

# MEXICANS KILL FIFTY AMERICANS IN THREE YEARS

### Suffer No Prosecution or Punishment for Crimes, Ambassador Fletcher Tells Committee.

Washington, July 22.—Henry P. Fletcher, American ambassador to Mexico, told the house rules committee today that since his appointment three years ago, about 50 Americans had been killed in Mexico without a single prosecution being made by the Mexican authorities.

Replying to questions by Chairman Campbell, Ambassador Fletcher said withdrawal of recognition at the Carranza government by the United States would only increase the turmoil in the southern republic. He added that he did not know of any revolutionary leader capable of establishing a permanent government.

### No Special Feeling.

Ambassador Fletcher said he had not noticed any special anti-American feeling in Mexico and explained that the presence of more American citizens there than other foreigners probably accounted for the greater number of outrages affecting Americans.

The ambassador was summoned before the committee in connection with a resolution introduced by Representative Gould, republican, New York, proposing appointment of a joint congressional committee to investigate relations between this country and Mexico.

### No Opinions Expressed.

Mr. Fletcher repeatedly declined to express opinions upon conditions in the southern republic.

"Do you regard the situation in Mexico as improved in the last three years?" asked Chairman Campbell.

"Oh, yes," was the quick reply. "In what respect?"

"Columbus has not been raided," the ambassador answered.

When Chairman Campbell called attention to the recent murder of

an American citizen and the maltreatment of his wife in Mexico, the ambassador said this did not involve relations between the United States and Mexico.

# Britain Confronted by Labor Crisis Owing to Miners' Demands

London, July 22.—On the morrow of the peace celebration, with the newspaper columns still paying plentiful tribute to the great demonstration and urging that they now settle down to work, Great Britain finds herself confronted with one of the most serious economic crises in her history.

Alarm is everywhere felt at the action of the coal miners in putting a stop to the output in a large area of the coal fields, and especially at their risking the permanent destruction of some of the mines by preventing the pumps from operating. The London press voices this alarm in unmeasured terms, seeing the nation faced with unparalleled calamity, which is pointed to as threatening national bankruptcy.

# Demonstrative Strikes Fail in Rome and Paris

Rome, July 22.—(Havas.)—The proposed international demonstrative strike called for yesterday was not put into effect on any considerable scale in any of the large cities of Italy, according to reports received here.

Paris, July 22.—(Havas.)—The proposed international demonstrative strike called for yesterday, but "postponed" by the labor federation, was not fully effective anywhere in France, according to reports from the principal cities. The strike movements were said not to have been fully organized even among the employees of corporations which expected their men to stop work.

# Omaha Woman Given High Office in W. O. W.

Chicago, July 22.—Mrs. Mary E. Larocca of St. Paul was elected supreme guardian of the Supreme Forest Woodmen's Circle, the women's division of the Woodmen of the World, today. Miss Dora L. Alexander and Mrs. Katharine Remington both of Omaha, were chosen clerk and banker.

# WOMAN AND NINE CHILDREN DROWN IN NEW MEXICO

### Wagon Box, Carrying Family, Overturned by Rushing Torrents of Swollen River; Seven Are Saved.

Silver City, N. M., July 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Her 3-year-old infant clasped in her arms, Mrs. Condelaria Garvan, 36 years of age, and nine children were drowned nine miles east of here late yesterday, when the wagon in which they were riding was swept away in the swollen stream.

Five of the children, whose ages ranged from 2 to 15 years, were those of Mrs. Galvan, Ramon Galvan, the woman's husband, 12, started on a trip to a nearby ranch to spend the day accompanied by his family the children of some friends.

After crossing the creek the team stalled on the grade and backed to the water. A torrent four feet high struck the wagon lifting it off the bed and overturning it. Galvan and his wife succeeded in extricating themselves from the wagon and both then tried to save the children. Five of whom were rescued, in the effort, however, Mrs. Galvan was drowned. The names of the nine children who perished are: Marces Galvan, 3; Basillie Galvan, 5; Marie Galvan, 12; Sabas Galvan, 4; Galeria Galvan, 11; Salvador Gonzales, 1; Galvan Gonzales, 15; Thomas Gonzales, 8; and Lita Allison, 6.

