

ENVOY IS RECALLED

CARRANZA ORDERS AMBASSADOR ARREDONDO TO LEAVE WASHINGTON AT ONCE.

SEE BREAK IN RELATIONS

Officials Believe First Chief Will Refuse to Agree to Protocol Offered by United States—Lansing Admits Conditions Are Serious.

Washington, Dec. 29.—General Carranza, first chief of the Mexican de facto government, has ordered Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate, to withdraw from the United States without delay.

This move, which has the aspect of a rupture of such diplomatic relations as exist between the Mexican de facto government and the United States, created consternation among administration officials, who confessed they are mystified by the unheralded action.

Arredondo informed his associates of the order recalling him from Washington and said that he would leave cards at the state department in accordance with diplomatic usage and depart for Mexico City.

Carranza's move increases the alarm of advisers of the president. They fear that Carranza, after all the surrendering to his demands by the president, intends to rebuff the administration in some spectacular manner.

The first chief's reply to the proposals for an agreement made in the Atlantic City protocol was to have arrived in Washington on Wednesday. Instead there came word that Luis Cabrera, one of the Mexican commissioners, will consult with Secretary of the Interior Lane, chairman of the American commission. It is supposed that he will bring the Carranza reply.

The chief advisers of the president on the Mexican question are a prey to forebodings that the recall of Arredondo signals the refusal of Carranza to agree to the protocol and that the first chief intends to proclaim that he will not continue diplomatic relations with the United States so long as American troops remain on Mexican soil. Under ordinary circumstances this would be a step in the direction of war.

Secretary Lansing broke his long silence on Mexican matters to the extent of admitting the conditions in the northern section of the country are bad. Mr. Lansing's statement was based upon information which has been coming to the state department from all directions.

COMPLETE OFFICIAL RETURNS

President Wilson is Given 9,116,296 Votes in 1916 Election—568,882 Plurality.

New York, Dec. 27.—Complete official returns on the presidential election show that Mr. Wilson received 9,116,296 votes and Mr. Hughes 8,547,474, a plurality of 568,822 for Mr. Wilson. In 1912 Wilson (Dem.) received 6,227,069; Roosevelt (Prog.) 4,124,959; Taft (Rep.) 3,846,399.

The vote for Mr. Benson, Socialist candidate for president, was 750,000, with eight missing states estimated, against 901,873 for Debs (Soc.) in 1912, and for Mr. Hanly, Prohibitionist candidate, was 225,101, against 207,928 for Chaffin (Pro.) in 1912.

The total popular vote for the four candidates was 18,638,871, as against 15,045,922 in 1912. This is an increase of 3,592,949, accounted for by the increased population and the woman vote in the new suffrage states.

The following is a table showing the vote by states for Wilson and Hughes:

Table with 2 columns: State and Votes. Lists states from Alabama to Wyoming with corresponding vote counts.

WANTS CHINESE IN HAWAII

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 29.—Permission for the entry into Hawaiian territory of 25,000 Chinese immigrants will be asked of congress by Farm Corn, a wealthy Chinaman of this city, and T. H. Hindel, a business man.

LANDSLIDE SWEEPS TRAIN OFF TRACK

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 29.—A landslide near Shirley, Ark., swept a Missouri & North Arkansas railroad freight train from the track and buried the engine, according to reports received in Little Rock.

THE NEXT BIG DRIVE?



BIG YEAR FOR ROADS WAR WILL CONTINUE

GREATEST PROSPERITY EVER KNOWN FOR CARRIERS. KING GEORGE DECLARES FOR PROSECUTION OF CONFLICT.

Eastern Roads Show the Largest Profits in Record of Over Billion Earned. Bonar Law Says Statement Cannot Be Given to Commons at Present.

Washington, Dec. 27.—More than \$1,000,000,000 net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country during the year now closing. The huge total is the peak of prosperity in railroad operations, and stands more than one-third higher than the total of 1913, hitherto the banner year.

Statistics gathered by the interstate commerce commission complete for nine months and made the basis for circulation for the entire year, indicate that the total net income from operations will be approximately \$1,008,000,000. For the first nine months of the year complete returns show \$785,558,293. Even this does not represent the full amount, as roads whose income is less than \$1,000,000 are not included.

Wide divergence in receipts among the roads of various sections is disclosed. The overburdened railroads of the East have skimmed the cream of the traffic.

12 FARM BANK CITIES NAMED

Board Announces Centers Under Rural Credits Law—Loans Limited to 50 Per Cent of Value.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Springfield, Mass., Baltimore, Columbia, S. C., Louisville, New Orleans, St. Louis, St. Paul, Omaha, Wichita, Houston, Tex., Berkeley, Cal., and Spokane have been chosen as locations for 12 federal farm loan banks. The 12 districts into which the country is divided were announced by the farm loan board, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas are in district No. 6.

