

YANKEES HELD ON MEXICAN LINE FOR HEAVY INDEMNITY

Fearing Bandits, Road Refuses to Take Hobby and Others to Inauguration Until \$68,000 Is Put Up.

Laredo, Tex., Nov. 29.—When an attempt was made Saturday night to take the special train which was conveying Gov. W. P. Hobby, of Texas, and high officials of different states across the border for the journey to Mexico City the International & Great Northern railroad refused to permit the dining car and baggage car to enter Mexico. The reason given was that there was danger of them falling into the hands of bandits. The railroad company finally demanded \$68,000 cash as indemnity for possible loss of the cars. It refused to accept an indemnity bond for the amount. While there were some rich men on the train none happened to have \$68,000 cash with them. After three hours delay a message was sent to M. T. Cogley, a Laredo banker, and he gave the railroad a cashier's check for \$60,000 and the train then pulled out for the Mexican capital.

CONSTANTINE ON WAY TO ATHENS, IS RUMOR

Allies Won't Oppose Return if Plebiscite Favors Him, is Growing Opinion.

London, Nov. 29 (United News).—While unconfirmed rumors reached London from continental points to the effect that former King Constantine was preparing to leave soon for Athens and one that he already had left, the French, British and Italian premiers were ready to take up in conference Monday the whole question of Constantine in particular and the Greek situation in general.

There was a growing impression in official quarters here, reflected in the press Sunday, that the allies will not oppose Constantine's return if the Greek plebiscite favors him, but before allied sanction is given his resumption of power, there might be demands for assurances from the new government that it would carry out its obligations to the allies, including the maintenance of a field army of 100,000 men, and would continue generally pro-ally in attitude.

WOMAN IN HAMON CASE IS STILL MISSING

Ardmore, Okla., Nov. 29 (United News).—Failure of Oklahoma authorities to find any trace of Clara Smith Hamon, wanted in connection with the mysterious death of Jake L. Hamon, national republican committeeman and millionaire oil operator, keeps the authorities as baffled now as they were a week ago when Hamon's death occurred.

No clue as to the woman's whereabouts has been found. All her studio pictures have disappeared and the police have had no way of sending her identification broadcast.

Preparations are going forward for an impressive funeral Monday when Hamon will be buried.

TO BAR BATHING GIRLS AND VAMPS FROM FILMS

Los Angeles, Nov. 29.—Somebody is always taking the joy out of life and this time it is the Ethical Motion Picture Society of America, which has just come into existence. The society starts off by declaring war on movies picturing shapely bathing girls, especially those in wet one-piece garments. A ban is also placed on pictures wherein reckless women elevate their feet upon a table and smoke cigarettes, or who make an undue display of lingerie or who display alluring curves and dimples and shapely "shanks" that should be covered with lingerie.

FORMER UTAH MAYOR IS GIVEN TERM IN PRISON

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 29.—Pleading guilty to 23 charges of misappropriation of public funds, Edmond A. Bock, former mayor of Salt Lake City, was sentenced Friday to an indeterminate term in the state prison of not to exceed five years on each charge. Sentence was passed by Judge Harold M. Stephens in the district court.

Bock will not be required to answer 43 charges of forgery preferred against him in connection with his extraction of \$12,000 from city funds during his tenure of office as city auditor. The forgery charges were dismissed on motion of District Attorney Frank S. Richards, who stated that he construed the forgeries to be only steps in obtaining the money and to be included in the misappropriation charge. Since the discovery of the shortage in city funds, Bock had been at liberty on \$10,000 bond.

The socialist party of Buenos Aires has resolved to take no part in patriotic demonstrations.

LINCOLN'S SUBURBS HAVE WALKING SUNDAY

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 29 (Special).—Because of a contest over right of way between the Lincoln Traction Company and the Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice Interurban railway, all of Lincoln's suburbs, including Bethany and as far as the University of Nebraska state farm, were cut off from traction service Sunday because of the refusal of the former to furnish the latter power.

GRAIN SLUMP END NEAR, IS BELIEF

Appears to Be More Friendly Feeling Toward Buying Side, Especially on Breaks.

Chicago, Nov. 29 (United News).—The slump in grain prices is believed to be near an end.

For 87 days values have been on the down grade. The decline has been one of the most severe known to the history of the trade.

