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SECRETARY IS WILLING TO ARBITRATE THE MEXICO AFFAIR

Announces That He Has Been Considering Feasibility of Action

APPROVED BY BORAH

Declares Arbitration Principle is a Leading One in The United States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—(UN)—Secretary of State Kellogg announced tonight that for some time he has been considering the probability of arbitrating the controversy with Mexico. This statement was made formally after Senator Robinson, Arkansas, democratic leader of the senate, offered a resolution calling for arbitration. Kellogg said he welcomed an expression of the senate's position on this. Arbitration, he said, has been one of the leading policies of this country and had been recognized in principle in the treaties with Mexico.

Borah Approves Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee, also approves the Robinson resolution. "I have seen the resolution of Senator Robinson. I see nothing inappropriate nor untimely in an expression of opinion on the subject by the senate and I welcome it."

"The general principle of arbitration has constituted one of the leading policies of this government from the beginning. Our record on the subject speaks for itself. The principle has been recognized in treaties with Mexico. For some time I have been given consideration to the question of definite application of the principle of arbitration of the controversy with Mexico."

Religious Aspects Religious aspects of the Mexican question were vigorously debated in the senate, when Senator Heflin, Alabama democrat, renewed his criticism of the attitude of the Knights of Columbus, regarding the Mexican church controversy. Several senators, both Protestant and Catholic, replied to Heflin, deploring that religious questions should be brought into senate debate.

In the house the administration policy toward Nicaragua and Mexico was criticized by Representative Conally, Texas, democrat, and Berger, Wisconsin socialist. The White House spokesman defended the president's course, reiterating that regarding Mexico all that this government is interested in is protecting American property against confiscation and for Nicaragua in protecting the lives and property of Americans and other foreigners whose governments have appealed to the United States for protection, and protect the rights of the United States to the canal concession and sites for naval bases off the Nicaragua coast.

ALBANY COLLEGE TO PLAY NORMAL SQUAD

Two-Game Series on Basketball Floor Starts Tomorrow Night

Albany College, which defeated Ashland Normal on the junketing trip of the local collegians last week, will come here tomorrow for a series of two games with Coach Walter Hughes' charges. The first game will be tomorrow night and the second game Friday night. Both games will be played at the armory and will start at 8 o'clock. The Normal school basketekers are anxious to avenge the defeat at Albany last week and have been doing some hard training in anticipation of the games.

SECOND SEMESTER TO OPEN SHORTLY

Regulations for School Children Announced by Supt. Briscoe

The second semester of the Ashland public schools begins Monday, January 31, 1927, and this date is of special interest to two classes of children; those who will enter school for the first time and those who wish to again take up their school work, either in the grades or in the high school, according to Superintendent of Public Schools, G. A. Briscoe.

Children who have never been in school may enter at this time, providing they are six years of age. They must not enter later than the second Monday of the semester, which is February 7, 1927.

Pupils who have just finished the eighth grade will find accommodations at the Junior high school, only. Those who have at least one semester's credits will be cared for this term at the Senior high school.

The division between Lincoln and Washington grade schools is Gresham and Third streets. All beginners east of this line will go to Lincoln school and those west of this line will go to Washington school.

GUN'S DISAPPEARANCE FIGURES IN MURDER

Klamath Indian Being Tried For Murder on Reservation

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 19.—(UN)—The mysterious disappearance of a shotgun belonging to McLelland Williams, Klamath Indian, shortly after he was killed, Oct. 31, on the Klamath reservation, was raised as an important point Tuesday when the murder trial of Guy Seonchin, Modoc Indian, began in federal court. Government attorneys, George Neuner and Joseph Stearns told the jury that testimony would prove the gun was hanging in Williams' house when the alleged murder occurred and that it dropped from sight immediately after relatives, upon finding the body of the dead Indian, had left the place to summon authorities. Defense attorneys J. Hawkins Napier and W. P. Meyers, while admitting without argument that Seonchin did the shooting, seemed to contend that Williams was carrying the shotgun at the time the killing took place, indicating they would plead self defense.

According to the testimony of Williams' sister, Etta, the shooting took place outside the Williams' home and followed a shout from Seonchin that "you fellows lay off of me."

There was a shot from Seonchin's pistol, she said; Williams walked to the house and back, there was another shot and he dropped, his head pierced by a bullet.

MILLIONS OF MICE INVADE KERN COUNTY

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 19.—(UN)—An army of millions of mice, which invaded Kern county, gradually was being killed off tonight, but it will be at least 10 days before the war of extermination has wiped out the rodents, those in charge of the campaign said.

Poison gas is being used to kill off the swarming hordes. Trenches in which to trap the invaders have been dug and immense quantities of poison grain have been distributed. Hawks and owls are preying on the mice. So numerous are the mice that they killed and devoured a sheep which was in a pen on a San Amadio ranch and could not escape the gnawing animals, according to reports reaching here.

Golfers on the Petroleum Golf club course in the Buena Vista region, where the pests are most numerous, were forced to suspend play today when the course was covered with the scampering hordes.

