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TAFT ASKS STATUS OF MEXICO WAR

PRESIDENT URGED TO TELL CONGRESS ALL HE KNOWS OF SITUATION

VEILED THREAT IN ULTIMATUM

Madero Given to Understand That He Must Obtain Order in Republic—Fighting in Capital Renewed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Directing the President to transmit to Congress all the information in his possession regarding the Mexican situation, "which is not comparable with the public interests," a resolution designed to inform Congress fully regarding the Mexican crisis, was introduced by Senator Ashurst of Arizona and Congressman Ayers of New York.

An ultimatum carrying a veiled threat is the construction placed upon President Taft's answer to the appeal of President Madero of Mexico that the United States may maintain its policy of "hands off" with regard to the southern republic. The last sentence practically commands Madero immediately to ameliorate conditions in the Mexican capital and the fact that the note contains no promise not to send troops across the border is regarded here as highly significant.

"In view of the special friendship and relations between the two countries," the note said, "I cannot too strongly impress upon your excellency the vital importance of early establishment of real peace and order, a condition which this government so long has hoped to see, because American citizens and property must be protected and respected."

"In reciprocating the anxiety shown by your excellency, I feel it my duty to add sincerely and without reserve that the events of the past two years, culminating in the present most dangerous situation, has created in this country extreme pessimism and the conviction that the present paramount duty is to secure prompt and immediate relief from the situation. "Your excellency is somewhat misinformed as to the policy of the United States toward Mexico, which has been uniform for two years and as to naval movements and other measures thus far taken, which are measures of natural precaution."

PROFESSOR COLEMAN TO SPEAK AT BANQUET

Professor Coleman, of Reed Institute, will be the speaker at the Congressional Brotherhood banquet tonight. Music will be furnished by Professor Flechtner's orchestra. Professor Coleman has a reputation as a public speaker and many persons are glad of this opportunity to hear him.

If you saw it in the Enterprise it's so.

JUDGE TRIES TO AVERT R. R. STRIKE

MEMBER OF UNITED STATES COMMERCE COURT IS IN CONFERENCE

WALK-OUT MAY BE IN 48 HOURS

Firemen Insist That They Will Arbitrate Demands for Higher Pay Only Under Erdman Act

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Judge Martin A. Knapp, of the United States Commerce Court, arrived in New York from Washington this morning for a final conference with officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in the hope of averting a strike against 54 Eastern railroads.

"If no means of arbitration is then agreed upon, it was expected the strike would be called, effective within 48 hours."

The firemen still insist today that they would arbitrate their demands for higher pay and better working conditions only under the Erdman act, with three arbitrators, as provided by federal statute.

Judge Knapp said he would work all day trying to bring both sides together and would not abandon the situation until every means had been exhausted. For the firemen, President Carter explained that in the event no settlement was reached the strike, if ordered, would not be effective until all the district leaders of the union now gathered here had returned to their respective posts and reported to him by telegraph. Even then no firemen would leave their cabs until locomotives had been taken to terminal points. He added that in the event the engineers would positively not go out in sympathy, but would adhere to their agreement with the railroads. This holds until June 1, 1913.

There are 18 states in the zone of the threatened strike. The mileage of the railroads involved is practically 50,000 miles. The firemen, nearly all of whom claim to be members of the brotherhood whose vote has brought on the crisis, number 35,000. It is declared that practically every man firing a locomotive in the Eastern territory would obey a strike order. The vote of the firemen on the strike question was recorded as 32,178 in favor of a strike to 1,198 against it.

A statement issued by the railroad managers says that the railroads involved serve over 50,000,000 persons, or more than half of the population of the United States. These railroads employ, all told, approximately 80,000 men and women, a large number of whom would be in a state of enforced idleness in the event of the firemen's strike actually causing trains to stop running. It is estimated that 1,000,000 persons commute daily between the suburban cities and towns in New York and these would be probably the first to feel the effects of the strike.

If it happened it is in the Enterprise.

"OH, EAST IS EAST AND WEST IS WEST, AND NEVER SHALL THE TWAIN MEET!"



IN CHINA WOMEN ARE DISCARDING TROUSERS AND WEARING SKIRTS, WHILE IN AMERICA—



A. B. Garretson, President of the Railway Conductors Association, recently named by President Taft as one of the representatives of labor on the newly organized Industrial Commission, which is to investigate the working conditions of the country. The Commission was created by act of Congress to attempt to make more amicable the relations between capital and labor.

