

OCCUPATION OF MEXICO ADVOCATED

REPRESENTATIVE FROM TEXAS WOULD WITHDRAW RECOGNITION OF CARRANZA.

SAYS SEPARATE ACTION BY TEXAS NOT NECESSARY

Mr. Hudspeth Declares American Government Should Keep Troops In Mexico Until Stable Government Is Established There—Carranza Fails In Obligations of Nation.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Military occupation of Mexico by the United States was advocated by Representative Hudspeth, Democrat, Texas, in an address today in the house. He urged withdrawal of American recognition of the Carranza government, and said American troops should be kept in Mexico until a stable government has been established.

"The time has arisen," declared Mr. Hudspeth, "when this government should say to Carranza, 'you have not fulfilled your obligation in the protection of American lives, so we withdraw recognition of you and will put troops in Mexico to protect American lives until order is restored there.'"

After reading the resolution recently adopted by the Texas senate, which asks the federal government either to use troops or permit the state to act, Mr. Hudspeth added:

"But that is not necessary. 'The flag,' he said, pointing to the Stars and Stripes hanging over the speaker's desk, 'is sufficient.'"

This remark, as also his declaration for military intervention, was applauded by the members. In urging military intervention, Mr. Hudspeth declared he was not a "jingo," and that he only asked for the protection of American lives.

ASKS SAFETY FOR AMERICANS.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Henry P. Fletcher, United States ambassador to Mexico, in telegrams today to the Mexican senate and house of representatives requested their "patriotic co-operation towards securing their admission and adequate protection of the lives of Americans in Mexico," so that "unhindered enjoyment by Americans of property rights, lawfully acquired in Mexico, which is accorded them in other friendly countries," might be obtained.

Mr. Fletcher's telegrams were in reply to messages received from members of the Mexican senate and house, thanking him for his fair and impartial statement of conditions in Mexico, made recently before a committee of the American house of representatives.

PRICE FIXING ONLY REMEDY

SKYROCKET COST OF LIVING IS PRESSING PROBLEM.

Even Men Who Wanted to Be Fair Were Forced Into Price Exactions, Is Statement.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, July 26.—Price fixing commissions by the government are the only remedy for profiteering in the necessities of life, in the opinion of Julius Harmon Black, former vice-chairman of the War Labor Board, who sailed today for England and France. He declared that even men who wanted to be fair had been forced into exactions not warranted by the situation.

"The pressing problem," he said, "is the skyrocket cost of living. It is all paid by the ultimate consumer. The country believes that nearly every man who can is profiteering. Nearly every man is raising the price of everything he sells. If nothing is done to check this horrible inflation of prices, the stage will finally be reached where there will be a breaking point to relieve the tension."

PLAY OFF FINAL GAME WITH COVE THIS AFTERNOON

This afternoon Manager C. H. Scranton will take his bunch of baseball proteges on a little picnic over to Cove to show the crowd of ball tossers over there that though they have clinched the pennant in the league this year, they are not necessarily the best team in the league. Scranton's outfit has been coming along rapidly during the latter part of the season, and though their improvement in form is too late to win them the league honors they are showing that they would have made Cove worry decidedly more had the season lasted a few weeks longer. Numerous fans from here are expected to make the trip.

A good game in all respects is expected this afternoon. Cove has a team that is composed of splendid fellows and first-rate ball players, and the local boys have nothing but the best regard for them. They are impressed by the showing Cove has made this year, but considering the hearty and all-the-time support the Cove people have given their team, they do not wonder at the result. Both fans and players are sportsmen at Cove and they play the game both ways at all times. The locals are anxious to see a good sized crowd go along with them today and take in the game.

BANK OPENING IS CELEBRATED

INFORMAL RECEPTION AT U. S. NATIONAL LAST NIGHT.

Many Citizens Visited Bank's Remodeled Home—Band and Orchestra Furnish Music.

