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SECOND NOTE TO CARRANZA SEVERE

Mexico's Conduct in Consular Agent Jenkins' Case Is Scored.

[illegible]'s request [illegible] of Consular [illegible]ed at Puebla, the la[illegible]ican note to Mexico, made public here, arraigns the Mexican government's conduct in severe terms and characterizes it as a studied attempt to ensnare the American consular agent in the intricacies of legal proceedi[illegible].

No ultimatum was served and no indication was given of what the American government's course would be if Jenkins is not immediately released.

The note to Mexico begins by saying that the United States declined to be drawn into a judicial discussion of "irrelevant or unimportant matters," and says the request for the consular agent's release is founded on "right and justice."

The United States, the note says, is "constrained to the opinion" that the Carranza arguments that the case is being investigated and that Jenkins has not taken opportunity to be released on bail are "mere excuses."

This government does not admit, the note says, that it is necessary to keep Jenkins in jail while his case is being investigated and this government "fails to discern" that the "intricacies of the Mexican penal law" have been applied with impartial effect to Jenkins.

66TH CONGRESS FACES BIG ISSUES

Washington.—The 66th congress in its first regular session was convened Monday.

The business ahead of the legislators comprises a program rated by leaders as the most important in years, if not in the nation's history, including what are considered some of the most complicated domestic problems ever presented.

The senate is expected to begin work on the Cummins railroad bill and the house on miscellaneous business. House committees will start work on the 16 annual appropriation measures to be enacted before July 1.

While the railroad legislation is before the senate, negotiations toward disposal of the German peace treaty are expected to reach a head, but with leaders on both sides doubtful of final action before the holidays.

The record billion dollar congresses, of ordinary peace times, faded into the past when Secretary Glass, presenting the annual estimates, proposed appropriations of practically five billion dollars for conducting the peace-time activities of the government during the coming fiscal year.

According to these figures it will cost more than five times as much to conduct the peace-time affairs of government as it did in the year immediately preceding the world war.

REDUCTION IN RATES MADE

Schedule of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company Held Exorbitant.

Salem, Or.—Sweeping reductions are made in the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company in the state in an order issued by the public service commission.

The order pronounces the tariff prescribed for the company last August by Postmaster-General Burleson both exorbitant and illegal, and reinstates with slight modifications the tariff prescribed by the commission last May.

The order also directs the company to refund to its patrons all moneys collected under the Burleson tariff in excess of the new rates prescribed, and it is estimated they will total more than $130,000. The order becomes effective today.

Troops Ordered to Kansas Mines.

Topeka, Kan.—Eighteen hundred state and federal troops have been ordered into the Kansas coal fields in connection with the proposed plan to reopen the mines under a state receivership, with volunteer workers. [illegible] of volunteers numbered more [illegible] men, it was declared by the [illegible]

[illegible]and that rocks the cradle is [illegible] hand that may rock the [illegible]

THE SILVER THAW WORKS ITS WILL

Last Saturday afternoon this locality experienced one of those singular visitations of King Winter known as a silver thaw. All morning the weather was "saft," as the Scots say, an Oregon mist prevailing. Suddenly the lower air turned cold and every wet object found itself abruptly encased with ice.

Sunday morning the people awoke to look out upon a world transformed into clearest crystal. Every shrub and tree was a miracle of frostwork; the slightest breeze produced a crisp rattling of icicles as the frozen twigs snapped at its passing.

All through Saturday night the continued noise of cracking branches, breaking poles and snapping wires reminded one of the roar of an approaching tornado. Sunday morning when the sun came out and sufficiently melted the ice so that dropping globules merrily pelted Mother Earth, the scene was quite similar to corn popping from an old-fashioned skillet onto the kitchen floor.

The electric light and telephone systems suffered. Lights went out about ten o'clock Saturday night by reason of many broken wires, and the towns of Athena and Weston were in darkness gloomy and unwelcome until the following Sunday evening. How existence was endured at night by the pioneer residents of these two places until Edison came to their relief with his great illuminant, approached the status of a mystery to the present-day populace.

Some of Athena's shade trees broke down under the weight of ice, and many others lost their limbs in countless numbers. The scene was not unlike war pictures of Argonne wood after fierce artillery practice during the late unpleasantness. A big tree fell in E. C. Roger's yard on Jefferson street, Athena, and narrowly missed a corner of his residence. It was noted that shade trees that had been topped suffered the worst, others being scarcely damaged.

