

LATIN-AMERICA IS PUZZLED BY U. S. LEAGUE ATTITUDE

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Washington, Sept. 7.—Irrespective of whether the absence of several Latin-American states from the meeting of the assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva, Switzerland, this week was a concerted move, the incident has served to accentuate the fact that the United States government must sooner or later make plain to its neighbor below the Rio Grande whether Washington looks with active disfavor or passive favor on the continued participation in the league of the other republics of the Americas.

The Central and South American countries joined the league on the expectation that the United States would, of course, be a member. They now find the Washington government not only absolutely divorced from the league, but saying, through its official spokesman, Ambassador George Harvey, that the United States will not deal directly or indirectly with the league.

TAKE IT AS PLAIN HINT

To those nations of Central and South America which imagine that they must follow the United States on European policy, this is a plain hint to abstain. As for other nations like Brazil and Chile, which have followed a more or less independent foreign policy, it will take something more than a vague hint to bring about their withdrawal from the league. Brazil, for example, is a member of the council for the league and by the unanimous consent rule can block any procedure inimical to this hemisphere. Indeed, some observers have suspected that the Harding administration might not be averse to the presence of

Brazil in the council because that country is the closest friend the United States has on this hemisphere and the intimacy between Rio De Janeiro and Washington is such that the United States would never suffer by reason of Brazil's membership in the league.

LATIN-AMERICA NOT UNIT

There is another and perhaps more vital aspect to the whole business of Latin-American membership in the League of Nations which means sooner or later considerable embarrassment for the United States. Latin-American countries are by no means a unit as to what is best policy for them to pursue toward Europe. The Monroe doctrine, which was originally announced as a means of protecting small states in this hemisphere from European aggression, has been variously interpreted by Democratic and Republican administrations in Washington as all the way from absolute non-interference in the domestic affairs of neighboring countries to the wielding of the big stick and the sending of armed forces of the United States for police purposes.

UNCERTAINTY IS THORN

This uncertainty of interpretation has been the single thorn in the side of better relations between Latin-America and the United States and just when it appeared that the United States was erasing previous impressions of alleged imperialism, the Republican party absolutely refused to allow the Monroe doctrine to be included within the scope of the League of Nations. To Latin-America, this meant a confirmation of its fear that the United States wanted to be free at any time to wield the big stick. To the Republicans, it meant simply a free hand in this hemisphere and non-interference by Europe in our Central or South American affairs.

LEAGUE AS APPEAL COURT

But even with the United States outside of the League of Nations, the opportunity still remains for any Latin-American state to appeal to the league as against the United States and invoke, for instance, the jurisdiction of the world court. This would, of course, be irritating to the United States and would complicate matters very much. The parting administration had not been in power 24 hours when Panama and Costa Rica were talking of submitting their dispute to the League of Nations and it is a fact

BANDITS HURL GAS BOMBS, LOOT TRAIN

Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 7.—(U. P.)—Four bandits who held up Kansas City Southern passenger train No. 2 between here and Bloomberg and looted a mail coach, after knocking the engineer unconscious, wounding a porter and gas bombing mail clerks, were sought by possees led by sheriffs and deputies today. Postoffice authorities said the mail car was robbed of everything of value but they were unable to estimate the amount of the loot.

That Secretary Hughes acted promptly so as to warn the league it had better keep hands off.

Although there is every profession of respect toward the league as an international body, the attitude of the United States must eventually be defined as one of active hostility or passive indifference. The latter has been the apparent attitude until the news came that Latin-American states were ignoring the meeting of the assembly of the league. It is denied here that the United States coerced any Latin-American members to abstain from participation in the league. But one thing is certain, however; while the diplomacy of Washington will have to keep busy preventing Latin-American states from drawing too close to Europe through the league those same Latin-American states would, in the judgment of diplomats here, be foolish to withdraw from an organization which affords the only refuge from the effects of an extreme interpretation of the Monroe doctrine. Some Latin states may pull out of the league, but it is doubtful if Chile and Brazil or Peru will do likewise.

COCHRAN DELIVERS ADDRESS

Centralia, Wash., Sept. 7.—Charles Cochran of Portland, former district governor of the Rotary club, delivered an address before the Centralia Rotary club at a luncheon Tuesday.

Knotty Problem in Miller & Lux Land Valuations Tackled

San Francisco, Sept. 7.—(U. P.)—The Walrus and the carpenter should have gone into chancery.

There their conversations would have been considered pertinent if the inheritance tax appraisals in the estate of the late Henry Miller, cattle king of three states, are any criterion.

The subject under discussion before Master in Chancery Harry M. Wright, is briefly whether the assessment fixed in 1916 by act of congress is \$8,000,000 on the Miller and Lux properties is correct or whether it was based on faulty valuation of the many ranches over Oregon, California and Nevada. Miller's daughter, Nellie, Nickel and her husband, Leroy Nickel, the trustees, maintain that the assessment was made on appraisal of \$28,000,000, whereas the actual value of the property transferred to them was nearer \$20,000,000.

Charles Cronin, chief witness for the trustees and former superintendent for Miller and Lux, told of the havoc wrought by squirrels and rabbits on the cattle lands, and underwent a grueling cross-examination on the deteriorating effects of alkali.

Documents relating to the original appraisal were found to contain much lower values inserted in red ink, which Cronin finally admitted had been put there by the trustees' representatives. Directly afterward he gave an illuminating dissertation on the potato crop of the Agency ranch in Oregon.

