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TINY REPUBLIC MAKES TROUBLE FOR VATICAN

Rome, Dec. 16.—San Marino, the smallest, but none the less one of the most obstreperous republics in the world, is again at loggerheads with Italy. Recently the tiny republic passed a law obnoxious to the Vatican. The latter protested, but San Marino refused to budge. Then the Vatican withdrew its minister and immediately thereafter San Marino withdrew its, and the two powers are still at outs.

A little later San Marino solicited the gift from Italy of two antiquated cannons, and at once increased its war footing by organizing an artillery corps of nine members. Later it was discovered that the republic was so small that there was no point within the kingdom where artillery practice could be indulged in without the cannon balls dropping in Italian territory, and thus creating a hostile act. San Marino had no sooner apologized to Italy for this than she again started fresh trouble.

Like France, Italy and most of the other powers, San Marino exercises a government monopoly on tobacco, from the sale of which it receives most of its state revenues. The government's supply is purchased from Italy and ordinarily amounts to a half ton a year.

In 1911, however, the San Marinese did not chew and smoke so much as ordinarily and San Marino purchased from Italy only a quarter of a ton of tobacco. This year smoking and chewing is more popular and San Marino has demanded of Italy that it come across with the other quarter of a ton to which it was entitled in 1911. Italy says it won't, and San Marino has all but said that if it doesn't she'll take the antiquated cannon which Italy presented to her and shoot the surrounding Italian territory, which consists exclusively of barren uninhabited mountains, full of three-inch holes.

O'MALLEY GETS BETTER JOB

Oregon City, Dec. 16.—Henry O'Malley is in receipt today of notice of his appointment as field superintendent of the United States Bureau of Fisheries. He will have charge of all fish cultural work on the Pacific coast, embracing Oregon, Washington, California and Alaska.

THREE LOSE LIVES IN APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE

New York, Dec. 16.—Three were killed and four injured, one fatally, in a fire which destroyed an upper west side apartment house early today. A score had narrow escapes. The dead were Mrs. Mary McManus and her grown son and daughter, Thomas and Mary.

CARRANZA MUST PROTECT FOREIGNERS

Washington, Dec. 16.—Secretary Bryan today put it up definitely to General Carranza to protect foreigners and foreign property in rebel territory in Mexico.

Of course it was to conditions in Chihuahua City that especial reference was made. Carranza was given plainly to understand that the Washington administration looks to him to keep General Villa in order.

If Villa cannot be made to obey, it was said Carranza probably will lose all chance of American support when President Huerta is driven out of office.

Administration officials plainly were worried. So was the Mexican rebel Junta here. Its members seemed to recognize more fully than Villa the value of American friendship. In the hope of making him understand this they sent him a telegram direct, warning him that his treatment of foreigners was hurting the rebel cause.

A report from American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua City was eagerly awaited. The hope still lingered that the stories told by many of the Chihuahua City refugees were exaggerations.

Conditions at Tampico were unchanged.

UNIONIZED LABOR TO AID THE COAL MINERS

Denver, Dec. 16.—Whether or not to call a strike of all unionized industries throughout Colorado was among the questions scheduled for settlement at a meeting of the representatives of between 250 and 300 locals begun here today.

The strike, if called, will be in support of the miners in the southern Colorado coal fields, all of whom have been out for many weeks, and a part of whom quit work months ago.

Other important matters due for discussion were as follows:

Action toward recalling Governor Ammons on the ground that he has been hostile and unfair to organized labor in all its fights throughout the state; consideration of plans for turning over ownership and operation of the Colorado mines to the state; condemnation of the militia's activities in the strike districts; a demand for the removal of Adjutant-General Chase of the state national guard; adoption of plans for defending strikers arrested in connection with coal field troubles.

Men prominent at the meeting said that, although a general strike undoubtedly will come finally, if the mine strike is indefinitely prolonged, it will not be called unless it becomes certain that by no other means can the strikers win.

Envelopes at Courier office.

PROPOSAL IS MADE TO REDUCE REPRESENTATION

Washington, Dec. 16.—By a vote of 35 to 14 the national republican committee rejected this afternoon a proposed plan to hold a special republican convention next spring. Delegates from Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Washington and West Virginia supported the convention resolution.

The committee also decided to change the basis of representation in national conventions subject to ratification by a referendum vote in state conventions or by primaries. The resolution also declared that the committee is empowered and should reduce the representation of southern states in national convention.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Southerners present at the dinner given the republican national committeemen last night by Chairman Charles D. Hilles claimed today to have won a victory in the proposal to reduce the delegates from southern states to national conventions. Their claim was based on a proposal that the committee arrange for voters to ratify whatever action in this connection may be taken at a proposed extraordinary convention of republicans. Action on the proposal to call an extraordinary convention of republicans will be taken, it was believed, at today's formal meeting. If the convention is called, the proposal to change the basis of representation at national conventions, which would lead to a reduction in the proportion of delegates from southern states, will come up. This percentage, according to the present plan of apportioning delegates, would be based on party votes cast in various states. But it also is planned that state party conventions in states where two-thirds of the entire republican vote was cast last year must ratify the proposal.

