



MELLEN PREDICTS FEDERAL CONTROL

Monopoly of Railways Held Essential.

DEALS WITH MORSE RELATED

Roosevelt Opposed to Sale of Steamship Lines.

COLONEL MAKES PROMISE

New Haven Badly Have No Fear as to Water Line Holdings While Law Remained Unchanged—Morgan Always Dominant.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Absolute monopoly of transportation under Government regulation and control was suggested by Charles S. Mellen, ex-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, to the Interstate Commerce Commission today as the solution of the American railroad problem.

"To get efficiency and economy," Mr. Mellen asserted, "there must be a monopoly; and that monopoly is certain to be the United States Government."

A little later he remarked: "Every time a railroad official comes to Washington he has to take off his hat to some Government official."

Dealings With Morse Detailed.
Mr. Mellen appeared to have recovered from his evident fatigue of yesterday when he appeared before the Commission today to resume his testimony. He was virile and active, mentally and physically. He responded to questions fired at him by Chief Counsel Folk vigorously and promptly, never hesitating a second for a word.

He told at length the story of his steamship transactions with Charles W. Morse. Concerning these, Mr. Mellen explained, he felt it desirable to confer with Colonel Roosevelt, who then was President of the United States. He told Mr. Roosevelt that he had received an offer of \$20,000,000 from Morse for the New Haven steamship holdings and felt inclined to accept it, because the New Haven then would be able to turn the property into cash.

T. H. Advertiser Against Sale.
Mr. Roosevelt, he said, apparently desired that Morse should be checked in his ambition to acquire a monopoly of the steamship lines, and urged Mr. Mellen not to sell.

Mr. Mellen said he was frankly apprehensive at that time of the enactment of a law by Congress to prevent railroads from owning or controlling water lines, but was assured by Mr. Roosevelt that as long as the law remained as it then was, the New Haven need have no fear about its water line holdings.

In the acquisition of various trolley lines in New England, Mr. Mellen said he had proceeded on the theory that the diversion of much of the traffic of steam roads to electrified lines would be more economical, the rates lower and the service generally more satisfactory to the public.

Quitting New Haven Explained.
Late in the day the witness' attention again was directed to campaign contributions made by the New Haven to the Republican National Committees of 1906 and 1908. He reiterated statements he had made previously.

When asked why he relinquished the presidency of the New Haven, Mr. Mellen said he "practically was fired."

He added he did not at present have a dollar's interest in the New Haven.

Mr. Mellen referred again to the dominance of J. P. Morgan. Once Mr. Folk asked: "Was not Mr. Morgan in control of the New England situation?"

"I can best answer that," Mr. Mellen replied, "by quoting the old saying, 'Where McGregor sits, there is the head of the table.'"

"What would the meetings of the directors of the New Haven have been like without Morgan?"

"About as tame as a lot of cows without a bull."

"Influence" Always Present.
Mr. Mellen said he was confident the deficit resulting from the purchase of the Rhode Island trolleys would be made up in time.

"Was there influence exerted to induce you to acquire these trolley lines?" asked Mr. Folk.

"I never have known," responded Mr. Mellen, "a large transportation matter that was not backed by influence. The fact is that in the acquisition of these electric lines I was working toward a great principle. Sooner or later I felt transportation was to be by electricity."

"Do you think control of that kind fair to the public?"

"The control must be such as was contemplated in New England or it must be in the hands of the Government," answered Mr. Mellen with emphasis.

"You regard control by one man as a good thing?"

"That is a misnomer. No one man could control it. I had more bosses when I was president of the New Haven at a salary of \$50,000 than when I was a clerk at \$50 a month."

"Great Force Is Britain."

"The main force was Mr. Morgan, was it not?"

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MERCURY REACHES 85 IN PORTLAND

ASTORIA HAS TEMPERATURE OF 86 AND SEASIDE 92.

Eugene Sweaters With Thermometers Registering 85, but Medford Has Rain After Long Dry Spell.

The mercury lacked one degree of ascending as high in Portland yesterday as it did Wednesday. The highest point, 85 degrees, was reached at 5 o'clock, which was the same as the temperature at 5 o'clock the day previous.

Showers are predicted for today and probably will decrease the temperature materially.