Five telephone poles went down at Weston and no less than 24 lines were put out of action. An ancient box-elder tree in the yard of James H. Price on Water street, having a trunk larger in diameter than a man's body, fell, split through the heart. The tremendous crash accompanying its destruction was distinctly heard by Frank Price, residing on Normal Heights. Thoroughfares were blocked by fallen branches of trees, and Marshal Avery had to get exceedingly busy with an axe in order to clear the way for traffic.

Walla Walla's experience with the silver thaw was similar on a larger scale to that of Athena and Weston. Pendleton did not suffer, save that it found itself in the traditional position of Moses "when the lights went out." A gasoline engine was commissioned by the Tribune in order to get out its Sunday morning edition.

MOTHER OF GEN. ALLENBY

Mrs. Hynman Allenby, eighty-four years of age, mother of Field Marshal Allenby, who gained the highest rank of the British army, and a v[illegible]ty for his splendid victories [illegible] the Turks.

Open Your Mouth and Shut Your Eyes—

ATHENA CIVIC CLUB WILL SPONSOR PUBLIC MARKET

The Civic club met in enthusiastic session Tuesday afternoon in the school auditorium, and after the short business opening the committee on raising funds reported. After discussion the ladies decided on holding a public market as proposed at a former meeting and the plans were laid and committees appointed.

Thanks were due Mr. Rogers, who offered a place in Watts & Rogers' commodious store for the market booths, the committee reported. The market will be held December 20, the Saturday before Christmas.

Committees were appointed by the president, Mrs. McEwen, as follows:

Candy booth—High school girls, under Miss Laura McIntyre.

Rummage sale— Mrs. Hutt, Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Fred Pinkerton.

Cooked food and pastry—Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. McFadden and Mrs. Clinton.

Art and needlework—Mrs. Watts, Mrs. C. H. Smith and Mrs. Boyd.

Vegetables and poultry—Mrs. McEwen, Mrs. Michener, Mrs. Ferguson.

Lunch—Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mrs. C. L. Woodward, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. H. A. Barrett, Mrs. Berlin.

Advertising—Mrs. LeGrow.

These committees are to solicit supplies for the market and will be glad to receive donations of anything salable from the citizens of Athena and vicinity. It is the hope that the people will respond generously, as the funds received will be the nucleus for future betterment of the city.

A short social session followed and two pleasing musical numbers were given by Miss Zola Keen and Mrs. Clinton in a piano duet. A "train puzzler" was presented by the program committee, the meeting ending with pleasing informality.

At the next meeting, which will be held the fourth Tuesday in December, roll call will be answered with a short item of current events.

SENTENCE 2 FOR LURING GIRL

Man and Woman Given Limit in Punishment by Judge in General Sessions.

New York.—Declaring the law in such cases could not be too severe, Judge Wadhams in general sessions sentenced Kate Mabler, 21 years old, of 2[illegible] East Third street, and William Pinkell, 21, of 216 West Seventeenth street, to nine and ten years, respectively, in state's prison on an indictment charging them with luring Rose Bloom, 13 years old, of 280 East Third street, to the woman's apartment on April 4 last.

The girl said she met the woman in front of public school No. 188, Third and Lewis streets, as she was leaving school, and the woman took her to an apartment where she was introduced to Pinkel.

SENATOR NEWBERRY INDICTED BY JURY

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Truman H. Newberry, United States senator from Michigan, was indicted by a United States grand jury here for corruption, fraud and conspiracy in connection with the election by which he obtained his seat in the senate, defeating Henry Ford, his democratic opponent.

With Newberry, 133 other persons were indicted on the same charge. Among those named were H. A. Hopkins, St. Claire, Mich., assistant secretary of the United States senate; John C. Newberry, brother of the senator, Detroit, and Paul H. King of Detroit. King was manager of the Newberry campaign committee.

It was alleged that voters were bribed, election boards corrupted, editors subsidized and moving picture theaters bought up in the endeavor to defeat Henry Ford, first in the primaries of both parties, and later, when he had won the democratic nomination, in the election itself.

Men Entombed Two Weeks Rescued.

Wallace, Idaho.—After being in the Gold Hunter mine at Mullan since Saturday morning, November 15, when they were entombed by a slide of earth, P. P. Grant and Emil Sayko, miners, were rescued Saturday, Nov. 29. Both men were in fairly good condition. Grant and Sayko had been imprisoned more than 14 full days, or 271 hours and five minutes.

War-Time Order on Fuel Issued.

Washington.—War-time restrictions on the nation's use of coal, more stringent than those applied during the war, were ordered into effect to stave off a fuel famine.

