

UNCLE SAM READY FOR ACTION SOUTH

Mexican Difficulty Now Up to Carranza.

CAPITAL IS MUCH CONCERNED

Relations Between Countries Admittedly Strained.

ENVOY MAY BE RELEASED

Government, After Investigation, Declares Jenkins' Public and Private Record Good.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 25.—Fifty 120-millimeter, or Snyder howitzers, said to be the biggest guns ever brought to the border, have been added to the ordnance stores at Fort Bliss. It was officially announced here today. The guns cost \$45,000 each.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 25.—There was a rumor in newspaper circles this evening that the Mexican government's answer to the American note demanding the release of Consul General Jenkins would be given Wednesday. The American embassy announced that it has received no information to that effect.

At the embassy it was stated tonight that no word has been received indicating that Mr. Jenkins had been set free.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The new growing out of the Mexican problem hereafter over the Jenkins case was given serious consideration today at a meeting of the president's cabinet. There was no intimation as to what this government might do in the event President Carranza refused to answer the note from the state department demanding immediate release of William O. Jenkins, consular agent at Puebla, held on a charge of conspiring with bandits who kidnaped and held him for a \$150,000 ransom.

No attempt was made to conceal the feeling that the situation was serious and that relations between the United States and Mexico were strained. Officials said the three departments, state, war and navy, were ready to meet any eventualities and deal with any situation arising out of a more defiant attitude by the Carranza administration toward the United States.

Jenkins' Record Held Good.

In the absence of advices from the embassy at Mexico City, officials were not inclined to give credence to reports coming by way of Laredo, Texas, that the release of Jenkins "was momentarily expected."

Meanwhile, the government has checked up on the official and private record of Jenkins and has given him a high-class rating. Officials declared there was no foundation for the charge that he had conspired with the bandits, and that information from every available source showed that his statement of his capture, and the methods employed by the bandits, was correct in all details.

Consular Agent Is Ill.

The latest report from the American embassy showed that Jenkins was still in the hospital and that the ball had been refused him.

In looking into the various features of the consular agent's predicament officials pointed out today that under the Mexican constitution state courts had no jurisdiction over cases involving diplomatic or consular officers, such jurisdiction being lodged specifically in the federal courts. It was contended that the federal court of Mexico could settle the question of one stroke of the pen simply by assuming jurisdiction as its right.

LAREDO, TEX., Nov. 25.—Release of William O. Jenkins, American consular agent at Puebla, Mexico, "was expected momentarily," according to a dispatch from Puebla to Excelsior, Mexican City newspaper, under date of Sunday, November 25.

Release of Counsel Ordered.

Jenkins has been in prison on charges of collusion with the bandits who held him for \$150,000 ransom.

The Puebla dispatch said the district judge had ordered the immediate release of Licud Mestre, counsel for Jenkins, as he had been wrongly implicated in any way as going between in obtaining Jenkins' release from the bandits.

The court investigating Jenkins' case now is examining employes of the charraria, Chihuahua electric plant, where Jenkins was set free by the bandits.

TURKEY PRICE SOARS TO SIXTY-CENT MARK

SUPPLY ON PORTLAND MARKET BELOW AVERAGE.

Lower Quotations Regarded Improbable Unless Large Supply of Birds Comes in Today.

Turkeys climbed to 60 cents a pound in most of the retail stores yesterday, only a few dealers asking 50c to 55c for good birds. The supply was far short of what was expected, and it is not likely the stocks will be materially increased today. On front street wholesale prices advanced 3c to 5c during the day and the birds were sold as fast as they could be unpacked.

Other kinds of dressed poultry were plentiful. Ducks sold at 45 cents, geese at 40 cents and fat hens at the same price.

BALTIC ALLIANCE FACT

Litvinoff to Discuss Peace on Behalf of Bolsheviks.

REVAL, Nov. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Baltic states alliance is a fact and will be publicly declared when the governments which participated in the negotiations at Dorpat have ratified the preliminary agreement.

Peace discussions will begin when Maxim Litvinoff, bolshevik representative, returns from Copenhagen. Litvinoff has in power to negotiate peace with the Baltic states on behalf of soviet Russia.

MOST PUPILS DEFECTIVE

Doctor Says 16,000,000 in United States Have Health Defects.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Approximately 16,000,000 of the school children in the United States have health defects, and where health work with attention to vision has not been inaugurated, 25 to 35 per cent have eye defects, according to Dr. Thomas D. Wood of Columbia university, principal speaker at the annual meeting today of the national committee for the prevention of blindness.

