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MEXICAN LAND ACTS PROTESTED BY U. S.

Ambassador Sheffield Files Objections to New Anti- Alien Land Law

Washington, D. C.—The delicate status of relations between the United States and Mexico became increasingly plain with disclosure that Ambassador Sheffield had filed formal protest with the Mexican foreign office against retroactive provisions of the two new Mexican laws known as the petroleum and anti-alien land acts.

Estimates of the aggregate value of American investments in Mexico jeopardized by these enactments, taken at their face value, run as high as \$500,000,000.

State department officials refused to make public the communication presented by Ambassador Sheffield. It is known to have been strongly phrased, although there is nothing to show it indicated what course the Washington government would pursue if unable to obtain for its nationals the protection to which they are held to be entitled.

The right of protection is regarded here as indisputable, both under accepted international law and under pledges made by Mexico to the United States during the conference in 1923 which paved the way for American recognition of that government.

The protest is the culmination of a long series of representations which began last fall when the land and petroleum laws were proposed by President Calles to the Mexican congress.

Mexico City.—It is reported unofficially that Foreign Minister Saenz will send a note on to United States Ambassador Sheffield in reply to the ambassador's formal protest against the retroactive features of the new Mexican anti-alien land law. This law and the new petroleum act are held to violate pledges given the United States at the time that country accorded recognition to Mexico.

It is said here, however, that it is the purpose of the Mexican government to maintain its sovereign right under the Mexican constitution to enact without foreign interference any legislation it may desire.

FARM PLEAS TAKEN UP IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C.—The corn belt farmers brought their grievances to Washington Monday and both the Coolidge administration and the leaders in congress bestirred themselves to provide some method of farm relief.

Secretary Jardine of the agriculture department, who recently indorsed in principle a surplus marketing bill drafted by western members of congress called into conference a group of agricultural editors and others prominent in farm organizations and sought their advice as to details of the troublesome surplus crop problem.

The house agriculture committee was called together to hear the opinions of other westerners, and the senate agriculture committee, at its first meeting since congress convened, began to piece out the beginnings of a relief program of its own.

Before his conference with the farm editors got under way, Secretary Jardine went to the capitol to appear as the first witness before the house agriculture committee. He gave his approval to the McNary-Haughen bill, to establish a division of co-operative marketing in the department of agriculture.

COURT ACTION INDICATED

Amending Rules to Pass on Vetoed Bills Twice, Cause.

Olympia, Wash.—Early court action over the legislative procedure by which the vetoes of the educational measure were reconsidered and overthrown is indicated by the preparation of transcripts of the house journal, now going forward.

The measures in controversy are bills increasing the millage for the state institutions of higher education and providing additional funds for the institutions over appropriations contained in the general budget bill. The governor's veto of the bills were first sustained in the house but later overthrown after the rules had been amended to allow reconsideration of a veto by which a veto had been sustained. The senate overrode the vetoes on the first vote.

ATHENA HAS RADIO NIGHT AT WALLA WALLA STATION

Athena will broadcast a program from radio station KOWW at Walla Walla Friday evening January 29. Victor Hirsch, who has charge of arrangements, has asked the Etude club to present an entertainment for one hour. The program follows:

Chorus, "Amaryllis" Edmund Parlow, "Rainbow Song" Elizabeth Gest Etude club; Piano duet, "The Dragon fighters" B. Hoffman, Mrs. Lawrence Pinkerton and Mrs. Max Hopper; Vocal solo, "Mrs. Otha Reeder"; Vocal trio, "By the waters of Minnetonka" Thurlow Lieurance and "To a Wild Rose" Edward McDowell, Mrs. David Stone, Miss Edna Pinkerton and Mrs. R. B. McEwen; Mixed chorus "Serenade" from operetta "The Belle of Barcelona"; Vocal solo, Mrs. David Stone; Vocal duet, "Smilin' Thru" Mrs. I. L. Michener, Miss Merle Best; Mixed double quartet, Mrs. David Stone, Mrs. Floyd Pinkerton, Mrs. Arthur Douglas, Mrs. R. B. McEwen, Victor Hirsch, C. M. Eager, Justin Harwood; Vocal solo, "Pickaninny Kid" Miss Edna Pinkerton; Piano duet, "A la bien Aimee" Mrs. O. O. Stephens and Mrs. R. B. McEwen; Chorus "Afloat at Dusk" Barnes, and "Rockin' in de Wind" Neidinger Etude club.

