

Treaty With Mexico at Standstill

Wisdom of U. S. Position on Amity and Commerce Confirmed by Expressed Attitude of Neighbor.

Deadlock May Continue

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

Washington, D. C., June 18.—Negotiations between the United States and Mexico on the basis of the proposed treaty of amity and commerce submitted by direction of Secretary of State Hughes cannot be regarded as having reached a satisfactory stage and are virtually at a standstill as a result of President Obregon's determination to enter upon such a treaty with the United States government.

There is no indication that the virtual deadlock that has existed since General Obregon replied to the American proposal of such a treaty is about to be broken. The door to an eventual settlement and accommodation has not been entirely closed, but the status of the negotiations is not such as to give encouragement to officials familiar with the difficulties and intricacies of the situation.

Editorial comment in Mexico City newspapers and speeches delivered in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies since the negotiations between George T. Sumnerlin, the American charge d'affaires, and General Obregon began confirm the wisdom of the American government's stand, according to the view taken among officials in Washington. These speeches and articles, it was emphasized, show that there are distinct differences of opinion existing among Mexican leaders themselves as to whether Article 27 of the Mexican constitution of 1917 should be interpreted as having a retroactive effect.

There is also difference of opinion among Mexican leaders on the question whether the Mexican congress or President Obregon has the authority to put the provisions of the Carranza constitution into effect. When the Mexican leaders themselves seem divided over the manner in which the property rights of Americans and other foreigners in Mexico are to be treated under the constitution of 1917, it was asserted today, the United States government should not be criticized for insisting upon having a clear-cut statement of binding character from Mexico as to what it intends to do; whether it intends to safeguard or to concede widely acquired American property rights in Mexico, before recognition is recorded.

Announcement Was Reply. It became known for the first time today that the announcement of the American government's position as made public by the State department on June 7 by Secretary Hughes was in reality the reply of the United States government to the communication from General Obregon which reached Washington in June.

This statement has been delivered to the Mexican government by the American charge and constitutes the only reply of the United States to the Obregon communication of June 3. Since the delivery of the statement to General Obregon the only communication between the two governments has been informal reports by Mr. Sumnerlin of conversations with Alberto Pani, the Mexican minister of foreign affairs.

The Mexican embassy today issued a statement in which it sought to explain the reasons taken into consideration by the Mexican government in increasing the tax on Mexican petroleum. The embassy's statement says these "reasons" are as follows: "1. That low cost of production causes disturbances in the oil markets of the world, injuring the national petroleum industry and bringing about an increase in the customs tariffs of other countries of Mexican petroleum.

"2. The excess of production is against a well regulated exploitation of this national resource.

Fifty Years: 1871-1921

The Bee celebrates today the 50th anniversary of its birth, observing it on the Sunday nearest the actual date, June 21.

Fifty years is a long time, measured by the ordinary standards of individual human life. Men are born, grow up, become fathers and mayhap granddaddies in that span. Measured by the yardstick of world history, it is a relatively short period. Forty times 50 years have rolled by since Christ walked the earth; the time generally accepted as embracing the sum of recorded history is full twice as long.

Yet in the community in which The Bee has lived and of which it has been a part, 50 years is a long time. The measure of individual life applies here to the history of the community as well. Nebraska was a land of pioneers in 1871, when The Bee saw light. The western frontier was just then pushing across its borders. It was still a place where the Indians were a people to be feared by not a few of its inhabitants; a single line of railroad streaked across its broad prairies; great acres knew no human footstep, had never even been seen by the eye of a white man.

The 50 years of The Bee's life has been also the major part of Nebraska's life. In that period Nebraska has developed as a most substantial, prosperous and influential member of the union of states. It has contributed largely to the nation's material wealth; it has furnished political and social inspiration and leadership. Its principal city, Omaha, has grown to be a metropolis, great in commerce and industry, great in education, great in expression of the forward-looking, open-hearted spirit of the west.

