

MAY COME TO TERMS

NEGOTIATIONS WITH MEXICO NOT YET ENDED.

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"Sooners" Denied Squatters' Rights in North Platte Forest Reserve—John Lind May Return to City of Mexico.

Washington.—Strong hope prevails in official circles that the Huerta government and the United States soon would arrive at a mutual understanding leading to a peaceful settlement of the revolutionary disturbances in Mexico.

Administration officials expressed themselves as pleased with developments. President Wilson regarded as hopeful the tone of the note sent by Frederico Gamboa, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, in reply to supplementary suggestions made by John Lind before leaving Mexico City for Vera Cruz last Monday. The full text of the two notes was received here, and while neither side, according to the official interpretation, yields any of the essential points in its contentions, the method of approaching the difficulties at hand is admittedly more friendly and framed with more regard for a practical solution.

May Come to Agreement.

Mexico City.—The announcement of the possible return of John Lind to Mexico City brought from Senator Gamboa, minister of foreign affairs, the declaration that Mexico agreed to nothing and that Senator Gamboa's note of September 26 to Mr. Lind was the last communication he sent. It was suggested to the minister that President Wilson's representative was coming to the capital to resume negotiations. It is regarded here as possible that further conferences between Senator Gamboa and Mr. Lind may result in an agreement unless Washington be a stickler for compliance to the letter of her demands for General Huerta's non-candidacy.

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Squatters' Rights Denied to "Sooners" on North Platte Forest Reserve.

Washington, D. C. — Complaints against "sooners," persons who have recently gone upon the portion of the North Platte forest reserve which is shortly to be opened to settlement hoping to acquire squatters' rights to land have reached Congressman Kindred and have been referred to the interior department. Congressman Kindred says that he is certain that when the opening of the land to settlement is proclaimed it will be made clear that title cannot be acquired by this method. The proclamation will state that right to the land cannot be acquired except by the regular filing of application at the Broken Bow and North Platte land offices. The 300,000 acres to be opened are now a part of that forest reserve and are not open to private claim.

Fire in Mammoth Steamship.

New York.—The steamship *Capetator*, the largest vessel afloat, was swept by fire Thursday as she lay at her dock in Hoboken, with her crew and 1,131 steerage passengers aboard. Second Officer Gobrecht, who led the crew into the hold to fight the flames, was cut off from his crew and suffocated. His body was found an hour afterward, untouched by fire, and brought ashore. Two other men went below with Gobrecht and one perished. Firemen from ashore surrounded the ship and poured tons of water into her hold. When the fire was checked the great vessel had listed 15 degrees.

A Set Back for Woman Suffrage.

Trenton, N. J.—Woman suffrage in New Jersey received a set back at least one year through an opinion by Assistant Attorney General Gaskill that the failure properly to advertise the proposed change in the state's constitution renders impossible the ratification of suffrage by this winter's legislature. The constitution requires that an amendment be adopted by two successive legislatures before being voted on by the people.

Will Have Municipal Street Railway.

San Francisco.—By approximately \$1 on the face of returns San Francisco has voted bonds in the sum of \$3,500,000 for the extension of the municipal street railway system in competition with the privately owned United Railroads of San Francisco.

Rebels Lose Stronghold.

London.—An Exchange Telegraph company dispatch from Shanghai announces that Kankang has fallen, depriving the rebels of their last stronghold.

Albany, N. Y.—Lieutenant Governor Martin H. Glynn has been formally recognized as acting governor by the assembly, after a long and bitter debate. The vote in favor of such recognition stood forty-eight to twenty-eight against. This recognition came in the form of the official acceptance of messages sent by Mr. Glynn as acting governor to the legislature. The messages also were received by the senate, but with the express understanding that objection could be made later to their official reception, as they had not been read.

DOINGS IN CONGRESS

WHAT LAWMAKERS AT WASHINGTON ARE DOING.

Result of Deliberations on More Important Measures Given in Condensed Form.

Thursday.

The Senate—Resumed consideration of tariff bill. Labor investigating committee continued its hearing. Adjourned at 6:10 p. m. to 11 a. m. Friday.

The House—Not in session; meets Friday. Lobby committee heard witnesses called by Representative McDermott to refute testimony given by I. H. McMichael.

Wednesday.

The Senate—Resumed debate on tariff bill, income tax section being taken up. Foreign relations committee considered nomination of Preston McGoodwin as minister to Venezuela. Lobby investigating committee continued its hearing.

