

Mexico To Consider Colby Plan

Proposal That Commissioners Be Named to Draft Treaty Taken to Capital by Roberto Pesqueira.

Letter Is Made Public

By The Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 30.—A formal proposal from Secretary Colby that commissioners be appointed by the United States and Mexico to draft a treaty upon which can be based resumption of full diplomatic relations between the two governments, has been taken to Mexico City by Roberto V. Pesqueira, Mexican confidential agent in Washington.

This was disclosed tonight when the State department made public Mr. Colby's answer to Mr. Pesqueira's recent letter urging recognition by the United States of the new government of Mexico. It was handed to the Mexican agent before his departure Thursday night to attend the inauguration of President-elect Obregon of Mexico, December 1.

Referring to his conversation with Mr. Pesqueira, Secretary Colby in his letter said they served to leave no reasonable doubt that the high and enlightened purposes that actuate the present government of Mexico.

Famous Article 27. As to article 27 of the Mexican constitution, long a stumbling block to complete understanding between the two governments, Mr. Colby said the statement in Mr. Pesqueira's letter that it is "not and must not be interpreted as retroactive or violative of valid property rights," should "allay the fears of those who have acquired valid titles" in Mexico, adding: "I can conceive of nothing better calculated to correct this misunderstanding."

"It only remains," Mr. Colby continued, "to give these mutual understandings a form which is usual in dealings between friendly states and I have the honor to suggest that commissioners be promptly designated by both Mexico and the United States, to formulate a treaty, embodying the agreements which have been reached, the result of your successful mission."

Text of Colby Letter. The text of Secretary Colby's letter, dated November 25, follows: "The conversations which we have had since the receipt of your notable letter of October 26, I am very glad to say have been entertained with the spirit and tenor of the expression it contained, and have quite confirmed the agreeable anticipations it aroused."

"I think I may say, as one of the results of these discussions, that no doubt can reasonably be entertained of the high and enlightened purposes that actuate the present government of Mexico and I am fully persuaded that you realize the friendship and disinterestedness towards your country."

Fires Reported Raging in Cork Great Damage Done to City Hall and Other Buildings in Irish City.

Belast, Nov. 30.—The city hall at Cork was set on fire this morning and reports from that city discovered a small bomb at Marshfield, four and a half miles southwest of here, today.

Small Bomb Found. Newport, Monmouthshire, England, Nov. 30.—The police discovered a small bomb at Marshfield, four and a half miles southwest of here, today.

Building Wrecked. London, Nov. 30.—A bomb was exploded at 1 o'clock yesterday in a building occupied by a hide merchant in Old Swan Lane, near London bridge. A floor of the building was wrecked but nobody was injured.

Present Prohibition Law Likely to Stand Unchanged Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—The prohibition enforcement law probably will stand unchanged for the present at least, Representative Volstead, republican, Minnesota, its author, said he had no intention of altering it in any way.

Great Western to Resume Exclusive Use of Depot The arrangement whereby the Great Western and the Rock Island railroads have made use of the former's freight depot in Omaha since November 1, 1918, under government control, was terminated at midnight last night, officials of the Great Western announced yesterday.

Woman Shot While on Last Midnight Party



Here is Mrs. Nina Dixon Weddington, 28, who is lying at the point of death in the Wise Memorial hospital from gunshot wounds received during her "last party" in the Monarch Garden cabaret, and her 6-year-old son, Clarence, who is still unaware of his mother's condition.

Young Mother Shot on Her Last Visit to Bright Lights

"We'll Go Back Home to Iowa Tomorrow," She Says, Kissing 6-Year-Old Son Goodbye Before Trip to Cabaret, Where Lover Seriously Wounds Her and Kills Himself.

When Mrs. Nina Dixon Weddington, pretty young mother, who is in a critical condition as the result of two gunshot wounds, entered the Monarch garden cabaret Monday night she was determined it was to be her last party.

Before leaving her room in the Millard hotel she had kissed her little son, Clarence Melvin, goodnight and assured him that "tomorrow" they would go home to stay.

"I want to get away from it all and get back to Oskaloosa, Ia., and mother and dad," she told her childhood friend, Michael Smith, who was stopping at the same hotel.

Long for Peace. "I long for the quiet and peace of my home town, and I want Clarence to be brought up right. Jazz music and bright lights may be all right, but I'm through with them."

With this parting statement Mrs. Weddington pulled her coat over her slim young shoulders and departed, in company with Howard Michaelson, 3003 South Sixteenth street.