The banks will be established as soon as practicable. Under the law each will have a capital of \$750,000. Loans on farm land are limited by the law to 50 per cent of the value of the land and may be payable in from five to forty years. As fast as loans are made bonds will be issued to cover them, so that at no time under the present plan will a bank's entire capital be tied up in loans to the detriment of other applicants.

WANTS NOTE LEAK INQUIRY

Secretary Lansing Anxious to Learn Who Violated Confidence of State Department.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Administration men said Secretary Lansing will welcome the investigation by which Representative Wood proposes to ascertain whether any high government officials or their relatives profited by the Wall street upset attendant upon Lansing's two interpretive statements Thursday and the Wilson peace note. Government men indicated they were admittedly concerned over the apparent fact that a tip as to the peace note reached the street ahead of publication.

BANKS GAIN FOUR BILLION

Washington, Dec. 29.—Resources of the National banks have increased over \$4,000,000,000 since the inauguration of the federal reserve system three years ago, according to the report of the comptroller of the currency.

GERMANY'S NEW SUBMARINES

Washington, Dec. 29.—Submarines of hitherto undreamed-of offensive power and radius of action are being constructed by Germany. These undersea fighting units will be put into service as fast as they are completed.

WOULD CALL CANADIANS OF EIGHTEEN

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 28.—As a recruiting policy for Canada, Sir Sam Hughes, former minister of militia, in an address advocated the calling out of all single men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five.

THE STATE'S BUDGET

APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTED OF NEXT LEGISLATURE

FARMERS IN THE LEGISLATURE

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Governor Morehead has decided to present departmental requests for appropriations to the legislature without recommendation on his part. Under the budget system adopted by the last legislature, the governor, instead of the state auditor presents appropriations to the legislature. He will also present, as required by law a statement of the income of the state during the past biennium and the estimated income for the next two years.

The tabulation as prepared by the governor to transmit to the legislature contains requests from different state offices and departments for money to tide them over another two years. It includes the request of the state board of control for money to operate fifteen state institutions under the management of that board.

The total appropriations asked for, as presented by the governor, is \$3,733,945. For the same purposes two years ago the legislature appropriated \$7,646,119. Of that amount \$5,207,740 has been spent, leaving a balance of \$2,438,379 on hand to pay expenses until April 1, when new appropriations will become available.

Governor Morehead's statement to the legislature shows that during the past two years the receipts of the state from all sources, including \$4,473,811 state taxes collected, office fees, university and normal funds and other revenues, aggregated \$116,351,377. His estimated income of the state for the coming two years is \$11,015,980. The estimated income for the coming biennium includes \$3,405,625 state taxes and \$500,000 of back state taxes.

NEVILLE NAMES SOME APPOINTEES

Governor-elect Keith Neville has announced the following appointments to state offices, which he will make immediately after his inauguration:

- Labor Commissioner—George Norman of Omaha.
Adjutant General—P. L. Hall, Jr., of Lincoln, re-appointed.
Deputy Adjutant General—Walter E. Steele of Omaha.
Chief Clerk, Governor's Office—Anton Sagl of Wilber.
Stenographer, Governor's Office—Anna Tracy of Omaha.
Chief Clerk, Banking Board—J. V. Johnson of Lincoln.
Fire Wardens—Barney McArdle, Omaha, re-appointed; Thomas Healey of North Platte; Clint McCreary of Hastings, and M. G. McCune of Schuyler.

FARMERS IN LEGISLATURE

Farmers and stockraisers will outnumber lawyers in the lower branch of the Nebraska legislature this winter by four to one, but in the senate there will be seven attorneys as against only four farmers and stockmen. A few of the farmers are also interested in banks. There will be two house members and one senator who are retired farmers, and who have other interests at present. The house will contain forty-eight members who give farming as their occupation. If the two retired ones are included, this will give the agriculturists just one-half the membership. There are twelve lawyers in the house, counting two university law students who are preparing themselves for the legal profession.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES OFFERED

by the University of Nebraska extension department are reaching 433 men and women who live not only in Nebraska, but also in various parts of the United States from Cambridge, Mass., to San Francisco, Cal. They represent farmers, housewives, business men, mechanics, laborers, professional men and teachers. A majority of the 433, however, are teachers.

The purpose of the department is to afford the worker the opportunity to study during leisure hours, "all problems—artistic, literary, historical, social, industrial, moral, political, educational—"

WILL FIGHT HEALTH BOARD

Dr. Carrol Fox, federal health official, who investigated health administration laws in Nebraska a few years ago and who recommended revolutionary changes in our laws, will visit the legislature and lay before it reasons why his plans are most feasible. It is said here that practitioners from all the schools of medicine are preparing to fight a reorganization of the state health board. Many favor it, however, and a battle between the factions is expected.