Senate recessed for joint session. The House—Passed resolution authorizing judiciary committee to investigate charges against United States Judge Emory Speer of Georgia. Convened in joint session with senate at 1 p. m. and listened to President Wilson deliver in person message on Mexican affairs, which was concluded at 1:21 p. m. Lobby investigating committee continued with I. H. McMichael testifying.

Adjourned at 1:28 p. m. until noon Friday.

Tuesday.

The Senate—Tariff bill consideration resumed, Senator Bradley leading the attack. Lobby investigating committee resumed testimony of James Emery. Considered nominations in executive session. Adjourned at 6:50 p. m. to 11 a. m. Wednesday.

The House—Chairman Clayton of judiciary committee introduced resolution asking for immediate investigation of charges against Federal Judge Speer of Georgia and consideration of resolution was begun. Representative Thompson (Ill.) introduced bill to prevent long summer sessions of congress.

Examination of M. M. Mulhall was continued before lobby investigating committee. Representative Barclay introduced bill proposing more severe penalties for offenders against Sherman anti-trust law.

William J. McDonald, progressive, was seated as representative from Twelfth Michigan district as a result of his contest against H. Olin Young, republican, resigned. An objection resolution for investigation of charges against Federal Judge Speer went over.

Passed joint resolution to hold joint assembly with senate Wednesday at 12:45 p. m., to receive a communication from the president. Adjourned at 4:18 p. m., until noon Wednesday.

Monday.

The Senate—Consideration of tariff bill resumed. Free list agreed to with out roll call. Considered nominations in executive session. Adjourned at 6:21 p. m. to noon tomorrow.

The House—Not in session; meets on Tuesday. Democrats continued caucus on administration currency bill.

Martin Mulhall cross-examined by lobby investigating committee. Judiciary committee considered the charges against Federal Judge Emory Speer of Georgia, and Senator Clayton was directed to secure formal authority from the house before proceeding.

Shipment of Ammunition Held Up.

El Paso, Tex.—Fifty thousand rounds of rifle cartridges, consigned to Mexican federals in Juarez, were held up by government officials here. The shipment arrived several days ago, but the Mexicans delayed the exportation and were confronted with the annulment of the permit.

Costly Exhibit of Rare Coins.

Detroit, Mich.—With an estimated \$1,000,000 worth of rare and costly coins on exhibition, the twelfth annual convention of the American numismatic association was formally opened here Monday. Coins from practically every country in the world are to be seen.

Will Coin up Gold Reserve.

Paris.—The Bank of France has decided to strike into coin the whole of its gold metal reserve, amounting to \$600,000,000.

Hot Weather at Fairbury.

Fairbury. This city has been the most persistent performer in the hot weather bunch this summer. Since July 1, Fairbury has registered 100 or above on thirty-one days, and has gone as high as 111. Omaha has had fifteen days with 100 or above, and reached 106 as high mark.

Omaha Negro Gets Foreign Clerkship.

Washington.—Guy P. Robbins, colored, of Omaha, has been appointed by Secretary of State Bryan as clerk to the legation at Monrovia, Liberia.



NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AT AURORA, NEBR.

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PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES POLICY REGARDING MEXICO.

Germany May Yet Be Represented at Exposition—No Comment from Mexico on President's Message.

Washington.—President Wilson in person addressed congress Wednesday on the Mexican situation and announced the position taken by the United States to be as follows. "No armed intervention." "Strict neutrality, forbidding the exportation of arms or munitions of war of any kind from the United States to any part of the republic of Mexico."

Under no circumstances to "be the partisans of either party to the contest that now distracts Mexico, or constitute themselves the virtual umpire between them."

To urge all Americans to leave Mexico at once and to assist them to get away in every way possible. To let every one in Mexico who assumes to exercise authority know that this government "shall vigilantly watch the fortunes of those Americans who cannot get away and shall hold those responsible for their sufferings and losses to a definite reckoning."

"That can and will be made plain beyond the possibility of a misunderstanding," declared the president. Those who discussed the message agreed in the general belief that it presented a frank and full statement as to the recent negotiations with the Huerta government and at the same time definitely outlined the United States' policy for the future. Republicans joined with the democrats in the endorsement of the president's utterances.

No Comment from Mexico.

Mexico City.—The Mexican government is very silent about the message which the president of the United States read before congress outlining the situation in the republic and the attitude of the United States government. The minister of foreign affairs, Frederico Gamboa, was advised by private messages of the delivery and the contents of the message. He said that the officials of the Mexican government had no comment to make.