But finally, there appears to be a more friendly feeling toward the buying side of grains, especially on the breaks. Traders predict a stronger market Monday, but expect free selling to be encountered on any substantial advance, as there is no great change in the economic and financial conditions which have had such a depressing effect.

Some members of the board of trade are openly criticizing a banking system that they say was unable to take care of financing the farmers when they most needed help.

The weekly statements of the federal reserve banks reflected the refusal of agricultural districts to liquidate their commodities in the face of declining prices.

Bankers complain that the process of credit deflation is being delayed because farmers will not dispose of their products and pay off their loans to any extent commensurate with the liquidation that is going on in the industries and in merchandising.

The closing of a number of small banks in agricultural communities is pointed to as proof of this contention.

THEY DON'T MIND CHAPPED KNEES

So Drury College's Coeds Wear Golf Stockings Instead of Silk Hose.

Springfield, Mo., Nov. 29 (United News).—Fair coeds of Drury college are wearing golf stockings instead of silk hose.

Chapped knees have no terrors for them.

One of the most popular undergraduates started the fad. It's the rage now.

The stockings are form fitting, due to the elasticity of the weave. The girls like 'em, they say, because they are so easily "Dutched"—rolled down.

DOUGHTY NOW HELD FOR KIDNAPING SMALL

Windsor, Can., Nov. 29 (United News).—John Doughty voluntarily crossed the Canadian line here Sunday and was served with a warrant for his arrest, charging him with the kidnaping of his employer, Ambrose J. Small, millionaire theatrical magnate, nearly a year ago.

Doughty was a former secretary to Small, who disappeared the day he received \$1,000,000 for part of his Canadian theatrical interests. He fled from Canada on the same day Small disappeared and worked as a laborer in Oregon under an assumed name.

WURTEMBERG KING'S PICTURES ARE SOLD

Stuttgart, Nov. 29.—The first day of the auction sale of the paintings in Castle Rosenstein, formerly the property of the King of Wurtemberg, netted 1,300,000 marks. The two most valuable pictures, by Hendrik Van Dem Sande and Bakhuysen, brought respectively, 41,000 and 33,000 marks. Galmard's "Leda and the Swan," presented to the king of Wurtemberg by Napoleon, was sold for 30,000 marks to a wholesale merchant of Stuttgart. Two works by Bordon, appraised at 10,000 marks each, were sold down at 55,000 and 73,000 marks.

LOCK TWO IN CLOSET; GET CASH AND BOOZE

Chicago, Nov. 29 (Special).—"Where's your liquor?" asked three men who Saturday entered the drug store of Isaac Goodman, 4135 Vineland street. Goodman said he did not know. One of them struck him in the face. Then they locked him in a closet. A customer entered. He was placed in the closet. The men rifled the till of \$60, obtained a case of whisky from the basement, loaded it into an automobile, and drove away.

GERMAN EMPRESS' CONDITION WORSE

Doorn, Nov. 29.—A turn for the worse in the condition of the former Empress Augusta Victoria occurred late yesterday, it was learned Sunday night.

It was announced in Doorn on Friday that the immediate danger point in the illness of the former empress had temporarily been passed, although her condition remained serious. She has experienced several severe heart attacks, her life each time being despaired of, and it has been feared more than once during the present attack that the end was approaching.

FORMER TENNIS STAR DIES

New York, Nov. 29.—Howard Taylor, 55, well known lawyer and a former intercollegiate and national tennis star, died in his home here today. He was a member of the class of 1885 at Harvard.

WIFE WAS UNREASONABLE

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Ed Balthazar told the court his wife didn't like it because he would rather be a street car conductor in San Francisco than a movie actor in Los Angeles. He got his divorce.

Indian Chief Would Cure Wilson And Regain Land for His Race



Chief Lemuel Occum Fielding, left, his daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Germaine, and his son, Everett M. Fielding.

Washington, Nov. 28 (Special).—Chief Lemuel Occum Fielding, last chief of the ancient tribe of Mohicans that once ruled the entire Indian population of New England, is visiting Washington for a double purpose. First he wishes to present the president with an Indian tea to restore his health, and second he wishes to secure for the remnants of his race a slice of the business district of Norwich, Conn. The land is valued at \$2,000,000, which he claims was deeded to his tribe by a former governor of Connecticut in 1830. With Chief Fielding are his son and daughter.