# Confessed Auto Thief Is Sentenced to Penitentiary

Paul ("Speed") Seymour pleaded guilty yesterday before District Judge Estelle to a charge of stealing automobiles and was sentenced to the penitentiary for one to seven years. He is the fourth of a "parade" of automobile thieves to be sent to the penitentiary in the last six months. The others are Al Gard, Joe Hopkins and William Adcock. There were seven charges against Seymour.

# How Do You Stand on Biggest Issue In the World Today--Ratification of The Treaty?

### It Is Not Only the Problem of the Hour in America, But All Europe Has Its Eye Turned Toward Washington. Fill Out Coupon and Mail It To The Bee.

How do you stand on the League of Nations? Are you in favor of ratification of the covenant as it stands, or its acceptance with certain reservations which, some of the leading senators contend, are absolutely necessary for the proper protection of the interests of America? The issue, which not only is attracting the attention of the United States, but the whole world, briefly is this: President Wilson and the majority of the administration senators favor ratification of the treaty without any restrictions whatever.

The opposition, not alone confined to the republicans, but which is led by Senators Lodge, Reed, Borah, Knox and Poinxter, are fighting for certain reservations, particularly in connection with Article 10 which, they claim, does away with the Monroe doctrine, and the Shantung award.

### How Article X Reads.

"The members of the league undertake to respect and preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members of the league. In case of any such aggression or in case of any threat or danger of such aggression the council shall advise upon the means by which the obligation shall be fulfilled."

Opponents of the league construe this clause as robbing the United States congress of its constitutional rights to declare a state of war. War can only be declared by the league of nations, and should the league of nations choose to declare war against a power of the world, the United States, as a member of the league, would have to heed the call of the league, instead of putting the vote for a declaration of war up to the elected members of congress.

### What Opposing Senators Want.

That nothing in article X shall be construed to obligate the United States to enter war without a declaration of war by congress. That nothing in the covenant shall in any way impair the Monroe doctrine or curtail the nation's prerogative of administering it as a purely national policy.

That it shall be understood that in accepting the covenant the United States does not forfeit its sovereign right to determine purely domestic problems such as immigration and the tariff.

### Shantung Clause.

The Shantung clause is based upon a secret agreement between Japan on one side, and Great Britain and France on the other. The clause demands that all territory, before the war serving German interests, and located in the Pacific north of the equator, should go to Japan, and all the territory south of the equator to Great Britain. The French and British made the promise to Japan, that they would endorse these claims at the peace table, in a secret treaty in July, 1916.

The Shantung treaty alone turns over a populace of more than 40,000,000 and one of the richest—if not

the richest—territory of China to Japan. The only reason for America's endorsing the Shantung clause is said to be the refusal of Japan to become a member of the league of nations if her claims to Shantung should be refused.

The awarding of Shantung to Japan was bitterly opposed by the American Peace Delegates Lansing, White and Bliss, but agreed to by the president.

### Acquired By Robbery.

That the German rights in Shantung were acquired by robbery. That China having fought Germany, German rights in China should have reverted to China. That the fact that the Japanese ousted the Germans from Shantung gave them no more rights or title through conquest, than the French British acquired to the territory of Belgium from which they ousted the Germans.

That the action of Japan in forcing an ally through military menace to cede it the German rights by treaty was not an action which ought to command the indorsement of the other allies and the United States.

That the stripping of an ally of her territory by the good will of a power that seeks to dominate that nation and its people would not only be shockingly violative of the purposes for which the United States went to war, but would be an act of unparalleled infamy.

That indorsement of the seizure would be in sad contrast with the previous history of the United States, all of whose wars have been to right wrongs of its own and foreign peoples, and never to underwrite them.

### Could Demand Aid.

Should China, at any time, make an attempt to take the "lost province," Shantung, away from Japan by declaring war upon her, America, as a member of the league of nations, would immediately have to come to the aid of Japan, if the league of nations government thus decides, provided the treaty is accepted by the senate without reservations.