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Germany Likely to Be Represented at Exposition.

San Francisco.—In order that Germany may be adequately represented at the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915, in spite of the refusal of the imperial government to appropriate money for an exhibit, Herr Ballin, director-general of the Hamburg-American line, says his company is prepared to head a subscription fund with \$50,000 and will make important reductions in freight rates on goods sent to San Francisco for exposition purposes.

Nebraska as a Mining State.

Lincoln, Neb.—Because her father and brother were miners and because she believes that Nebraska is a productive mining state, Elizabeth Noone of Collingsdale, Pa., has written to Governor Morehead to find out if they are anywhere within the borders of the state. She says that both left Pennsylvania twenty-three years ago and that she has not seen or heard of them since that time.

Rebels Abandon City.

Hankow, China.—The rebels have abandoned Nan-Chang, capital of the province of Kiang-Si, and arrangements are now under way for the entry of the southern forces. After a feeble fight the rebels evacuated Wand-Chia-Tu in boats. In their haste to escape from the city a large number of them were drowned.

Frost in Nebraska.

West Point, Neb.—Indications of a very light frost are reported from low lying districts in this county as having been discovered very early Wednesday morning. Nights are cold, in marked contrast to the intense heat of the day time.

Ten Men Have Close Call.

Keokuk, Ia.—Ten government employees escaped death or serious injury in a freak accident on the Mississippi. Government drill boat No. 103 had placed sixteen charges of dynamite ready to blast in the new channel of the river, and just as the drill boat was moving away lightning caused the explosion of the dynamite.

The first international congress of the deaf and dumb was opened at Ghent on Tuesday. Proceedings were conducted in the sign language.

APPORTIONMENT MADE FOR NECESSITIES OF CROPS.

San Francisco to Vote on Bonds for Municipal Street Car Line—Would Sweep Huerta from Power.

Washington.—Secretary McAdoo has announced the apportionment as far as it had been completed for the \$50,000,000 to be deposited by the government in national banks of the west and south to facilitate the movement and marketing of crops. The total amount allotted to date is \$46,500,000, of which \$24,700,000 goes to banks in the fourteen western states, and \$21,800,000 to the thirteen southern states and the District of Columbia. The southern banks have asked that their share of the funds be deposited in August and September, and those in the west want the money apportioned to them during September, October and November.

Would Sweep Huerta from Power.

Houston, Tex.—Given unrestricted opportunities to buy munitions of war in the United States, the constitutionalists will sweep Provisional President Huerta from power, assume the responsibility for injury done foreigners, hold a free and fair election and re-establish Mexico firm on cordial relations with the United States, according to a statement from General Jesus Carranza, which Dr. Henry Allen Tupper and Captain J. T. Armstrong, of the international peace forum, are carrying to President Wilson.

FOR MUNICIPAL CAR LINES.

San Francisco to Vote on a Proposed Bond Issue.

San Francisco, Cal.—San Francisco will vote on a proposed \$3,500,000 bond issue for the building of municipal street car lines. The city now owns and operates one road—the Geary street car line from Ocean to Ferries—and the project of building a system of railways developed when engineers reported transportation facilities inadequate to handle the Panama-Pacific crowd in 1915. The proposed system will compete with the lines of the United Railways of San Francisco, a company subsidiary to the United Railways Investment Company of New Jersey. Since its opening the Geary street road has paid a handsome profit.

Farm Homes to Be Drawn for.

Washington.—Nearly nine thousand and 160-acre farm homes will be drawn by the "lucky ones" as the result of the throwing open of 1,345,000 acres of land upon the Fort Peck Indian reservation in northeastern Montana next month. This is the last great land drawing Uncle Sam has to offer his people and one of the greatest in the history of the government land openings in point of fertility. Government agricultural experts estimate that when this vast stretch of soil is tilled it will add about 25,000,000 bushels of grain annually to the production of the United States—enough to feed an entire nation.

Long "Hike" by Boy Scouts.

Sheridan, Wyo.—Troop two of the local company of Boy Scouts has just completed a 300-mile "hike" across the Big Horn range of mountains, and return—an overland "hike" said to have been the longest ever accomplished by the organization in this country.

Coldest Day of the Summer.

Cleveland, O.—Tuesday was the coldest day in this city of the present summer. The lowest temperature was 52. There were light frosts in the morning in the valleys about Cleveland.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Charles A. Pfeiffer.

was retained as mayor by the voters of this city as the result of a recall election held here Tuesday. The official count showed that he defeated his opponent, Councilman John Brendell, by a majority of 658.

