

# MEXICO IN BAD WAY

OUTLAWS THREATENING LIVES OF FOREIGNERS.

## CITY OVERRUN BY BANDITS

Several Popular Demonstrations of Recent Occurrence Because of Shortage of Food Supplies in Capital.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Outlaws in Mexico City who assaulted the German charge d'affaires, now are threatening the lives of other foreigners, according to diplomatic dispatches received here. One message states that "undescribably loathsome" conditions prevail, and that the government is powerless against bandits. Several popular demonstrations because of the food shortage have occurred in the Mexican capital within the last few days. Reports to the state department say the situation is serious. In its summary of dispatches the department said:

"It is stated that this condition is due in a large measure to the lack of communication. The convention and the local government are said to be giving consideration to methods for relieving the situation. The international relief committee has purchased in the northern part of Mexico about 2,500 tons of cereals for distribution among the needy in Mexico City, if satisfactory arrangements can be made regarding transportation and guarantees from various officials in control of the different sections through which the supplies would have to be shipped."

### California Volcano Active.

Redding, Cal.—Lassen peak's seething caldron, stirred, perhaps, by some convulsion, bubbled over last week and sent a river of mud cascading down the mountain side. Hat creek valley, in the eastern part of Shasta county, was partly inundated. A number of farms were in the path of the flood and several houses and live stock were destroyed. Residents of the valley fled, however, in time, and no lives were lost.

Fred Seaton, a government forest ranger, gave timely warning to the settlers.

### Want Life of Frank Soared.

Charleston.—The house of delegates of the West Virginia legislature has passed a joint resolution petitioning the governor of Georgia to commute the sentence of Leon M. Frank to life imprisonment.

### Edison Medal for Dr. Bell.

New York.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, was awarded the Edison medal for meritorious achievement in electrical science at the annual meeting of the American Institute of electrical engineers. The medal is provided for by trust funds established by friends and associates of Thomas A. Edison and is awarded each year to a resident of the United States or Canada who has accomplished work of great value in electrical engineering or electrical arts.

### Missouri Puts Up the Bars.

Columbia, Mo.—A provisional quarantine against all live stock from the states of Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington has been declared by the Missouri board of agriculture.

The board took this action to retaliate against western states which have placed a quarantine on Missouri breeding cattle, "unjustly and without cause," according to the opinion of state officials. The quarantine order against the western states will be withdrawn as each state ends its quarantine against Missouri.

London, May 18.—The announcement that King George was about to discontinue racing is said to have been erroneous.

The king scratched one of his candidates for the Derby, Friar Marcus, and this news was given out. From it the assumption was made that his majesty was going to stop racing and other horse owners began to follow the example. Today it developed that the king still has Sammaroo entered in the Derby.

### Convicts Cannot Act as Servants.

Montgomery, Ala.—The practice of detaining convicts as servants in the homes of Alabama state officials and as laborers at the capitol and other state institutions has been abolished by an executive order by Governor Henderson.

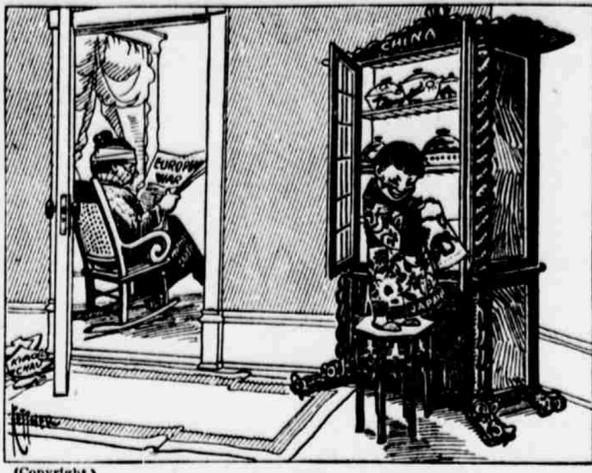
### Two Million More Fighters.

London.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says he has learned from an authoritative Berlin source that Germany is about to call up two million men.