PATTI MAKES BEQUESTS

Fortune of 116,000 Pounds Left by Prima Donna.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—Adelina Patti, famous prima donna, who died September 27 at her castle in Wales, left a fortune valued at £116,000.

She bequeathed her entire property to Baron Rolf Cederstrom, her husband, with the exception of special bequests of jewelry to Alfred de Rothschild, Marienne Eliesner, Clara Eliesner and Isabel Woodford, and a Pope Leo XIII. stole to Herbert Vaughan, a nephew of Father Bernard Vaughan.

3000 QUIT MEAT PLANTS

Employes of Six Milwaukee Concerns Go Out on Strike.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 25.—Meat cutters, packers, butchers, drivers and laborers numbering approximately 3000, according to an estimate of an official of one of six affected plants, went on strike here today.

Recognition of the union, an increase of 25 cents an hour and an eight-hour day are the men's demands.

BERKMAN TO BE DEPORTED

Emma Goldman's Case Now Under Consideration in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The immigration bureau's recommendation that Alexander Berkman, by his own admission an anarchist, be deported, was approved tonight by the department of labor.

SIX HELD FOR CONTEMPT

Miners Declared to Have Disobeyed Strike Injunction.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Nov. 25.—Six miners were arrested here today charged with violating the strike injunction of Federal Judge Anderson of Indianapolis.

\$300,000 IS ADDED TO SOLDIERS' AID

Emergency Board Makes Study Fund \$500,000.

CRIMINAL HUNT GETS \$10,000

Appropriation Is Put at Disposal of Governor.

GRAIN INSPECTION AIDED

\$10,000 Authorized to Carry on Work—University's Petition for \$5600 Is Granted.

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Emergency appropriations totaling \$223,600 granted at special session of state board.

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SALIENT, OR., Nov. 25.—(Special.)

The secretary of state today was authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness in a sum not to exceed \$200,000 as of date of January 1, 1920, to care for the claims of ex-service men attending the various educational institutions of the state under what is known as the soldiers', sailors' and marines' financial aid law, passed at the last session of the legislature. This authorization of the outstanding feature of the special session of the state emergency board here today.

CHEHALIS CHIEF MARKED

Letter From Cottage Grove Radical Contains Threat.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Joe Knisek, chief of police of this city, an ex-service man, who has been active in rounding up the I. W. W. has received a letter threatening his life. The note is postmarked at Cottage Grove, Or., and pointedly says:

"If you value your skin, leave the I. W. W. alone." The chief, who saw service in France, says he is not worrying over the matter.

MOTHER'S WATCHFUL WAITING POLICY SEEMS TO BE A FAILURE, TOO.



MRS. THOMAS THUMB, FAMOUS DWARF, DIES

LILIPUTIAN OF 29 POUNDS OUTLIVES ASSOCIATES.

World Several Times Traversed Under Management of P. T. Barnum; Large Fortune Amassed.

MIDDLEBORO, Mass., Nov. 25.—Countess Primo Magri, known to the general public as Mrs. Thomas Thumb, and one of the best-known liliputians in the world, died at her home today after a long illness. She was 77 years of age and had traveled around the world several times under management of the late P. T. Barnum. Countess Magri was the daughter of James S. and Hulda Bump. Count Magri, her husband, survives.

One of the world's most famous dwarfs, Mrs. Thumb measured only 25 inches in height. She weighed only 29 pounds. Born in Middleboro, Mass., about 1844, she outlived all the professional associates of her generation. Her first husband, General Tom Thumb, has been dead for 30 years. Her sister, also a dwarf, still smaller, died 25 years ago.

The parents were of large stature and numerous children born to them, with two exceptions, were of normal size. At birth Lavina Warren, for such was Mrs. Thumb's maiden name, weighed six pounds and at the age of 1 year she was of normal size.

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Court Asked to Outlaw Slovene Workers' Organization.

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FRENCH RETURN TO HOMES

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The wholesale price was 91 1/2 cents, a 3 1/2-cent jump over yesterday's figures.

BLACK HAND BANDITS CONFESS 12 MURDERS

CHICAGO POLICE BREAK UP UNDERWORLD GANG.

