

DIPLMATIC CORPS IN MEXICO CALLED TO DISCUSS SITUATION

Spanish Minister Takes Initiative in Movement that is Regarded as Significant at Washington. DRIFTING TOWARD A CRISIS Senate Foreign Relations Committee Members Talk to Wilson. AWAIT NEXT MOVE OF HUERTA United States Will Keep War Vessels at Mexican Ports. PRESIDENT'S NOTE DELIVERED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The Mexican situation today was regarded by officials here as drifting toward a crisis, with the United States awaiting Huerta's next move. The commanding feature was the action of the Spanish minister in Mexico City, calling a meeting of the diplomatic corps to discuss Huerta's assumption of a practical dictatorship.

His highness, the prince of Monaco, accompanied by General Passenger Agent Wakeley, arrived tonight and made a short stop here. The prince seemed to take quite an interest in the crowd of land seekers who were piling into the special coaches, but declined to prolong his stay long enough to visit the registration booth.

Keeps Up at North Platte. NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Oct. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—During the last twenty-four hours ending at 4 p. m. today, 2,488 persons registered here for homestead lands in North Platte forest reserve and Fort Niobrara reservation, making a total in this city of 8,428. This registration makes North Platte the leading city in the number registered of the three places where registrations may be made for these lands.

Will Keep Warships Handy. Plans for keeping an American naval force in Mexican waters commanded almost equal attention, especially in view of the strained situation following an closely Huerta's announcement that his government's permission for the presence of American warships would not be renewed this month and the announcement of this government's intention to accomplish its end without conflicting with the laws of Mexico by changing the details of the fleet.

Text of President's Note. The note delivered by Charles O'Connell today to the authorities at Mexico City defining the attitude of the United States toward Huerta's assumption of dictatorship follows: "The president is shocked at the lawlessness of the methods employed by General Huerta, and as a sincere friend of Mexico is deeply distressed by the situation which has arisen. He finds it impossible to regard otherwise than as an act of bad faith toward the United States, Huerta's course in dissolving the congress and arresting the deputies.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature/Weather. Includes entries for Cheyenne, Denver, Salt Lake City, etc.

RUSH FOR LAND KEEPS UP

Seventy-Five Hundred Take Chance at Broken Bow. PRINCE OF MONACO WITNESS

Watches Crowd Scramble for Seats on Cars as He Travels Through from His Hunt in Northwest. BROKEN BOW, Neb., Oct. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The twenty-four hours ending at 4 o'clock this afternoon has been the heaviest day for registration since the first rush, 1,181 people registering during that time. This makes a total registration of 7,813. During four hours of the forenoon 1,800 people passed through the registration booth.

The new court house has been thrown open to the public and is used to take care of the overflow, while those who do not care to patronize restaurants and hotels for meals find accommodations in the large basement of one of the city churches, which has been fitted up as a dining room. The train crews are all registering and some of the officials of the road. While on a tour of inspection General Superintendent Young, Superintendent Weidenhamer and Train Master Nelson left their special long enough to go across town and drop in their envelopes.

Registration of Three Members Accepted by Bishops—Two Retire Because of Age, Third to Accept University Post. NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The ritual murder trial at Kiev, Russia, was condemned in a resolution adopted today by the house of deputies, the joint clerical and lay body of the Protestant Episcopal church at the triennial general convention. The Episcopalians also took steps to amend their prayer book by eliminating the passage in the good Friday collect where Jews are classed with "infidels, Turks and heretics."

The report of the commission of fish and order was accepted and it was voted that the commission be incorporated as that of fish and order, and that it be free to receive bequests of money. The social service commission met today with Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts in the chair and discussed "co-operation with secular agencies" and "education for social service."