The "new" home of the United States National Bank, at the corner of Adams and Depot, was en fete last night, to receive the visit of several hundred citizens of the town and visitors from the country, the occasion being an informal reception by the officers and the members of the staff of the bank to celebrate the completion of the remodelling of the building. Beautiful decorations of flowers added to the beauty of the new interior fittings, and band and orchestra music, the one a street concert by the O-W band and the other enjoyable selections by Lindsey's orchestra within the building, held the visitors pleased and interested.

Crowds passed through the building, admiring the handsome finishing, and were received as they entered by the officers and staff of the bank.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE ENDED, BUT SHIPS WON'T SAIL YET

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, July 26.—Despite settlement of the strike of the International Seamen's Union, ships will not sail from Atlantic of Gulf ports until demands of the Ocean Marine Engineers' Union, not considered in the settlement, are granted, according to a statement tonight by B. L. Todd, business manager of the union.

NEW YORK, July 26.—The strike of 40,000 marine workers in the Atlantic and Gulf ports has ended.

FIRST STRIKE OF POSTAL AVIATORS IS ALL SETTLED

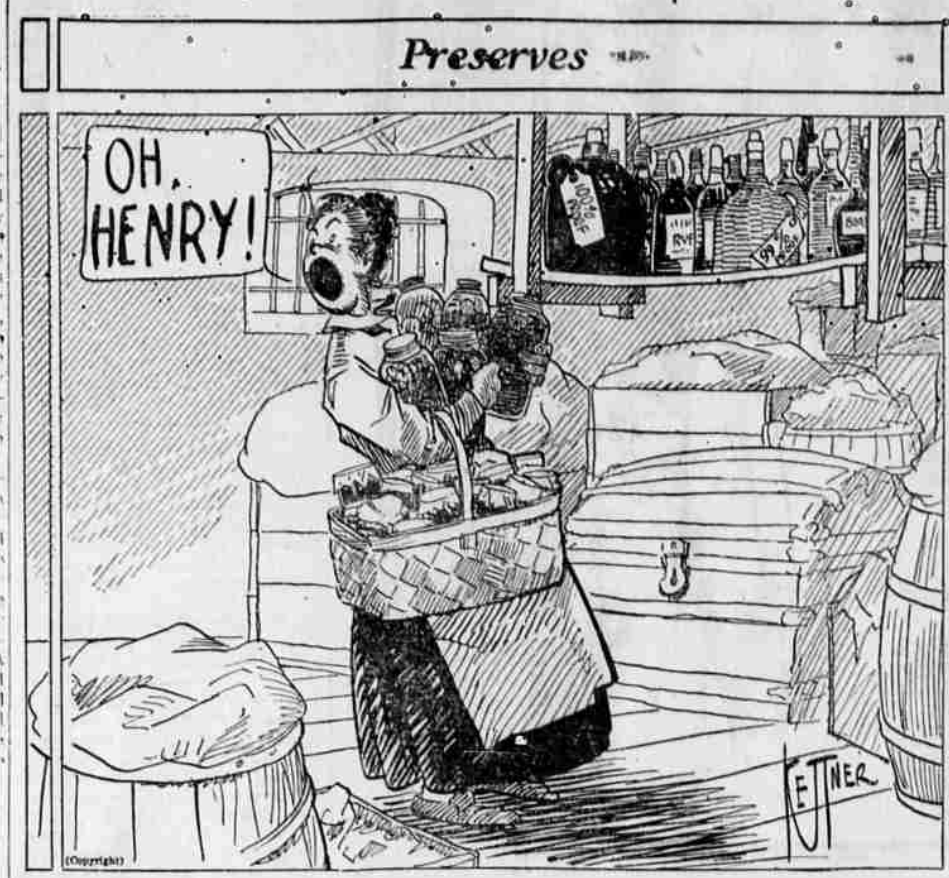
(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The post-office department announced today that the first strike of aviators in history has been settled. The strike was the result of a misunderstanding. Six of the striking aviators who were dismissed yesterday have been reinstated. The two pilots whose dismissal caused the strike were not reinstated.