Cole Younger Joins Church.

Lee's Summit, Mo.—Cole Younger, once a member of the Jesse James gang, became a member of the Christian church at a revival meeting here.

Break in Sulzer Ranks.

Albany, N. Y.—A possible breach in the ranks of Governor Sulzer's supporters is indicated by the statement of Former Judge D. Cady Herrick, who leads the governor's legal forces in the impeachment matter, that "counsel for Governor Sulzer have nothing to do with any alleged criminal proceedings against Charles F. Murphy, Senator Frawley or Assemblyman Levy, and are not pursuing any investigation of a criminal character against anyone."

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Sunday baseball was defeated at Ansley.

The Farmers Elevator company has been incorporated at Silver Creek.

The new modern brick school building at Western was dedicated last week.

Over 200 teachers were in attendance at the Gage county institute last week.

Fremont lost out on its fight for a share of the appropriation for agricultural shows.

A new opera house for Hastings is the aim of the Chamber of Commerce of that place.

The Better Babies contest of the Nebraska state fair has already attracted 225 entries.

Molesting of property in the city park at York is causing officials there considerable trouble.

Business men of Arcadia are agitating the question of paving the principal street in that town.

Nearly 100 Otoe county teachers were registered for institute work at Nebraska City last week. Eleven buildings, comprising the principal business section of Stamford, burned Wednesday morning.

All arrangements have been made for one of the most successful state fairs in the history of Nebraska.

The southwest Nebraska reunion of soldiers will be held at McKinley park in Cambridge, September 15 to 20.

A scourge of hog cholera has broken out in Valley county and is raising havoc among a number of fine herds.

The Arcadia Co-operative Creamery company of Arcadia have closed up their business and will sell at an early date.

A savage dog attacked five-year-old Helen Wurl at Plattsmouth and badly mangled her arms and limbs before being beaten off.

Hastings chautauqua was short \$2,500, but it is claimed that Barnum & Bailey's circus took \$20,000 out of the town in one day.

Miss Helen Miller, a 20-year-old Omaha girl, has started on a "hike" for Denver and expects to reach her destination in four weeks.

Mrs. Clara Robinson is dead at Lincoln from burns received when she attempted to replenish the tank of a lighted gasoline stove.

Jefferson county farmers are busily engaged in cutting their corn and making fodder of it. Many of the farmers will make silo of their fodder.

Seven-year-old Charles Peters of Peters had a leg broken by a kick from a horse and dragged himself 100 rods towards home before reaching aid.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Roseland Monday night burned business property of a total valuation ranging from \$19,000 to \$22,300.

Due to the long drouth, trees are dying by hundreds in Fremont. Efforts of the park board to save the maples and lindens in Irving and City parks have failed.

The fire department at Arcadia has purchased an auto truck, which will be used for a hose and ladder truck. It has been paid for with money from entertainments.

As Henry B. Erisman was driving to Auburn with a load of hogs his team became frightened, ran away and upset the wagon. He was found dead a few moments later.

Over 1,000 representatives of the various Sunday schools in Hamilton county marched in parade one day last week, forming one of the most impressive pageants ever witnessed in Aurora.

A large number of "prairie schooners" are passing through Fairbury almost daily. These parties consist largely of farmers who have been "burnt out" in western Kansas and Oklahoma and are going east.

Bishop Duffy of Kearney has gone to St. Joseph's hospital, Denver, for treatment for appendicitis, and an operation has been decided upon. Dr. Watson of Kearney, his physician, has gone to Denver to be at the operation.

Fred Appleget, an employee of a Lincoln ice cream company, lost both hands when he attempted to dislodge some ice which had clogged in a crusher.

The village of Bancroft has voted for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$17,500, to be used in the construction of a sanitary sewer system for that village.

Mrs. Stella Riordan and Miss Stella Riordan, who perished in the sinking of the steamer State of California, were the mother and sister of Mrs. C. F. Morey, wife of a prominent attorney at Hastings.

The Minden Commercial club is pushing the proposed irrigation ditch to be put in that vicinity.

The agricultural, horticultural and fruit displays at the state fair will be especially strong this year. Many counties have prepared exhibits which will surprise those not familiar with the resources of the state.

Dolly LaBelle, making her second balloon ascension, was seriously, possibly fatally injured at the Gala day celebration at Havelock Saturday, by being dragged about 200 rods by the balloon, from which she was unable to release her parachute.