In some of this The Bee has had a part; in all of it The Bee has had a deep interest. In this edition its editors have not sought to laud especially its part in the story of achievement. They have undertaken rather to add something to the lasting history of the period, by contributions of men well qualified to speak of it. They have felt that the celebration of The Bee's first half century properly is a celebration not so much of what The Bee has done as what the community it serves has become.

It is a great beginning. May The Bee be able to record, in the next 50 years, even greater achievements.

Activities of Storms in Omaha Will Be Studied

City One of Greatest Storm Centers in U. S., According to Dr. Charles Steinmetz, Noted Electrician.

Experts from the laboratories of Dr. Charles P. Steinmetz, famous inventor and electricity scholar of Schenectady, N. Y., are expected in Omaha to study recent storm activities, according to word received here by the Nebraska Power company.

Omaha is one of the greatest electrical storm centers in the United States, a close second to Charleston, S. C., the center of storm activity in the country, according to a report received here from Dr. Steinmetz.

The report was received following an inquiry by the Nebraska Power company as to the trouble caused by recent electrical storms. Temporary inconvenience was caused by the Nebraska Power company as to the trouble caused by recent electrical storms. Temporary inconvenience was caused by the storm to hundreds of families when electric transformers were destroyed.

"It is not unusual to have one-third of the total trouble caused by lightning in any one month occur in one of the two states," Dr. Steinmetz said in his report.

The report, compiled over a period of 40 years from figures prepared by the United States weather bureau, showed the following:

Insurgents Lose Suit to Oust Fraser

Judge Wade Refuses Order Enjoining Sovereign Commander From Presiding W.O.W. Convention.

Ruling Said To Be Final

"Insurgents" of the Woodmen of the World controversy seeking to oust W. A. Fraser as sovereign commander of the organization lost a point in federal court Saturday afternoon when Judge M. J. Wade refused them an order enjoining Mr. Fraser from presiding at the national convention in New York City on July 5.

The complainants from Missouri and Texas sought to have a master in chancery appointed to preside in the sovereign commander's stead.

Judge Wade's order is final in the United States in particular reference to the national convention, he stated.

Makes Earnest Plea. Paul Barnett of Sedalia, Mo., attorney for the complainants, made an earnest plea for the appointment of a master in chancery to preside at the convention.

Upon Judge Wade's refusal to permit an injunction against Fraser, Barnett made a motion, upon a point of order, to have the bill removed "without prejudice."

Attorneys for the "regulars" raised an objection, stating that the "insurgents" would then probably try another court.

In commenting upon his final decision of the W. O. W. controversy, Judge Wade said:

Majority Rules. "Members of the organization must still remember that the majority rules. The granting of an injunction is extraordinary. If an injunction is not granted, the complainants feel they are done an irreparable wrong. It does not appear that the property rights of the organization are in jeopardy and the charge that the complainants were to be deprived of compensation in attending the convention would not justify this court to decide in their favor."

Attorneys for the complainants intimated after the hearing that they might institute another suit in federal court in New York.

State Commissioner Rules Exemption Of Schools From Tax

Lincoln, Neb., June 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Business colleges and institutions not based entirely on charitable foundations, cannot be excluded from taxation, according to an open letter sent to county assessors today by W. H. Osborne, state tax commissioner.

"There is an erroneous opinion existing among many that because certain exemptions are permitted under the constitution and legislative enactment, it applies generally to property of hospitals, churches and should be general exemption. I am sure there is a wholesale abuse of these privileges and it must be stopped," Osborne said.

WHERE TO FIND The Big Features of The Sunday Bee. PART ONE. General State and Local News. Market Reports and Financial News—Pages 12 and 13.

Fifi Stillman, Principal in Most Notorious Divorce Tangle, Tells Own Story to Bee Readers. Her Publicity Can't Hurt 'Lady'

(This is the first of a series of articles telling the story of her own life. They will appear in the Bee every Monday in both morning and evening editions. Copyright, 1921 by the Daily News, New York.)

New York, June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—One asks, "What sort of person is Mrs. Stillman?"

