

MEXICAN REFUGEES WRITE PROGRAMME

Exiled Statesmen Formulate Policy for Government.

LIMITED SUFFRAGE URGED

15 Problems Discussed in Letter Addressed to Countrymen by Banished Politicians.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press.) An analysis of Mexico's problems, with proposals for their solution, was presented in an open letter to the Mexican people, circulated in Mexico, and signed by nine members of a group of political refugees in the United States. They were Manuel Calero, minister for foreign affairs and later ambassador to the United States under Madero; Francisco B. Carbajal, formerly a chief justice of the supreme court, and president ad interim following Victoriano Huerta; Juan B. Castillo, banker and ex-secretary; Toribio Esquivel Obregon, minister of finance in Huerta's cabinet; Jesus Flores Mazon, minister of the interior in Madero's cabinet; Tomas MacManus, ex-senator; Rafael Martinez Carrillo, ex-senator; Miguel Buelvas, formerly a general in the federal army, and Jorge Vera Estanol, minister of education in the cabinet of Porfirio Diaz and Victoriano Huerta. Fifteen major problems, including the land and labor questions, international relations, education and the financial rehabilitation of the country, were outlined.

Ballot Limitation Urged.

As a "means for making real democracy effective in Mexico," the letter advocated the limiting of the ballot to federal and state citizens not under 21 years old who can read and write the Spanish language and have a means of livelihood. This would bar the great mass of illiterate Indians, except in municipal elections, until they had been given an opportunity to learn to read and write Spanish, provision for which is made under the heading of education. Illiteracy was declared to be the greatest menace to the country, the letter asserting that 60,000 grade schools should be established by government assistance. The Carranza policy of limiting private initiative, in addition, was criticized. A frank and open international policy was urged, particularly toward the United States.

Treaties With U. S. Wanted.

Treaties with the United States to settle all boundary disputes, facilitate trade and unify railway connections were said to be immediately necessary. The letter suggested also the establishment of a mixed claims commission to take up international claims and contended that Mexicans, as well as foreign residents, should be reimbursed for losses and damages to property.

Public Debt Estimated.

The Mexican public debt, as set forth in this document, exclusive of claims, restoration of rolling stock and properties seized from foreign residents, was estimated to be 1,200,000,000 pesos. This must be paid, the signers said, and the potential resources of the country were declared to be more than equal to the task. But in the reconstruction of the country, the letter said, foreign capital should be indispensable and every encouragement should be given for investment, through private channels and not through government connections.

LABOR JURIST RETIRES

PRESIDENT OF AUSTRALIAN ARBITRATION COURT QUILTS.

Referendum Taken in Queensland Shows Large Majority Against Introduction of Prohibition.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Justice H. B. Higgins, a prominent figure in Australia's development of industrial legislation, has resigned as president of the Australian commonwealth arbitration court, according to cable advice today to Australian Commissioner Mark Sheldon. Higgins has been president of the court since its inception about nine years ago.

CITY FEELS TEMBLOR

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far as known Colfax did not feel the slight tremor.

That part of Idaho bordering on the northeast boundary of Washington might have been shocked, but the shock failed to awaken anyone, since no report has been received of the occurrence. Your correspondent, who was in his home residing at the hour mentioned above, failed to notice a jar and not a dish in the house rattled.

SHOCK AWAKENS HOOD RIVER

Earthquake of 30 Seconds' Duration Shakes Houses.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—An earthquake broke the spell of Hood River valley residents shortly before 4 o'clock this morning. Miles Carter, east side orchardist, felt the tremor, which aroused members

of his family. He says it lasted about 30 seconds. The tremor began with a violent shaking of the windows at the Carter house and the earth's undulations gradually subsided. L. W. Cannon, west side orchardist, happened to be awake, but the shaking of the house aroused members of his family also. Cannon's impression of the quake coincided with that of Mr. Carter's.

Mr. Cannon, thinking perhaps the tremor might have been caused by heavy slides on Mount Hood, believed he could detect no evidence of observing the mountain with heavy glasses today. Others, however, noted no changes in the surface of the snowfields. People at Mount Hood lodge failed to observe the quake, and no signs of a disturbance on Mount Hood have been noted by upper valley residents.

SEATTLE HAS EARTH SHOCK

Seismograph at University Records 10-Minute Tremor.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—Light sleepers were awakened shortly after 3:30 this morning by an earthquake shock which, while very light, was the most severe that has been recorded by University of Washington instruments since they were installed at the time of the San Francisco earthquake. The quake continued for several minutes, with the usual accompaniment of rattling dishes and crockery. The Post-Intelligencer throughout today indicated that the shock was generally felt in the vicinity of Seattle.