The drying wind of the past two days is said by the officers in the forest service to have been conducive to forest fires.

ASTORIA, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—This was the warmest day of the year in Astoria. The maximum temperature was 86 degrees.

SEASIDE, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—Official thermometers here today registered 92 degrees in the shade for the first time on record.

EUGENE, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—Eugene sweaters for the first time this year with a temperature of 85 degrees. Storms in the Upper Willamette and McKenzie valleys, where hail and wind did slight damage, tended to cause a drop in temperature tonight.

Farmers are praying for rain, as the dryness is damaging the young crops.

MEDFORD, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—Rain fell today, after several weeks of drought. The precipitation, while not as much as the ranchers desired, in the opinion of Weather Forecaster Beveridge added thousands of dollars to the value of the fruit, grain and hay crop.

Showers are predicted for tomorrow and farmers are jubilant.

PLEA MADE FOR WORKERS

Discrimination in Favor of Rich Is Shown, Says Emil Seidel.

That the working class suffers from discrimination in favor of the rich in every department of life, was asserted last night by Emil Seidel, socialist ex-Mayor of Milwaukee, Wis., in an address in the old Turn Verein gymnasium at Fourth and Yamhill streets.

The subject of the address was "Class Interests and Antagonisms in Municipal Government."

"The working classes form the most important part of our population," said Mr. Seidel. "Despite this the working class does not live in the best sections of the city. They do not have the best houses. Their houses are not the most beautiful."

The police department is used to help the bosses in every strike. The courts do not show impartiality."

PHONES USED IN CHASE

Posses Go Slow in Hunt for Great Northern Train Robbers.

KALISPELL, Mont., May 21.—For-estry telephones were put into use today by posses hunting in the neighborhood of Fortine, 60 miles northwest of here, for the two desperadoes who held up a Great Northern train recently at Rondo.

According to Sheriff Ingraham, who returned here today, all of the mountain trails in the region are being patrolled and the hunt is proceeding cautiously, the posses keeping in touch with one another by telephone. The fugitives have not been seen since Sunday.

LAUNDRY GIRL KEEPS JOB

Employee, Discharged After Testifying at Wage Meeting, Taken Back.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 21.—Miss Johanna Hiltz, who testified as a laundry girl at a minimum wage conference at Olympia last week and who was not permitted to return to her old position in the laundry of B. F. Ivy, will be taken back, her former employer said today.

Warrants charging B. F. Ivy and W. H. Kuhlmeier, proprietors, and Mrs. May Jeffries, forewoman, with violating the state minimum wage law in discharging Miss Hiltz were issued today on complaint of the State Labor Commissioner.

PLOT UNEARTHED; 11 TAKEN

Conspiracy to Defeat Civil Service Laws Is Pretextious.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 21.—Charged in Federal indictments with conspiring to obtain appointment of men to civil service positions fraudulently, Fabius C. Owen, formerly Democratic chairman of the Second District, and 10 others were arrested at Shoals, Ind., today by United States Marshal Schmidt. All were released on bonds of \$1000 each.

The arrests disclose what the Federal authorities here say is the most pretextious conspiracy to defeat the civil service laws that has ever been attempted.

DRUNKARDS TO BE POSTED

California Town Fixes It So Violation of Law Will Cost \$1000.

LODI, Cal., May 21.—Bulletin boards bearing names of habitual drunkards must be kept in conspicuous places in saloons, under a new ordinance passed by the Lodi trustees.

The license is to be \$1200 a year and each saloonkeeper will be required to deposit a bond of \$1000 which would revert to the city if he sells to a person who is drunk or otherwise violates the law.

STRAWBERRY LAND'S QUEEN IS CROWNED

Roseburg Revels Amid Festival Gaieties.

POMP AND COLOR DELIGHT

Weather Is Delicious, Crowds Are Brilliant.

CARNIVAL KING ECLIPSED

O. A. C. Band and Uniformed Local Elks Keep Action at High Pitch and Luscious Berry Everywhere Is Piece of Resistance.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.
ROSEBURG, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—The Queen of Strawberry Land was crowned at 2 o'clock this afternoon with all the pomp, pageantry and splendor that befits royalty, marking the opening of Roseburg's Strawberry Festival.

