were few expressions as to how this information might be received, but representatives of the miners still here said it would be no incentive and that it would be ignored, especially in the central competitive fields, embracing Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and western Pennsylvania.

## TAX EVADERS FACE PENALTY

Warning Given by Commissioner Roper to Those Who Have Falsified Returns.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Warning was given tax evaders by Revenue Commissioner Roper that those who have falsified or made incorrect returns may expect "to be called upon any day for an accounting." No leniency will be shown corporations or individuals who have attempted to defraud the government, the commissioner said.

The government's drive on tax evaders thus far has netted approximately \$200,000,000 more than the amount called for by the returns filed early in the year.

## Find Wreck Victim's Body

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 1.—The body of a sailor believed to be one of the crew of the steamer Myron, which was lost last week in Lake Superior, was picked up six miles south of Iroquois point.

## 1,300 Strikers Return

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 1.—The 1,300 miners who struck at three collieries of the G. B. Markle company because William Parkinson, a coal inspector, declined to join the union, returned to work.

## BISHOP W. H. NOLENS



Bishop W. H. Nolens of Belgium, as well known as a banker as he is in the pulpit, is one of the picturesque delegates to the international labor conference. He is one of the leaders of Belgium's delegation, recognized as one of the most able groups at the conference.

## YANKEE WOMAN WINS

LADY ASTOR ELECTED TO COMMONS IN ENGLAND.

Has Clear Majority Over Her Opponents—Formerly Was Miss Nannie Langhorne.

Plymouth, Nov. 29.—Lady Astor, American-born wife of Viscount Astor, was elected to parliament from the Sutton division of Plymouth in the balloting of November 15.

The result was announced after a count of the ballots here this afternoon.

The vote stood: Lady Astor, unionist, 14,494. W. T. Gay, labor, 9,292. Isaac Foot, liberal, 4,139.

The ceremony attending the counting of the ballots began in the historic Plymouth guildhall at 9:30 o'clock.

Lady Astor's philanthropic endeavors here during the last ten years brought her considerable support, as well as her espousal of anti-liquor legislation, which won her a large vote among the women. She drove about the constituency on a speaking tour every afternoon and evening.

The campaign attracted wide attention, due in large measure to Lady Astor's American activity, her unconventional electioneering methods and her barbed and witty replies to questioners. Mrs. Lloyd George and other prominent political personages spoke in her behalf.

Lady Astor became a candidate after the death of Viscount Astor of Hever hall had left her husband heir to the title and necessitated his retirement from the lower house of parliament.

Lady Astor, who was formerly Miss Nannie Langhorne of Virginia, is the mother of six children, a fact of which she boasted on one occasion during her canvass.

## \$4,000,000 FOR VANDERBILT

University at Nashville, Tenn., Receives Gift From the General Education Board.

New York, Nov. 29.—Vanderbilt university at Nashville, Tenn., has been given \$4,000,000 by the general education board to effect an entire reorganization of its medical school. It was announced here.

The gift, the largest yet made by the board, comes from its general funds, the announcement says, and not out of John D. Rockefeller's recent donation of \$20,000,000.

Detailed plans have not yet been developed, but they will involve completion of the present Galloway Memorial hospital, with enlarged facilities for public patients, creation of an additional hospital unit, organization of a modern laboratory building and the appointment of an increased number of professors.

## FEAR END OF WORLD, DIE

Several Persons in Mexico City Act as Result of Prediction of Astronomer.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 29.—Believing that the world will end between December 17 and 20, in accordance with the prediction of the astronomer Porta of serious planetary disturbances at that time, several persons have committed suicide in Mexico City, according to a dispatch to a newspaper at Chihuahua City.

## "You're Dead," Says U. S.

Stockton, Cal., Nov. 29.—The family of James Tulan again has been notified by the war department that he died in France. For the third time Tulan has written the department that there is no truth in the report.

## Italy Retires Officers

Rome, Nov. 29.—An official decree issued here puts on the retired list 200 generals, 1,000 superior officers, ranging from colonels to majors, and about 20,000 subaltern officers. This is the first step in reduction.

# NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

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

## SCORES OF EVENTS COVERED

The assembling of the constitutional convention at Lincoln Tuesday has brought forth some speculation as to how long a time it will take to draw up a new constitution for Nebraska. Based on past conventions of like nature the work should be finished in from thirty to sixty days. The convention which drew up the present constitution was held in 1875 and lasted thirty days.

Governor McKelvie may yet issue a stay of execution for Grammer and Cole, the two men sentenced to electrocution at the penitentiary at Lincoln, on January 9, because John Hulbert of New York penitentiary has notified Warden Fenton that he may be delayed in getting to Lincoln because of five electrocutions he must perform in New York beginning January 5.

E. C. McDermott, D. P. Ward, R. M. Kidd and N. W. Ware of Omaha, and John A. Hanna, Auburn; C. B. Scott, Rushville; R. C. Brower, Fullerton; D. D. Mapes, Norfolk; Frank M. Colfax, McCook; and J. M. Turbyfill, Hastings, have been granted certificates to practice law in Nebraska by the state bar association.

Mrs. George Walton, wife of George Walton, Northwest brakeman, who had his leg taken off when he fell between two cars at Pilger, permitted the transfusion of two quarts of her blood into the body of her husband in an effort to save his life. Doctors say Walton will recover.

The Ashland high school building, a brick affair, constructed in 1871, and one of the landmarks of the town, was completely destroyed by fire the other day. The loss is placed at about \$80,000, with \$18,000 insurance. Most of the books, desks and other equipment were saved.

The Safety Auto Mud Lug company, a new Deshler concern with a capital of \$15,000, expect to begin operations about the first of the year. It will manufacture lugs for automobile wheels and other articles patented under their control.

Nebraska university football team won the greatest victory in the annals of the athletic records of the State college, when the squad defeated the Syracuse, N. Y., eleven at Lincoln Thanksgiving Day by a score of 3 to 0.

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.

Nebraska women may vote for president and vice president of the United States at the next election, but not for any officer named in the state constitution, according to an opinion of Attorney General Davis.

Citing thirty-eight alleged errors in the trial court, wherein The Omaha Bee and Victor Rosewater were fined \$1,000 each for contempt, the defendants appealed to the Nebraska supreme court.

The United Brethren church in Crab Orchard, which has been trying to maintain itself as a station the last two years, has given up the struggle and the pastor, J. M. Eads, has returned to Omaha.

Silks and furs to the value of \$1,500 were stolen from the L. Killian and Co. department store at Cedar Bluffs, when burglars entered the establishment the other night.

H. Christensen, state employee of the good roads department, was killed when an army truck which he was driving was struck by a U. P. train at Wood River.

The first wedding in the big new Lutheran church at Gothenburg took place Thanksgiving Day when Miss Emma Huffman and Arthur May were married.

Pawnee county war veterans have applied to the state headquarters of the American Legion for a charter for "Thomas Little" post.

Petitions signed for two additional paving districts at Geneva will give the city five and a half miles of paved streets.

A Fremont firm plans to construct ten new cottages at once in an effort to relieve the house shortage in the city.

The Douglas county post of the American Legion has over 4,000 members, and more are being added daily.

People of Douglas and Washington counties were shocked over the discovery of the body of a beautiful woman in a ravine near Fort Calhoun. A bullet wound in the head left no doubt in the minds of officials that the woman had been murdered. Thousands of people viewed the body at Omaha but no one could positively identify the dead girl. It is chronicled as the most mysterious murder in the annals of Omaha's police records.

A bond proposition to build a new junior high school building at McCook, will soon be submitted to voters of the city.

The state railway commission has issued an order permitting the Farmers' Telephone Co. of Ord to purchase the Ord Independent Telephone company.

While hunting in the vicinity of Poplar Bluff, two boys discovered a cave more than two miles in length and believed to be the "Lost Cave," for which, it is declared, Indians searched in vain, for 60 years.

Elaborate preparations are being made at Lincoln for the visit of General Pershing to the Nebraska capital during Christmas time. The published itinerary of the general's inspection of army camps, which began at Camp Lee, Va., Dec. 3, provides for a stay in Lincoln from Dec. 24 to January 5. Most of the time will be spent with his son and his sisters, who reside there.

