

ADMINISTRATION TO FORMULATE NEW POLICY

President Wilson and Secretary Bryan to Advise Foreign Powers

Washington. — Official Washington awaited with keen interest the outcome of elections in Mexico under supervision of the Huerta provisional government, recognition of which has already been denied by the American government.

Significance was attached to the dispatches from abroad, coming on the heels of the reports from Washington that the president and secretary of state were at work on a pronouncement which would define this nation's attitude with relation to the policy in Mexico of the foreign nations and also to the statement issued in Philadelphia by Senator Bacon, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, to the effect that the interests of the United States in Mexico are "infinitely greater" than those of the other powers.

President Opposes Single-Bank Plan.

Whether there shall be one federal reserve bank with branches throughout the United States or several banks as provided for in the administration bill promises to be the chief issue of the final currency reform fight in the senate committee.

The president made it known in emphatic terms that he was opposed to the central bank plan as suggested by Frank A. Vanderlip of the National City bank of New York, and as endorsed informally by many members of the senate committee. He reiterated through Secretary Tumulty that the Glass-Owen bill, with its system of 12 regional reserve banks related only through the functions of one federal reserve board sitting at Washington, was "admirably suited" to the needs of the country.

The president made it clear to the senate leaders that he did not believe the senate committee should try to disturb the foundation of the bill that passed the house to the extent that it would have to be remodeled to provide for a single bank.

Seamen Get Relief.

The La Follette substitute for the "seamen's servitude" bill, so amended as not to affect the treaty relations of the United States until the president has had an opportunity to readjust them, passed the senate.

The La Follette substitute differed in many respects from the original bill which passed both houses of congress, but which did not meet with the approval of President Taft. Its chief provisions would require improved working quarters and working conditions on ships; increase the requirements for safety appliances and efficiency of sailors; release sailors from some of the stringent regulations that compel them to remain with ships when in foreign ports and direct the abrogation of any treaties that prohibit the enforcement of the provisions against foreign ships coming into American ports.

National Capital Brevities.

The urgent deficiency bill, providing for the abolishing of the commerce court and removal of about 1000 deputy revenue collectors from civil service, has been signed by the president.

Republicans, Democrats and Progressives of the house will join in presenting Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of the president, with a wedding gift. Speaker Clark will name a committee to carry out the plan.

Senator Chamberlain has been designated by the floor leader, Senator Kern of Indiana, to act in that capacity during his absence from the city.

President Wilson has commuted the sentence of Frederick A. Hyde from two years, and that of Joost Schneider from 14 months, to 356 days' imprisonment. He did not remit fines of \$10,000 and \$1000 respectively assessed against Hyde and Schneider. The two men were convicted of land frauds in Oregon and California.

Rear Admiral Charles E. Clark, retired, commander of the battleship Oregon when she made her famous trip around Cape Horn at the opening of the Spanish war, today accepted the invitation of Secretary Daniels to be on the bridge of his old ship to lead the international fleet through the Panama canal early in 1915.

Including the practical completion of the Panama canal among the marks of "beneficent providence," which the nation, he says, has engaged in the past year, President Wilson issued his first Thanksgiving proclamation, naming Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving day.

The big express companies have advised the interstate commerce commission that they have decided to abandon their opposition to the commission's recent order radically reducing express rates. It also was announced that the commission's block system of rates would be established immediately.

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