Dean Henry Landis, in charge of the seismograph at the university, gave his opinion that the center of the disturbance was about 200 miles east of Seattle. Reports of a violent shock in Spokane, Wash., and Leavenworth, Wash., gave credence to this theory. The shock was less pronounced at Portland.

The north and south instrument at the university, which records east and west tremors, showed that the first shock came at 3:38, continuing rather violently for several minutes, and tapering down until it disappeared at the end of ten minutes. The fact that the most violent shocks were felt immediately after the first disturbance of the instrument indicated that the center was not far from Seattle.

"It is the most decided earthquake which our instruments have recorded," said Dean Landis. "It would be scarcely noticeable in an earthquake area, but here it is quite worthy of comment. The cause was probably a slip in the rock formation, possibly the fraction of an inch, but sufficient to reach the surface.

"The east and west instrument on the campus showed considerably less deviation from normal than the north and south, recording a disturbance of only three minutes' duration."

TACOMA HAS PAIR SHOCK

Dishes Dance, Furniture Skids and Pictures Sway.

TACOMA, Nov. 28.—A distinct earthquake shock estimated by those who were awakened by it at 3:30 o'clock this morning to have lasted from 10 to 20 seconds, was felt generally over the city.

While not so severe as to awaken many, others in houses where the motion was more easily felt reported this morning that their dwellings swayed, pictures swung on the walls, dishes rattled and standing articles of furniture rocked.

KEISO HAS EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

KEISO, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—A slight earthquake shock this morning at 3:30 o'clock. The shock was sufficiently distinct to awaken practically every one from sound slumber, but did no damage in this vicinity.

COUPLE BATTLE SNOW

BOAT CAPTAIN AND BRIDE FIGHT WAY OUT OF YUKON.

Earliest Winter in Memory of Oldest Resident and 20 Below in Territory.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 28.—(Special.)—After a journey of more than 100 miles over snow-covered trails, Captain Guy H. Bergman, pilot of the Yukon river steamerboat Jeff Davis, with his bride, is on his way to Seattle from Fort Gibbon, Alaska, via Fairbanks, Nenana and Seward, according to advices received today by his father, Captain W. H. Bergman.

Jeff Davis is a government transport, operated by the quartermaster corps, United States army. She plies between St. Michael and Fort Gibbon carrying army supplies, freight for the government wireless station on the Yukon and troops.

Captain W. H. Bergman, who is master of the Jeff Davis, arrived in Seattle November 19 after a journey over the trail from Fort Gibbon to Nenana.

"My son and his bride awaited more favorable trail conditions before starting from Fort Gibbon," said Captain Bergman. "They were coming out via Chitina and Cordova, but I telegraphed them to make a course via Nenana and Seward."

"The Yukon river had the earliest winter in the memory of the oldest residents of the district. It was 25 degrees below zero the day I left Fort Gibbon."

PICKFORD CASE DELAYED

Judge Allows Lawyer 10 Days in Which to File New Briefs.

MINDEN, Nev., Nov. 28.—Following oral arguments on a motion to quash service summons arising out of an action to annul the divorce decree granted Mary Pickford from Owen Moore, on the ground that service was not obtained on the defendant outside of Nevada, Judge Frank P. Lanigan, before whom that service in the original case was heard, permitted attorneys for each side ten days in which to submit briefs.

Attorneys appeared at 10 o'clock until 5 P. M. yesterday and did not get on the main contention of Attorney-General Fowler, that the decree was obtained through fraud and collusion on the part of Miss Pickford and Owen Moore.

CHILE ADMIRAL RAPPED

Sailing of Warship With Witnesses to Be Put Up to Government.

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Nov. 28.—The departure of the Chilean battleship Almirante Latorre yesterday with witnesses who had been summoned to appear at a coroner's inquest over a Chilean sailor who had been killed in a severe criticism of Admiral Luis Gomez by Coroner Rood.

This was the fourth time the Chilean witnesses had failed to appear at the adjourned inquest, and when the coroner was informed that the warship had sailed he said:

"I shall report the facts to the Chilean government and hope that the admiral will be punished in a manner his ungentlemanly conduct deserves."

JAPANESE QUESTION TO BE CONSIDERED

Arizona Governor Protests Against New Treaty.

SUBJECT DELICATE ONE

Members of Senate and House to Discuss Matter Before It Goes to Senate.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Nov. 28.—Negotiations between Japan and the United States will be discussed informally with members of senate and house committees, according to a telegram to Governor Campbell from Secretary of State Colby received at the state house.

The secretary's message was in reply to one from Governor Campbell in protest against reported execution of a new treaty with Japan.