### Ophelia Held to Be Lawful Prize.

London.—The prize court has decided that the German steamer Ophelia, captured in the North sea by the British destroyer Meteor in October and brought into Yarmouth, was a lawful prize. Germany protested that this act of capture was in violation of The Hague convention, declaring that the Ophelia was a hospital ship. The British government contended that the Ophelia only purported to be a hospital ship and that as a matter of fact she was masquerading under false colors for scouting purposes.

# RAIDING THE CHINA CLOSET



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## VIEWS OF PROMINENT MEN

### LAKE MOHONK FORUM SCENE OF HEATED DISCUSSIONS.

Secretary of War Garrison and General Leonard Wood Are Pitted Against Norman Angell.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Mohonk Lake, N. Y.—The Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration furnished the forum for a warm debate on armament between Secretary of War Garrison and General Leonard Wood on the one side and Norman Angell, who is one of the foremost advocates of disarmament and who recently returned from hospital service in the war zone, declared that the words of the secretary of war and the former chief of staff of the army urging the United States to make greater military preparations were "precisely the speeches he had heard so many times in Germany."

General Wood spoke after the secretary of war had finished a plea for more adequate armament.

"We soldiers and sailors," said General Wood, "are merely your trained servants. You create wars, we try to terminate them. Nine out of ten wars are based on trade. The trouble with most conferences of this kind is that they do not look conditions in the face. We must not delude ourselves that our geographical remoteness has made us safe."

Improved methods of transport, he asserted, have increased the danger of invasion. "This is one of the great causes of armament—this and the great efficiency of implements of war. When we have ceased to fight for our honest convictions we shall cease to be worthy to exist as a nation. It is murder for you to send our boys to war untrained when it is possible to train them. All we soldiers and sailors want is that you give us a reasonable degree of preparation so when your boys come to us to fight the sacrifice may be as light as possible."

Mr. Angell fairly ran to the speakers' stand to make his reply. "Nowhere would those speeches have been so welcomed as in Germany," he cried. He declared that increased armaments offered no solution of the peace problem. "Here are two nations anxious to keep the peace by each being stronger than the other. This is an impossible situation. I do not believe that this will be the war that will end war. The mere piling up of American armament will not help the problem. Obviously the militaristic solution—of being stronger than the other nation—has failed. Do not let us make the same mistake as the nations of Europe."

This ended the debate, and the conference session adjourned in a buzz of excited comment.

Kansas City.—Hundreds of small streams are out of their banks and many larger creeks and rivers are approaching flood stage in Kansas, northern Oklahoma and western Missouri. This district has received from two to five inches of rain. Heavy damage is reported by truck farmers and orchard growers.

### Trawler Is Torn to Pieces.

London.—The French steam trawler St. Just of Arcachon was torpedoed and literally smashed to pieces near Dartmouth.

### Robber Attacks Diplomat.

Washington.—Charge d'Affaires Magnus of the German legation in Mexico City was attacked and stabbed by a robber near the legation. He reported the attack to the German embassy here, but said it had no political significance. He was not seriously wounded.

### Great Rings Around the Sun.

Philadelphia.—The appearance of two great rings around the sun, strongly pronounced and somewhat resembling rainbows, interested hundreds of thousands of persons in this city and vicinity. The rings are known as solar halos, and are due to condensation in the atmosphere consequent upon the low temperatures which produced water drops or ice crystals. The refraction and infraction of the sun's rays through these brought about the occurrence, which is exceedingly rare in this latitude.

## NEW IMMIGRATION PLAN IS ANNOUNCED.

Anthony Caminetti Outlines New Ideas Before Federation of Women's Clubs at Meeting in San Francisco.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. San Francisco.—A new immigration policy of the United States government, as brought about by war conditions in Europe, was outlined briefly by United States Commissioner of Immigration Anthony Caminetti in an address before the California federation of women's clubs.

"President Wilson," said Commissioner Caminetti, "does not desire to send one single immigrant back to his country where any danger might come to him. The immigration policy of the government goes even further. On account of the Lusitania incident, it will not send any immigrant back to England or France."

Mr. Caminetti added that it was now the policy of the federal government to start as soon as possible to make a good citizen out of each immigrant, and to give instruction to each new citizen such as would make him proud of his new country. He expressed the hope that the convention would agree to consider co-operation with the United States government in the matter of securing employment for immigrants.