NOTED Y M C A LEADER SPEAKS AT NOON LUNCH

Boyhood Held Greatest Asset by Dr. David G. Latah

EXPERIENCES GIVEN

Local People Told of "Y" Work in Europe. Other Speakers

Boyhood is the greatest asset America has today and it must be guarded and assisted to moral, physical and social development at all times.

This was the message today noon of David G. Latah of New York City, a member of the national Y. M. C. A. council, who addressed the chamber of commerce forum lunch at the Lithia Springs hotel.

Dr. Latah, who has been in the Y. M. C. A. work for years, spoke entertainingly of visits to Europe in which he promoted the work of the Y. M. C. A. and where he had helped to get the "Y" movement over in small, struggling nations which were in dire need of the moral influence which can only be promoted through work with and among boys.

He declared that the Y. M. C. A. works supplementary to the evangelical churches and tries at all times to take care of both the physical and moral development of boyhood in conjunction with the spiritual upbuilding of the churches.

He spoke, too, of the gangs which infest Chicago, and expressed belief that gangland in congested cities could be entirely wiped out within a generation if the right people could get hold of the boys during their public school years and help to mould their characters.

R. J. Kirkwood, publisher of Oregon Sportsman and fencer, spoke briefly. He said he has issued a special number this month on the Rogue River country.

T. H. Simpson introduced a resolution urging the Jackson county delegation at the state legislature to support unanimously the proposed bill to change of county seat from Jacksonville to Medford. The resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote.

O. F. Carson, president of the chamber, presided. Fred Homes, chairman of the forum committee, said that the city officials would be guests at the lunch next week at which time Mayor Pierce will outline some of the policies of the new administration.

Resume Trial of Texas Minister

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 19.—(UN)—Trial of Dr. J. Frank Norris, Baptist pastor of Fort Worth, for the slaying of D. E. Chipps last July will be resumed here this morning.

Two subsequent recesses Tuesday, due to illness of the pastor, who was reported suffering with an attack of tonsillitis, allow the hearing which has been under way for the last nine days to lapse.

Norris was too indisposed to appear in court at 9 o'clock this morning, resulting in a recess until two in the afternoon. At that time the pastor's counsel advised the court that the patient was not responding favorably to tonsillitis treatment, but it was felt that the attack would pass by Wednesday.

The case will be resumed tomorrow, granting that Norris is able to appear and defense witnesses will be placed on the stand. The final day's session Monday brought a procession of witnesses on the stand to testify as to the character of the slain man, who was described as "violent and quarrelsome," while under the influence of liquor, and that he was a heavy drinker.

Chipps was shot to death in Norris' office at Fort Worth by the pastor, who declared that he fired in self defense after Chipps made a threatening move as if to pull a gun following a heated argument.

FAMED VIOLINIST OF EARLY DAY DIES ALONE AND FRIENDLESS IN DIRECTION HOME

DENVER, Jan. 19.—(UN)—Sorrow has descended upon the long line of shambled shacks that dot the viaduct section here—the homes of derelicts.

No longer will the strains from the "Lost Chord" and other operatic melodies come from one of the most dilapidated and crude structures.

John Olson, 60, once the toast of dignified New York music lovers, is dead.

Twenty years ago with his costly violin under his arm, he sought recognition in the east. He was given a trial with the New York symphony orchestra and almost overnight leaped to success. Later his rise was complete when he was engaged by the Metropolitan Opera company.

Then came temptation, wealth and luxury. Feted and dined, he acquired a habit of strong drink. As rapidly as he had risen to the musical heights, he descended to the depths.

He came west and obtained a position as an orchestra leader. Here again he thrilled thousands by his quivering bow.

Later he succumbed to intoxicants and never regained a place in the musical world.

In direct contrast with his early balmy days, death came to Olson in the rear of the tiny shack in which he lived as a result of imbibing too freely of canned heat. Friends found him moaning and sobbing piteously for his violin.

Before it could be obtained Olson was dead.

Unless a brother, Joseph Olson, living somewhere in California, is located, the once famous violinist will be buried in potter's field, authorities said today.

Britain Ready to Start Chinese War

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Britain awoke today to find her war machine humming as the government prepared to support protests in China with man power and forces.

Developments of the past 24 hours in the far east indicate that the Canton Nationalists are determined for a show down with England after routing the British as their greatest obstacle for Chinese independence and they intend to tackle their strongest adversary first. Dispatches from Malta reported the departure of four vessels for the far east.

SENATOR REED OPENS FIGHT AGAINST SMITH

Resolution Introduced, Barring Credentials to Committee

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—In urging the United States Senate guard against the corruption of wealth, Senator James Reed of Missouri, today opened the fight against seating Frank L. Smith, republican senator, elected from Illinois, who spent almost \$300,000 in a primary campaign.

Reed introduced a resolution to refer Smith's credentials to the Senate Election Committee and to prevent an oath being administered him.