"INCOME TAXES MUST BE LIGHTER"

—WADSWORTH

Would Relieve Small Income People From Payments and Declares Luxury Taxation is Wrong.

New York, Nov. 29.—That there must be immediate changes in the federal tax law to bring relief to the American public is the belief of Senator Wadsworth.

Asked what he considered would be the chief concern of the new administration in domestic affairs, Senator Wadsworth replied:

"Taxation and finance.

"The so called luxury taxation is not wise or consistent, and is a hit or miss affair.

"Concerning the income tax, the principal discussion seems to be toward relieving the people having small incomes from this taxation.

"The disposition seems to be to make the maximum of exemption \$2,000 instead of \$1,000 as now for a single man, and double that for the married man.

"The heavy surtaxes now imposed should be reduced in order to release money to go into productive enterprises."

BIG JAIL DELIVERY IS BARELY AVERTED

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 27 (Special).—Billy George, recently a trusty in the county jail, is under arrest suspected as the "outside man" in an attempted wholesale jail delivery.

Warned by a letter from Steve Emery and Albert Green, serving time at Fort Madison for murder, the authorities were barely in time to prevent the release of nearly a score of the most desperate criminals Polk county has separately ever housed. The prisoners had sawed their way through the bars of their cell doors and were in the corridor when deputy sheriffs swooped down upon them.

NOBLES COUNTY OFFICERS MAKE BIG BOOZE RAIDS

Worthington, Minn., Nov. 29 (Special).—The officers of the law of Nobles county and the city of Worthington recently made two raids and secured large quantities of moonshine and the stills with which it was being manufactured. The biggest haul was made on the W. B. Brown farm twelve miles northwest of here. Brown was taken into custody as was also Frank Bullock on whose farm another plant was found. Both men paid fines for keeping nuisances and were bound over to court on the charge of selling intoxicating liquors.

The Return to Normalcy. From the Parker (S. D.) Press-Leader. Maybe this thing called "normalcy" means the time when a nickel can travel along without the aid of a penny or two.

WIFE WAS FORGOTTEN

New York, Nov. 29.—The actual made a new discovery when he found his wife with another man. He discovered his own wife didn't know him. Police stopped the fight.

DEFICIT IN DEPOSITS

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Columbus Kelly, condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows a deficit in actual reserves of \$4,085,500, due to a decrease in total reserves of \$16,555,880.

Mrs. Harding Takes Trip in Seaplane But He Stays on Ground

New Orleans, La., Nov. 29 (Special). Mrs. Harding, wife of the president-elect, has long had a reputation for viewing things from all angles before forming an opinion. Which may or may not account for the fact that before packing her trunks and leaving here for home again, she went up in a seaplane and is now the proud possessor of several birdseye views of Limon Bay as personally observed from the flying machine.

The trip, taken Saturday, was "beautiful and exciting and everything" and while prospective presidents are forbidden the thrills of risky ventures like sky-planing, nevertheless Senator Harding carries back with him a vivid picture of the bay from the air, recounted by Mrs. Harding.

NEWSPAPER WRITERS FORM LEGION POST

Colon, Nov. 29 (United News).—An American Legion post composed of newspaper writers has been formed by former service men on the three New Orleans dailies, the Associated Press and the Pelicanaire, the weekly newspaper of the department of Louisiana American Legion. The post will render special service to the American Legion in the dissemination of legion news, and as a council for publicity. In other respects it will function as do any other posts of the legion.

KANSAS WHEAT ACREAGE REDUCED BUT LITTLE

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 29.—Kansas farmers this fall planted probably the third largest acreage in the history of the state, according to a canvass just completed and announced by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state board of agriculture.

"The board's correspondents estimate that the acreage sown this fall amounts in the aggregate to 9,892,441 acres," the report says. "This is greater by 2,708,748 acres than the average annual acreage for the crops of five-year pre-war period. But is 6.1 per cent less than the 1919 crop of 11,610,445 acres and is practically the same as the acreage sown in the fall of 1918."

PREMIERS ARE AGREED ON GREEK SITUATION

Paris, Nov. 29.—Decisions regarding Greece reached by Premiers Leygues and Lloyd George in London will be communicated to George Rhalhis, Greek premier. In all probability the premiers will not settle all pending questions during their present conference.