Discussing the wearing of bird plumed hats by women, Mrs. Percy B. Pennypacker, general president of the national federation of women's clubs, asked: "Can women's bird plumed hats pass in review before their own consciences?"

Women in the convention hall who were wearing plumes removed their hats and plucked out the feathers.

### Addicks Is in Jail.

New York.—J. Edward Addicks, former financier and once political power in Delaware, has been sent to Ludlow street jail in default of a payment of \$15,472, due on a judgment in supplementary proceedings instituted by Hiram M. Burton, the creditor. Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum signed the order when Addicks asserted that after several days' effort he had been unable to raise the money. Addicks is seventy-four years old.

Boston.—Several new mortars recently mounted at Fort Andrew and capable of hurling projectiles weighing half a ton eight and a half miles, have been tested. They are said to be the most powerful weapons on the coast. The projectiles are not explosive, being designed to sink a vessel by tearing a hole through her by the force of their fall from great height.

London.—Sir Edgar Speyer cannot divest himself of his baronetcy, which in his letter to Premier Asquith he asked to have revoked. "Once a baronet, always a baronet," said an official of the college of arms. "Sir Edgar may cease to call himself a baronet, but he still remains one, and if he had any sons the eldest would succeed him all the same."

### Frye Case to a Prize Court.

Washington.—Germany has sent to a prize court the case of the American sailing ship William P. Frye, sunk in the south Atlantic last January by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, but it is understood that the German admiralty took that action before it had received the American note insisting that the damages be adjusted directly through diplomatic negotiations in Washington.

It is said that the reference of the case to a prize court will necessarily prevent diplomatic adjustment.

### Geneva.—The German emperor

and his staff had a narrow escape while watching the operations in a village near the river San, in Galicia. According to a dispatch from Budapest, which reached here by indirect route, a heavy shell burst 500 yards away. It fell among some automobiles, destroying several machines, including the emperor's, and killing his chauffeur. The emperor had left his car only fifteen minutes before.

As more Russian shells were falling in the neighborhood the emperor and his staff left hastily in machines.

# WILL NOT BE BOUND

UNITED STATES DECLINES TO ABIDE BY BRITISH ORDERS.

## ITALY HAS DECLARED WAR

Italian Government Issues Proclamation of Mobilization—Many Casualties Occur in Wreck on English Railway.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—The determination of the United States government not to recognize or be bound by the provisions of the British order-in-council which declared an embargo on all commercial intercourse directly with Germany, as well as inward or outward-bound through neutral countries, has been manifested in several ways. The foreign trade advisers of the state department announced that they had decided to suspend all conferences with British embassy officials here with reference to the informal arrangements which had been in progress not



CLARK PERKINS

Editor of the Aurora Republican who was elected vice-president of the Nebraska State Press association at the annual meeting in Omaha in April. For several years Mr. Perkins owned the St. Paul Republican, which he sold to take charge of the Aurora Republican. For a time he was secretary of the state railway commission, which position he resigned in order that he might again enter the newspaper business, in which he has always been successful.

only to assist American cotton exporters in obtaining payment for cargoes detained, but also to secure for American importers American-owned goods now in Germany, contracted for before the order-in-council went into effect.

### ITALY DECLARES WAR.

Yields to Popular Pressure and Will Fight Austria-Hungary.

Rome, via Paris.—Italy is at war with Austria-Hungary. With the issuance of the general mobilization order the Italian government issued a proclamation declaring war on Austria, which officially began Monday. Prior to this, and after a lengthy consultation, the ministers of war and marine proclaimed all the provinces bordering on Austria and the islands and coast towns of the Adriatic in a state of war, which was equivalent to the establishment of martial law, the step usually preceding the formal declaration. Although drastic action has been looked for momentarily, Italians of all classes have been electrified by the swiftly moving events.

### Casualties in Railway Wreck.

Carlisle, Eng.—Three trains collided Saturday morning on the Caledonian railway at Gretna, near this city, causing the death of at least seventy-three persons and the fatal injury of many others. The total casualties probably will reach 400. Fire in the wreckage added horror to the accident. One train was a troop train; another was a local, and the third the express from London to Glasgow.