LEGISLATURE AIDS BIG UNIVERSITIES

\$728,000 IS APPROPRIATED BY THE HOUSE FOR TWO COLLEGES

SCHUBEL TRIES TO CUT SUMMER BILL

Dimick's Eight-Hour Bill Reported by Committee and, Despite Fight, Is Postponed

SALEM, Feb. 17.—(Special.)—Appropriations aggregating \$728,000 for the two big state universities were passed in the House today, with a few members opposing each one. The test of the appropriations came on Schubel's attempt to cut from \$30,000 to \$20,000 the bill providing for summer school and extension work at the University of Oregon. This failed and the recommendations of the Ways and Means Committee went through without a hitch on all the rest. The bill providing for a uniform system of public accounting was passed by a bare majority, after the duties of providing this system had been transferred from the shoulders of the Secretary of State to the Tax Commission.

Schubel also opposed this. The House adopted a resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment to have county officers' terms lengthened to four years. A clause prohibiting an official from serving more than eight out of twelve consecutive years was stricken out before the resolution was adopted. It is predicted by those in a position to know that the session will hold over an extra week. The resolution for a lengthened session will undoubtedly be adopted by the House by a good majority, but the Senate is doubtful.

Although the Senate by resolution today confirmed its previous declaration that it would accept no more House bills, this is not taken seriously by most of the representatives.

It is also said that one reason for the Legislators holding over an extra week is to take care of any vetoes the Governor might have to submit. An underground current of ill feeling exists in the House against "Steam Roller" methods, and it is not considered unlikely that an "outbreak" will occur within a few days. Charges of the "Organization" members having some of their own bills reported out of the committees first have already been made on the floor of the House. An attempt to break the back bone of the "Organization" will probably be made on a resolution submitted Saturday by Eaton of Eugene. This resolution, intended to facilitate handling appropriation bills, was sidetracked in the committee and considerable feeling has been manifested by this method.

Senator Dimick's eight-hour bill came out of the Industries Committee today with three reports, and was indefinitely postponed. Although some fight was made on this bill, it was generally recognized that since the passage of the ten-hour bill it would substitute itself for the eight-hour bill.

Day, Kiddle and Wood, with the majority report, recommended that the bill do not pass; Smith wanted to amend it and allow double time for overtime, and Dimick recommended that the bill pass as it stood. Exactly the same lineup as on the ten-hour bill. The bill was postponed by a large majority. The hardest fight of the day in the Senate occurred on the three reports of the three members of the special committee to investigate the Oregon Naval Militia. Senator Dimick, in accordance with his

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James O'Connell, Vice-president of the American Federation of Labor. He is one of the three labor members on the new Industrial Commission.

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MOTHER OF ASSESSOR JACK DEAD AT 76

Mrs. Mary Lane Jack, mother of J. E. Jack, assessor of Clackamas County, died Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Susan Hook, of Mount Angel. Mrs. Jack had been in declining health for several years. The funeral will be held at the Miller Cemetery today, the Rev. Mr. Spencer, of Silverton, conducting the services. Mrs. Jack came across the plains from St. Joseph, Mo., when she was sixteen years of age, with her brothers and the wagons being heavily loaded she was forced to walk most of the way to Oregon. She was born January 15, 1837, and when 16 years of age her mother died. Her father died when she was an infant. Soon after her mother's death she and her two brothers started across the plains for Oregon. They were frequently attacked by marauding bands of Indians and several Indian chiefs offered large sums of money for her. They were attacked by Indians on several occasions, but managed to put the Redskins to flight. After six months of travel, they landed in Oregon and lived with an uncle on the Robert Miller donation land claim near what is now Marquam in this county, until her marriage to William Allen Jack, about 18 months after her arrival in Oregon. Mrs. Jack's maiden name was Mary Jane Weddle, her parents having been prominent residents of St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Jack settled on the Jeremiah Jack donation land claim on Butler Creek, this county, where she lived until her husband's death 18 years ago. Since then Mrs. Jack lived in Oregon City, Molalla and Mount Angel, with sons and daughters. All of her children, who are as follows, survive her: Mrs. Susan Hook, Mount Angel; Barton Jack, Marquam; William Jack, Silverton; J. E. Jack, Mrs. Annetta Albright and Allen T. Jack, Oregon City. Mrs. Jack was a devout Christian almost all her life and at the time of her death was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Oregon City.