The ceremony took place in the shade of the fragrant and umbrageous locust trees on the Courthouse lawn, and was attended by several thousand of as loyal subjects as ever graced a similar occasion. And if you were to tell any citizen of her principality that Queen Esther is not as lovely and bewitching as ever reigned, even for a day, they would dispute you, and my impression is that they would do so with good reason.

King Is Twospot.
Of course, there was a King. But, practically, he was a twospot, being a mere man, while during these particular festivities the ladies are ruling and reigning, and there were a score or so of beautiful flower girls, and Miss Mabel Miller, as maid of honor, as well as a Prime Minister, who read the royal proclamation declaring Queen Esther a real ruler.

All in all, the ceremonies were beautiful, the setting for the occasion was lovely and the audience as bright and brilliant as one could well imagine, the ladies predominating by a huge majority.

The afternoon was most delightful, just warm enough to make life worth living, while the shade of the locusts was invitingly welcome.

All Roads Lead to the City.
Every incoming train since yesterday afternoon has been laden with guests to do honor to Roseburg's festival days. Every wagon road has been lined with automobiles and buggies and saddle horses, bearing each its quota of visitors.

The streets have been packed all day, watching the marching and countermarching, and taking particular note and giving unstinted applause to the bands.

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MILL CITY HAS BIG FIRE

Business Section South of River Is Destroyed With \$15,000 Loss.

ALBANY, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—Fire at Mill City last night destroyed an entire block of business houses, practically all the business section on the south side of the Santiam River. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

The buildings destroyed were Odd-fellows Hall, J. L. Weaver's general merchandise store, Kutschkas shoe shop, bakery, pool hall, barber shop and livery barn.

WOMEN ARE FIRE HEROINES

Part of Camden, Mo., Saved by Fair Six Bucket Brigades.

CAMDEN, Mo., May 21.—Women came to the rescue and saved a large part of the town from destruction today when a dangerous fire started in the business section.

Nearly all the men were out of town and the women, getting out the meager fire fighting equipment and forming bucket brigades, battled desperately with the flames.

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MEDIATORS' FIRST STEPS ARE SUCCESS

Agreement Sought on Mexican Reforms.

TAMPICO AFFAIR PUT AHEAD

Chief Emphasis Placed on Reforms to U. S. Library.

CARRANZA IS CONSIDERED

Separate Negotiations at Later Date Probable if United States and Mexico Reach Agreement on Leading Issues.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 21.—The three South American mediators let it be known tonight that first steps toward effecting a bi-partite agreement between the United States and the Huerta government have met with success.

The points they will now seek to effect an agreement on are:

A definite understanding on the kind of provisional government to be established in Mexico City as a successor to the present regime.

A guarantee that agrarian and other internal reforms would be put into operation.

Separate Negotiations Forecast.
When these two questions are settled, the mediators, it was said, propose to bring about an agreement between the United States and the Huerta government, expecting to obtain acquiescence by the constitutionalists through separate negotiations.

These in brief are the aims of the mediators, which, though they are hedged about by many difficulties, Ambassador Da Gama, of Brazil, was hopefully confident tonight would be realized.

The mediators learned from the American delegates in a conference late today that the Washington Government had approved the course of procedure outlined last night to Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehman, covering, it is understood, the consideration, first of all, of all the series of incidents growing out of the arrest at Tampico of the American bluejackets.

Tampico Incident Starting Point.
While it is realized that the United States will demand reparation for the Tampico and subsequent incidents, it is believed here that the substitution for Huerta of a new government capable of observing international obligations would be acceptable to the Washington Government.

The selection of the bluejacket incident at Tampico as the starting point

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20 FIERCE FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING

SITUATION IN WASHINGTON IS SERIOUS, UNCONTROLLED.

Dreaded Crown Fire Now Is Running Through Lewis County.

Wardens Appeal for Fighters.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—Warm weather, absence of rain and brisk winds, in combination, have led to a serious forest fire situation in this state. Twenty fires are burning and practically none is listed as under control.

This afternoon the dreaded crown fire, which kills timber as it progresses, was running through the forests of Lewis County, having started from the Wilson Bros.' logging works, at Independence. Eighty acres had been burned over at 2 o'clock.