On Thin Ice



FARM RELIEF IS NOW READY TO EMERGE INTO DEFINITE FORM

Agricultural Committee Discusses Senate's Surplus Bill

COMPLETE HEARINGS

Expect to Push Farm Relief as Much as Possible on the Senate Floor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Farm relief seems ready at last to emerge from the nebula of words into concrete form.

Unexpectedly the senate agriculture committee took up discussion of the controlled surplus bill while the house committee reports the measure favorably.

Basic commodities are included in the proposed legislation. The bill also contains loan provisions applying to all farm products. Basic commodities in the measure are listed so as to include those from all sections of the country.

There is cotton from the southland, corn from the rolling farm land of the central states, wheat and swine from the great fields of the west and northwest and rice from the lowlands of the eastern shore and southern Mississippi valley.

Farm relief which at first seemed a vague possibility for this session of congress is to be pushed on the floor of the senate, while the house awaits the action of the upper body.

Senator McNary, Oregon republican, chairman of the agriculture committee, announced that he expected to complete hearings tomorrow and place the bill before the senate for early consideration.

PLENTY OF TRAPPERS

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(UP)—Although the inroads of civilization may tend to thin out fur-bearing animals, there seems to be no dearth of trappers in Oregon. More trappers are in the field this season, in Oregon, than in any other in the state's history.

There are 2268 general trappers and 240 special beaver trappers operating in Oregon this year, representing an increase from about 1700 last season.

INTER-CITY BASKETBALL GAMES TOMORROW EVE.

Three Games in Inter-City League Will be Played on Junior Hi Floor

The second round of games in the city basket ball league will be played on the Junior High school gym floor tomorrow evening. The following schedule will be played: Lithians vs. Battery B, at 7 p. m.; Faculty vs. Nomal Seconds at 8 p. m. and Hi-Y Employed boys vs. High School Seconds at 9 p. m. All games will start on time and there promises to be some fast basketball, according to the officials in charge.

ASTORIA, Jan. 19.—(UN)—Almost sailless, battered and leaking, the great six masted schooner Oregon Fir came to anchor late this afternoon in the safety of the Columbia river after 70 days of heartbreaking struggle with gales and hurricanes.

The first 12 days of her 83 day voyage from Shanghai were fair and she made her way out of the China sea easily, only to encounter a severe gale off the Japanese coast.

This carried away some of her sales and inaugurated an endless succession of storms. For a time they drove across the Pacific rapidly, despite the fact that her canvas was burst constantly, but it was not until she neared the North American coast that she underwent her real trial.

Then the storms grew into hurricanes, blowing from the southeast and driving her far to sea and to the north. For three days her company of 15, was ready at any moment to abandon ship. In those three days the gale drove the vessel 240 miles to the north, although she could not carry a sail and was riding under bare poles. Every piece of canvas aboard the Schooner was brought into service and as rapidly was burst and tattered.

Captain F. G. Nelson even used the tarpaulin hatch covers to rig square sails. In a single day two of the great gaffs carried away aloft and came crashing down upon the deck.

The racked vessel was leaking badly, some times taking four feet of water in 24 hours, but the power pumps were able to keep her clear.

Twisted and wrenched by the storm, and towering seas, her hull is leaking and her deck as well. Thomas Williams, first mate, has sailed the Pacific 40 years and never before witnessed such weather as that which scouraged the Oregon Fir.

Despite the buffeting which the craft received no member of her crew was lost or hurt, although Harry Blinham, a seaman, fell sick and was taken to a hospital here.

COUNCIL DISPOSES OF PAVING BONDS

J. J. McNair Successful Bidder for Bonds to Finance C Street Paving

The Bancroft bonds, to finance the paving on C street brought a premium of \$135.00 and accrued interest with J. J. McNair, former Ashland resident, at the successful bidder, according to a decision of the city council at last night's meeting. The total price to be paid for the bonds will be \$4549.38. A new truck was authorized for the city water department and permission was also granted this department to rebuild the ambulance into a truck. Preparatory to the building of a service station, Charles Porter asked and received permission to build some approaches to the side walk at the corner of North Main and Skidmore. The Chamber of Commerce was also granted permission to erect a sign in the business district for the purpose of directing tourists to the Chamber offices. The temporary appointment of J. Edward Thornton as president of the council was made permanent, and the council adjourned after disposing of the usual details that are before the regular meetings.

CLAIM CHICAGO NOT AS BAD AS PAINTED

Law Professor Completes a Survey on Crime in City

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—(UN)—Chicago is more sinned against than sinning, in the opinion of Dr. Andrew A. Bruce, professor of law at Northwestern University, who has just completed a survey of crime in what has hitherto been regarded as America's crime capital.

"In Chicago," Dr. Bruce said, "we generally class as a murder every case which is found to be such by a coroner's jury, while in England only convictions are so recorded."

Dr. Bruce also discovered that "we are crime too crime conscious, along other lines. Mere peccadilloes we self consciously call crimes, while in Europe they are much more lenient in such matters."

What is true in Chicago, the investigator found is true in a measure in other American cities.