Two hours later she was lying almost lifeless on the dance floor of the Monarch garden and the man who had introduced her to the bright lights which she hated lay dead by her side.

Meet in Omaha. William Barr, who had fired the two shots that wounded her and then shot and killed himself, was from her own home town.

He had met in Omaha several months ago, and lived for a time at 2709 Dodge street. Barr had worked for a roofing company until about 10 days ago, when he was discharged.

Mrs. Weddington took her little son and obtained a room in the Hotel Loyal. She sought employment without success and tried to go to her home in Iowa.

Her inability to find employment caused her to seek some other means of securing money, according to young Smith. "She only hoped to get enough money to pay her hotel bill and purchase a ticket home when she consented to go to the party last night," said Smith.

Telephone Rates Are Increased

Ten Per Cent Boost Is Granted Nebraska Telephone Company by Railway Commission.

Becomes Effective Today

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—Petition of the Nebraska Telephone company for an increase of 10 per cent in exchange rates was granted effective December 1, by a ruling of the State Railway commission here today.

This increase is temporary and will terminate July 1, unless some other conflicting action is taken by the commission in the meantime.

The increase is to be figured over and above the rates now on file in the office of the commission. It is to be listed on all bills rendered as a separate item, to be known as surcharge.

The increase was granted because of increases in wages, taxes and cost of material, since the finances of the telephone company were last considered by the commissioner, according to Commissioner Thorne Brown.

Earnings Fall Short. "Assuming that business for December would be the same for the rest of the month," said Mr. Brown, "investigation into the business for 1920 discloses the company will fall \$400,000 short of earnings of dividends on fixed rates."

During August, September and October, the company earned practically nothing, about \$6,000. "Previous to this, there were dividends only in January and February."

Wage Increase Great. "The increase in wages granted operators alone for the year totaled \$96,000. Plant workers were also granted increases."

"This temporary allowance is made to cover the deep cost of operation. There has been no real reduction in wages or material, although we believe this is coming."

Records show that the increase of all revenues of the company between 1916 and 1920 was 31 per cent. The increase in expense for this same period was 52 per cent. Exchange rates went up a total of 23 per cent since before the war, and tolls increased 22 per cent due to the increased traffic during the emergency. The average increase during the war was 21 per cent.

The railway commission is composed of Thorne A. Brown, Thomas Hall and H. G. Taylor.

Bee Shoe Fund Tops \$400 Mark

But Much More Is Needed to Warm Feet of Fatherless Waifs.

Over the \$400 mark goes The Bee Shoe Fund today. Another donation from Mr. "Three-in-One," a tinner, and a "five" and three "twos" received yesterday will put shoes on several pairs of waiting little feet and bring happiness as well as comfort.