Secretary Colby's message follows: "Replying to your telegram based upon press dispatches relative to negotiations with Japan, it is said, of course, apparent to you that the subject is one that does not admit of free and open discussion by telegram.

"The views reflected in your telegram are well understood and I can assure you that they are receiving the most studious and open-minded consideration. It is our intention to avail ourselves of the aid of the formal discussion with members of senate and house committees, who are charged with responsibilities in this connection.

"The negotiations, which are informal and tentative, have not, however, as yet reached the point of discussion and of formal consideration."

Governor Campbell's protest had cited what were said to be Japanese efforts to control production of food-stuffs on the Pacific Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Negotiations between the United States and Japan concerning a new treaty between the two countries have not reached any definite conclusions and protests of western senators and governors are being considered by the state department, according to a telegram received here late today by Senator Phelan.

Secretary Colby also said before the treaty is submitted to the senate for ratification it will be discussed with members of the house and senate.

IRRIGATION MEETING SET

Reclamation Associations Want \$100,000 From Congress.

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 28.—(Special.)—A meeting of the executive committee of the Western States Reclamation association together with the executive committee of the Northwest Reclamation league and the league of the southwest, will be held in Salt Lake December 10 and 11 to take action on the proposed increase in the budget to be raised to make a drive on congress from \$50,000 to \$100,000. This action was recommended by officers of the Northwest Reclamation league in action here today.

The conference was attended by representatives from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Those present went on record as favoring the enlarged campaign of activity proposed in the budget of the northwestern league. This plea calls for sending of a committee of seven from Washington to carry on an intensive campaign for the promotion of the interests of reclamation in the west.

MEXICAN MINES TO CLOSE

Demands Made by Labor Declared Reason for Halting Work.

BISBEE, Ariz., Nov. 28.—The mines and smelter of the Cananea Consolidated Copper company at Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, 40 miles south of here, will be closed December 15, according to notice posted at the company's office in Cananea today.

The Cananea Consolidated is the largest American-owned copper company operating in Sonora and employs at present approximately 1000 men, the majority of them Mexicans.

Demands made by labor which the company has decided cannot be met without a heavy loss, high taxes imposed by the Mexican government and the present dullness of the copper market were reported tonight as direct causes of the closing.

Mexican employees, according to reports from Cananea, are preparing to protest to Adolfo de la Huerta, provisional president of Mexico, in an effort to have the government compel the company to continue operations.

STATE FIREARMS USED

Church Committee Makes Report on Trampway Strike.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 28.—Men brought to Denver to break the strike of Denver tramway employes last summer were supplied with rifles and ammunition which were the property of the state of Colorado, according to a report by investigators.

The investigators composed the committee on the church and social service of the federal council of the Churches of Christ in America, the department of social action of the national Catholic welfare council and a Denver church committee.

POLICE CHIEF SUCCEUMBS

San Francisco Dies From Influenza After Brief Illness.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—Chief of Police White died here today from influenza and complications after an illness of ten days.

He was appointed chief in 1911 and was reappointed twice, the longest continuous service in that office of any man.

White received many commendations from various parts of the country for efficient handling of the crowds at the democratic national convention here last June. He was born in 1875.

Colonel's Wife Dies at Game.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—While entering the grandstand at the army-navy game Saturday, Mrs. Mary Wilcox, wife of Colonel Cornelius De Witt Wilcox, professor of modern languages at the military academy, became ill and died before reaching her box. She complained of pain when caught in a jam while ascending the grandstand stairs. She collapsed and on arrival of a physician was pronounced dead.



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REDS, POLES SPLIT ANEW

AMNESTY COMMISSION DEFERS ON EVE OF DECISION.

Exchange of War Prisoners Causes Disagreement; Soviets Want Peace Ratification First.

RIGA, Nov. 28.—Polish and Russian peace delegates do not appear nearer a settlement after a week of negotiations and new differences have appeared. The amnesty commission, which seemed about to reach a decision, disagreed in the last hour before voting.

The soviet delegation insists on amnesty for all persons sentenced for political offenses, as opposed to the views of the Poles, who consider such amnesty would be intervention in the home affairs of the other party.

Differences exist also in the subcommittee for the exchange of war prisoners, the Poles wishing to start the exchange immediately, the Russians only after ratification of final peace.

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Germany Ready to Ratify Loan.

THE HAGUE, Nov. 28.—The Dutch government has been informed from Berlin that Germany is ready to ratify the 200,000,000 guilder Dutch loan, which has been beset with difficulties.

Explosion Ruins 5 Villages.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Five villages were reduced to ruins by the explosion of the plant at Vergato, near Milan, Friday, says a Central News dispatch. It adds that the deaths

He criticized the board's policy of thus far known total 24 and that restricting credit. many were injured.



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