Such a question may well be asked. Many photographs of her are printed, each portraying some fleeting expression, some making her appear very young and charming, others clearly showing marks of growing cares.

She is accused of things that would drive most women to hiding—yet we see her about in the same circles she frequented before these charges were made.

So it is quite natural that people should ask, "What sort of person is Mrs. Stillman?"

In an effort to answer this the New York Daily News assigned an understanding writer to study Mrs. Stillman, to converse with her, to associate with her acquaintances and friends and to write not only his impressions and observations, but also her life story. The story begins:

ANNE URQUHART STILLMAN, Her Personality and Life Story. Back of New York's most notorious divorce case stands a personality which has supplied direction and inspiration for the drama—Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman.

And back of Mrs. Stillman is a half century of romance. The extraordinary career of her mother, Mrs. James Brown Potter, the unusual circumstances of her childhood and young womanhood and the hereditary tendencies of the family into which she married, make up the kaleidoscopic background against which her drama has been played.

The personality which emerges from this surge and conflict of elements is an arresting one. It is a personality which makes itself felt in the very arrangement and decoration of her house. Waiting for her in the drawing room of her spacious apartment at 910 Fifth avenue, I felt (as was said in a recent play), "as if she stood in the room."

The place was broad, uncluttered, quiet, with a wide fireplace and chintz-covered furniture. The electric lamps were priceless wares of the best brought from China and made into lamp stands by some deft and tasteful American artists.

Never Interviewed Before. On the mantelpiece—otherwise bare—were two beautifully matched pieces of Ming ware, heavily inlaid in Chinese. And on the floor no rugs—just many square feet of beautifully polished wood, stretching quiet on shadowy corners of the cool, quiet room.

At this time Mrs. Stillman had never yet been interviewed by newspaper reporters, and it was a matter of much effort during weeks to be admitted to see her. Only her own breaking of silence, after 10 months of determined seclusion, has made it possible to put the story to print.

Perhaps she heard my gasp of surprise. "A biographer ought certainly to know what his subject looks like," she said, smiling.

I confessed that I should never have recognized her. After which she began describing things about the science of photography.

"In my darkest hours I think I could get some amusement out of the pictures of me which appear in the papers," she laughed.

Appearance Has Distinction. Her personal appearance has a distinction which no photograph could adequately present. Slight, youthful and haughty, she carries herself with that unstudied grace which one expects only in a young princess or a gazelle.

Above the olive pallor of her face her black hair is piled in a fashion all her own. It looks as if it were bobbed, and yet the coils above the forehead declare it is not. Rouge, powder and jewels are not in the picture. This fact, coupled with the extreme simplicity of her dress, adds to the impression of direct and unaffected womanhood.

"I do not give interviews and I do not give photographs," she said with sudden earnestness. "And yet I realize that the public has a legitimate interest in human beings involved in such large human problems. I do not resent that. On the contrary, it seems to me necessary. This case involves the whole social question—the conflict of classes, the problems of equalization of wealth and opportunity."



Mrs. Anne Stillman, m.

Hopes Omahans Soon Can Talk 400 Miles in Air

Postoffice Department Proposing to Send Out Market And Other News By Radio.

R. B. Howell, republican national committeeman, does not believe that people will be talking through their hats in the near future, but he expresses confidence that Omahans will be able to talk through the air to their country cousins within a radius of 400 miles.

A conversation with Postmaster Will Hays, while in Washington last week, prompts Mr. Howell to make this statement.

Mr. Howell asserted that he is endeavoring to have the Postoffice department adopt the radio telephone as a means of popular communication.

Discussing the subject, Mr. Howell said: "The Postoffice department at Washington is taking a deep interest in broadcasting market and other news reports by means of the radio telephone. In short, it is proposed to develop radio stations, say about 400 miles apart, and in real understandable English send out during the day information and news that will be of interest to the farming population. Anybody can receive these reports who equips himself with a receiving apparatus. The cost of such apparatus will ultimately be it is hoped, in the neighborhood of \$25 or \$30."