States Forester Ferris today ordered out all Western Washington County fire wardens, ten days ahead of the usual time for starting state work. Hundreds of firefighters already are in the field for the Washington Forest Fire Association, the state and Federal authorities.

A bad fire on the North Palix, Pacific County, was reported today. Four fires in the Humptulips district and one near the Thurston County line were reported from Chehalis County, Clallam County reported fires near Souldou and Gettysburg. In Eastern Snohomish and King counties numerous fires are burning, the worst being near Gold Bar and Skykomish.

No estimates of damage have been received yet from wardens.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—The first fire of the season is raging near Houlton. More than 100 men are fighting it. Smoke which covered the sky reached as far as Vancouver, 30 miles away. Water wagons were sent from Yacolt. An engine was held on the Northern Pacific branch a while today so men could get out of the fire district if hemmed in.

FEDERAL PIPE LINE URGED

Oil Producers, However, Oppose Government Control of Wells.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., May 21.—The United States government should build a pipeline to carry oil from the mid-continent fields to the Gulf of Mexico, it was asserted by producers of oil at a hearing here today before Cato Sells, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and Lieutenant J. O. Richardson, of the Navy, who are investigating the feasibility of the government transportation of fuel oil. Most of the witnesses opposed the plan as to the Government's engaging in the production of oil.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Several Oklahoma oil men, who said they represented independent companies producing 50,000,000 barrels of petroleum annually, proposed to Secretary Daniels that the government lease their fields and buy a pipeline now operating between Oklahoma and Port Arthur, Tex. They asserted they could furnish fuel oil at rates lower than those prevailing.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(Special.)—Dashing into the Alexander Apartments after the building was enveloped in flame, Louis Noble, assistant fire chief, tonight rescued 3-year-old Alfred Deraud, who lay asleep in his room.

The child in his arms, Noble started down the back stairs, but they crumbled. He finally managed, however, to reach the ground through another exit. The child had been living with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baldwin, who left him asleep and went to the theater.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 21.—(Special.)—A summary of the loss is not available, as everything is confusion and the first thought is being directed against the housing and feeding of those who have been burned out.

A partial list of the buildings destroyed and the losses, where possible, is:

Paper mill, sawmill, shingle mill and planing mill, total loss, \$400,000.
Northern Pacific depot.
C. E. Handy, general merchandise, \$25,000.
Wilkinson's meat market.
Oddfellows' Hall, \$5000.
Fisher Bros.' store.
Fisher, Stimers & Fisher's bank.
K. P. Hall, \$10,000.
New Davis block.
Dr. Blair's drug store, \$10,000.
County bridge.
Northern Pacific bridge, partial.
Case & Schaeffer, general merchandise, \$12,000.
Methodist Church.
Episcopal Church.
Baptist Church.
Two lodge halls.
J. W. Hall's poolroom.
Lebam bakery, \$1000.
Smith & Hamilton's store, \$10,000.
Willapa Hotel, \$8000.
Lebam Hotel, \$7500.
Gibson building, occupied by Adam & Mullen and postoffice, \$6000.

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Whatever portion of the loss is covered by insurance is not known.

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Traffic along the railroad is delayed indefinitely.

One hundred and fifty men are thrown out of employment. The sawmill has a capacity of 100,000 feet, the shingle mill of twice that amount and the planing mill of 60,000 feet.

Many automobile loads of firefighters rushed here from Raymond to assist, but could do little or nothing, because of lack of water.

Lebam is a city of 600 to 800 inhabitants, located on the Chehalis & South Bend branch of the Northern Pacific railroad, a short distance from South Bend. Telegraph and telephone communication was entirely cut off and connection with the outside was had by automobiles.

The city experienced a serious fire two years ago and the burned portion had recently been reconstructed. The fire today swept across this rebuilt portion and again practically wiped it out.

LEBAM, WASH., IS SWEEPED BY FLAMES

Total Loss Is Around Half a Million.

CITY'S HEART IS WIPED OUT

Four Mills, Depot, Business Section and Churches Gone.

150 MEN ARE DISEMPOWERED

Fire Breaks Out in Paper Mills and Races in All Directions—No Water Available—Many Are Homeless and Foodless.

