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LAND QUESTION IS CAUSE OF MEXICO'S REVOLTS, SAYS LIND

Erstwhile Personal Agent of Wilson
Below Border Breaks His
Long Silence.

MUST OWN THEIR OWN FARMS

Fighting Will Never Cease While
Workers Are in Present Dis-
possessed Condition.

WHOLE NATION IS HOMELESS

Revolution Economic and Social
Rather Than Political.

PEONS PRACTICALLY SLAVES

Minneapolis, Before Chicago Indus-
trial Club, Sketches Forcible
Transfer of Soil from Old
Holders to Dons.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—John Lind, personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico during the Huerta administration, declared tonight in an address here to the Industrial club that the land question was the cause of the revolution in Mexico and that fighting there would never cease until the workers were able to own their own farms.

Mr. Lind pleaded for kindly feelings toward Mexico, asserting that Mexican distrust of the United States was vanishing and that thereafter the Mexicans would be our steadfast friends forever.

"I felt while in Mexico and I feel now that permanent peace in Mexico on the basis of the social and economic conditions which has existed in the past is an impossibility."

Nation Is Homeless.
Mr. Lind sketched the taking of the land from its original possessors by the Spanish conquerors. "As a whole the nation was made homeless," he said, "and has so continued to this day. This is and will be the cause of revolution in Mexico until the question is settled. The state of Morelos, for example, is owned by twenty-seven men."

Early in his address Mr. Lind declared that while in Mexico he became convinced that the so-called revolution in which virtually all of northern Mexico was allied against Huerta was "only in a slight degree political," that the compelling force actuating the majority of the people was "economic and social, rather than political in any partisan sense."

Forcible Transfer of Land.

Touching the agrarian condition, Mr. Lind sketched the forcible transfer of the land from the original possessors to the Spanish conquerors. "As a whole a nation was made homeless," he said, "and has so continued to this day. This is and will be the cause of revolutions in Mexico until the question is settled."

Nominal freedom, he declared, was accorded the peons, but they were and are poorly paid and practically compelled to remain in the service of the great landowners. Laws forbidding an employe to leave his service while in debt have aided in keeping the workers in subjection.

In the fact that the Mexican railroads, formerly operated by Americans, are now in the hands of native Mexicans, from division superintendents to section men, Mr. Lind saw hope for the advancement of the country.

Lind Is Hopeful.

In view of that situation he said: "I asked myself and I asked some of the critics of President Wilson's policy whether it was not within the range of probability that a people, who, within a brief generation had responded with such facility to the new social and economic environment, might make equivalent progress in the field of politics and government if afforded a fair chance. I am hopeful, yes, confident, that they will."

Careful study of Mexicans, Mr. Lind said, has convinced him that the differences between Mexicans and citizens of the United States are not racial and psychological. The ingratitude and turbulence attributed to the Mexicans, other than the aristocracy, Mr. Lind attributed to the years of oppression which they have suffered. He held that the word of a Mexican could be taken with as much reliance as the word of men of

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New York Coroner Accused of Illegal Traffic in Bodies

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Relatives of hundreds of persons who die in Bellevue and Harlem hospitals are unable to save the bodies of their dead from the dissecting table, according to evidence given today in an inquiry looking to the abolition of the office of coroner.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Friday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity
Partly cloudy and warmer.

Temperature at Omaha—
Hour—Deg.
5 a. m. 32
6 a. m. 32
7 a. m. 32
8 a. m. 32
9 a. m. 32
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11 a. m. 32
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1 p. m. 32
2 p. m. 32
3 p. m. 32
4 p. m. 32
5 p. m. 32
6 p. m. 32
7 p. m. 32

German Official Report Hints at More Victories in Polish Poland

BERLIN, Nov. 19.—(By Wire.)—The official report given out to the press today in official quarters is the following:

"Reasons of strategy prevent the disclosure of military movements in the east, yet the official reports that operations are progressing favorably indicate that the victory of Wloclawek is being followed up."

"In view of the condition of the roads behind the Russians and the difficulties of a retirement of them, it seems probable that they will stand against the German attack which, judging from the existing situation, probably will be frontal and against their right wing."

"An official report given out in Vienna says that the German victory near Kutno has had an excellent effect upon the forces in Galicia, who have taken some advanced positions of the enemy in the Cracow region."

Austrians Menace Belgrade.

"Special dispatches from the Serbian arena of the conflict to Berlin papers predict the early fall of Belgrade. Coincident with the Austrian entry into Valjevo the commanding officer at Semlin sent an emissary to Belgrade with

HINTS OF SCANDAL IN SAMMONS TRIAL

Testimony Charges Defendant with
Talking of Getting Friend
on the Jury.