American Balloon Crosses Into England

BRIDDLINGTON, England, Oct. 15.—The American balloon, Goodyear, one of the contestants in the international race for the James Gordon Bennett cup, in which representatives of eight nations started from Paris on Sunday, had an adventurous journey. The balloon, with the pilots, Ralph A. D. Preston and Ralph H. Upson, on board, landed near Flamborough Head, on the North sea, within 20 yards of the edge of the dangerous Bampton cliffs, which fall sheer into the sea.

When the Goodyear left Paris on Sunday the weather was hazy and there was scarcely any wind. The balloon drifted across central France in the direction of the English channel. The coast was reached in the neighborhood of Cherbourg at midnight on Monday. The wind then freshened and the aeronauts sighted Southampton at 3 o'clock on Tuesday. Then began a northward drift, but the wind later increased to half a gale, and Mr. Upson decided that it was unwise to continue further.

SELECT MEMBERS OF PHILIPPINE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—President Wilson and Secretary Garrison today selected the following Filipinos to be members of the Philippine commission: Victorino Mapa, Jaime C. De Veyra, Vincente Ilustrado, Vincente Singson. Mapa will be secretary of finance and justice. The fifth Filipino commissioner will be Rafael Palma, who since 1908 has been the only native on the commission. His resignation was not accepted. The designation of five natives gives majority control in the committee of policy and marks the first step in the plan of the Wilson administration aiming at self-government and ultimate independence for the Philippines. Governor General Harrison recommended the native commissioners, stating that they were among the most prominent and best educated of the islanders. The names of the new commissioners will go to the senate tomorrow.

SOUTH DAKOTA WOMEN'S CLUBS MEET AT YANKTON

YANKTON, S. D., Oct. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Dakota is in session here for three days, with a large attendance of club women from all over the state. Mrs. Anna Pennybacker, Austin, Tex., national president; Mrs. Frances D. Keefe, Washburn, Neb., secretary; and Mrs. Frank White, Valley City, N. D., are three national officers present. Mayor E. T. White extended the welcome for the city and Mrs. T. A. Harmon the welcome for the Nineteenth Century club of Yankton. Dinners, receptions, addresses and business sessions are in progress.

KIEV RITUAL MURDER TRIAL IS CONDEMNED

House of Deputies of Episcopal Convention Adopts Resolution to Such Effect. APPEALS TO RUSSIAN CHURCH

Similar Charges Made in Early Days Against Christianity. STEPS TO AMEND PRAYER BOOK

Jews Classed in it with "Infidels, Turks and Heretics." SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD MEETS

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The resolution said: "We call upon the archbishops, bishops and other members of the holy orthodox eastern church of Russia to make formal pronouncement that charges of so-called 'ritual murder' are without foundation or justification in the teachings and practice of the religion of Israel. 'We remind them that in the early days of Christianity similar charges were made by ignorance and superstition against our own most holy religion.' The committee on prayer book of the house of deputies reported favorably on a proposition to amend the third collect in the good Friday service by omitting the words 'all Jews, infidels, Turks and heretics' from the general prayer for humanity. Consideration of the committee's report was postponed, however, to permit discussion regarding a further amendment which proposed that this prayer be offered for 'the ancient Jews and all athletes.'

Resignations Accepted. The house of bishops accepted the resignation of three of its members. The Right Rev. Lemuel Wells, missionary bishop of Spokane, and the Right Rev. William Crane Gray, missionary bishop of southern Florida, retired on account of age. The Right Rev. Albion Williamson Knight, missionary bishop of Cuba, gave up active service in the church to become capitol vice chancellor of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn.

Profits and Pensions for Traction Men

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 15.—Welfare of employes and profit sharing among the men who run the cars were discussed today in the annual convention of the American Electric Railway association. The committee on welfare of employes recommended sick and death benefits, insurance, pensions, accident benefits, profit sharing, savings funds, loan funds, merit system of rewards and the maintenance of social clubs and aids. "In our opinion, we must acknowledge that if a man gives the best years of his life to an industry he has some right to expect that industry to provide for his sustenance when his days as a producer have passed."