TWO AIRMEN ARE KILLED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ON BOARD NEW MEXICO, July 26.—Lieut. E. F. and Sergeant Von Berg were killed and three others were injured in a collision yesterday between an army airplane and a navy seaplane at the anchorage of Colon harbor. The two machines were wrecked.



BOOTLEG BOOZE IN EVIDENCE

JAGS SHOWING UP MORE NUMEROUS THAN FORMERLY.

Possible Moonshining May Be Displacing the Business of the Pullman Porter.

Where is it coming from? Who is making the booze and who is peddling it?

These are questions that are arousing the public as well as the officials. Jags are in evidence with apparently no end to the supply.

Some claim there is "worm" operating and that the pipe line reaches into the rural districts outside of La Grande where automobiles have no difficulty in reaching.

The whole thing will blow up one of these days, for the boys with jags will talk and when they talk they invariably "spill the beans." It is believed all that the officers need do is to be watchful and not be afraid to take a chance on some of the people who are now under suspicion.

Speaking of suspicion. Well, it lurks, and the man who is in the booze game either directly or indirectly need not kid himself into thinking he is fooling everybody. He has but little more chance in fooling the public than has the man who drinks his product, for there is a certain amount of guilt that attaches to any man, or woman, who is breaking the law.

The automobile has been the bug-bear to officers in the booze game. Booze can be smuggled into the city in the pur of a nice car and it is pretty hard for the officials to make a grab. But even with this in favor of the bootlegger, sooner or later he will come to grief.

LINCOLN FIRE FIGHTERS GET RAISE IN WAGES

LINCOLN, July 25.—The Lincoln city council Wednesday approved an annual budget granting pay increases to members of the city fire department. Most of the firemen will receive increases of \$10 a month. Higher salaries for a number of city officials were also approved.

NEW HOME OF THE STUDEBAKER TO BE READY IN MONTH

The 30' of construction of the new garage at the corner of Fourth street and Adams avenue, opposite the post-office building, which will be occupied by the Wallows Milling & Grain Company, local Studebaker dealers has progressed to such a point that one is able to see that the building when completed will be a very handsome one. Shortage of materials kept the work behind somewhat for a time, but the contractors are going ahead rapidly now and expect to have the new premises ready for Ross Leslie & Co. in about thirty days. Noah & Smith, local contractors, have the work in charge.

HUNS CLAIM OVERTURES WERE MADE

ERZBERGER SAYS ENGLAND AND FRANCE MADE ADVANCES THROUGH POPE.

IMPORTANT REVELATIONS ARE PROMISED SOON

Declaration Made That France Assented to Note Sent by Great Britain Through Vatican In 1917, Asking What Guarantees Germany Would Want For Herself.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

BERLIN, July 26.—Peace overtures to Germany by Great Britain and France were made through the Vatican in August, 1917, according to the declaration of Matthias Erzberger, vice-president and minister of finance in the German national assembly. These overtures, he added, were rejected by Germany.

Monseignor Paselli, Papal Nuncio to Munich, on August 13, 1917, addressed a note to Imperial Chancellor Michaelis, enclosing a telegram from the Papal minister at the Vatican to the Papal secretary of state, to which the French government assented. The British note, Herr Erzberger explained, asked for a German declaration, for Belgian independence and compensation and inquired as to what guarantees Germany would need for herself. Chancellor Michaelis did not answer the note for four weeks, then September 14 he wrote that the situation for giving such a declaration was not sufficiently clear.

Herr Erzberger promised most important revelations within a few days.

DREADNAUGHTS THROUGH CANAL

ABOARD U. S. S. NEW MEXICO, July 26.—Four dreadnaughts of the Pacific fleet, the New Mexico, the Arkansas, Texas and New York, were successfully lifted through the Gatun locks. This is the first attempt to negotiate this waterway with a fleet of dreadnaughts. The trip toward the Pacific ocean was resumed today.

The New Mexico is the flagship of Admiral Hugh Rodman. Its length is 624 feet, beams 95-1-2 feet, draught 28-1-2 feet, carries 31 guns, four torpedo tubes and has a crew, including officers, of 1,650 men. The Arkansas is about the same size as the New Mexico. The Texas and New York are each of 27,000 tons, 575 feet in length, and carry approximately 1,500 men in officers and crew.