Newspapers of this city express satisfaction with the cordiality apparent during the conversation between the two premiers, and express belief that France and England are entirely agreed that Greece with Constantine on the throne will not find support from allied nations.

A fifth of the school children of New York are reported to be underfed.

EXCHANGE IS HIGHER

New York, Nov. 29.—Foreign exchange was higher at the opening today. Demand Sterling, \$3.48 3/4; francs, .0699; lire, .0369; marks, .0146; Canadian dollars, \$.8775.

GRAFT SCANDALS IN TOKIO

Tokio, Nov. 29.—Viscount Tajira, mayor of Tokio, and other officials, resigned Friday in consequence of the investigation which has been started into graft scandals as a result of which there have been 19 arrests.

YANKEE MAY AID IN DISARMAMENT

Major Churchill, Who Arrives in Geneva to Study League Plans, May Assist in Forming Program.

Geneva, Nov. 29 (United News).—A near-sensation which was caused by the arrival in Geneva of Major Marborough Churchill, of the American army, has been explained by the statement that the League of nations permanent military commission invited the United States to send an unofficial delegate here to study plans for the reduction of armaments.

General Clives, of the British delegation, pointed out that the United States had participated in drawing up the league's international court of justice, and also participated unofficially in the Brussels financial conference. Hence, it is hoped, General Clives declared, that an unofficial representative of the United States experts on disarmament. He declared the question could not be solved without the co-operation of the United States.

Disarmament Debates to Be Hot. After a week given over largely to commission meetings the assembly will reconvene Tuesday, still seeking decisions on the most difficult problems confronting the nations of the world.

It is predicted disarmament, mandates and international court debates will be heated.

As to the international court, the Root draft will be accepted virtually intact, except for a reservation as to compulsory arbitration. An attempt will be made to divide the court into two sections, one to deal exclusively with labor questions.

GERMANY RECOGNIZES HUERTA GOVERNMENT

Places Other Nations' Diplomats in Embarrassing Position Over Inauguration.

Mexico City, Nov. 29 (United News).—Germany has extended her official recognition of the De La Huerta government of Mexico, placing the diplomats of the other nations in an embarrassing position as they are awaiting word from their own governments as to whether they should attend the inauguration of President Obregon.

It is unlikely that the German documents will arrive before Obregon's inauguration, but the diplomats nevertheless expect Count Von Montgelas, of Germany, to attend in his official capacity. The count has been here for several weeks without presenting his credentials.

The total cost of the De La Huerta government, Secretary Baker puts at \$13,739,345,576.73, and the figure by deducting approximate credits of \$2,053,579,396 from a net cash outlay by the army of \$21,792,925,786.73. Cash of \$20,000,000 represents the cost of the maintenance of the American forces in Germany, to be recovered from Germany, a figure the secretary estimates at \$27,065,000.

CHICAGO'S JANITORS TO BE "ARISTOCRATS"?

Some Will Make as High as \$25,000 a Year If Demands Go Through.

Chicago, Nov. 29 (United News).—If Chicago flat janitors have their way, there will be a brand new class of the Nouveau Riche in this inland metropolis.

Ten thousand of them came up for air Sunday, and one man spoke as follows:

"We demand 10 per cent of the gross rental of all apartment buildings for our service.

"We won't live in a basement any more, or even upstairs in the building in which we work because every time we lose our job we have to move. This is disagreeable for our wives.

"We are with the tenants on every reasonable ground they have, but we are with our employers if they will only give us our demands.

"If an agreement can't be reached, the public must suffer a strike December 31."

If the furnace moguls are successful some Chicago janitors will make as high as \$25,000 a year.

The reason a five-room flat with stove heat rents for \$29 and a steam heated flat for \$75 is the service. We are the service."

YOUNG MOTHER SLAIN BY MAN FROM ASYLUM

Chicago, Nov. 29.—All day Vincent Esposito, 17 months old, cooed and prattled in his crib. He had not been fed since early morning, but there was his mother resting on the floor. Pretty soon she would hear him and feed him.

When James Esposito came home at 5 o'clock he found his wife's body on the floor. She was dead with a terrible gash in her throat. His brother Vito, recently discharged from an asylum for the insane, was missing from the house.