This program will be followed by an hour of dance music by the Jolly Joy-Makers orchestra, the personnel of which is piano, Victor Hirsch, Fred Kershaw and Ray Jones, banjo, Leonard Johnson, rums, Justin Harwood. Miss Katherine McIntyre will sing several solos with orchestra accompaniment and the Legion quartette will appear in several numbers by Victor Hirsch-Justin Harwood, Bryce Baker and Penn Harris.

A short talk on Athena will be given by M. L. Watts. The Preston Shaffer Milling company will offer a sack of American Beauty flour, with all charges prepaid to the person farthest away who hears this program.

R. B. McEwen will be announcer for the evening.

COMMERCE BODY UPHOLDS PORTLAND DIFFERENTIAL

The interstate commerce commission has upheld the differential in favor of Portland on freight rates applied to grain and grain products from the Columbia basin to the ocean ports of the Pacific northwest, refusing to disturb the rulings which it had laid down in the Inland Empire Shippers' league case of 1921.

In that decision rates from the basin territory to Portland were held prejudicial to the extent that they exceeded 90 per cent of the rates then in effect between basin points and Puget sound ports and Astoria. Rates to Portland then in existence were decreased by 5 per cent and those to Puget sound points and Astoria increased by the same proportion. It was the differential thus established which the commission upheld.

STORE AND STOCK BURN

The starting from the explosion of a gasoline stove, the grocery store of John S. Vinson at Freewater, was badly damaged by fire, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Vinson, who is 80 years old, had a narrow escape from perishing in the fire. He was overcome by smoke and fumes and only the timely arrival of Jim West, who saw the old gentleman reel and fall, saved him. West smashed through the door and carried Mr. Vinson out on the street. No insurance was carried on either building or stock.

BANK OFFICERS ELECTED

The stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena held their annual meeting Tuesday evening when the following officers and directors were elected to succeed themselves; E. H. Leonard President; M. L. Watts Vice-president; F. S. LeGrow Cashier; Max Hopper Assistant Cashier; Directors, Henry Dell, M. W. Hansell, F. S. LeGrow, M. L. Watts, E. H. Leonard.

OLD MANUSCRIPT

Of interest to music lovers will be the fact that Mrs. Belle Barnett who is employed at the Athena Hotel is the proud possessor of a copy of "When you and I were young Maggie" which was written by the composer with pen and ink. Mrs. Barnett was only twelve years old when she received the manuscript.



FREDERICK STEIWER
Republican Candidate for
United States Senator

RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE EAGLE HOLLOW EXTENSION

With the rights of way for the extension of the Eagle Hollow road to connect with the Thorn Hollow road practically all secured, and filed with the county court, the Athena Commercial Association has about wound up its market road program for 1925-26.

Through its road committee, comprised of Homer I. Watts, Alex McIntyre and Tim McBride, the Athena Commercial Association instigated and worked for the completion of the Wild Horse market road, of which the Eagle-Thorn Hollow road is an extension.

The Association was also behind the newly laid out road leading north from Athena, on which recent grading work and changing of fence locations has taken place.

Another piece of road activity in which the Association was interested was three miles of improvement on the Athena-Helix road, leading west from the city. However this road improvement was set up in the 1925 schedule, and it was the first work the county undertook, after moving the equipment here last spring.

PHOTOPLAY PROGRAM

The Standard Theatre offers two good photoplays for its week-end programs. Tomorrow night Douglas MacLean appears in the uproarious, funny feature-length comedy, "Introduce Me." MacLean will be remembered by Standard patrons in the "Hottentot" and "Going Up." Sunday night, Wesley Barry, freckles and all will be seen in "Battling Bunny" his latest picture. News and review reels, as usual.

POULTRY SHOW

Postponement of the Walla Walla Poultry Show to Tuesday, January 19, has been announced. The show will be held in the Denny building as previously announced but will not open until a week later. The ribbons to be awarded prize winners in the show have arrived. Professor Casseels of Washington State College is to be the judge.

OREGON WHEAT GROWERS TELL CONFERENCE PLANS

Managing the eastern Oregon wheat farm, tillage and production practice, grading, handling and transportation, world supply and demand, with finance and credits for conduct of the industry, are headlines of the conference on economics of wheat production and marketing to be held at Moro, Sherman county, February 11 to 13. Growers, research and extension workers and banking, transportation and warehousing representatives, will join in working out the big problem.

Each of the foregoing subjects will be treated by a committee under a leading wheat grower as chairman. The secretary of the farm management committee is R. W. Morse, agent of Morrow county, of the tillage committee, D. E. Stephens, superintendent of the Moro experiment station; of the grading committee, G. R. Hyslop, professor of farm crops at O. A. C.; and of world supply, L. R. Brothaupt, extension specialist in marketing and economics.