### Great Wheat Crop.

Topeka, Kan.—A yield of 136,600,000 bushels of winter wheat in Kansas this year is expected on present prospects by the Kansas board of agriculture. The result is given of the board's investigations into the state's crop situation as found May 17. According to the figures the average yield per acre would be 15.9 bushels on the 8,586,000 acres of growing wheat as reported a month ago. Should this yield be realized the crop would be second only to the state's record output of 180,000,000 bushels in 1914.

Lincoln.—Emil Muzik, sentenced to die in the electric chair September 15, for the murder of his wife, was brought to the state penitentiary by Deputy Sheriff Ed Palmer of Omaha. Muzik cut his wife's throat with a table knife. Believing the moving picture machine, caged off in the rear of the dining room at the prison to be the electric chair in which he was to be placed, Muzik was terribly frightened when he was taken to the dining room to partake of his first meal in the prison.

# CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Citizens of Oakland are planning a city park.

An automobile association has been formed at Pierce.

Plans are being prepared for a new city jail at O'Neil.

A big racing meet is to be held at Wahoo, July 7, 8 and 9.

The United Brethren church of Upland has been dedicated.

A \$15,000 electric bond carried at Tekamah by a two to one vote.

The Gothenburg National bank will soon reorganize as a state bank.

Work has started on the "seeding mile" of concrete roadway at Kearney.

The Sterling Commercial club dedicated their new headquarters last week.

The Beatrice Chautauqua assembly will be held in that city June 29 to July 5.

Eight automobiles were sold to farmers in Buffalo county in two weeks.

The contract for the new parochial school to be built at Kearney will be let soon.

Omaha High school won the annual high school track and field meet at Lincoln.

Grandma Weimer of Stella celebrated her hundredth birthday anniversary last week.

Louis Larson, a farm laborer, was run over and killed by a Northwestern train near Albion.

The Farmers' State bank of Lewellen has received a charter from the state banking board.

A new canning company, incorporated at \$50,000, will be established at Blair this summer.

Sixty of the eighty-five thousand dollars court house bonds of Pawnee county have been paid off.

The contract has been let for the addition to the National guard arsenal at the fair grounds, Lincoln.

A new ordinance enacted by the Lincoln city council is expected to drive the jitney bus out of business.

The Douglas County Pioneers' association will hold its annual summer picnic June 26 at Miller park, Omaha.

Edward W. Marcellus, superintendent of the Crete schools, has been appointed principal of the Evanston, Ill., academy.

A Fourth of July celebration will be held at Chadron and a number of nearby towns will aid in making the celebration a success.

Nebraska fruit is in excellent condition, according to a report issued by Secretary J. R. Duncan of the state horticultural society.

The two-year-old daughter of L. H. Christensen of Minden, who accidentally tipped some boiling water over herself, died from its effects.

Charles Sans, who lives near Plattsmouth, was painfully bruised when his automobile turned turtle. He fainted while driving and the machine ran into a ditch.

Leonard W. Klein of Blue Springs won the state championship high school debate at Lincoln; Aaron S. Speier of Lincoln was second and Donald G. Moore of Geneva, third.

Chadron is now entitled to a free mail delivery as a result of increase of postal business. An inspector will look over the situation as soon as the houses are numbered and all streets are named.

Governor Morehead has written Rendell K. Brown, chairman of the Omaha Commercial club's good roads committee, advising him that he expects to proclaim a good roads day this summer.

Three thousand dollars has been raised by the Stanton Speed association to be hung up as prizes at the race meet to be held in that city July 2 and 3. A new \$1,000 amphitheater is being constructed for the event.

Stockmen and farmers in the vicinity of Holdrege are much interested in demonstrations of the new Huff-Hollenback silage elevator on the Jams McClay farm. The invention makes a boys' job out of what was once a job for two or three men, for it solves the problem of getting silage out from the pit silos.

Baseball enthusiasts of Thayer county have formed an eight club league and will play regular games throughout the summer. The towns participating are Belvidere, Bruning, Carleton, Chester, Davenport, Desher, Hebron and Hubbell. A twenty-eight game schedule has been drawn up.