ADVISOR BANK FOR SIMS AND BENSON IS FAVORED

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Legislation providing for the permanent rank of admiral for Rear Admiral William S. Benson, who commanded American naval forces overseas, and Admiral William S. Benson, chief of operations, was recommended unanimously Thursday by the house naval committee.

BOYD MAY BE COMMISSIONER

POPULAR ENTERPRISE MAN IS BOOSTED FOR PLACE.

Highway Official For Eastern Part of the State Is of Great Importance to All.

Speculation as to whom will be named to succeed W. L. Thompson on the Highway Commission when he removes from Pendleton to Portland, continues to spread. Portland newspapers have listed a number of men who seem available, and it is understood quite a little work has been done in behalf of some of the candidates.

The latest development, however, is the news that Daniel Boyd, prominent Enterprise man, has a number of friends in Willamette valley who are urging his appointment. Mr. Boyd is not seeking the place, and for that matter it is known that none of the men thus far mentioned are seeking it, but there is quite a strong sentiment being moulded for the man from Enterprise.

He is one of the best known men in the state and has a good knowledge of conditions in most of the counties. This feature is necessary to a good commissioner, for the man who knows the state is of far greater value than one who is not familiar with it.

When Coos Bay people ask for a road, the commissioner should be able to have some idea of what the nature of the request is without being forced to make a trip there. The same is true of all sections of the state.

Mr. Boyd has traveled over Oregon a great deal and is a man who has always kept in touch with the progress of the state. He knows many men in Oregon and is looked upon as one available man who would make an excellent commissioner.

ATTORNEY GENERAL IS PROMISING MEAT PACKERS

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Information obtained by the federal trade commission in its investigation of the meat packing industry has been under consideration for several months by the department of justice. Attorney General Palmer, it is said, expects a report about August first.

The information, including hundreds of documents taken from the files of Armour, Swift and other packing companies, was submitted by the federal trade commission. It was announced at the time of the investigation for the purpose of developing whether prosecution should be brought.

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CONFESES FULLY THEFT OF CAR AND FORGING OF CHECK

Sheriff Lee Warnick returned Saturday morning from Payette, Idaho, with Charles Lacey, wanted here for cashing a bad check at Andrews' Bros. Toggery and stealing A. R. Hunter's automobile a week ago last night. Lacey, who is said to be but nineteen years old, has made a full confession of his guilt of both crimes. He is a discharged sailor.

Lacey made his escape from town in the Hunter machine, after cashing the check in payment of some purchases made at the Toggery. He got nearly to Payette, Idaho, when he had trouble with the machine and, stealing another car, was found out and caught. He stated at first that his home was in the east, but it is believed that his folks live in Idaho.

The sheriff, with Lacey and E. T. Andrews, who took the bad check, and A. R. Hunter, Jr., who went to Payette for his machine, drove back in the car as far as Weatherby, where they had a breakdown. They had the machine towed to Durkee, from where they took the train to La Grande. Mr. Hunter stopped off at Baker, to take repairs back to his machine.

U. S. NATIONAL HAS FINE HOME

WILL REOPEN IN REMODELLED PREMISES MONDAY.

Interior Is Done In Marble Through out, With Woodwork All of Fine Mahogany.

Monday morning at 9 o'clock the U. S. National Bank will open for business once more the doors at their old home on the corner of Adams and Depot. The old home will hardly be known to patrons, and to visitors, however, after the thorough remodeling and refinishing it has been given during the 90 days the bank's business has been conducted on the other side of Adams avenue. The U. S. National has now one of the most beautiful interiors of any business place in the city.