Hearing on the Burleson interstate telephone toll rates is to be held in Lincoln, Dec. 19, the state railway commission announced. The rates were to expire the first of this month, but it was impossible for the commission to establish a permanent rate at that time, so the schedule was extended to Jan. 31, 1920.

Governor McKelvie has notified all county attorneys to enforce the law passed by the 1917 legislature which requires persons renting garage space to owners of automobiles to keep a record of the license and motor numbers for cars for inspection at any time.

That farm land in Nebraska is becoming more valuable by leaps and bounds is attested by reports that Mrs. Anna Brown of Nickerson refused an offer of \$500 per acre for her 80-acre farm, and Paul Bize of Nemaha county turned down \$500 an acre for a 120-acre tract.

The state compensation department has granted Mrs. Albert Scorch of Omaha \$12 a week for 350 weeks for the death of her husband, who was the victim of an alleged joke perpetrated upon him by two of his associates in a packing house at South Omaha.

Mrs. Roy Wiles, wife of a young farmer living southeast of Louisville, died from burns received when a can of kerosene exploded. She was starting the kitchen fire and was pouring oil from the can into the stove when the accident occurred.

City officials and civic and patriotic organizations of Omaha have combined in arranging a great welcoming celebration for General Pershing, scheduled to visit the metropolis soon after Christmas for inspection of Fort Crook and Fort Omaha.

Mrs. Roy Clayton Graham of Beatrice, has been awarded a verdict of \$13,000 damages by a jury of the Lancaster district court for the death of her husband, who was killed while employed by the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company.

According to announcement by the War department at Washington, 86.5 per cent of all men registered in Nebraska for war service were physically fit. Wyoming alone tops Nebraska, with a percentage of 87.2. Kansas is third, with 85.3.

The tie game between the football teams of the Lincoln and Beatrice High schools played at Beatrice, has resulted in a deadlock over the high school championship of the state. Neither team has lost a game this season.

Lloyd Thiele, 30 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Thiele of West Point, lived for three hours after the top of his head was blown off, when he accidentally shot himself with a shotgun.

Noval Clark, Walter Briggs and Peter Pratt, Seward county boys, are representing Nebraska in noncollegiate judging at the international live stock exposition at Chicago.

Mrs. Sherman Whitcomb of Beatrice was instantly killed at her home when a shotgun in the hands of her son, Ted, 16 years old, was accidentally discharged.

Miss Charlotte Templeton, head of the traveling library commission since its birth fourteen years ago, has accepted a similar position at Atlanta, Ga.

The presence of General Pershing in Lincoln December 24, has led some of his admirers to start a boom for "Pershing for President."

On account of the coal shortage in North Platte, business firms have been ordered to open an hour later and close a half hour earlier.

Thanksgiving was a gala day at Stella when more than 1,000 persons attended a barbecue on the school campus.

Sentences ranging from one to three months in jail were imposed on eighteen I. W. W. members in police court at Omaha.

Members of the farmers' union of Pawnee county plan to organize an elevator and produce association in Pawnee City.

Farmers of Gage county report that they expect to reap a yield of 30 bushels of corn to the acre. A movement is under way at Beatrice to reorganize Company C of the Nebraska National Guard.

Word has reached the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, that Chancellor Avery has been made president of the Land Grant College association.

Joseph Havlick of Fairbury, has been chosen president of the athletic association of the school of engineering of Milwaukee.

Representatives to the state constitutional convention consist of 44 lawyers, 32 farmers, four bankers, four teachers, four merchants, three laborers, two editors, two insurance men, two preachers, one doctor and one city clerk.

One thousand dollars was the consideration received for four head of mules recently by Joseph and Richard Jun of the DuBois vicinity.

The state has offered a \$200 reward for the apprehension of Glen Benson, charged with the murder of Nellie Benson in Howard county last September.

Sunday picture shows are being held regularly now at Lodge Pole. Heretofore the little city has only had one program each week and that was on Saturday evening and with an additional attraction during the week.