SPANIARDS REPULSE MOROCCAN ATTACK

London, Sept. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Riff tribesmen in Morocco have begun a new offensive against the Spanish army, but the attacks were repulsed after violent fighting, said a news agency dispatch from Madrid today.

According to Herald of Madrid, the 1922 military class will be called to the colors for service against the rebellious Moroccan tribesmen next month.

Congressmen Raked By Home Batteries During Brief Recess

By A. O. Hayward.

Washington, Sept. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Republican congressmen from the North and Middle West who went back here for the congressional recess to spend a vacation and to rest, are returning to Washington unrested.

The returning ones were relating sad tales today of their home reception.

They were met by an army of unemployed men and discouraged merchants and farmers.

They were faced with a battery of questions as to what congress was doing or would do to help conditions. They were criticized for delay in helpful legislation and for failure to complete enactment of the tax and tariff revision legislation.

Finally, they were petitioned for jobs. Under the conditions, many of the congressmen decided that Washington was a more comfortable place than home. They are returning filled with a determination to speed up legislation that may help in the restoration of business to normal and are eagerly seeking some way to relieve the great evils of unemployment.

Those returning from Kansas, Iowa and other Mid-West states admit they had difficulty in making their people understand why they had voted to repeal the heavier surtaxes on large incomes and allowed taxes to go unchanged on the smaller incomes. The business economies of this move by the Republicans—the effort to get money out of tax-free securities and turn it into business enterprise—was not understood clearly by the voters.

Student Accused of Alleged Attempt to 'Blackmail' Woman

Chicago, Sept. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Daniel F. Breen, a student, is held by the police today after an alleged attempt to extort \$2000 from Mrs. Chase W. Love through threats against her husband.

Recent accounts of an initiation into the Ku Klux Klan mentioned "C. W. Love" as one of the officers of the Klan. Since that time, Love, who is a bond salesman, has been threatened several times by those opposed to the Klan. Love has publicly denied any connection with the organization.

Breen, according to an alleged confession made to the police, saw newspaper stories regarding the affair and decided to use the situation for his own profit.

He telephoned a demand to Mrs. Love asking \$2000 to save her husband from disgrace and danger.

Mrs. Love asked Breen to call later, meantime notifying the police. When Breen telephoned the second time the call was traced and he was arrested as he emerged from a phone booth.

He is said to have told the police he wanted the \$2000 to complete his education.



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HISTORY OF THE RED MAN SERIES

FIRE SIGNALS
BY "INDIAN" MILLER

In the old days white men would see fires of the Indians on the hills and mountains but could not read them. These messages were not intended for the white men. It often happened in those days that white men campaigning against the Indians would be demoralized by the sight of those signal fires winking in the night, winking and blinking, appearing and disappearing, waving back and forth, up and down. The white man had no mode of signalling; and he did not understand the Indian code. He must have felt helpless indeed when he saw those messages that he could not read.

The ordinary way of signalling with fires was by passing a blanket back and forth before the fire on the ground. Sometimes the red man would merely jump back and forth before the fire. Sometimes the signal was a steady fire. Sometimes it was a fire that would flash up and then die out instantly. Sometimes the signalling was done with a torch. It could be signalled with in the same way as the fire on the ground; or it could be waved back and forth and up and down.

In the Southwest the Indians often signalled by setting fire to the dead century plants. These would burn for some time, making sharp, rapid reports, as if a fight were in progress. The greenhorn was often alarmed by their noise at night.

This was the favorite way of signalling late at night for it attracted attention to the signal, often waking sleeping Indians miles away. A fire underneath a cactus was another means of attracting attention. The leaves of the cactus first puff up with the heat, then it sings

and cries; and finally it bursts with a report.

It is wrong to do this when not necessary, however. The Indian does not like to hear the death song of the cactus.

All signals convey messages to those who can read them. Savage Cord tires on an automobile are a signal that all is well. The motorist is surprised when he has been many miles from town and does not know the actual cost per mile of service is. To the man at the factory though, this is not surprising at all, for they know their tires are Built to Excel. Quality is put into them.



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250 Boys Attend Scout Training Camp at Wahtum

Two hundred and fifty boys attended the Boy Scout Training camp at Wahtum lake this summer and their average stay was a third longer than it was last year, announced James E. Brockway, scout executive, today. He recently returned from camp.

"This is very gratifying to us, as the longer the boys stay the more we can do for them," said Brockway. "The father of a boy who needed the camp very much said when the camp opened that he could not afford to let him stay more than two weeks, so I told him I would try to provide for the other six weeks. We had the boy for the entire season, and although I was not very well satisfied with the results, the father came to our office yesterday and said such a change for the better had been wrought that he wanted to express his appreciation by paying the additional \$30, although he could not pay it all now. It is such cases as these that make our work worth while."

"Many parents are expressing their gratitude over the benefits derived by their boys and are saying that they intend sending them next year for the entire season. This is very gratifying in view of the diphtheria scare which we feared might make parents a little fearful about camp life for their boys. As far as my knowledge goes only two boys have actually developed the disease. Others who were placed under observation are being released as soon as their cultures are found to be negative. The organization feels especially indebted to Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, for his personal attention to the boys and his great and effective effort to keep the disease from spreading."

TWO THEFTS REPORTED
Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 7.—Oscar Woods and P. J. Gallagher of the Blaker apartments reported to the police Tuesday that during their absence over Labor day their apartments were entered and a quantity of jewelry stolen. Charles MacCullum of 1000 Main street reported the loss of a bicycle left standing by the side of the house.

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