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Coolidge Is Backing Nicaraguan Policies

President's Message to Congress Declares Duty to Protect Americans.

Washington, D. C.—In a special message to congress, President Coolidge minced no words in telling where he stands on the Nicaraguan crisis.

Laying bare the facts which underlie the government's policy, the president told house and senate that he was acting, not only to preserve American lives and property, but to protect the interests of this government itself, whether assailed by internal strife or "outside interference."

And he made it plain that the government is convinced the "outside interference comes from Mexico."

The president detailed how the Sacasa faction, seeking to upset the Diaz government, which had been recognized and supported by the United States, has been armed by munitions from Mexico, some of which bear evidence of having come from the Mexican government itself, and gave notice that he intended to use all his power to protect "all American interests."

Throughout his message, which was sent to the capitol by messenger and read by clerks in both houses, the president emphasized the inclusiveness of his policy to "protect" all American interests, Americans, with their lives and property; the rights of the United States government in its treaties providing for a Nicaraguan canal route; the rights to a naval base in the bay of Fonseca and the stability of Central America all are included.

WASHINGTON SOLONS GATHER IN OLYMPIA

Olympia, Wash.—The 20th legislature of the state of Washington convened at noon Monday for the regular biennial 60-day session. The senate was called to order by W. Lon Johnson, lieutenant-governor, and the house by Arthur W. Calder, chief clerk. Ralph Metcalf, Pierce county senator, was elected president pro tempore of the senate, and Ralph R. Knapp, King county representative speaker of the house. There was no contest for either place. The personnel of senate and house employees will be practically the same as in the special session of last winter.

Victor Zedinek of Seattle was re-elected secretary, and Arthur W. Calder of Vancouver was re-elected chief clerk of the house.

Disagreeing with recommendations of Governor Hartley, expressed in messages, speeches and statements during his administration, the timber report prepared by the legislative investigation committee was presented to both houses of the legislature.

ATTACKS DRY CHIEF

Former Administrator of Boise Declares His Hands Were Tied.

Boise, Idaho.—Charging General Lincoln C. Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement in the United States, with failure to give his administrators a free hand in the carrying out of enforcement of the Volstead act, Elias Marsters of Boise, resigned administrator of the 19th district, issued a statement in which he bitterly attacks the federal policies which forced him to resign. The 19th district includes the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Marsters sent in his resignation, declaring he did so because of disagreement with Andrews. Another reason is believed to have been the desire by Andrews to move the 19th district headquarters from Boise after its removal here from Helena, Mont., several months ago, a removal which Andrews himself ordered.

Oregon Trail Monument Site Asked. Washington, D. C.—A grant of 40 acres near Boise, Idaho, to the Oregon Trail Memorial association to erect a monument marking the site of Fort Hall was requested in a bill introduced in congress by Representative Smith, republican, Idaho.

Inquiry on Disfranchisement Ordered. Washington, D. C.—Investigation into the sale of patronage in the south and the alleged disfranchisement of negroes were ordered by the senate judiciary sub-committee.

Killing a Cat Costs Hoffman \$7.50 In Court and \$25 For Charity

Interest in Judge Richards' court this week centered in a complaint made by J. M. Patterson against Herman Hoffman, in which Patterson charged Hoffman with killing his cat.

Tuesday afternoon the case was on the verge of coming to trial when Patterson and Hoffman got together and compromised. The matter was settled by Hoffman paying \$7.50 court costs, and further consenting to a stipulation made by Patterson that he fork over \$25 to the court to be used for charity at the court's discretion.

Hoffman entered no denial to killing Patterson's cat, but seemed to leave the impression with the judge that cat-killing was merely a diversion, in face of the fact that killing felines is punishable by law, the penalty being \$50 to \$500 fine, and also jail sentence is provided for in the statutes. In the closing scenes, the judge enlightened Mr. Hoffman with one of his characteristic fifteen minute lectures.

Patterson apparently evinced no vindictiveness or animosity toward Hoffman, merely being satisfied to impress on him that cats are personal property, and as such are within protective provisions of the law insofar as indiscriminate destruction is concerned.

Green Estes Suddenly Dies of Heart Failure

Green Estes of this city, and well known at Pendleton and Arlington, where he had property interests, died at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton, at three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, of heart failure.

While on the street, Mr. Estes became suddenly ill. He was removed to the hospital, and passed away a few minutes after his arrival there. Up to the time he was stricken, it is said that Mr. Estes had experienced no serious physical ailment in recent years, with the exception of slight indications of blood pressure.