SPOKE OF FIXING PROSECUTOR

Story of Witness Arnold Webbert
Temporarily Ruled Out by Court
on Theory that It Does Not
Relate to Issues.

Will Judge Page Morris admit as evidence the testimony of Arnold Webbert, who swears Walter P. Sammons told him he "would have a friend on the jury," and intimated that he and Judge W. D. Oldham would "fix" United States District Attorney F. S. Howell? And does the testimony prove anything?

These questions are worrying the defense and the prosecution in the case of the government against Sammons, lieutenant colonel in the Nebraska National Guard, former sheriff of Buffalo county, who is charged with robbing the Kearney postoffice of \$5,000.

"The friend" referred to is Captain Kelso of the national guard, who was on the jury panel. Judge Morris has ruled out the testimony temporarily, but gave notice that circumstances might later warrant its admission.

Practically all of the afternoon was devoted to an oratorical battle between the opposing attorneys as to the admissibility of the evidence. The jury was sent out of the court room during the argument.

Two Versions of Story.

Attorney Howell said: "I want to show that Sammons made an attempt to stifle justice by having Captain Kelso serve on the jury; that he bragged to boys at the Henshaw hotel that he would see the district attorney and fix him; so that Kelso could be kept on the jury."

Attorney Norris Brown for Sammons said: "There has been a studied effort on the part of the district attorney to leave the impression that 'fixing' was attempted."

Young Webbert, a former Kearney boy, said that Sammons told him he and Judge Oldham, one of Sammons' attorneys, were "down here to see Mr. Howell and fix it so that Sammons would have a friend on the jury."

Judge Oldham told the court he knew nothing of the affair and had not known Kelso by the name of Kelso was on the jury panel. He said he was willing to take the witness stand and so testify.

"Go on the stand. I'll let you testify. Go, and we'll take Webbert's testimony," said Howell.

Howell argued that the evidence would tend to show that Sammons was "conscious of guilt," and the opposition sought to have his evidence excluded.

"This was idle talk, perhaps, if it was said at all," declared Mr. Brown.

Critics Accused.

Mr. Oldham accused the district attorney of being too zealous in his fight, saying he had "become a hunter of men." To this Howell excepted declaring he was not responsible for the defendant's acts of utterances.

Judge Morris said:

"Temporarily this will be ruled out, but if you will give me that book with the cases cited I will look them over. Later I may change my mind."

The prosecution will probably conclude its case today. Witnesses examined by the prosecution in the afternoon were Harry Dildine, William Upright and C. A. Bartz of Kearney.

INVENTION TO SAVE THOUSANDS' LIVES ON BATTLE FIELDS

Preparation of Berne Surgeon and
Aide Will Stop Flow of Blood
Almost Instantly.

GIVEN TO ALL THE ARMIES

In Form of Powder and is Dissolved
in Water Before Being Ap-
plied to Wound.

DISCOVERY CALLED COAGULEN

Means Immense Saving of Human
Beings, as Anybody Can Use It.

THEODORE KOCKER BENEFACTOR

Scientist, Who with Assistant Has
Made Present of Find to Warring
Nations, Awarded Nobel
Peace Prize in 1912.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Nov. 19.—(Via Paris.)—A preparation which, it is said, will stop almost instantly the flow of blood from a wound, has been invented by Prof. Theodore Kocker of Berne, who was awarded the Nobel prize for surgery in 1912, and his assistant, Dr. A. Fonce.

The new preparation is called coagulen. It is in the form of a powder and is dissolved in water before being applied to a wound. The discoverers of coagulen have made a gift of their invention to the armies in the field and have sent large quantities of the powder to the surgical headquarters of both the German and French armies.

The discovery is regarded by medical men here as likely to save the lives of thousands of soldiers, since it can be applied by untrained hands so that the wounded man himself or his comrade might use the solution.

Sale of Rock Island System is Postponed

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway will not be sold at public auction on November 24, as ordered by the federal district court. The circuit court of appeals reversed this afternoon the lower court's order by a decision handed down in the litigation looking to a foreclosure sale in the suit brought by the Central Trust company as trustee.

MILITARY BOARD FAVORS PROMOTIONS FOR GUARD

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Nov. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Promotions in office will be the result of the recommendation of the military board of the National guard put in effect, instead of elections, thus giving every man a chance to work up to brigadier general. This was the decision arrived at before a board adjourned its meeting here yesterday. Heretofore the elections have resulted in some officers who were popular with the commissioned officers being elected over the heads of others who outranked them. The proposed plan will have a tendency in the minds of the board, to make officers more efficient.