"Only those who are aware of the remarkable progress that has been made in radio or wireless telephony can appreciate the tremendous possibilities of the development of such a service by one of our great government departments. It means placing the farmer and his family in as close touch with the progress of events as the city dweller, and thereby the elimination of another factor in agrarian isolation."

Will Plan New Telephone System for Bloomfield

Bloomfield, Neb., June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The tinkle of the telephone bell may soon be heard in Bloomfield again. Plans for a local company are being formed. The promoters will either take over the old exchange of the Union Telephone company or build a new system.

J. H. Gesler, former manager of the company here, is said to be one of the moving spirits in the deal. He is the owner of about 20,000 shares of stock in the Union Telephone company. Bloomfield has been without local service since April 1, when nearly 700 of the company's patrons ordered out their phones rather than pay a 22 per cent increase in rates.

'City Talmud Torah' to Hold Confirmation Exercises

The fourth annual confirmation exercises of the "City Talmud Torah" will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the B'nai Israel synagogue at Eighteenth and Chicago streets.

An appropriate program will be rendered by the graduating class. Henry Monsky will deliver an address. Rabbi Taxon will present certificates to 26 confirmants. Dr. Philip Sher will preside. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Insurance Firm Covers Baggage for Vacationists

Vacation time is at hand and baggage is being packed for the summer trips. Traveling often results in damage to baggage through fires, disappearance from stations and hotels, and theft from suitcases or Pullmans. The Love-Haskell company is offering an insurance policy which is broad in its protection against the perils of travel.

Rumors of Lewis Seeking Office Are Increasing

Colorado Springs, Colo., June 18.—The probability that John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, would oppose Samuel Gompers for re-election as president of the American Federation of Labor was increased today by reports that representatives of the majority of the railroad organization at a conference last night had decided to support his candidacy.

These reports, brought here today by delegates to the federation convention, who came from Denver on a special train for an outing in the Pike's Peak region, declared Lewis would announce his candidacy before next Monday.

The miners' chief, however, continued to maintain silence, but his boomers were busy rounding up supporters for his candidacy. "They claimed that Lewis had sufficient votes to win if he decided to run."

Published reports that certain alleged anti-Gompers interests had representatives operating among the delegates with a \$100,000 "slush fund," created considerable excitement.

Labor leaders asserted that the entire matter would be brought before the convention next Monday morning and demand would be made for proof of these charges.

Representatives of President Gompers have declined to make any statement regarding the situation, except to say that they are confident that the veteran labor leader will be re-elected. They, however, have been on the defensive and have been busy taking canvass of their voting strength and the situation in general.

Up to the present time, however, no international union has publicly announced which candidate it will support if a fight for the leadership takes place.

Sidney May Spend \$12,000 For Purchase of New Park

Sidney, Neb., June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The city council cooperating with the chamber of commerce and the women's clubs has authorized a special bond election to be held at once to vote \$12,000 for the purchase and improvement of a city park and \$10,000 for necessary surface drainage and storm sewers.

The proposed park site consists of 15 acres along the Lodgepole creek with an ideal contour for a public swimming pool and picnic ground. The women's club is credited with the origination of the park project and with the aid of the directors of the chamber of commerce they have brought the proposition to its present advanced stage.

Mother Installs Daughter As Eastern Star Officer

Sidney, Neb., June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The local chapter of the Eastern Star installed its new officers at its meeting tonight. Mrs. Grace Simodynes was installed as worthy matron, by her mother, Mrs. Grace King, who was installing officer. A large membership was present. The retiring worthy matron, Mrs. Kenneth Agnew, presented each of her officers and Mrs. Simodynes with flowers.

Indictments at Tulsa

Tulsa, Okl., June 18.—Twenty-four more indictments growing out of the Tulsa race riots were returned today by the grand jury investigating the outbreak. The total number of indictments now is 88.

Stillman Breaks With Mrs. Leeds

Former Chorus Girl Gets Half Million Dollars and Custody of Son From Banker.