# OMAHAN SAW BIG DIRIGIBLE AFIRE IN CHICAGO LOOP

### Charles H. Clancey, Thrilled by Sight of Blazing Balloon and Crew Jumping to Safety.

An Omaha man, Charles H. Clancey, 4915 Chicago street, was in Chicago Monday and while there he saw the ill-fated dirigible, owned by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., drop through space, alight upon the roof of the Illinois Trust and Savings bank, resulting in the death of 10 persons and injuries to 20 others. Speaking of the accident and what he saw of it, Mr. Clancey said:

"Like thousands of other persons, I was standing on LaSalle street, craning my neck, watching the big gas bag as it circled over the central business portion of the city. As we watched and when the dirigible came almost over us, probably 600 or 700 feet above the street, a little column of smoke seemed to curl up from the upper portion of the bag. What seemed but an instant later, there was a loud explosion and then the dirigible fell like a piece of lead, apparently in flames. Men in parachutes were dropping through space and landing in the street.

"As the dirigible fell, it alighted squarely upon the roof of the bank building and was lost to sight. However, we realized that there had been considerable loss of life, for within a short time ambulances were coming in from all directions. Police cleared the space from around the building and it was not long until they commenced bringing out the dead and injured. I stood by until eight bodies had been brought out.

"I had no idea what caused the explosion. It was a thrilling experience to stand there and see that great car laden with human freight drop through space, all ablaze."

# Twelve Killed, 28 Hurt, in Explosion of Blimp

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an ordinance regulating flying over the city.

### Twelfth Victim Dies.

The twelfth victim of the calamity was Milton G. Norton, a newspaper photographer, who died Tuesday. Devotion to duty marked his last semi-conscious moment. He was a veteran newspaper photographer and sought the assignment to go with the dirigible on one of its early test flights. His parachute ignited as he leaped from the machine's gondola and he fell in the street. As death approached he murmured that he hoped his camera and plates had not been damaged.

The coroner's inquiry will be resumed Wednesday morning. By that time officials of the Goodyear company are expected to have arrived from Akron.

The dirigible was declared to be a sister ship of the A-4, the army ship which recently flew from Akron to Langley Field, Va. The blimp was planned for a package-carrying service between Akron and Cleveland, it was said.

The question of civil liability is arousing interest among legal and insurance experts. No precedent exists, it was said, and even prosecution for manslaughter, as a result of the accident, may have to be based on old English law.

### Statement Is Issued.

A statement from Harry A. Berger, local counsel for the company, said:

"The facts do not constitute a crime. It was an unfortunate accident due to unavoidable causes. Every individual connected with the ship, whether pilot, mechanic, rigger or engineer, were skilled and experienced men and the best available in this country."

Several balloonettes were suspended from the gas bag and friction of these smaller bags was a possible cause of the fire, according to Harry Wacker of Cleveland, a mechanic, who escaped death along with Pilot Boettner and one other occupant of the airship. Their two companions were killed.

# Union Outfitting Company Announces a Unique Combination Sale for Next Saturday

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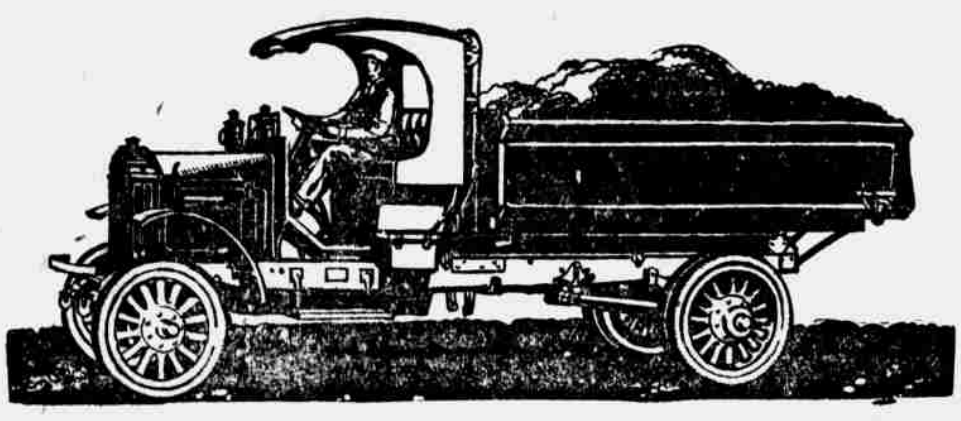
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