

EXPORT DUTY ON COFFEE IS RAISED

Guatemala Increases Tax on Shipments to U. S.; Aimed at Consumer.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 12.—Just when we were beginning to think that kindlier feeling toward the United States of North America was pervading the nations to the southward, word comes through official channels that Guatemala has increased the export duty on coffee 50 per cent, to \$1.50 American gold per quintal of 101 pounds in the bean, and \$1.20 American gold per quintal of "parchment coffee."

Apparently this increase is aimed chiefly at the American consumer, for this country is one of the greatest users of coffee.

After our really altruistic efforts to help the countries of Central America attain the era of universal peace, and especially after our recent experiences in Nicaragua where we sent our sailors and marines to face the bullets of the rebels, and succeeded in restoring harmony and quiet so that the national election might be held without the interruptions incident to internecine strife, this action by Guatemala must cut Uncle Sam to the quick.

Coffee Not Taxed Here.

Perhaps this action is in anticipation of the policy of the Democratic party to reduce the tariff, and the Guatemalans may have forgotten that we do not impose any duty on coffee. It is an article, however, which many persons holding to the theory of a duty for revenue only would like to see bear a small import tax.

Talking about Central America, the question of sanction by the senate of a loan by American financiers to Nicaragua will come up again soon after congress convenes. The treaty, which authorized this country to guarantee the interest on the loan of \$15,000,000, which banking interests in this country are willing to make, and supervision of the customs by American officials to make sure that the money will be paid into the proper channels, was not acted on at the session of congress because the senate committee on foreign affairs was equally divided on the policy of approving the treaty, and therefore did not report it out.

Officials of the state department hold that the recent rebellion in Nicaragua, which cost a number of lives and disorganized business throughout the entire republic, was due to the failure of the senate to approve the treaty in question.

The financial affairs of Nicaragua are in bad state, and the loan contemplated would enable the country to liquidate a floating indebtedness as well as certain bonds, which are held in England. British financial interests, therefore, will watch the forthcoming action of congress on this subject with interest, something approaching anxiety, although, to be sure, the amount involved is not big as London sees such things.

It may not be generally realized, but American interests are becoming very important in Nicaragua. Even under the trying conditions that have existed in that country for years past, American money has been tempted to invest in mines and steamship lines and plantation lands, until thousands of Americans have a stake in Nicaragua, and it is largely in their behalf that the state department would like to see a policy approved which will tend to guarantee the safety of the interests of these investors.

RESCUE 200 FROM FIRE IN PITTSBURG BUILDING

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Pittsburg, Dec. 12.—Scores of persons were rescued today from a building called Library Place, which was destroyed by fire. There were 200 occupants of the building. A cornice fell from the structure, injuring nine persons, including four firemen and one policeman. There are several persons unaccounted for, but it is not believed that any are dead.

New Swiss President.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Bern, Dec. 12.—Edward Muller, at present chief of the military department, was elected president of the Swiss confederation. M. Hoffman was elected vice president.

Only Policewoman Is Busy Officer



Mrs. Alice Stebbins Wells, who was appointed a regular member of the police force by the mayor of Los Angeles, Cal., is one of the busiest members of the force. Her work, which is of a special nature, dealing with women prisoners and suspects, demands more time and attention than is required of any man on the force.

MOTHER LEAPS FROM BURNING HOME WITH BABE IN HER ARMS

Fire at 2 o'clock this morning in the home at 230 Montana street forced Edward Helme and wife, with their baby in her arms, to jump out of the bedroom window, the woman dislocating her hip. The house, a one story frame structure, was completely destroyed.

The woman's first impulse was to save the baby and gathering it in her arms she started for the door, but flames whirled upon her. She retreated to the rear of the room, raised the window and leaped out. Unable to arise, because of her hip, her husband dragged her and the baby to safety.

How the fire started is a mystery, but is known to have had its origin in the basement, burning quietly until such headway had been gained that nothing could be saved. Mrs. Helme heard the noise and aroused her husband. She was taken care of by neighbors. Members of chemical engine company No. 3 saved the adjoining house.