SCHOOL LANDS WORTH MUCH MONEY

State school lands under lease, which would be subject to sale if the legislature ever took a notion to take that step, total 1,650,990 acres and are worth about \$18,000,000 in the judgment of State Superintendent Thomas. If the school lands of the state had been kept intact and conserved as have private investments of Nebraska, they would have brought upward of \$30,000,000 in the permanent school fund of the state.

AUDITOR ACTING ACCORDING TO LAW

When State Auditor Smith included in his biennial report a recommendation in favor of abolishing the land commissioner's office and transferring its duties to other departments, he was doing simply what the law requires him to do under section 5,545 of the revised statutes, which says that he shall report:

"Such plans as he may deem expedient for the support of public credit, for lessening the public expenses, for using the public money to the best advantage, for promoting frugality and economy in public offices, and generally for the better management and more perfect understanding of the fiscal affairs of the state."

Inasmuch as Mr. Smith's proposal allows a period of several years to bring about the change, and as he himself will be out of office before it is consummated, he cannot be properly charged with any selfish motive in urging that the land commissioner's office be done away with.

The sole question to be determined, therefore, is whether or not it would promote frugality, economy and efficiency in the state government by doing what Auditor Smith recommends.

Under the first constitution of Nebraska, adopted in 1866, there was no such office as land commissioner. The first state legislature in 1867, provided by law that the state auditor should be the land commissioner. This arrangement continued up to 1875, when the present constitution was adopted, making the land commissioner a separate office.

The State forestation commission will recommend that 10,000 acres of state school lands in small tracts scattered about in government forest reservations in Nebraska be traded to the government for compact bodies of land in the government reservations. This would give the government control over the entire government reservations which does not obtain at this time, and would also give the state control over compact bodies of state land which is now scattered promiscuously among government lands.

The commission will recommend three bills for passage by the legislature. One will authorize counties and cities and villages to set aside tracts of land for forest or lumber tracts to serve as recreation grounds and as a source of wood supply if carefully planted and cut. The commission also believes this plan would assist in maintaining the purity of water supplies in many instances. The second bill will relate to the trading scattered state lands for single tracts of government land.

The third bill will embody a plan for a permanent state forestation commission, to comprise three members appointed by the governor for a term of three years each, to serve without salary.

The budget of the state board of control presented to Governor Morehead and by him to be submitted to the legislature calls for an increase in appropriations for the maintenance of the fifteen state institutions under the management of this board. An increase in the number of inmates amounting to nearly 17 per cent is expected during the coming two years. In addition to this the board has added 10 per cent increase because of the advance in prices of supplies over the prices formerly paid by the state.

The board of control comprises Judge Howard Kennedy, chairman, ex-Governor S. A. Holcomb and Henry Gerdes. Two years ago this board presented to the legislature its first request for appropriations. For the first time in the history of the state the legislature accepted the word of the board as to the needs of state institutions. It gave the board exactly what it asked for. This confidence in the board was not misplaced, according to the views of those who have watched the management of state institutions. In spite of a big increase in the price of supplies in the past two years, the amount given by the legislature will tide the institutions over until April 1, the end of the biennium, with scarcely a deficiency. One or two of the smaller institutions may show a small deficiency.

This year the board of control asks for an appropriation of \$2,355,770 for the ordinary expenses of state institutions. This is an increase of \$268,050 over the amount appropriated for the same purposes two years ago. In addition the board asks for \$454,890 for permanent improvements or other extra items of expense.

While the legislature of two years ago made \$9,849,718 available for the biennium, \$2,000,000 of this came from other sources than the state treasury and was not raised by ordinary taxation. Fees collected by departments, products and labor sold by state institutions, and miscellaneous other items made up this portion of the state's revenue.

The balance in all funds on December 1, aggregated \$2,739,217, leaving at that time the expenditures of four months, or one-sixth of the biennium still to be met.

FILES CLAIM FOR STATE REWARD

Ira L. Cooper of St. Louis has filed a claim with State Auditor Smith asking for an appropriation of \$200 by the legislature to pay him the state reward offered in a proclamation by Governor Morehead for the arrest and return of John Jones, a negro who was found guilty of killing Sam Leons at Omaha in October, 1913. Jones was afterwards sentenced to be electrocuted, but the supreme court changed his sentence to life imprisonment. As the claim is a valid one against the state,



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Congress has appropriated money for experiments looking to the increase of production of sugar-beet seed in the United States.

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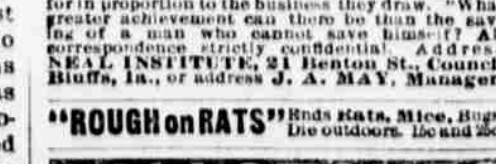
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