One notices at the doors as one enters, the great improvement in the appearance of the bank that has been made. One does not now climb several steps to gain the entrance, but walks straight in from the street, between portals of handsome green Vermont marble. Inside one sees a vast, unimproved arrangement of the interior. The cages are in two rows, one on each side, the counters built of beautiful creamy flecked Hautville marble, imported from French quarries. Wickets of bronze front each of ten of the twelve "cages," the other two being open. In the center of the space between the counters is a writing desk, of the same polished marble. The floor is built in tiled effect of unpolished Hauteville marble. Throughout the woodwork is of very handsome mahogany—the two doors at the front entrance, the framework of the cages and the other doors be tween—and all the furniture is mahogany, also. Every piece of furniture and every fitting is entirely new.

The new cash vault built in at the rear of the room is fitted with an absolutely airtight heavy outer door and lighter inner steel doors for protection against fire. The book vault is at the rear of the cash vault.

The idea of offering every service to patrons has been kept foremost in the planning of the new interior. There is, for instance, a small private closet in the rear which individuals may enter and arrange private matters behind a locked door. Then, upstairs is the balcony, the ladies' rest room, the directors' room and the toilets. The balcony is as handsome as the offices below, with cushioned chairs and couches where parties may sit awaiting an appointment with a friend or business acquaintance and see him immediately he enters the offices below. The ladies' rest room is for the convenience particularly of the country women. Lovely upholstered wicker chairs and wicker desk, all mahogany finished off in oak, and a wash room open off it.

Take all through the new building is oak which not only the officers of the bank, but the citizens of the town may be proud of. It is modelled very much after the United States National Bank of Portland and the architect who designed it is the same man who designed the interior arrangements of that building.

WILSON MAY GIVE VIEWS TO PUBLIC

STATEMENT ON ATTITUDE TOWARD PROGRAM IS NOW LOOKED FOR.

REACHING OF AGREEMENT DEPENDS ON PRESIDENT

Next Move in the Senate Disagreement Over the Reservations Is Expected to Come From Chief Executive—Expert Legal Advice Recommended by Lodge.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The next important move in the senate disagreement over the reservations in the peace treaty is expected to come from President Wilson.

Having canvassed the senate situation in various conferences with 15 Republican senators, all of whom are said to have told him they would support certain reservations, it is expected the President soon will make known his attitude on such a course. It was intimated at the White House today that expression of his views on the subject might have to wait his speaking tour to begin two weeks hence, but might be embodied in a public statement in a few days.

Today Chairman Lodge discussed some features of the treaty with Secretary Lansing. Mr. Lodge, it is understood, has suggested that the committee have the benefit of expert advice on some sections, particularly those dealing with enemy alien property. It is expected Bradley Palmer and others who advised the American peace delegation will appear before the committee next week.

President Wilson had intended, it was said, to go to the capital today and talk over the treaty situation with administrative senators. He abandoned the plan, however, when he learned the senate was not in session and that Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, administration leader, was out of town. The foreign relations committee held recess over today and will meet again Monday, when it expects to complete the first reading of the treaty.

In the opinion of many Republican senators, lines to be drawn in the reservations controversy will be left entirely with the President. They say if he gives his assent to a reservation program designed to further safeguard national interests they quickly can come to such an agreement as to insure ratification, but if he takes an uncompromising attitude for unreserved ratification and then by public speeches attempts to discredit senators holding out against it, opposition leaders look for a long fight.

MAY REPEAL TAX ON SOFT DRINKS

CANADIAN RECIPROCIITY AGREEMENT LIKELY TO FALL

House Ways and Means Committee Defers Action On Bill to Protect Dye Industry.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, July 26.—Measures to protect several of the industries which grew out of the war necessity for repeal of the ten per cent tax on soft drinks and the Canadian reciprocity agreement of 1911 were recommended today by the house ways and means committee. A tax of ten cents a gallon on apple juice and loganberry juices, in lieu of the present gross tax of ten per cent on sales, was also recommended.

Action on the bill to protect the dye industry was deferred, pending a report of the measure by its patron, Representative Longworth, Republican, of Ohio. The measure levies a tariff on imports and authorizes creation of a board to control imports through a licensing system. Mr. Longworth has rewritten the bill and expects action next week.