The Day's War News

Violent fighting has been resumed within a two-hour motor ride of the gates of Paris. At Tracy Le Val, where the main battle line from the north swings to the eastward, at the point nearest Paris, a German advance led to a violent encounter. The Germans attempted to recapture the town, won by the allies a few days ago, but according to the French war office statement today they were repulsed with heavy losses.

Turkey's explanation of its act in firing on the American flag at Smyrna has not been submitted, nor has the Navy department at Washington received a detailed report from Captain Decker of the cruiser Tennessee, one of whose launches was under fire. The Washington authorities were confident, however, that satisfactory amends would be made by Turkey and that no complications would result.

List of Officers' Losses.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—A casualty list received in London today from the British army headquarters in France, under date of November 15, contains the names of nine officers killed, eighteen wounded and two missing.

French War Office Reports Renewal of the Artillery Duel in the North

PARIS, Nov. 19.—The French official announcement given out by the war office this afternoon says that yesterday saw increased activity in artillery fire in the north, particularly between the sea coast and the river Lys. There were no infantry attacks in this region.

The text of the communication follows: "On the north yesterday was marked by a renewal of activity on the part of the enemy's artillery, particularly between the sea coast and the Lys river. There were no infantry attacks in this region."

"Between the Oise and the Aisne the operations in the vicinity of Tracy-Le-Val had a termination very favorable for our troops. It will be remembered that we took possession of this village several days ago. The day before yesterday the Germans endeavored to recapture it

After having captured our first trenches they succeeded in making their way as far as the central square of the village. Here, however, a vigorous counter-attack delivered by our Algerian contingents, drove the enemy back, wrested from him all the ground we had lost and inflicted on him very heavy losses.

"In the Argonne we have maintained our position. Along the rest of the front there is nothing new to report."

Refugees from Belgium say that West Flanders, which virtually is cut off from the rest of the world, continues to be the scene of incessant military operations. They speak of an inferno of shot and shell and devastation, with continuous cannonading and endless processions of wounded.

The sound of cannonading was reported off the coast of Sweden, in the Baltic sea. It was thought possible that the main Russian fleet, which recently set out for Helsingfors, Finland, might have engaged the Germans.

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RUSSIAN LINE IN POLAND FORCED BACK 50 MILES

Unexpected Blow Delivered by Von
Hinderburg on Czar's Center is
Feature of the News.

GREAT REJOICING IN BERLIN

German Wedge Drives Russian
Army from Frontier Half Way
Back to Warsaw.

LITTLE CHANGE IN THE WEST

Germans Are Holding Their Posi-
tions in Belgium and France
Despite Attacks.

ALLIED WARSHIPS OFF COAST

They Continue to Drop Shells In-
land as Opportunity Offers.

FUNERAL OF LORD ROBERTS

Body of Great Soldier Laid to Rest
in St. Paul's beside Wellington,
Nelson and Other Mil-
itary Leaders.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The unexpected blow delivered on the Russian center by General von Hinderburg, with the German army which had retreated from before Warsaw, was the predominant feature of the news reaching London today from the eastern arena of the war.

No change of importance has been recorded for some days past in the western arena, which Flanders is still the scene of heavy fighting. In spite of adverse weather conditions and flooded trenches, the Germans appear to be holding their positions from which, at intervals, they launch attacks for which the territory from the Belgian coast to Arras has become famous.

The allied warships are still off the coast, hurling shells inland when opportunity offers. The Belgian army remains in the region where the floods have been the worst, and some dispatches say that in certain places they have been fighting from small boats.

Having for the time being thrown back the Russian advance toward the German frontier of Posen, General von Hinderburg is the hero of the hour in Berlin. There is much criticism in Berlin of the German retreat from Warsaw, but if the present marked reversal of form proves permanent the German center doubtless will retrieve its reputation just as the allies retrieved themselves almost at the gates of Paris. The German wedge from Posen would appear to have driven the Russian center more than fifty miles back from the frontier, so that the line is now about midway between German territory and Warsaw. Elsewhere along the great eastern front the Russians, where they are not progressing, seem to be holding their own.

England, and especially London, turned (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

BURDETTE, NOTED HUMORIST, IS DEAD

Famous Author Dies at Home in
Pasadena After Illness Last-
ing Nearly Two Years.

COMMENCED WRITING AT PEORIA

"People Are the Funniest Things
This Side of the Grave," Remark
Made by Man Living by Mak-
ing Persons Laugh.

PASADENA, Cal., Nov. 19.—Dr. Robert J. Burdette, preacher, author and humorist, died at his home here at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He had been ill for the greater part of two years, and for the last week had been in a state of coma.