These committees the personnel of which include Umatilla county men, will map out their respective problems, assemble all available information on them, lay the facts before the conference, give their own views on the subjects and ask those of the growers, and seek to work out conclusions representing the majority views of their special groups. On the last day of the conference these agreements will be placed before the general conference.

The chairmen of the subcommittees form a general committee with E. R. Jackman, farm crops specialist of the extension service, as chairman. The general plan of conference proceedings is as follows:

Brief general sessions opening day; sub-committee discussions and action on reports; reports filed with general secretary in written form; approval of reports by subcommittees; and final consideration of reports by entire conference.

QUENTIN HAYNIE DEAD

Quentin Haynie, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haynie, former Athena residents died at the family home in Bend, last Friday after a short illness from diphtheria. While living in Athena, Quentin attended the public schools, and his sunny disposition made him a favorite with everyone, and after leaving here he kept up correspondence with his young friends for awhile. The Haynie home at Bend is under quarantine, but it is not known whether other members of the family are afflicted with the disease.

MRS. BAKER DIES

Funeral services for the late Mrs. M. A. Baker of Adams, who died on Monday at the home of her sons, were held Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock from the Adams community church. Interment was made in Athena Cemetery.



W. C. ALDERSON
Republican Candidate for Superintendent
of Public Instruction

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

W. C. Alderson, superintendent of schools of Multnomah county is out with his announcement as republican candidate for the office of state superintendent of public instruction. The following data will inform you as to who Mr. Alderson is:

Son of Rev. C. Alderson, pioneer Methodist minister.

Educated in public schools of Oregon.

Graduate of Willamette University. Taught in rural schools of Crook, Linn and Marion counties.

Elected to principalship in Portland schools in 1893 serving sixteen years in that capacity. Taught four years in the Lincoln high school. Served three years as superintendent of St. John's schools.

Now serving third term as superintendent of Multnomah county schools. President of the Oregon State Teachers' Association 1920-21.

Elected vice-president of the National Education Association at Indianapolis last July.

Religion—Methodist.
Politics—Republican.
Fraternalities—Member of the Grange, Woodman, Shrine, Knights of Pythias, Elks, Grotto, and Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

WOULD APPRECIATE SNOW

While no danger to the growing wheat from cold weather to date has been reported, in the opinion of farmers a good snowfall at this time would be of much benefit in the way of moisture, besides relieving apprehension of damage from a hard freeze, which is liable to come any time.

RAY LOGAN MARRIED

Ray Logan, formerly of Athena, was united in marriage to Mrs. Ida M. Warren of Puyallup, Washington, at Albany, Oregon, December 31. Mr. and Mrs. Logan will make their home at Valley Springs, California where Mr. Logan is employed in the construction department of the Western Union Telegraph company.

LIMITING TRUCK LOADS IS UPHELD BY THE COURT

Federal Circuit Judge Gilbert and District Judges Wolverton and Bean have denied an injunction, sought by automobile stage and truck lines restraining the state highway commission from enforcing its recent order limiting the capacity load on the Columbia highway from the east line of Multnomah county to Hood River to 16,500 pounds. Not only was the restraining order denied but the court dismissed the suit upon motion of the state highway commission.

The plaintiff companies contended in their complaint that the order of the state body was in conflict with the constitution and the laws governing federal aid to highway construction. The constitutional aspect of the state called for the three judges to sit en banc to hear the argument. The hearing was held on November 25.

The court held that there was no question but that the highway commission had the right to limit the load to 22,000 pounds, which was the previous capacity, and by the same token could reduce it to a lower figure if warranted. The decision has been eagerly awaited by truck owners and operators as well as the highway operators.

The order of the commission was passed on August 28, 1925. Members of the commission are William Dube of Baker, chairman; H. B. Van Duzer, Portland, and Wade H. Malone, Corvallis.

The plaintiffs were R. B. Morris, doing business as Morris & Lowther; H. E. Hewitt, and Lew Numamaker, doing business as the John Day freight line; H. L. Livingston, doing business as the Bend-Portland Transit company and the Portland-Hood River Truck Line, Inc.

FARMERS WILL FIGHT A POWER FRANCHISE

Walla Walla Union: The application of the Pacific Power & Light company for a 50-year franchise in portions of the county west and south of Walla Walla, which is to be heard by the county commissioners on February 1, will meet strenuous opposition from the farmers of the districts affected, it developed at a meeting of the executive committee of the county farm bureau, at its first meeting of the year, held at the court yesterday afternoon.

