

MEXICO HEDGES IN REPLY OVER JENKINS CASE

Argumentative Diplomatic Refusal Given to America's Demand for Release of Consul General.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Mexico is not prepared to give any argumentative diplomatic refusal to America's demand for the immediate release of William O. Jenkins, the consular agent imprisoned at Puebla.

The official note was delivered today, but not made public. There is no reason to doubt that it agrees with the copy given out last night by the Mexican consul general at El Paso.

No comment was forthcoming to indicate how the State department regards the answer to what was considered one of the sharpest warnings yet sent to Mexico, and neither was there any indication of what the government's next step would be.

Sophist Arguments.

The Mexican reply, which, according to its text, was prepared at the direction of President Carranza, argues in the main that the Mexican government cannot order the release of a prisoner while his case is under adjudication in the civil courts of one of its states and contends that the American government's demand for the consular agent's release has no foundation or precedent in international law.

Some new angles of the Mexican viewpoint on the Jenkins case, hitherto unpublished in the United States, are revealed in the tendency of the Mexican argument to separate the Jenkins case into two phases. First, the situation in which the consular agent was kidnapped by bandits and held for ransom, and his subsequent arrest and imprisonment by the authorities of Puebla on a charge of having conspired with the bandits. The note at hand deals with the latter phase exclusively.

Held Under Penal Code.

It points out that Jenkins was not held under what is known to the Mexican penal code as "preventive imprisonment." This provision covers a situation in which a person is suspected of complicity in a criminal act. He subsequently was held under a provision covering "formal" imprisonment, which, under the Mexican penal code, applies where a magistrate believes there is sufficient evidence to establish that a crime has been committed. The allegation against Jenkins is that he signed conflicting statements regarding his kidnaping, and therefore, was guilty of falsifying the judicial decision.

The note says Jenkins has opportunity to be released on bail in the sum of 1,000 pesos, which is equivalent to 1500 in American money. It reckoned in coin rather than in bank notes, and that Jenkins has refused to avail himself of it, although he has been requested to do so.

Recalling that Mexican consuls in the United States have been imprisoned and that Mexico has feverishly asked the United States to waive local law in their cases, the note remarks that "the Mexican government cannot concede, to American

"Miracle Man" Cures Lame and Blind By Laying Magnetic Hands On Afflicted ---Prominent People are His Patients

Medical Science Baffled by Evidence of What He Has Done and Is Himself Unable to Explain—Working as Riveter in Toledo Shipyards Where He Made From \$20 to \$25 a Day He Is Persuaded by Wife to Quit and Go to California To Bring Health to Suffering—Accident to Automobile at New Carlisle, Ind., Changes His Plans and He Locates There—Was Formerly Prize Fighter.

Universal Service Staff Correspondent. New Carlisle, Ind., Nov. 27.—The "miracle man" has come to New Carlisle. He has laid his hands on the lame and blind and they have gone on healed. The evidence of what he has done was found here but how he did it baffles explanation by medical science and even the "miracle man" himself cannot explain. And the plain country people are asking: "Is he God, man or devil?"

On a hot summer day last June Joe Carr, the hardware man at New Carlisle, stood in front of his store when a perspiring young fellow of heavy build slouched up to him. "Know where I can find a garage right handy hereabouts?" asked the stranger. "I got a breakdown."

Breaks Smoking Habit.

"Like to smoke?" asked the young man as Carr struck a match and broke the head off.

"Yes," Carr answered, "too well."

"Let's see the cigar," said the young man. He took it, squinted at it with one eye, rolled it between his palms and handed it back.

Carr put the cigar in his mouth and immediately spat it out with an expression of keen disgust.

"What in thunder did you do with it?" demanded the hardware man.

"It taste and smells terrible."

The young man chuckled a hearty, guileless laugh as he held up two clean muscular palms to show he had used no drug on the cigar.

That was the first cure of this modern miracle man as he first landed in New Carlisle. Hundreds now come by train and automobile for

the magic touch from those pudgy palms that remove pain and disease.

Cures With Hands.

"My name is Billy Mays, and I cure folks with my hands," explained the stranger. "I've always been doing it in a small way just for fun, but I'm on my way from Pittsburgh to Long Beach, Cal., where all the cripples and sick folks go, and I'm going to make a regular business of it. My old jit busted down and I expect I'll have to stay around here for a while until I get it fixed. Know anybody around here who wants to be cured?"

Carr did know of a friend who was very sick, indeed. His friend was the village doctor himself, Dr. James Burke Waynick, who had lived in the community all his life and had helped bring into the world half the younger population in town.

Old Dr. Waynick was almost helpless with rheumatism and paralysis. He had been an invalid for 28 months and it was said his days were few in number.

Cures Village Doctor.

The doctor looked up from his invalid chair as the two men entered. He was not greatly impressed with Mays' appearance—short, powerful, pudgy hands, mild blue eyes hair thick and low on the forehead, but clipped badger style around the neck and ears. The errand was explained. The doctor smiled a patient, weary smile.

"Where do you feel the worst?" Mays asked. The question is quite habitual with him now.

Without removing any clothing whatever the young man applied his hands, rubbing gently, but firmly. A new spark of light came into the old man's tired eyes. A smile came over his face.

Has Prominent Patients.

A stylishly dressed woman crowded her way into the room and whispered to the miracle man as he helped the little girl to the floor.

"Please, you must come with me," she pleaded.

But the miracle man calmly stepped over to the next person in line and helped him to a chair. He was very prosaic. There was not the slightest evidence of mysticism.

"But, lady, I couldn't do it. You will have to take your turn," he said.

"These folks have been waiting for hours and they'd bowl me out for fair if I left them to see your father."

From three to four minutes were spent in laying hands on several men. Their ailments were mostly rheumatism.

Members of some of the most prominent families in Indiana had come for treatment from the miracle man. Among these are members of the Studebaker family and the Olivers of plow fame, and one of the first to benefit was W. Leo Casaday, living three and one-half miles outside of New Carlisle. He was afflicted with rheumatism.

Formerly Prize Fighter.

The miracle man was interviewed while he sat in a car massaging through heavy clothing the body of Frederick Rostiser of South Bend.

He said he was 29 years old and was born on a farm near Clearfield, Pa. No other member of his family had ever shown signs of this mysterious power. He had worked as a common laborer and had also taken up pugilism. He said once he had gained a decision in a fight with Gunboat Smith. During the war he worked in the ship yards and could rivet 1,700 bolts a day. He had never employed his powers to make a living before, although he had used them for amusement and friendly rivalry.

"Are how does it work with you?" Mr. Rostiser was asked.

"Two weeks ago I was so helpless from paralysis that gangrene had set in my left foot," said Mr. Rostiser. "I have had 14 treatments. Not a sign of the gangrene remains and I am able to walk a little."

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