Operate on Auto Wreck Victim.
(Special to The Journal.)
Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 12.—Resulting from the automobile accident near Dayton Friday, in which Louis

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LORD'S RANCH IS TO BE SLICED UP

Nelson-Morris Place of 5000 Acres, Once Home of Lord Saunders, Sold.

Tekamah, Neb., Dec. 12.—The sale of the big 5000 acre Nelson-Morris ranch, just south of Tekamah, recalls many gala times, held at the old ranch house, when Carlton Saunders, who died there about six years ago, was manager.

Saunders, it is said, was an English lord of very high rank, but for some reason left the bright courts of London, where he had the acquaintance of kings, queens and high society, and came to America with his fortune.

After a few years in New York and Chicago, he obtained this ranch to manage for the Nelson-Morris people and on it lived alone in a house of his own.

During his residence there he was visited by noblemen and their wives from England and each year until his death his rich sportsmen friends from New York and Chicago came out to hunt with him and his Tekamah friends. The furnishings of his abode were of the most elaborate character throughout.

riches of tapestries, furniture and silverware, and as a preparer of fancy dishes he could not be equaled.

The banquets he gave could not be excelled in service and menu anywhere. He had a hobby of making embroidery, and it was of the most delicate kind and would equal the best of Mexican make. At his death he willed his personal effects to his Tekamah friends, who had been so kind to him while he lived among them.

Saunders would never say much about his past life in England, so little is known of him, except the stories he would tell of hunting expeditions with the royalty and the court life of London. He was very reticent, but always extremely polite.

At the Christmas season he received the most elegant of gifts from the east, where he had many friends in New York and Chicago. At the time of his death the most magnificent array of costly flowers also were sent from the east and by far surpassed anything of the nature seen here.

The ranch was bought by Wood Bros. of Lincoln for \$350,000. It will be cut up into small farms and put on the market.

No House to Hold 'Em.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Vienna, Dec. 12.—Colonel R. C. Kerens of St. Louis, American ambassador to Austria-Hungary, is staying temporarily at a hotel because he is unable to find a house large enough for his family and retinue of servants.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

CHANGED NAME FOR EUPHONY

Wilson Dropped "Thomas," It Is Said, to Gain Effect of Two Spondees.

Boston, Dec. 12.—The mystery of the disappearance of the word "Thomas" from the name Thomas Woodrow Wilson is explained by the Hartford Courant.

The man who is to be the first Democratic president in 16 years was, in 1890, a professor at Wesleyan university. He was in the course of an evening's call upon a fellow professor, discussing the interesting subject of names and their value.

"For those who wish to achieve any success in public life," said Professor Wilson, "the best kind of a name is one that consists of a dactyl and a spondee. For instance, Daniel Webster. The next best kind of a name is one consisting of two spondees—Woodrow Wilson, for instance."

Which proves two things:
First—in 1890 Woodrow Wilson was ambitious for a public career.

Second—Woodrow Wilson was perfectly willing that every one should know it.

The spondaic and dactylic ananias of the presidential elect has only now reached the light of day. If Wilson had failed of election the story would have died a natural death. But now everything that tastes of the memory of Wilson's days as professor of history and political economy at Wesleyan is brought into the limelight.

ONTARIO BUSINESS MEN INDORSE W. R. KING

(Special to The Journal.)

Ontario, Ont., Dec. 12.—The Ontario and Vale Commercial clubs and the Ontario city council have passed resolutions strongly indorsing W. R. King for secretary of the interior. These resolutions were adopted unanimously and are evidence that this section, regardless of party, is strongly in favor of the man who managed Wilson's western campaign.

M. Alexander of Boise, one of Idaho's most prominent Democrats, who owns large clothing establishments at Boise, Caldwell and Weiser, Idaho, and Ontario, Vale and Baker, is exerting every means in support of Mr. King for this cabinet position, which interests this section more than any other.

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