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In a plea for faith in the new Mexican regime, Manuel in Paris, acting commercial agent in New York, says: "We mean to banish hatred. We intend to create love and friendship through mutual understanding. We want you to go there. We want all Mexicans to return. We have eliminated the word 'exiles.' We have banished the word 'amnesty' because it means pardon. There is no need of pardon. We young men of Mexico have realized that unless foreign capital and immigration are encouraged our natural resources are lost to the world. Therefore, we intend to protect foreign capital and immigration so far as that may be done in accordance with the eternal principles of justice and an equity."

The latest feature in the development of youthful athletics, is the revision of the ball diamond and the shortening of the game to meet the needs of the youth below 16 years of age. Many playgrounds have adopted the smaller diamond which will enable the boy to develop his muscles without overtaxing him. That base ball is a sport into which no boy has to be urged and is the best method for all-around development, is the opinion of the National and American Leagues.

The rapid stride with which women of England have taken interest in political and social questions, is accounted for by the fact of their having to handle many new situations without the help of their husbands while the latter were away at war. Village councils have been formed by the women of many communities and successful efforts have been made in bringing about better housing conditions and even improving machinery in many factories.

Philadelphia is to have a new public comfort station, the cost of which has been provided for in bequests of former citizens. Five thousand dollars, left by Benjamin Franklin, in 1790 and \$3,000 left by John Scott in 1816 "to make living in Kansas more convenient and render it more agreeable to strangers," will be used for this purpose. The combined total now amounts to \$66,323.

The first Sunday in May is called "Chestnut Sunday" in England and is considered the official opening of spring. The day is usually the occasion for carnivals, picnics and other forms of merry making. In London the day is observed by large numbers in making a solemn pilgrimage to Bushey Park, where an avenue of blossoming trees a mile long is indeed a reminder that spring is come.

The nation wide housing situation, in all its phases, will be the text at the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, to be held in Kansas City, June 2 to 5. With a host of able speakers and debaters they will try to find the cause as well as a remedy for the situation, which is growing more acute each day.

The constitution of the "Irish Republican Brotherhood" has just been made public in England. There are 22 clauses in the constitution, which provides for a supreme council in which is vested the power to levy taxes, raise loans, make war and decide peace. A secret court is provided for in which members of the brotherhood accused of treason shall be tried.

In spite of the new anti-strike law in Kansas, the time lock on the state treasurer's office at Topeka, failed to work. While \$31,000,000 in securities, ledgers and records reposed peacefully within, and the office force stood idle, the lock resisted the efforts of expert locksmiths for seven days. A maker of time locks opened it. The clock had run down.

One of the oldest and most picturesque structures of the world, is the Benedictine monastery, situated on a rock of world old granite, on the bank of the Danube, in lower Austria. This relic of the middle ages dates from 1089. The house of a thousand windows, as it is sometimes called, is a conservative name. Its library contains 60,000 volumes.

That the British railways are capitalized at £1,300,000,000, of which sum £250,000,000 are watered stock, is the charges made by J. H. Thomas, secretary to the National Union of Railwaymen, of England. The labor question will never be settled, he says, by a mere grant of higher wages.

Indian camps are being pitched on the banks of the Columbia river, in anticipation of the salmon season. The annual salmon run is an occasion of much ceremony and festivity. Large quantities of fish are caught and cured for use during the year.

Several substitutes for wood pulp in the manufacture of newsprint, have been found, but so far all new methods have proven too expensive to be of great value. Straw and fodder are two of the possible substitutes.

Rail way stations in London are infested with gangs of hat snatchers. In the region of one station 500 complaints have been turned in from persons whose hats have been snatched while they were hurrying to catch a train.

In Germany the Krupp gun factory employed 80,000 men before the war, and 115,000 during the war. The working force is now 45,000 men.

The price of sugar has dropped in Tulsa, Okla., from 35 cents to 22 cents per pound. Milk prices have also tumbled, it is stated.

Reduction of the Mexican army has been started at the suggestion of General Obregon, who says the army will be reorganized and cut to half its present size.

Ray Gravelle, the Canadian "safe wizard" has left for Belgium to try his skill on opening safes in the devastated regions, where combinations have been lost.

There are 20 American millionaires included in the passenger list of an American liner which recently reached Southampton.

