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**SALTON SEA  
BRINGS RAIN**

**BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ONE  
OF THE GREATEST BLESS-  
INGS FOR THE WEST.**

**Evaporation Causes Downpour of  
Rain in Western Kansas, Texas  
and Oklahoma**

Yuma, Arizona, Nov. 14.—Many  
people of Arizona, New Mexico and  
Western Texas believe that the Salton  
Sea is one of the greatest bless-  
ings ever bestowed upon the arid  
West. Those who take this view of  
this newly created inland body of  
water are strongly opposed to the  
recent stoppage of the flow of water  
into the sea from the Colorado  
River.

Major George J. Inman, who is  
well known throughout the South-  
west, is one of those who believe  
that the Salton Sea is the cause of  
the phenomenal meteorological change  
which has come over the whole of  
the Southwest, including all of West-  
ern Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma  
during the past two years. Its be-  
neficent influence extends far down  
into Mexico, it is contended. Major  
Inman is interested in a large Ameri-  
can colony enterprise in the north-  
western part of the State of Chi-  
huahua. He says that the change  
which has taken place in the section  
where his colony is located during  
the last two years is marvelous.  
When the colonists settled there it  
was supposed that nothing could be  
raised on the land without irriga-  
tion. Since the Salton Sea made its  
appearance the rainfall has been  
abundant and big crops are raised  
without irrigation. The same thing  
is true throughout the Southwest.  
Major Inman says that he will  
take up the matter with President  
Roosevelt and President Diaz with  
the view of obtaining the co-ope-  
ration of the United States and Mexi-  
can governments in preserving the  
new body of water. It is claimed  
that if the sea is permitted to remain  
the United States Government will  
be saved millions of dollars that  
would otherwise be expended in re-  
claiming arid lands by irrigation  
projects.

It is the theory of those who be-  
lieve that the apparent change of  
climatic conditions in the Southwest  
is due to the Salton Sea that before  
the advent of that body of water,  
clouds from the Pacific Ocean which  
were laden with moisture were un-  
able to get across the great expanse  
of desert. The terrific heat from the  
parched and blistering sands rose  
into the air and dissipated the mois-  
ture. This made the region to the  
east of the desert arid and unfit for  
agricultural development. Occasion-  
ally in the winter season clouds  
would get across the desert and rains  
would ensue in the arid region. Since  
the thousands of square miles of des-  
ert is now covered to a depth of ten  
to 120 feet with water the moisture-  
laden clouds are able to pass across  
into the formerly arid region of Ariz-  
ona, New Mexico and Western  
Texas and abundant rains are the  
result.

The flow of water into the Salton  
Sea has recently been stopped by  
railroad companies, which built vast  
dams. In a year or two the water in  
the vast sea will be evaporated and  
it will be a desert again.

**WILL SUE STANDARD OIL.**  
Action Under the Sherman Act Is to  
Be Commenced.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Attorney  
General Moody today held a final  
conference with Messrs. Morrison and  
Kellogg and Mr. Purdy, assistant to  
the Attorney General, on Standard  
Oil matters. While all connected are  
reticent as to the action to be taken,  
there is no longer any doubt that suit  
will be entered within a few days  
against the Standard Oil Company of  
New Jersey under the Sherman anti-  
trust law.

**Will Investigate Shortage.**  
St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 14.—The Fed-  
eral Grand Jury convened here to-  
day and will investigate the shortage  
of \$61,500 in the St. Louis Sub-  
Treasury, traced to the department  
of Receiving Teller D. P. Dyer Jr.  
The teller's father, Colonel D. P.  
Dyer, who is the United States At-  
torney here, has, at his own request,  
been temporarily relieved from tak-  
ing part in the investigation.

Placer and quartz location notices,  
mine deeds, leases, etc., at the  
Courier office.

**RAISINS ARE SCARCE.**

**Estimated in East That Crop Will Be  
15,000 Tons Short.**

New York, Nov. 14.—Albert Castle  
of Castle Bros. thinks that the Cali-  
fornia raisin crop is from 15,000 to  
16,000 tons short of early expecta-  
tions. He is quoted as saying:  
"I do not believe that the crop  
will amount to more than 4,000 tons.  
I believe that the crop is decidedly  
oversold. At the opening of the  
season the growers, thinking that  
there would be a large crop, were  
willing to take a reasonably low price  
for their fruit. As a result the East-  
ern buyers purchased heavily. Europe  
had enough raisins for its own use,  
it was developed later, but none to  
export. Canada, which ordinarily  
buys raisins abroad, had to come to  
us. Our stocks in this State are  
pretty well cleared up. The actual  
situation will not be known under a  
fortnight possibly. We are not sell-  
ing and raisins, neither is any other  
dealer."

There is a story current on the  
Coast that certain growers in Fresno  
county, seeing the raisin demand in  
the markets of the East, have taken  
pains to acquaint themselves with  
the conditions abroad, and have  
helped to make a shortage by hiding  
back secretly large quantities of  
raisins and falling short in filling  
their contracts to sell at a price  
agreed upon early in the season.

Lee L. Gray of the Fresno Home  
Packing Company is quoted as saying  
that the prices for seeded raisins  
opened extremely low—from 5% to  
6 cents a pound. Under the changed  
conditions Gray believes that before  
January 1st the fancy seeded fruit  
will bring 10 cents—a great advance  
over the opening price. There has  
been nothing like this in years.

**UNIFORM DIVORCE LAW**

**WILL ASK LEGISLATURES OF  
ALL STATES TO AGREE TO  
NEW MEASURE.**

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 14.—The  
National Congress on Uniform Di-  
vorce Laws held its second meeting  
in this city yesterday. The first  
meeting was held in Washington  
nine months ago, at which time an  
adjournment was taken to permit a  
committee to draft a bill on uniform  
divorce laws to be presented to the  
Legislatures of all States. The bill  
drawn up by the committee names  
six causes for which divorce can be  
granted. They are:

Infidelity, felony, bigamy, deser-  
tion, habitual drunkenness and in-  
tolerable cruelty.