The opinion expressed at the meeting was unanimous in favor of making a vigorous protest against issuance of the franchise. The farmers were particularly incensed, it was stated, at the policy of the power company in asking a bonus from property owners in the country as a prerequisite to consideration of extending power lines to sections interested.

A committee was named to appear before the commissions and fight the applications for the franchise to the last ditch. H. A. Reynolds was chosen chairman of the committee. The other members will be named by Mr. Reynolds.

COLUMBIA OIL WELL

According to reports from the Columbia Oil Basin company well at Attalia the old casing is being brought out in good shape and the new casing soon will be in place so that drilling for oil can continue. The drillers, say the Attalia News Tribune, encountered trouble when the old casing which they had brought to the top of the hole, parted at a joint just below the top, and fell to the bottom of the hole. No damage resulted however and the work of removing the three inch pipe is now progressing.

WISH CARRIED OUT

Complying with the wishes expressed in his will, the body of Andy Smith, head coach of the football team of the University of California, who died at Philadelphia, will be sent to Berkeley, California. The body will there be cremated and the ashes scattered over the stadium of the university from which the noted coach turned out many championship teams.

PILOT ROCK PIONEER

James Hawke, aged 70, for forty years a resident of the Pilot Rock country, died Monday. Saturday he was stricken with apoplexy and was unconscious up to the time of his death.

RECLAMATION WORK FAVORED BY HOUSE

Appropriation Bill, Carrying \$7,000,000 for Next Fiscal Year is Approved.

Washington, D. C.—The reclamation section of the interior department appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$7,000,000 for reclamation work for the next fiscal year, was approved by the house.

Western members offered a number of amendments, but the majority of them were rejected.

No serious conflict over the land settlement and other restrictions written into the bill developed on the floor. This battle has been reserved for a later date, when the measure reaches the senate.

Western senators have been considering the action they should take and a movement is on foot to rewrite the limiting provisions under which they say it is hopeless to expect any new project to be built for a long time to come.

The need for legislation which will mean real development instead of locked up appropriations will be urged on President Coolidge, and some of the republican leaders of both senate and house are said to be inclined to believe the time has come to do something about the complaints that reclamation is being strangled.

Revision Sought. Undismayed by the heavy voting odds against them, the democratic members of the house are redoubling their efforts to break down the present republican tariff.

Many tariff revision bills have been introduced and referred to committees.

One by Representative Hull, democrat, Tennessee, would repeal the 10 per cent levy on imported rubber tires. A series by Representative Weller, democrat, New York, would restore the old democratic Underwood rates on livestock, grain and poultry products.

A bill to permit manufacture and sale of 2.75 per cent alcoholic beverages was introduced by Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, republican representative of California.

WHEAT HOLDINGS LARGE

Forty Per Cent of Northwest Wheat Crop is Unsold.

Portland, Or.—Forty per cent of the wheat crop of the Pacific northwest is still unsold, according to reports received from the different sections. In the Wasco and Morrow districts of Oregon not over 30 per cent is left in farmers' hands. Umatilla county Oregon has about 35 per cent of the crop unsold. In the Walla Walla country it is estimated that one-third of the crop is left. Throughout the Palouse, Camas Prairie and parts of the Big Bend farmers still own about half of the wheat they harvested. In addition to farmers' holdings much wheat is held in the country by dealers and by mills against flour they have sold.

On the basis of a 70,000,000-bushel crop in Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho, the supply in first hands now amounts to about 25,000,000 bushels. Of this quantity probably 13,000,000 bushels will be milled or required for seed, and it is estimated that California will take 2,000,000 bushels between now and the new crop. This will leave some 13,000,000 bushels to be exported or shipped east from the northwest.

Tax reduction of \$500,000,000 this year, or approximately \$170,000,000 more than provided by the house revenue bill, was proposed in a program drafted by the democratic members of the senate finance committee.

While accepting the reduction in the maximum surtax rate from 40 to 20 per cent, the plan announced by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking democrat on the committee, would increase the reductions voted by the house for incomes between \$22,000 and \$100,000.

The senate finance committee, by a strictly party vote of 10 to seven, threw out the \$500,000,000 tax cut proposals of the democratic minority and wrote into the bill the complete republican schedule of normal and surtax rates as passed by the house.

Senator Simmons announced he would make a fight on the senate floor for the boosting of the 20 per cent surtax minimum to 25 per cent because the republicans turned down his proposal for increasing the rate in the \$20,000 to \$100,000 bracket.

His Annual Stunt