LEBAM, Wash., May 21.—(Special.)—The heart of Lebam tonight is practically a pile of wreckage and debris, entirely wiped out, except for a few outlying homes and buildings, by a fierce fire at 1 o'clock this afternoon, which, while it lasted, assumed the proportions of a conflagration. The estimated loss is about \$500,000.

Paper, shingle, planing and sawmills, railroad depot and warehouses, business blocks, hotels, merchandise stores and churches and many dwellings are included in the desolation of waste, which will cause a total loss of at least half a million dollars. This conservative estimate may be increased when all losses are known.

Many Homeless and Foodless.
Tonight many of the 600 to 800 inhabitants are without homes, and worse yet, without food, practically all manner of edibles having been consumed in the rush of the flames. One loaf of bread is all that remains from the destruction of the bakery.

With a strong wind blowing, with no available water except that to be pumped from wells, and everything as dry as tinder the flames made remarkable headway, rushing simultaneously in many directions, once they had gained uncontrolled headway in the boiler-room of the Lebam Mill and Lumber Company paper mill.

The fire communicated immediately from the paper mills to the saw, shingle and planing mills, jumped the tracks to the Northern Pacific Railroad yards, licking up the depot as it ran, badly scorching a Northern Pacific train that was passing, and then continued to spread through the business and residence sections.

One building was dynamited in an effort to check the flames, but proved unavailing.

Only Partial Loss Available.

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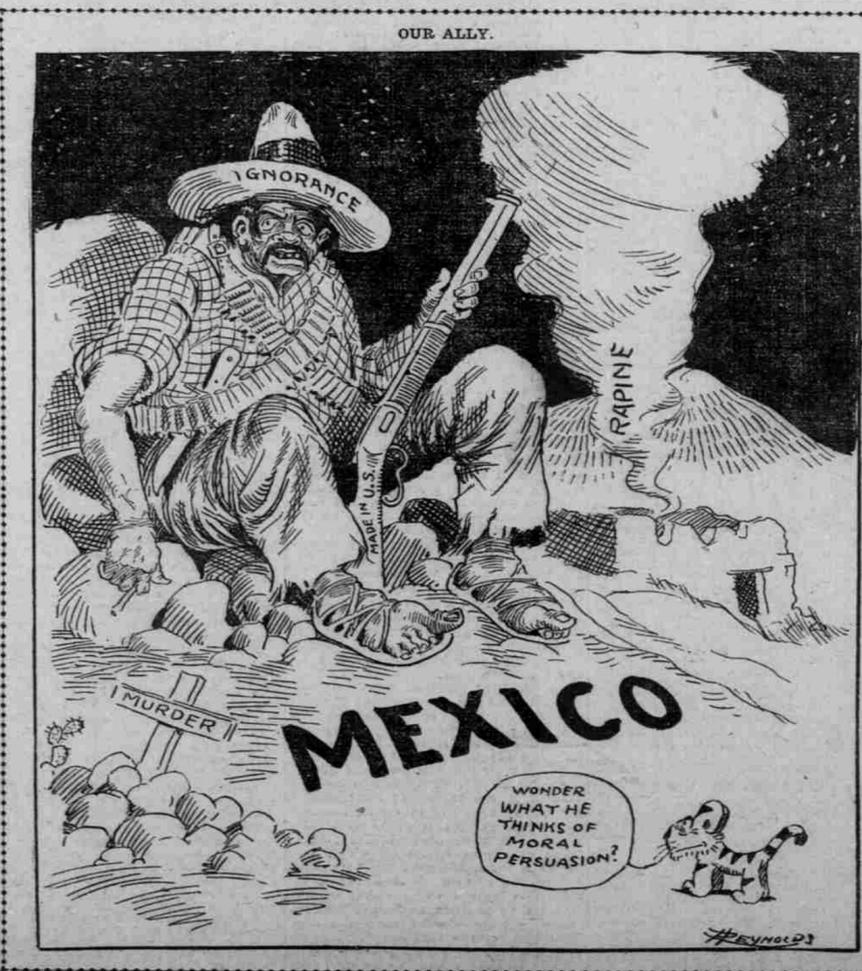
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WONDER WHAT HE THINKS OF MORAL PERSUASION?

REYNOLDS