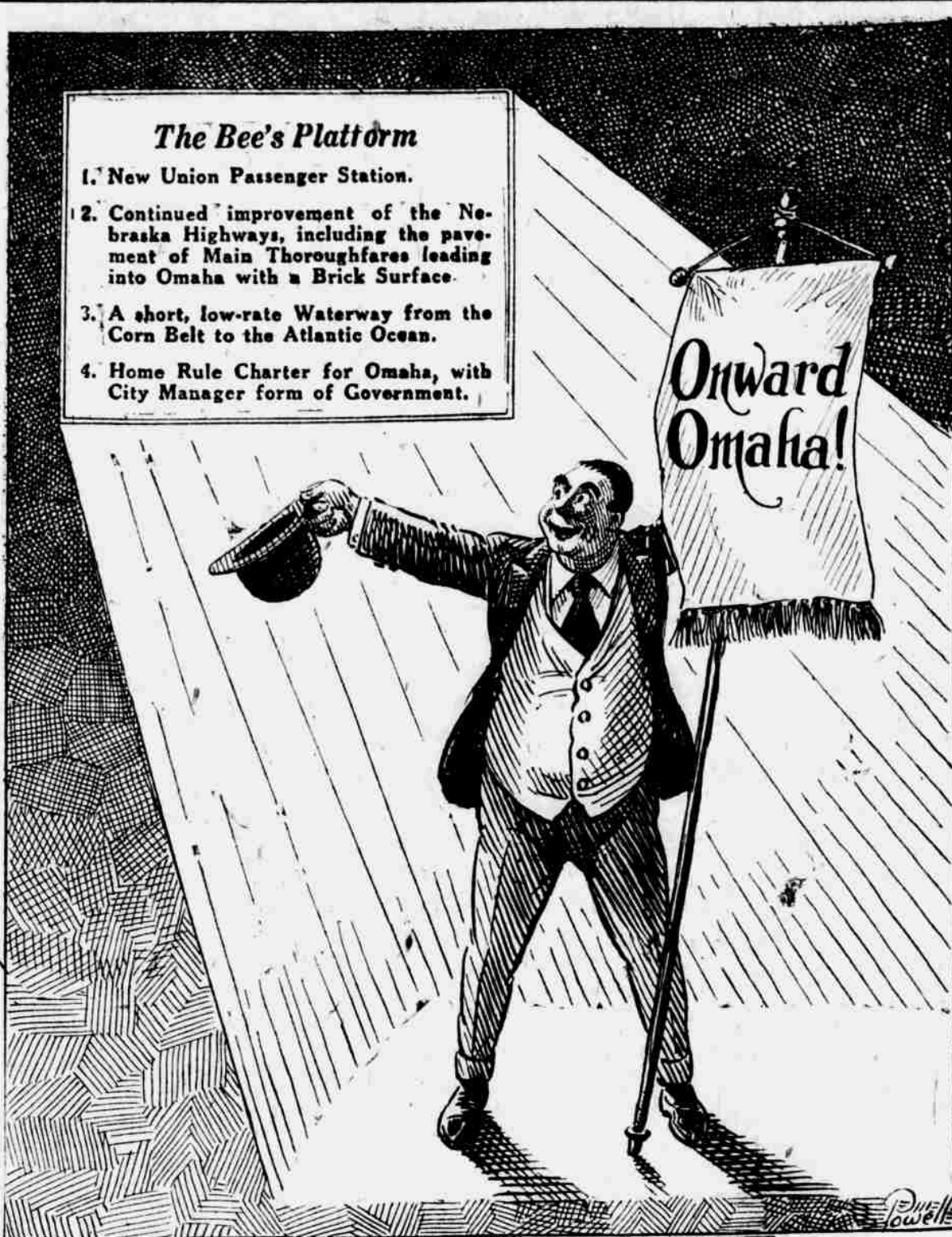
Only through The Bee's fund or private charity can these little children of fatherless families of very poor in Omaha get shoes.

Can you think of a more practical way to do a bit of good than by contributing to this cause? You can be assured that your money will be used only for investigated, worthy cases. Possible "graters" can't work their way into this fund, because each and every case is carefully investigated by a committee of public school teachers who do this without any pay.

See or bring your contribution to The Bee office. Some child is waiting for it.

Previously reported \$370.50 W. H. Fryman 2.00 Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Mitchell, Arapahoe 5.00 Mrs. Rose Reitelshof, Plattsmouth .80 Mrs. Orlin 1.00 Mrs. Orlin 1.00 Three-in-One 15.00 Total \$406.50

Let's Do It



- The Bee's Platform 1. New Union Passenger Station. 2. Continued improvement of the Nebraska Highways, including the pavement of Main Thoroughfares leading into Omaha with a Brick Surface. 3. A short, low-rate Waterway from the Corn Belt to the Atlantic Ocean. 4. Home Rule Charter for Omaha, with City Manager form of Government.

Ponzi, Wizard of Finance, Is Given Five Years in Pen

Real J. Rufus Wallingford Pleads Guilty to Charge of Using Mails in a Scheme To Defraud.

Boston, Nov. 30.—Charles Ponzi, promoter of the quick rich scheme in which thousands of persons invested millions of dollars before it collapsed last August, pleaded guilty to using the mails in a scheme to defraud, in the federal district court today.

Sentence of five years in the Plymouth county jail was imposed by Judge Hale. The court took into consideration only the first count of one indictment of 44 counts, in which it was charged that Ponzi had represented falsely that he was able to pay interest at the rate of 50 per cent in 45 days from profits made in international postal reply coupons.

"Black and Tan" Cafe Is Ordered Closed, Following Shooting

The Monarch garden, negro and white cabaret, operated by LeRoy Bloomfield at Fourteenth and Dodge streets, was ordered closed yesterday. Action to close it was taken following the shooting there of Mrs. Nina Dixon Weddington, 28, by William Barr, and the suicide of Barr, Monday night.

A week ago Police Commissioner Ringer sent a letter to Superintendent Adams of the Welfare board, attaching a report from Police Sergeant Summit, who stated that at 1 the previous Sunday morning he had put out of the place between 50 and 75 young girls and men.