Confession Says Dozen Killings Were Result of Resistance Offered by Victims of Outlaws.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—Eight more murders, bringing the total to 12, were confessed today by the Cardinal A. Campion gang, "Black Hand" bandits of the south side underworld. Police say most of the victims were killed when they attempted to frustrate robberies.

The capture of the gang is rated as one of the police department's greatest achievements.

A timely plot on the part of the leaders led to the downfall of the gang. Victims of a poolroom holdup told police that a young Italian named Thomas Errico was unmo-lested by the three bandits who robbed the place.

Detectives arrested Errico and secured a confession. He was a recruit and acted as "advance agent." Members of the gang, police say, declare that Santa Orlando, one-time leader of the clique, whose body, with 14 bullet wounds was found floating in the drainage canal, was slain because he was "double-crossing" his pals.

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RAIL STRIKE TOPIC IN SECRET SESSION

Cleveland Conference Is Said to Favor Tieup.

UNION LOCALS URGE ACTION

Kansas City Asks Permission to Go Out Today.

HINES' OFFER CONSIDERED

Brotherhood Chairmen Accept Part of Working Hours Proposal But Fight Overtime.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—National leaders of the four great railway brotherhoods held a secret session today at which the insistence of many local unions that a general strike of all railway workers in the United States be called by December 1, to enforce demands for a general increase in pay, was given serious consideration, according to information obtained here tonight from union railway men.

It was said by one union official that many of the delegates who are now in Cleveland went there with the specific purpose of forcing the general committee to call the nationwide strike.

It became known tonight that the Kansas City local of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen had telegraphed national officers of their organization asking permission to call a strike of trainmen and yardmen tomorrow.

The union officials in Chicago from whom the information was obtained stated that so far as they were aware the secret conference in Cleveland had not yet reached the point where resolutions or motions for the strike actually had been presented but that the discussion concerning it today, according to their information, was favorable to the proposal and that the tie-up could be expected within three days. A similar announcement was made late today at the convention of the newly organized labor party here.

Buffalo, Detroit, Pittsburgh and St. Louis were declared to have been among the cities whose locals were particularly insistent that a strike be called in view of recent governmental statements to the effect that general advances in the pay of railway workers could not be considered at this time. The 14 locals of Chicago railway men, it was said, had voted unanimously in favor of the strike, and that the resolution asking for a strike decision had been sent to W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

WOMEN BOYCOTT BREAD

San Francisco Housewives Refuse to Pay High Prices.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—The housewives' league of San Francisco organized today at a meeting of several hundred women, adopted resolutions pledging the members to refuse to buy 16-ounce loaves of bread at 15 cents and 24-ounce loaves at 17 cents.

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WEDDING ATTENDANTS CHARGED WITH THEFT

SEATTLE BRIDEGROOM LOSES \$560 AFTER CEREMONY.

Best Man and Bridesmaid Are Placed Under Arrest—\$600 Turned Over to Officers.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—While Captain and Mrs. Benjamin Jacobson, who were married in Tacoma Monday night, were at their wedding dinner with friends in a downtown hotel here last night, burglars ransacked the bridegroom's trunk and obtained \$560 and an early hour this morning Mr. and Mrs. Harry Denny, who stood up with the newly-married couple at the ceremony, were lodged in the city jail pending an investigation into their alleged connection with the theft.

The party returned to Seattle in the evening and Captain Jacobson invited the attending pair to have supper with him at the Butler. They left the Jacobson apartments, the bridegroom said, and started to the Butler, where Denny excused himself, saying he had to attend to some personal matters. He joined them later.

All went merrily until midnight, when Captain Jacobson and bride returned home with their guests and decided to see if their money was intact. To their astonishment they discovered that the trunk had been broken into and inspection showed the \$560 was gone. Then Captain Jacobson called Denny, who said among other things he had gone to see Mr. Bonner when he left the wedding party on the way to the supper. The officers could not find Bonner, but being satisfied that Denny knew something, they went to his home, took him and his wife to the city jail.

The officers then sought Mr. Bonner, but were not successful until 4 o'clock this morning, when he walked into the police station. He said he had not seen Denny all night, but that Denny had left \$600 in his place for safe keeping while he was out. The money was turned over to the police.

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CALCULATION BASIS AT ISSUE

Division of Burden Between Owners and Public in Doubt.

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Ex-Secretary's Basis for Figuring Taxes Held False—Attempt to Fix Scale to Be Made Today.

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