State Inspector Stapleton of Lincoln has been in Fairbury checking over the county treasurer's books. A discrepancy of 4 cents was found.

One of the peculiar things connected with this year's alfalfa supply, is that the yield is much heavier on the newer fields and the older stands where one would expect a heavy crop, is light.

One of the new features of the state fair this year is to be the boys' encampment under the supervision of the city Y. M. C. A. This is the first time that provision has been made for the care of the boys who attend the fair.

FOR CARE OF INSANE

CAMPING OUTFITS SUBJECT TO PURE FOOD LAWS.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Charges against thirty-one of the counties of the state, amounting to a total of \$96,084, for the board and care of insane patients for several years prior to 1891, are valid and collectable by the state, according to the opinion furnished Auditor Howard by Attorney General Martin. The counties on the auditor's list that owe the state are as follows, with the amount of their indebtedness: Adams, \$1,939; Boone, \$5,772; Box Butte, \$2,003; Burt, \$4,724; Butler, \$5,683; Cedar, \$461; Colfax, \$4,584; Dakota, \$1,828; Dawes, \$1,661; Gage, \$3,925; Greeley, \$874; Hayes, \$1,007; Holt, \$3,414; Johnson, \$12,466; Keith, \$1,757; Lincoln, \$5,698; Logan, \$946; Madison, \$7,007; Nemaha, \$1,238; Nuckolls, \$259; Pawnee, \$3,278; Pierce, \$2,842; Polk, \$235; Richardson, \$4,563; Sarpy, \$257; Saunders, \$10,835; Scotts Bluff, \$381; Stanton, \$2,213; Thomas, \$25; Wayne, \$724; Webster, \$7,337. Total, \$96,084. If the counties do not decide to litigate the matter, those in debt to the state will probably make levies next year to provide the money, although some, where the sum is very small, may pay it out of their respective general funds. If they do not pay the auditor will bring suit.

Unsanitary Food at Cooking Camp.

Camping outfits where meals are served for money are subject to the provisions of the pure food laws, according to action just taken by Food Commissioner Harman. Following complaint made by a number of the boarders at the Ashland bridge cook shack, an inspector was sent to that place. The report received by the state official verifies all that reached his ears previously and he will likely take legal steps in the matter. Cans of fruit were said to have been purchased with full knowledge that the products therein were unfit for use. The meat is said to have been in a bad condition and wholly unfit for table use. The waste disposal of the camp, and the refrigerator, where the perishable food was kept between the meals, were also found by the inspector to be highly unsanitary. Orders of condemnation were issued and a considerable amount of food was destroyed in the presence of the inspector.

Two Days for Work on Roads.

"You bet I'll get down and do some work on the roads," said Governor Morehead as he breathed in mighty gasps of cool, fresh air at the executive office and explained to newspaper men his intention to call a two days' roadfest for the state during the latter part of September. "I was meant for a road supervisor, anyway, instead of a governor," he continued. "I am right at home there. There's real joy in getting out and working the roads and knowing that all the people who travel over them will get the benefit of your work. The subject is of great importance to the people of this state and I think that the half dozen men who were advocating good roads a few years ago have increased their number to many thousands. As soon as I have talked the matter over with a number of the leading good roads men I will set aside two days when Nebraskans will get busy on their highways."

Will Test Lubricating Oil.

Tests are to be made by the board of control on the various kinds of lubricating and machine oil used by the state institutions. The samples will be submitted to the state chemist and specifications made for the next quarterly letting of contracts for supplies will be based on his report. Similar tests were made a year ago by Land Commissioner Cowles, and it was found that several brands of oil then being used did not measure up to specifications. A saving of several hundred dollars was made in six months through utilization of the figures gained from the state chemist's record of the tests.

Fillings made with the secretary of state show that the Northwestern road will acquire four switch engines, 2,000 gondola cars, and 2,005 box cars in the equipment to be purchased from the proceeds of the \$10,000,000 bond issue recently approved by the railway commission of Nebraska and other states in which the road operates.

The state board of control has let the contract for the building of the industrial and amusement hall at the state hospital for the insane at Lincoln.

Governor Morehead has received a letter from Governor R. I. Metcalfe of the canal zone asking for a picture of the Nebraska executive. This, according to the communication, will be placed on the walls of the "Nebraska" room in the governor's mansion at Ancon and will form a part of the Cornhusker exhibit that will be gathered there.

Bookkeeper W. M. Wilson of the state penitentiary has handed in his resignation to Warden Penton to take effect the early part of September.