In Mrs. Esposito's hand was clutched a little half completed baby's knitted coat on which she had been working. She was to have become a mother again in January.

Recently she told her neighbors that she was in mortal dread of Vito, who was acting queerly again. The police believe he cut her throat and fed. The knife was found on the floor some distance from the body.

MEXICAN STRIKE STILL ON

Eagle Pass, Tex., Nov. 29 (United Press).—The coal strike in the Coahuila, Mexico, mining regions, has not been settled, it was learned here Friday.

Mine owners in Agujita and Cloeto refused to give the miners the 20 per cent increase granted by the government. Workers in the district refused to go back unless the increase applied to all mines.

MAKE ARMY LIFE MORE ATTRACTIVE. BAKER ASKS U. S.

Extend Recreational Features, He Urges Congress in Report —War Cost America Thirteen Billions.

Washington, Nov. 29 (United News).—A good understanding between the American public and the army which serves it is essential to the well being of both, declares Secretary of War Baker, in his annual report.

Secretary Baker lays much stress on the educational and recreational features introduced into army life during his administration of the secretaryship, saying:

"The idea which the army is now aiming at is to attract to its enlisted force serious and energetic young men who, while they are giving to their country the protection which the army was created for, in turn be so trained that their entire army experience will be but an educational episode improving their opportunities for civilian employment as well as their loyalty to the country and fidelity to its advancement. It removes from a peacetime army the reproach of wasted time.

Learn Lesson from Complaints. "We seem to have learned now what the soldier has been grumbling and complaining about and to have discovered that sound educational possibilities and wholesome recreational opportunities are the answers to his discontent."

Secretary Baker urges congress to provide for the extension of the educational and recreational features, making army life still more attractive.

"The army reorganization act, providing for a regular army of approximately 280,000 men and 17,700 officers did not provide for universal military training nor for the application of the draft system in future emergencies.

"The creation and maintenance of a reserve, without some form of general training, is impossible."

To this implied criticism of the act's omission he adds by way of faint praise the assertion that the act "has afforded a definite basis for the reorganization of the army."

10,000 Bad as Are Returned. Already more than 10,000 bodies of overseas dead have been returned to the United States, he reports. "It is the hope of the war department," he goes on, "that the rate of return can ultimately be brought up to about 3,000 a month.

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FARMER SHOOTS SELF IN HEAD OVER FINANCE

Lynch, Neb., Nov. 27 (Special).—Irwin Trovante, about 35 years old, a farmer living six miles north of here committed suicide Friday afternoon by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun.

Financial troubles is alleged to have been the cause.

Mr. Trovante had gone to the home of Henry Wada, a neighbor, after his wife, with whom it is said he had quarreled over his financial troubles and there ended his life. The shooting occurred in the yard of Mr. Wada's home.

Trovante died soon after. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Trovante, of Lynch, who survive him besides the widow and one small child.

3 BANDITS MURDER BOY TO GET HIS 60 CENTS

Chicago, Nov. 29.—William Kilburg, 17, had attended a motion picture show and was whistling merrily as he took a short cut through a vacant lot to reach his home a few blocks distant. As he walked and whistled he jingled 60 cents in his pocket.

Three men armed with revolvers suddenly sprang upon him. One struck him, knocking him down. As he arose another fired a shot that entered just below the boy's heart. Then they took his 60 cents and fled. Neighbors, attracted by the pistol shot, carried the boy home and he was rushed to the nearest hospital. Suspects, cornered by police and gangsters were arrested on suspicion, but the boy is too near death to identify his assailants.

The three bandits got 20 cents each for murdering a "harmless" boy.

IRISH INVESTIGATION IS GIVEN SET-BACK

Washington, Nov. 29 (United Press).—The state department will refuse to issue passports to anyone in the name of the American committee on conditions in Ireland, it was said at the department today.

At the same time it was stated that passports will be readily issued to any individual American citizen whom the state department feels is entitled to a passport.

NINE SKELETONS ARE UNEARTHED IN CELLAR

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 29 (Special).—Discovery of the skeletons of nine men buried a few inches under the earth in a cellar at Bathurstville has led to murder mystery.

Town authorities, however, said they believed the men were those victims of a which occurred in 1867.