Will Leave For Europe

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, June 18.—James A. Stillman has broken with Mrs. Florence Leeds, according to reports here today.

In separating with the one-time chorus girl, to whom he is alleged to have given a fortune in luxuries during their "affair," Stillman is reported to have given Mrs. Leeds \$500,000.

Mrs. Leeds is to have custody of the baby, Jay Ward Leeds, the report continues, but Stillman is to provide for him and attend to his education and social standing.

Not Unlooked For. The report continues: "This sensational, although not entirely unlooked for, state of affairs, was learned on information obtained from a most reliable source. The reason for the break is the transfer of Stillman's attention from Mrs. Leeds to a woman moving in a much higher social atmosphere and with whom the banker has been seen about town and at a Long Island fashionable summer resort very frequently of late.

"This society woman is the same person whom Mrs. Stillman was considering as another correspondent in the amended answer filed this week to Stillman's charges. It is known that great pressure was brought to bear to protect this woman's name from the scandal of this notorious divorce case.

"Stillman has been seen dining with this woman in an ultra-exclusive Park avenue restaurant very recently. Only a few days ago he accompanied the new object of his attentions to visit an exhibit she is interested in at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Affections On Wane. "Stillman's affections for Mrs. Leeds have been on the wane for some time it was known and when his new charter appeared it required little effort to accomplish the break. Mrs. Leeds, it is said, accepted the condition philosophically, knowing from the beginning of her affair with the banker that it must eventually reach the present stage. Then, too, the settlement bases, was not without its inducements.

"Mrs. Leeds and her baby are in retirement near New York at present, but it is expected that she will leave with the child for Europe shortly."

The sensational testimony given May 4 by Dr. Hugh L. Russell, Buffalo osteopath, when he swore Mrs. Stillman confessed the illegitimacy of her son, Guy, hung today in the balance, and counsel for Mrs. Stillman were confident it would be stricken from the record when secret hearings were resumed in Poughkeepsie, June 28.

Mrs. Stillman Elated. Mrs. Stillman and her attorneys were elated over developments of the last three days. Through spying and disgruntled servants, the nurse who attended Mrs. Stillman at the birth of Guy, and finally through Dr. Russell, star witness for the husband, the defense in cross-examination established the important point—that James A. Stillman was in Pleasantville house with Mrs. Stillman well within the period of dispute, which directly affects the question of Guy's paternity.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Mrs. Stillman summed up her opinion of the brief remark: "It's been a wonderful day."

Former Associate Editor Of Labor Paper Arrested

John T. McDonald, sr., negro, 2910 Franklin street, at one time associate editor of the Butcher Workmen Advocate, official organ of local unions of Butcher Workmen, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging embezzlement on complaint of B. A. Finerty.

It is alleged that McDonald collected about \$800 due the labor newspaper and used it for his own purposes. The case will be heard tomorrow morning before Police Judge W. F. Wappich.

Pilot Smashes Machine

Valentine, Neb., June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Air Pilot Lloyd Sylvester overlooked the new landing field at Valentine yesterday when attempting to land and descended in an old pasture south of here. The machine struck an old rudder, smashing the landing gear and rudder. R. L. Dunlap, owner of the aeroplane, and Sylvester's sister were in the machine.

Farwell to Wallace. Paris, June 18.—(Special Telegram.)—A number of fellows in Gage county began cutting wheat today, and they state that dry weather is badly needed just now in order to properly handle the crop, which promises an average yield.

The Weather

Forecast. Probably thunder showers Sunday; continued warm.

Hourly Temperatures.	
8 a. m.	76
9 a. m.	78
10 a. m.	80
11 a. m.	82
12 m.	84
1 p. m.	86
2 p. m.	88
3 p. m.	90
4 p. m.	92
5 p. m.	94
6 p. m.	96
7 p. m.	98
8 p. m.	100
9 p. m.	102
10 p. m.	104
11 p. m.	106
12 noon	108