Friends of Colonel Roosevelt were most active at last night's dinner and laid plans intended to recall him to the leadership of both the republican and progressive parties. The movement was led by former Governor Hadley of Missouri, Senators Cummins and Borah and Ormsby McHarg. They expected much support.

Chairman Hilles appointed them a special committee to change the representation at national conventions without ratification. Senator Borah did not believe this would be done.

"I do not expect the committee will call a special convention," he said, "but think it will change the representation itself, subject to the ratification by state conventions."

The report of the law committee was presented to the national committee by Chairman Charles Warren. It denied the committee's right to change the basis of representation, but sustained its authority to call a special convention.

"The problem," said Warren, "is to prevent the continued division of the members of our party. Let us administer our own corrective and not permit the democratic party to use the position it gained solely by a division in our ranks to destroy the good our party has done in the nation."

Warren favored a convention "to declare its convictions, establish a new basis for representation and prepare to restore a republican congress to a country already anxiously awaiting it."

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—President Huerta was governing without a congress again today, the lawmaking body having adjourned yesterday, as expected, though to April 2 instead of April 1. As the congressmen had been entirely under the dictator's thumb, it was not considered the adjournment would make any difference in the situation.

MURDERER OF THREE LYNCHED IN NORTH DAKOTA

Williston, N. D., Dec. 16.—Overpowering the sheriff and breaking into the jail, a mob lynched Frank Culbertson early today. He had been convicted of murdering three members of a family of the name of Dillon on a farm north of here.

HUNT FOR WRITERS OF CARIBOU SONGS

Washington, Dec. 16.—Secretary of War Garrison was on the trail today of the authors of the songs and skits included in the entertainment at last Thursday's annual banquet of the Caribou Society, which gave so much offense to President Wilson on account of ridicule indulged in at the expense of the army.

In the secretary's demand, those who had charge of the entertainment turned over copies of all manuscript used in connection with the program, so that there would be no difficulty in determining who was responsible. No secret was made of the fact that the army head wants to see whether the offenders can be punished.

The society consists of army and navy officers who have served in the Philippines. Secretary of the Navy Daniels also was conducting an investigation in his department, though just what steps he has taken he did not make public.

To say that the officers whose conduct is being looked into are upset is to express it too mildly. Anger as well as anxiety was voiced by many of them. That their entertainment would be resented seemed never to have occurred to any of them. President Wilson's order for an investigation, with a view to possible reprimands, and his withdrawal from his recently accepted honorary membership in the society fell like a thunder-bolt.

Aside from his objection to the satirical references to his Philippine policy and to members of his cabinet, it was said the president considered the entire entertainment an undignified one for high military and naval officers to take part in.

SALVATION ARMY SHELTER DESTROYED BY FIRE

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—In a fire which destroyed a Salvation Army shelter here early today at least six persons perished, and it was feared that the victims were buried in the ruins. A dozen injured were in local hospitals.

At least 138 persons were asleep in the shelter. Besides the known dead, many others were unaccounted for.

Salvation Army officials said a man who asked accommodation at the shelter recently and for some reason met with a refusal, threatened to "get even."

On the strength of this statement, Fred Meyer, a man of forty, was arrested. He was ordered from the shelter twice last night.

TAKE UNEMPLOYED ARMY TO SACRAMENTO

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Plans to take 10,000 unemployed men to Sacramento within two weeks to petition Governor Johnson to call a special session of the legislature to provide means of employment for jobless men, were announced here today by E. Teesdale, known throughout California as "Roughneck" Teesdale. The slogan of the men, Teesdale said, will be "We will no longer starve in a land of plenty."

Teesdale plans to speak at a street meeting here tonight, when he will call for volunteers. He says he is willing to buy transportation in cattle cars from the railroads to Sacramento for the army of unemployed, but said if this could not be arranged trains will be commandeered for the proposed trip.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors

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Vienna, Dec. 16.—Thirty persons are reported killed and 35 seriously injured today in a railroad wreck near Darnow. An express train collided with a work train carrying 800 men. The cause of the wreck is not known.

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GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS ISSUES TWO PARDONS

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—Governor Dunne today issued pardons to Joshua Tedford and Maurice Enright, both well known men, one under a prison sentence and the other actually serving time in Joliet.

Tedford, a policeman, was convicted in 1906 of spiriting away a witness in a pending trial. He was sentenced to seven years in prison and appealed. The supreme court sustained the verdict, but when its decision arrived in Chicago a clerk pigeon-holed it, leaving Tedford at large on bail. He got work as house detective for the "Hub," one of the biggest clothing stores in the west and rose to the position of its manager.

How his case had been smothered was but recently discovered.

Enright, a Chicago union labor leader, killed a prominent fellow unionist, Vincent Altman, in a labor dispute.

ARRANGE FOR WORK OF PORTLAND UNEMPLOYED

Portland, Dec. 16.—Awakened to the necessity for quick action by a parade of 1,000 unemployed here Sunday, the city commission has today adopted a plan by which about 1,500 men will be given enough work in the park, sewer and water departments to make expenses during the next two and one-half months.

The men will be paid \$3 a day and each will be permitted to work two days a week.

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