Government Files Brief in Lumber Case

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The government filed its brief in the Lumber trust case today in the supreme court. It was prepared by G. Carroll Todd, assistant to the attorney general, and marks another stage in the action under the Sherman anti-trust law against a number of associations of retail lumber dealers. The associations are appealing from the southern district court of New York, which held the retailers to be violators of the anti-trust law and enjoined the further distribution of blacklists against wholesalers who sell directly to consumers.

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Rescue Parties at Cardiff in Touch with Entombed Men.

CARDIFF, Wales, Oct. 15.—Rescue parties searching for the 400 miners still entombed in the 'Universal' colliery got into touch shortly after noon today with a party of twenty-nine men shut in one of the galleries by a fall of coal. They signaled that another group of fifteen of their comrades had been closed in further along the gallery, but that they probably were dead. Altogether about 600 of the 951 men were rescued yesterday, and today's discovery of further parties of living men give rise to hopes that the fatalities would not be so numerous as at first supposed.

Shipping Rebate Will Stay

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Small cheer for the housekeepers already depleted purses is held out by the experts of the Department of Agriculture, who today announced that food crops and meats were scarce. As a result the "high cost of living" may be more altitudinous than ever. Combined estimates of the crops that go to make up the food supplies of the American table are discouraging, while the price of meat animals on September 1 was far in excess of the figures for the last two years. "The high cost of meat is a serious reality," said J. M. Pickens of the bureau of animal industry, "and it is now obvious that the rise in prices in recent years is the natural result of an actual shortage in production. It is evident also that the country is feeling an era of short production of meat and that constructive measures must be adopted if the American appetite for this class of food is to be supplied."

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Outside Aid is Needed at Nome

NOME, Alaska, Oct. 15.—Captain Balminger of the United States cutter Bear informed the citizens' relief committee yesterday he would advise his department at Washington that additional relief was urgently needed here for sufferers from the recent storm and flood. At the meeting it was shown that 500 or more people, including many women and children, were destitute with no shelter for the winter. So far only \$10,000 for the relief fund has been received from the outside. All of this has been disbursed. The committee is at the end of its resources and is unable to provide further relief without outside aid. Prospectors are arriving daily from the interior to find their homes have been destroyed by the storm.

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Cranberry Crop is Hit Hard by Snow Storm

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Oct. 15.—The Plymouth county cranberry crop is hard hit by the snow storm yesterday. Growers estimated today that 50,000 barrels of unpicker berries in the bogs in this vicinity were spoiled.

The National Capital MAY NOT QUESTION RATES

Webster Argues Water Board Has Absolute Authority. FIGHTING THE ROSEWATER SUIT

Contents Efforts of the Editor of The Bee to Have the Water Rates Lowered for the Omaha Consumers. That the water board has absolute power to fix rates and that a consumer has no more right to have the reasonableness of its charges passed upon by the courts than a serf to question the authority of the czar of Russia was the theme of the argument made by Judge English of the district court when hearing was begun on a demurrer filed by the board. The water board finally has been brought into court to contest the suit brought by Victor Rosewater to force water rates down to 2 cents per 1,000 cubic feet, after considerable delay and sparring for time on the part of the defendant board.

Attorney John L. Webster for the water board consumed the morning session in an argument to the effect that the court has no jurisdiction in the case, and asserted that the legislature had given to the board the right to charge what it might please, regardless of the opinions of all other persons. He admitted that if Mr. Rosewater had charged fraud or improper motives on the part of the members of the board the court would have the right to grant a hearing, but said that because Mr. Rosewater had refrained from injecting such charges into suit, he had deprived himself of redress in the courts.

Attorney Stanley Rosewater, who replied yesterday afternoon, contended that the editor of The Bee, as a taxpayer and patron of the water works, is entitled to have the reasonableness of the rates passed upon by the courts. It is (Continued on Page Two.)