Mr. Burdette began cultivating good humor obscurely in Peoria, Ill., forty years ago, when he spent part of his days at a desk on the Peoria Transcript "trying to think," as he himself once related, "of pleasant things to tell the folks when I went home at night." His audience of "folks" then was Carrie Garrett, the Peoria girl he had married a short time before, while she lay supposedly on her death bed, but who lived, and though an invalid for life, became immortalized by her husband as "Her Little Serene Happiness." It was she who encouraged him to sow his humor in wider fields. At her bedside Burdette became prolific with fun-making contributions to the Burlington (Ia.) Hawkeye, and through these he became famous the country over as "The Burlington Hawkeye Man."

Wife Encourages Him.

The little invalid wife encouraged him, to try the lecture field.

"She kept me at it," said Burdette, "and in due time we had a lecture on our hands—'The Rise and Fall of the Moustache.'" Burdette insisted on trying the lecture first in Keokuk—"for Keokuk had Burlington"—and if he succeeded there he would know that it was good.

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SMYRNA INCIDENT NOT YET EXPLAINED

Wilson Confers with Daniels and
Lansing at State Department
on the Situation.

NO REASON FOR ANY ALARM

United States Friendly with Turk-
ish Government, Caring for Its
Interests in France and
Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—President Wilson conferred tonight with Secretary Daniels of the Navy department and Acting Secretary Lansing of the State department on the situation produced by the firing by Turkish land forces on the launch of the American cruiser Tennessee at Smyrna, Asia Minor.

The president summoned the two secretaries to learn if there had been any word from Turkey shedding light on the reasons for the firing, but found that neither the cables nor the wireless had yielded a syllable of information. The European war has practically paralyzed cable communication to Asia Minor and

Troops Will Be Sent From Vera Cruz to Galveston Camps

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Little Human Interest Stories of the Big World War Now Raging

"German Atrocities" Barred.
NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Supreme court Justice Vernon M. Davis vacated an injunction restraining George H. Bell, commissioner of city license, from prohibiting the display of a "war" film supposed to show German atrocities. Mr. Bell ordered the pictures taken off at a local theater after he learned that the National Board of Censorship had condemned it on the ground that the film violated the principle of neutrality. The picture had been suppressed in Boston, Providence, Milwaukee, Kansas City and Dallas.

Belgians Are Beggers.
LONDON, Nov. 19.—Cardinal Francis Joseph Mercier, primate of Belgium, appeals through the American commission for relief in Belgium, for assistance for his starving parishioners at Malines and the surrounding neighborhood. In Malines 12,000 mouths are to be fed daily. The Belgian prelate says: "Children come to the German soldiers and tear bread from their hands. Every stranger who comes to the city or goes into the country is surrounded by a great number of women and children begging him for something to eat."

Don't Go to Europe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—Another warning to American citizens against unnecessary visits to countries involved in war was issued by the State department today with a particular caution to naturalized citizens.

Minor Truck of Mail.

HAVRE, France, Nov. 19.—(Via Paris.)—A large motor truck was required to forward to King Albert, at his quarters in Flanders, the mail received here on the occasion of his fête. No class of society forgot the Belgian ruler on his saint's day, which corresponds to a birthday in Protestant countries.

Abuse of Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—The German embassy here issued the following statement: "Japan, up to the present has treated its prisoners excellently. According to reliable private news from Hong Kong, however, the German prisoners there complain bitterly. They are publicly forced to clean streets and sewers."

"Hanzai," Cry Japs.

PEKING, Nov. 19.—Tsing-Tau was no longer defensible when the Germans surrendered it to the Japanese, according to a correspondent of the Associated Press who was in Tsing-Tau throughout the siege and who arrived here tonight. Where the Japanese broke the line they crossed over the dead and wounded, shouting "Hanzai," almost simultaneously with the hoisting of the white flag.

Postmaster Worries Self to Death Over Supposed Shortage

SCAMMON, Kan., Nov. 19.—Last winter Thomas H. Evans, late postmaster of Scammon, found that his books showed him indebted to the government for nearly \$1,000. Worry over the discovery made him ill and is said to have caused his death. He blamed himself for the discrepancy in his books, not being an accountant.

Evans, saying nothing to his family, began making up the shortage, and at the time of his death had nearly done so. He died believing he owed the government money.

Auditors of the postoffice department, checking through books, discovered an error and found that Evans did not owe the government anything. Mrs. Evans today received a check for \$920.81 from the department, the amount Evans made sacrifices to pay.

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The man who makes good is the man who finds himself through the position for which he is fitted.

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Find yourself today through the Help Wanted and Situation Wanted Ads in

The Omaha Bee

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