The committee recommends that  
the various Legislatures be asked to  
agree on a period of residence before  
application may be made for  
divorce.

Delegates from all sections of the  
country attended yesterday's session.  
Governor Peanypacker of Pennsyl-  
vania presided.

**To Become Chief of Navigation.**

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 14.—Rear  
Admiral William H. Bronson, who  
has just taken command of the Ameri-  
can naval forces in the East, will,  
it is understood, soon be recalled to  
take what has come to be the most  
important post in the navy, namely,  
chief of the Bureau of Navigation, to  
succeed Rear Admiral Converse,  
when the latter retires from that of-  
fice, which, it is expected, will oc-  
cur about the time that Secretary  
Bonaparte becomes Attorney Gen-  
eral.

**Suit To Test the Status of Betting.**

Washington, Nov. 14.—William  
Davis was put on trial before a jury  
in the Criminal Court today on a  
charge of operating a racing book at  
the Benning track. The action is in  
the nature of a test case to determine  
the legal status of the betting oper-  
ations at Benning.

**Refuse to Take Oath of Loyalty.**

Moscow, Nov. 14.—During the  
swearing in of conscripts here today  
disorders broke out, over half of  
them refusing to take the usual oath  
of loyalty to the Emperor on ac-  
count of the phrase pledging them to  
defend his majesty against all in-  
terior enemies. Troops were sum-  
moned, but bloodshed was finally  
averted.

**Funston Takes Command.**

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 14.—Briga-  
dier General Frederick Funston yester-  
day formally took command here  
of the Southwestern Division, the  
headquarters of which have been  
moved to St. Louis from Oklahoma  
City.

Job work at Portland prices at the  
Courier office.

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**WANTS TO GIVE  
AWAY MILLION**

**WEALTHY MEXICAN MINE-OW-  
NER HAS PLAN FOR DISPENS-  
ING HIS MONEY.**

**Would Build Homes for the Poor  
and Educate Their Children  
and Give Them Land.**

Galveston, Tex., Nov. 14.—The  
Parral, State of Chihuahua, Mex.,  
comes the story that Pedro Alvarado,  
the young owner of the Parral  
mine, whose wealth is said to be  
the hundred million class, announced  
a public benefaction of \$10,000,000.  
Having risen from a poor man to  
Croesus in eight years, he has given  
away millions to the poor for  
churches and schools. His latest  
plan is to build homes for the poor,  
educate their children and give them  
land upon which to cultivate their  
crops. He has been working on the  
plan for the distribution of the  
\$10,000,000 for many weeks.

Alvarado some time ago offered to  
pay the Government debt of Mexico  
but the offer was declined because  
President Diaz was advised that it  
was a political move to entangle his  
administration. The mine owner  
says he will renew his offer to Pres-  
ident Diaz in person upon his visit  
to the City of Mexico, and will assure  
the General that his offer is from  
the heart and that there will be no  
hereafter to the gift to his country.  
Alvarado says he expects to die poor,  
but will share his wealth and hap-  
piness with his less fortunate coun-  
trymen while he lives.

**REFORMERS WANT WITTE.**

**Social Democrats Would Welcome the  
Count to Their Ranks.**

St. Petersburg, Nov. 14.—The ar-  
rival of Count Witte here yesterday  
created scarcely a ripple on the sur-  
face of Russian politics. The Count  
was met at the depot by only Baron  
Alde and a few reporters, and he re-  
ceived very few callers this morning.

The rare arrivals were closely  
scrutinized by agents of the secret  
police on account of the reported  
threats of assassination. Count  
Witte denied himself to reporters  
and declined to make a statement re-  
garding his reported intention of re-  
signing his seat in the Council of the  
Empire and being a candidate for  
election to Parliament. The Consti-  
tutional Democrats are eager to re-  
ceive him in their ranks in case he  
decides to be a candidate.

**Commission Object to Policy Form.**

Chicago, Nov. 14.—The confer-  
ence of insurance commissioners was  
today turned into an executive ses-  
sion, which was scheduled to last  
until evening. It was announced be-  
fore the session opened that it was  
improbable that any specific action  
would be taken before tomorrow.

Forty briefs from insurance com-  
panies in the West and South were  
read and discussed. All of them  
dealt with objections entertained by  
the companies to the "standard  
forms" of policy now under consid-  
eration by the committee.

**Train Leaps Track When Rail Spread**

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 14.—A west-  
bound Missouri Pacific passenger  
train, while running at full speed,  
was hurled from the track by spread-  
ing rails near Glencoe, twenty-seven  
miles west of here, yesterday, and be-  
yond cuts and bruises all on board  
miraculously escaped. The entire  
train plunged into an embankment  
and the track bed was torn up for  
200 feet.

**Unwritten Law to Free Him.**

Portland, Ore., Nov. 14.—Orlando  
Murray shot and killed Laawrence  
Whitney Monday to avenge the  
wrong done his sister, Whitney hav-  
ing refused to marry her, probably  
will be released without trial, the  
District Attorney's office stating that  
conviction would be extremely diffi-  
cult if the facts are as Murray gives  
them, which seem to be the case.

**Parliament Adjourns.**

London, Nov. 14.—The House of  
Commons, after sitting all night dis-  
cussing the land tenure bill, the ob-  
ject of which is to ameliorate the  
condition of the tenant farmers in  
England and Scotland, adjourned at  
9:40 a. m., thus ending the first pro-  
longed sitting of the new Parliament.

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