Although this cabaret was opened in the early evening it did not "get lively" until around the midnight hours, officers said. From then until dawn it is reported to have been extremely "thrilling."

Man Charged With Killing Albanian Premier Freed

Paris, Nov. 30.—Avanti Rustem, a young Albanian student charged with having shot and killed Essad Pasha, Albanian premier, June 13, last, was acquitted. He was placed on trial yesterday.

U. S. Marshal Shoots Doctor Who Resists Being Jailed

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 30.—Dr. B. B. Woodard, physician, was shot and fatally wounded at his home here early today by A. L. Reed, a deputy United States marshal who was attempting to arrest Dr. Woodard on a warrant charging violation of the Harrison anti-narcotic law. He died later.

Reed said Dr. Woodard attempted to draw a revolver when told him they had a warrant for his arrest.

Storm Tears Down Telephone Lines

Damage to Property of Nebraska Company Estimated At \$20,000.

A sleet storm which swept eastern Nebraska Monday caused damage of over \$20,000 to property of the Nebraska Telephone company.

Wet snow and rain fell in the greater part of the storm area, freezing as it struck wires, crossarms and poles. With the lines weighted with this ice, many poles and wires crashed to the ground.

In the Norfolk district of the Nebraska Telephone company over 125 poles and over 500 miles of toll line are down and 325 telephones are out of service due to this heavy storm.

The portion of the district most affected was south, east and west of Humphrey, along the line of Union Pacific east of Columbus to Omaha and west of Columbus to Kearney, with a big break around Columbus. A number of poles on the transcontinental line were broken down near York and Seward, but this caused only slight break in the service. Material was sent to the storm area from Columbus, and it is believed all service will be restored by the end of this week.

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—The first snow of the season fell in this section of the state Monday, an inch or more of moisture being precipitated. There is little change in the temperature.

Bank Cashier Arrested on Charge of Embezzlement

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 30.—Fred W. French, assistant cashier of the City Trust and Savings bank, was arrested late today on a warrant charging embezzlement of \$5,000 from the bank's funds, following an alleged confession to defalcations estimated as high as \$300,000.

French spent most of today assisting officers of the institution in checking up his accounts. The directors today produced assets of nearly half a million dollars to cover the shortage.

The shortage in French's accounts, directors declared, was due to speculation in stocks and losses sustained in industrial ventures.

Geneva Meeting to Be Held To Organize Farm Bureau

Geneva, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special.)—A meeting of Fillmore county farmers will be held at the county house in Geneva, December 6 to organize a farm bureau. Letters outlining the work of the farm bureau and listing the benefits of membership are being mailed this week from the office of J. L. Thomas, county agricultural agent.

Husband to Push Charges Against Bandit Suspects

Woman Arrested With Man at Alliance Said to Have Married Second Time Without Divorce.

Alliance, Neb., Nov. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—William Henry Kimble of Cheyenne, Wyo., and a woman dressed in man's clothing, said to be Kimble's wife by an alleged bigamous marriage, who were arrested here several days ago, were taken to Edgar, Neb., today by Sheriff Secord of Clay county, where a charge of adultery has been filed against the man and charges of adultery and bigamy against the woman. Charles E. Gooden of Cheyenne, said to be the woman's husband, has gone to Clay Center to push the charges against the couple, it was reported.

Kimble has a gunshot wound in his shoulder which he claims he received through the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of his son while hunting near Cheyenne. The couple were suspected of being the pair who escaped from Bayard following a revolver battle with automobile bandits October 16, Bayard officers came here, but were unable to identify the couple.

The man and woman admitted having been married at Edgar, Neb., last September, although the woman had never been divorced from Gooden. She said she did not know she would have to obtain a divorce from her first husband before marrying another man. Kimble has been employed as an air-brake inspector for the Union Pacific at Cheyenne and the woman is said to have conducted a rooming house there.

Work of Security League Commended by President

New York, Nov. 30.—The National Security league which has called a meeting here to plan co-ordination of patriotic and civic work throughout the country, made public a letter from President Wilson commending the movement.

"The idea and purposes expressed in your letter of November 22 strike me as admirable," said the president. "I think that it is highly desirable that there should be a co-ordination of all the efforts of all patriotic and civic organizations, and thus a greater unity of object as well as of method."