ECHO WILL CELEBRATE ITS IRRIGATION ACHIEVEMENT

The Echo Commercial club has sent out an invitation reading as follows:

"The City of Echo is justly proud of the achievement of its citizens in the financing and building of the Teel Irrigation District project, which means the expenditure of one million dollars in this locality and the reclamation of twenty thousand acres of rich land for immediate settlement and use, and thereby adding untold wealth in population and farm products to this county and state.

"Our commercial club is desirous of celebrating the event of this success by inviting all the friends of the project to Echo on the 10th of December, 1919.

"The program of the day will consist of an auto tour of the project and visits to the highly improved farms on adjoining projects. At noon a luncheon will be served by the commercial club and the afternoon will be devoted to music and speaking at the city hall."

THREE GREAT PICTURES AT STANDARD THEATRE

Three great pictures are scheduled for the Standard Theatre within the coming week. Saturday night Bill Hart will appear in The Tiger Man. This is a thrilling story depicted on the screen with Hart in the stellar role, supported by an admirable cast. Also a Sennett two reel comedy.

Sunday night Geraldine Farrar, who has not been at the Standard for some time, will be seen in The Devil Stone, one of Paramount's best pictures. In selecting the star of Joan the Woman, The Woman God Forgot, etc., for the leading part in The Devil Stone, one of the best screen versions of the season has been the result. Pathe News and Lloyd comedy complete the program. For this production and The Tiger Man, both of which are top line programs, the regular prices of admission will prevail.

Tuesday night's regular program brings rollicking Taylor Holmes in It's a Bear!—a stunning comedy drama in five reels, supported by an Arbuckle comedy.

On Wednesday evening Dorothy Phillips, although by no means a stranger to Athena audiences, will make her first appearance at the Standard, when she will appear in the big super-special Northern picture, Paid in Advance, from the book by James Oliver Curwood. This is truly one of the greatest pictures ever filmed in Alaska and gives ample scope for Miss Phillips' superlative talent. It's a six-reel super special which with a two-reel Westerner (something new here) nets an eight reel show at 25c and 50c admission prices.

THREE PROPOSALS A WEEK

Girl Sobs When New York Canteen Closes—"Boys Were So Nice," She Says.

New York.—The Pershing club canteen here has closed. With the end, gloom was spread over the countenances of the girls who served in the canteen. But especially gloomy was the countenance and especially mournful was the voice of Amelia Reeves.

"What's the matter?" a reporter asked, fearing there was a death in the family.

"Nothing—oh, nothing," sobbed Amelia, "only——"

"Only what?"

"Oh, the boys were so nice!" she answered.

"Well, that oughtn't to be anything to feel so bad about," consoled the reporter.

"There won't be any more of them here," said Miss Reeves, "and—and—so many of them proposed to me!"

"This is serious," said the reporter.

"Oh, no, nothing serious; only it was such fun being proposed to so often."

"How often?"

"On an average of three a week since July 1," replied the young lady, resorting to a handkerchief.

CHRISTMAS SEALS ARE IN DEMAND

In every section of Oregon the Christmas Seal sale is reported be opening with an enthusiasm and generosity that promise success. The entire state is well organized and from the tiniest community and most obscure rural school to the largest city and leading colleges the gay little Christmas stickers will be offered for sale from now until December 20. For larger subscribers who do not care to use all the seals, health bonds in denominations of $5, $10, $20, $50 and $100 have been issued, each one bearing twelve coupons representing the work of the Tuberculosis Association for the twelve months of the year.

Oregon's budget is $44,260. The thing that has struck a responsive chord in the hearts of loyal Oregonians is the fact that this money is to be spent in building up the health of the State of Oregon. During the past year the expenditure of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association included the salary and traveling expenses of a field nurse, the salary and traveling expenses of one nurse who gives her entire time to follow-up care of 641 discharged tuberculous soldiers and rejected civilians; salaries and expenses of four public health nurses making demonstrations of county health public nursing; salary of nurse and matron at Open Air Schol; cost of food at Open Air School; cost of food at Open Air public health nursing at University of Oregon; pledged $500 to public health program in extension division of the University of Oregon; cost of supplies of Modern Health Crusade; literature, poster exhibits, bulletins, slides; relief of patients; cost of special county surveys, and legislative campaigns.

Athena's quota is $100. The local Red Cross, under the direction of its chairman, Mrs. F. S. LeGrow, has accepted responsibility for the Seal sale for Athena, and looks with confidence to the community for its usual generous response.