AGAIN PLEAD FOR CONDEMNED MAN

Nebraska Supreme Court Hears Argument of Attorneys For Alson B. Cole.

Lincoln, Neb., June 14.—The claim was made in supreme court Thursday by attorneys for Alson B. Cole, convicted Howard county murderer, that the law gives man who pleads guilty to a murder the same right to a trial as one who pleads not guilty. Cole pleaded guilty to murder in the first degree, and his then attorneys did not insist that evidence be taken to enable the court, as is the trial judge's duty, to determine the degree of guilt. Judge Paine, who heard the case, based his instructions to the jury that they should find him guilty of first degree murder on Cole's own statement and on his confession.

Cole's present attorneys said that the law is mandatory that evidence be taken so that a man ignorant of the procedure of courts might not convict himself and that if there are any mitigating circumstances he is in a position to take advantage of them. They said they did not care whether the plea of guilty was withdrawn or not, and claimed that if Paine heard the evidence they have to present he would disregard that plea.

Attorneys for the state argued that the judge and the jury were both sufficiently enlightened as to Cole's part in the crime through having heard the evidence against Grammer, who was tried at the same time and that the courts could not take cognizance of claims of newly discovered evidence unless the application set forth the names of the witnesses and the character of the testimony.

SCHOOL EXPENSES ARE TO CONTINUE HIGH

Lincoln, Neb., June 14.—When deciding upon a total levy of 80 mills for school purposes for the coming year, members of the board of education stated that the public might as well understand that there could be no reduction in the levy for the next three years. In fact it seemed to be the general opinion that with the present salary schedule and building program, both of which have been ratified by vote of the people, that there could be no reduction of the school tax for many years to come. The board will raise the bond levy from 10 to 30 mills, because that is the only fund which it has power to increase without action of the state legislature. At the next meeting of the legislature, the board will ask that the limit for general purposes be raised in order that the borrowed money may be returned to the bond fund.

FARM BUREAU STATUTE IS ATTACKED IN COURT

Lincoln, Neb., June 14.—The legislative act creating farm bureaus and providing for county appropriations in support of them was challenged in supreme court Friday morning, in a case from Hall county, where the county commissioners refused to appropriate any money. They insist that it is special legislation designed to help farmers only, that it is taxation without representation because none of the bureau officers are elected by the public, and that the foundations of government are threatened by acts of this kind. It was defended as in the interest of the public and as necessary to solve food production problems.

NEBRASKA GUARD COMPANIES TO ASK RECOGNITION

Lincoln, Neb., June 14.—As soon as the president signs the national guard reorganization bill Nebraska will telegraph the war department for recognition for six companies. These have been formed for some time, and all are above the minimum strength. The reduction of the minimum to 50 will stimulate the formation of guards in Nebraska, says Adjutant General Paul.

HELD FOR ASSAULT ON HIS STEP-DAUGHTER

LeMars, Ia., June 11.—Phillip J. McKay, a farmer living in Union township, was arrested here Wednesday night on a charge of criminal assault filed by Ira Stauffer, also a Union township farmer. The information charges McKay with assault, August 22, 1919, on Hope Noma Milton, 16, daughter of McKay's wife, formerly Mrs. Arba Milton. Mr. Stauffer, who filed the information is an uncle of Miss Milton.

McKay was arraigned in Justice Freeman's court and waived preliminary examination. He was bound over to the September term of the grand jury under \$7,500 bonds which were not furnished and he is held in the county jail. He is expected to enter a plea of guilty before a district judge rather than wait until the September term of court.

FORMER GOVERNOR BOIES IS NOW NEARLY BLIND

Waterloo, Ia., June 11.—Almost blind and scarcely able to hear, but clear in mind and in general good health, Horace Boies, former governor of Iowa, has arrived from Long Beach, Cal., for a visit with his son, Judge H. B. Boies. He is in his 93rd year. This is his first visit here in three years and he fears it will be his last, as he is no longer able to stand the cross continent jaunt.

Colorado Springs has a bird hospital conducted free of charge out of pure love and sympathy for the bird family. Dr. Wm. W. Arnold is known throughout Colorado Spring and vicinity as a friend and savior to the feathered folk.

The Maine Central institute, of Pittsfield, Me., has adopted the plan of using one page in the local paper for the college news instead of the regular school organ, as formerly. All the news of the page is collected and written by the students.

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