Former Creighton Head Dies at Chicago

Rev. James F. X. Hoeffer, S. J., a former president of Creighton university, died in Chicago Tuesday evening. Death was the outcome of a stroke of cerebro-apoplexy which brought Father Hoeffer to his bed last Sunday. He was president of Creighton university from 1891 to 1894, and during his tenure of office Creighton Medical school and the Creighton Memorial hospital were established. Since his departure from Omaha, Father Hoeffer has been president of St. Louis university, St. Louis, Mo., and of St. Ignace college, Chicago, Ill. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Sacred Heart church, Chicago. Father Hoeffer was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 1, 1829, and received his education at St. Xavier college of that city and at Woodstock college, Woodstock, Md. Besides his administrative ability, Father Hoeffer was known for his rare oratorical powers.

REPORT SHOWS METHODIST MINISTERS NOT HIGHLY PAID

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—More than 2,000 Methodist ministers in the United States preach and work the year around for less than \$500 each. This was the report of the bureau of sustentation today when the board of managers of the Methodist Women's Home Missionary society began its thirty-second annual meeting here. The bureau lamented that such a state of affairs could exist "in this most highly favored land at this time of high cost of living." In her annual address Mrs. George O. Robinson of Detroit, president of the board, denounced the law recently passed in Florida prohibiting whites from teaching negroes and negroes from teaching whites.

MORGAN'S BRITISH ESTATE PAYS MILLION TAXES

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The will of the late J. Pierpont Morgan was probated here today. His estate in the British Isles amounted to \$5,895,152. The government will receive about \$860,000 in death duties.

SCORES TRAPPED IN A COMPARTMENT OF BURNING STEAMER DIE

Between Eighty and Ninety Passengers on Voltorno Caught in Hold as Result of Blast. ALL OF THEM LOSE THEIR LIVES

Either Perish at Once or Are Burned Alive. THIRD OFFICER TELLS STORY

Brought to New York on Steamer Grosseur Kurfuert. FLAMES FANNED BY THE GALE

Misae Caused by Explosion of a Drum Containing Chemicals or Oil in Forward Part of the Ship. NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Between eighty and ninety passengers on the Voltorno were trapped in compartment No. 1 by the first explosion on the fateful morning and either perished at once or were burned alive. This news was brought to port today with the docking of the Grosseur Kurfuert, bearing the survivors of the disaster. It came from the lips of Waldron Dasselman, third officer of the Voltorno, one of the rescued.

The Grosseur Kurfuert docked in Hoboken this afternoon. Committees of the Red Cross and Jewish organizations and friends and relatives of the dead and living awaited its coming. Ten automobiles and an ambulance were on hand to bring the unfortunates to places of temporary refuge in Manhattan. Explosion Cause of Fire. In broken English Dasselman, a quiet-mannered man of about 35 years, told of his experience during the eighteen hours he was aboard the fire-wrecked vessel. The cause of the fire he established as an explosion of a drum containing chemicals or oil in the forward part of the vessel. "I was just going to the bridge," he said, "when the first explosion occurred. The Voltorno trembled as if it had been struck by a heavy ball. Almost immediately other drums began to explode. There was a rapid fire of explosions that sounded like cannonading. 'Captain Inch was on the bridge. I heard him shout out to man the life boats. The passengers came running in panic to the decks. The sailors sprang to the davits. A gale was howling and the sea was sweeping in great rollers around us. The passengers crowded the rails so that the sailors had difficulty in lowering the boats. Meaningless small drums and cases of chemicals were exploding by the dozen every minute. No one thought the ship could last five minutes. Gale Fans Misae. Flames swept up from No. 1 compartment forward and leaped to the forecastle. Within a few minutes it was blazing. The gale fanned the blaze. 'A boat was lowered and made away. It seemed as if it would capsize every minute. We lost it time after time in the trough of the sea. Another was smashed against the davits before it could be lowered. The carpenter's boat, filled with men, women and children puff off. Each boat required a complement of sailors to man it, and as each got away it left us with fewer men to lower the remaining boats. 'I helped lower the third officer's boat. 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