Government Objects to Proposed Packers' Plan

Washington, Nov. 30.—Objections by the government to the plans of the packers for disposing of their stock yard properties were filed today in the District of Columbia supreme court. The government's objection dealt with the Swift, Cudahy, Armour and Morris plans distinctly as well as the proposal for forming a holding company to effect the divesting of the properties.

Ex-Empress of Germany Said to Be Bearing End

Doorn, Holland, Nov. 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany, who is critically ill as a result of a heart attack, was reported at noon today to be in a sinking condition. At that time she was unconscious.

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Keith Collins, last man arrested in the investigation of the \$3,500,000 robbery of the Burlington mail train in Council Bluffs on November 13, told postoffice inspectors where he had secreted the major portion of his share of the loot, \$23,800, before they left Kansas City on the return trip to Council Bluffs.

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He told them that he had hidden it in a trying pan beneath the staircase at his home, 1839 Seventh avenue, Council Bluffs. As a result of this statement, the telegram which notified federal officials in the Bluffs of Collins' apprehension instructed them to place guards at once at the Collins home.

Agents Guard Home. Two railroad special agents were placed in the home Sunday evening. They remained all night and were relieved next morning by two other agents. No one in Council Bluffs, however, knew the motive for this action. Officials here merely were complying with the instructions of the postoffice inspectors who made the arrest.

When Collins and the three inspectors, W. L. Noah of Sedalia, Mo.; J. W. Adamson of Kansas City and W. M. Coble of Omaha, arrived in Omaha Monday night at 9:25, they did not come direct to Council Bluffs. First they circled through the business district of Omaha to elude pursuing newspaper men. Then they went to the Conant hotel, where Inspectors Noah and Adamson engaged a room and left their baggage.

Money Found Under Step. Coming to the Bluffs, they went directly to the Collins home, Keith's two brothers were in bed asleep and were not awakened during the search. Two railroad agents were still on guard in the kitchen. Keith took the inspectors to the staircase in the front room. The tread of the lowest step was pried off and the currency was found in a frying pan underneath.

Then the guards were dismissed and the party drove to the federal building, where Keith was arraigned before the United States commissioner. He waived preliminary hearing and his bond was fixed at \$50,000.

Makes Total of \$47,260. This makes a total of \$47,260 in currency recovered since the crime was committed. Official announcement was made of the recovery of \$23,460 in \$10 bills at the homes of T. A. Daly, Clyde Poffenbarger and Fred Poffenbarger.

Throughout the investigation, the (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

Untermeyer Will Handle Ryan Case

Says Conditions of New York Financiers Affairs Require Prompt Action.

New York, Nov. 30.—Samuel Untermeyer announced that he would accept a retainer from Allan A. Ryan, New York banker, for the reorganization of whose financial affairs a banking committee is in formation, providing such duties involved would not interfere with Untermeyer's legislative committee investigation work.

Mr. Ryan announced simultaneously that he had accepted Mr. Untermeyer's conditions. Conditions under which Mr. Untermeyer will direct Mr. Ryan's affairs include that Mr. Untermeyer's son, Alvin, and Harold A. Contee, under Samuel Untermeyer's supervision, handle the situation for the time being. Mr. Untermeyer's letter to Mr. Ryan, whose present financial status follows soon after his controversy with the Stock Exchange after operations in Stutz Motor stock, said:

"Such a study of the situation as I have been able to make confirms me in belief that your interests require prompt and vigorous representation. The banks are manifestly overwhelmed with the Swift, Cudahy, Armour and Morris plans distinctly as well as the proposal for forming a holding company to effect the divesting of the properties.

So far, I have found no reason to question the good will of the banks, which it is your duty to assume until something transpires that convinces you to the contrary, although I believe that transaction as consummated should, in justice to you, be substantially modified."

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and colder. Wednesday. Forecast. Fair and colder. Wednesday. Forecast. Fair and colder.

Table with weather forecasts for various cities including Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Denver, etc.

Do You Want to Win \$100?

Are you a movie fan? Then your chances are good. The contest starts in The Bee next Sunday and the first prize is \$100. There are other cash prizes too. It's not a guessing contest either. So pure luck won't win it for you. But it's an amazingly simple contest and you'll be surprised to see how easy it will be. Watch The Bee for further details about this big contest. It will be interesting to every member of your household and it will offer you an opportunity to win a cash prize. You'll have lots of fun, and fun that may be profitable too. The contest starts Sunday. Be sure to be ready for it. Better order your paper now.