Sold for $300 an Acre.

J. M. Swaggart writes from Baker, Oregon, giving the exact figure he received for 125 acres of land in his recent deal with J. H. Key. Milt sold 125 acres west of the county road to Mr. Key, he says, for $300 per acre, or $37,500, and also retained the lease money. He claims the distinction of receiving more money per acre for land than anyone else in Umatilla county. He continues to hold 33 acres of his Lamar gulch place.

Find Curiosity Shop in Man's Insides

Boston.—Discovery of a human "curiosity shop" was announced by officers of the house of correction at Deer island. Charles W. Buzzell of Montreal, serving a sentence of one year for forgery, complained of indigestion.

In his stomach a doctor found parts of a dog chain two feet long, part of a safety razor blade, a suspender buckle, 179 pieces of glass, bits of hay baling wire, staples, nails and screws.

This collection was for purposes of suicide, not amusement or profit, according to Dr. L. C. Rockwell.

Division of German Fleet Decided On.

Paris.—The supreme council adopted the British suggestion for partition of the German war fleet. Under the arrangement Great Britain will receive 70 per cent of the total tonnage, France 10 per cent, Italy 10 per cent, Japan 8 per cent and the United States 2 per cent.

Johannesburg Now Metropolis.

Johannesburg, with a population of 263,274, is the largest and most cosmopolitan city in South Africa. The tastes of the people are varied, ranging from the simplest requirements on the part of the natives to the most cultivated wants. Music of some form is one of the means of satisfying these wants.

How does it happen that immediately after the war the amiable allies found it impossible to reach agreement upon anything?

CONGRESS RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Budget, New Tax and Tariff Systems Included Among Recommendation.

Washington.—General recommendations on legislation to combat the cost of living, labor unrest, radicalism and a readjustment of the nation to peace time basis were the features of President Wilson's annual message to congress delivered Tuesday.

The peace treaty, the president told congress, will be discussed in a separate message later, as will the railroad question.

For the second time only since the president established the practice of addressing congress in person, his message was read by the clerks.

Seven Important Recommendations.

The president's principal recommendations were:

Establishment of a budget system for the national finances.

Reorganization of the taxation system with simplification of the income and excess profits.

Readjustment of the tariff system, if necessary, to meet changed world conditions and make the system conform with the fact that the United States is "the greatest capitalist in the world."

Recognition and relief for veteran soldiers of the world war particularly in the way of government farms as proposed by Secretary Lane.

Proper measures to foster the dyestuff industry built up during the war to keep the United States independent of foreign supply.

An enlarged program for rural development, in recognition of the farmers' part in the war.

Measures which "will remove the causes" of "political restlessness in our body politic."

Causes of Unrest Superficial

The president made his most extensive reference to the peace treaty by saying the causes for the unrest "are superficial rather than deep-seated" and that they "arise from or are connected with the failure on the part of our government to arrive speedily at a just and permanent peace permitting return to normal conditions, from the transfusion of radical theories from seething European centers pending such delay, from heartless profiteering resulting from the increase of the cost of living, and lastly from the machinations of passionate and malevolent agitators.

"With the return to normal conditions this unrest will rapidly disappear."

Would Curb Agitators.

The president renewed his recommendations for legislation to deal effectively with "those persons who by violent methods would abrogate our time-tested institutions."

Several recommendations, some renewals of previous ones, were made by the president to bring down the cost of living. Among them were extension of the food control law to peace times for the emergency, regulations for transportation of foods in interstate commerce, a cold storage law modeled after the law in New Jersey, a law requiring marks to show the length of time foods are kept in storage and a law to secure "competitive selling and prevent unconscionable profits," by federal license of corporations selling food in interstate commerce.

'FLU' SPREAD BY HANDSHAKE

Dirtier the Atmosphere, the More Immune One Is to Disease, Says Colonel Vaughn.

St. Louis, Mo.—There is no indication of an epidemic of influenza this winter, according to speakers at the convention of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States here.

One method of spreading the disease is by handshaking, it was said.

Col. Victor C. Vaughn, in an address, declared the dirtier the atmosphere and the more bacteria one breathed, the more immune he would be to disease. This was proved, he said, by statistics compiled during the war, which showed that the greatest death rate from disease was among men from rural districts.

"The city-reared man," he asserted, "is accustomed to breathing filthy air, while the country-bred man is not, and consequently a foul atmosphere will affect the latter sooner than the former."

As usual, those reductions of 10 to 12 per cent in food prices are all in some other states.