Surveyors have completed the preliminary work incident to the construction of the new power dam at Ericson on the Cedar river and work on actual construction will begin soon. Beside using the dam for power it is expected to make a summer resort of the surrounding country. The people of Ericson look for a complete rejuvenation of the town as a result of the project.

J. J. Anselmo, one of the oldest residents of Custer county, was killed in a runaway near Whitman.

When Mr. and Mrs. David Roberts, who reside near Lindsay, returned to their house after doing some chores, they found their 3-year-old daughter burned to death.

The most powerful motor car ever built, the "M-23," has been completed in the Omaha shops of the McKeen Motor company and will soon be placed in the service of the Union Pacific on the Kearney-Callaway branch.

# BUMPERWHEAT CROP

BIGGEST YIELD IN STATE'S HISTORY IS EXPECTED.

## REPORTS REACH LABOR CHIEF

Commissioner Coffey Gets Line On Harvest Hands That Will Be Needed Through Solons.

Lincoln.—Reports from a half a dozen Nebraska counties received by Labor Commissioner F. M. Coffey indicate farmers are expecting the biggest wheat crop in the state's history and expecting to need farm hands during the harvesting season. One or two reports state the crop will double that of the banner year of 1914 and that the acreage is much larger.

Coffey asked members of the legislature to furnish the crop reports so he could get a line on the number of harvest hands needed for this state.

Cairo reports the wheat is excellent and harvest hands will be paid \$2.50 a day. Beemer reports 10 per cent better outlook than at the same time last year. Amherst says the acreage is 10 per cent larger than last year, and prospects 50 per cent better than at the same time in 1914. The eastern half of Buffalo county can use 100 extra men at \$2.25 per day, the report states.

Gothenburg reports a larger acreage than last year, with chances of double the yield of a year ago. Two hundred harvest hands at \$2 a day can be used. Valparaiso has the same outlook as last year, the report states, with the farmers needing fifty more men at \$2 a day. Geneva reports 150 hands will be needed, with wages at \$2.50 a day.

All reports agree the harvest will start about July 1.

### Settles 3,000 Cases.

Nearly 3,000 final reports of settlements effected under the compensation law of Nebraska, which went into effect December 1, last, have been made to the state labor commissioner's office during the five and one-half months' operation of the law. This does not include the large number of incomplete reports filed. In the final reports, complete information of the accident is given, with the time lost and amount of compensation. An overwhelming majority of these reports deal with minor and even trifling injuries, which resulted in little loss of time. The law does not allow any compensation for the first two weeks unless the incapacity extends over eight weeks. The reports show the doctors' bills were paid in most instances by the employers regardless of the nature of the accident.

### Saving of Over a Million.

State Accountant DeFrance, who is employed in Auditor Smith's office, has made an exact comparison of the appropriations of the 1913 and 1915 sessions of the legislature and finds that the total saving of the latter in making appropriations for the ordinary expense of government was \$1,046,173.28. This does not include school appropriations, but it does include cash funds, which were not available in previous comparisons that have been made.

### Klein Wins Debate.

Leonard W. Klein of the Blue Springs High school, won the state interscholastic championship in debate, when he defeated the cream of Nebraska High schools at the district debate held here at the state university. The question debated was: "Resolved, That the United States Should Adopt Government Ownership and Operation of Railroads."

### Governor Reappoints Royse.

E. Royse has been reappointed secretary of the state banking board. Mr. Royse is a republican and the administration is democratic. His reappointment occasions no surprise, as the governor announced some time ago that there would be no change in the banking department.

### Dorchester Man Appointed.

Dr. J. D. Case of Dorchester has been appointed state health inspector by the board of health. Dr. Case succeeds Dr. W. H. Wilson of Table Rock, who has held the office for the past eight years.

### Auto Registration Increasing.

Instead of the automobile registration decreasing after the first rush incident to the taking effect of the new law, it has steadily increased.

### Corn and Alfalfa Are First.

Corn and alfalfa again ranked first in rate and cheapness of gain in the recent experimental feeding of six lots of steers at the agricultural experiment station, according to the results made known at the beef producers' meeting held recently at the university farm. The experiment indicated not only that corn and alfalfa ranked first but that the difference in favor of this ration is even more marked than shown in previous experiments.