Mr. Estes was past 60 years of age. Funeral services will be held today at 2 p. m., at Pendleton. He is survived by his widow, who resides at Athena; four brothers, Charles and Claude Estes of Durkee, Oregon; Louis of Arlington, and John of Pendleton; two sisters, Mrs. Della Fuller of Butte, Montana, and Mrs. Letha Mulkey of Spokane.

Pythians and Families Enjoy Social Gathering

Members of Pythian Lodge, Knights of Pythias, their families and invited guests enjoyed a social meeting last evening at the hall. A fine dinner was spread in the dining room and partaken of early in the evening. Entertainment for the evening was offered in the rendition of the following program:

Selections.....
.....Jolly Joy Maker's Orchestra
Piano Duet.....
.....Lois Johnson and Edna DePreece
Vocal Solo.....C. M. Lager
Reading.....Ralph McEwen Jr.
Songs with Ukelele accompaniment.....
.....Miss Mary Jane Cornelison
Musical Reading.....Mrs. C. M. Lager
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. P. B. McEwen
Vocal Duet.....
.....Miss Pearl Ramsey and Miss Edna Pinkerton
Reading.....Miss Mildred Bateman
Vocal Solo.....Miss Lorenz: Terry
Piano Duet.....
.....Mrs. Lawrence Pinkerton and Mrs. O. O. Stephens.

Substitutions At Bout. Three substitutions featured in the boxing bout at Walla Walla, Wednesday night. Eddie Sheldon of Spokane, substituting for Tony Talericco against Tiny Hayes, took the count in the first round of the last match. Kenneth Kent won the semi-final over Billie Moore, substituting for Pete Mitchie of Athena. Young Pircop won over Guy Smith of Prescott, and Billy Bond took the decision over Guy Mosier, who substituted for Kid Shelton and Eddie Moorehouse won over Cliff Crawford.

Turkey Growers Banquet. Pilot Rock turkey raisers will have a banquet under auspices of the Pilot Rock Commercial club, Tuesday evening. Prominent speakers will be present for the occasion, at which time the turkey-growing industry of the Pilot Rock district will be discussed in general.

Kelley's Lost Plane Makes Safe Landing

Flying Ace and Passenger Laugh at Death Air Frolic.

Hero of one more air frolic with death—a frolic taken for the sake of a lost youth on Mount Hood—Lieutenant Oakley G. Kelley, in company with Captain John M. Stanley, Friday soared safely back to Pearson field, Vancouver, Washington, together to laugh over the hair-raising experiences he and Stanley encountered, says the Oregon Journal.

Even Kelly, Kelly of the first famous non-stop cross-country flight and various other feats in the air, had to admit that the journey had been filled with plenty of thrills.

"We left Vancouver at about 1:45 Wednesday," the lieutenant said, "after eating a sandwich or two—we'd have eaten more if we had known how long it was to be until the next meal. Then we started out with Mount Hood standing invitingly clear to the east."

"Yet that good visibility was only a blind, I guess, for we only had taken three or four turns around the west side of the mountain when the storm came up, crashing in suddenly and unexpectedly from the southwest."

"The worst moment," Kelly continued, "was when we were caught above Lost Lake. Then I surely thought we were 'goners.' We seemed to be scraping the tops of the trees and I was busy just whirling the tail of my ship around to avoid hitting things. We were caught between two layers of fog and there seemed to be little hope of getting out of the position. Just at this moment, though, a slit opened to the east and through it I could see the side of Mount Hood, looming dangerously close. There was only one thing to do and we did it, going through that narrow opening and praying we wouldn't hit the mountain."

The opening was negotiated without mishap and the plane then traveled along the north side of the mountain. Parkdale residents heard its whir as it headed east. It was when we reached the Blue mountain region that we saw a ridge and decided to take our chances in reaching the earth. Both of us were about ready to get out and walk at that time."

Below them they could see a tiny field, plowed in irregular patches and with a pile of rocks at one end. In to this field the plane was headed, it struck the soft earth, narrowly missed the rocks and stopped.

Bank Wrecker Pardoned. Governor Pierce announced a full pardon for Chester Kubli, Jacksonville bank wrecker, three conditional pardons and 14 commutations of sentences.

Boy Seriously Injured When Ford Roadster Skids off the Highway

A ford roadster driven by Armond Bell skidded from the pavement on the highway between town and the Dudley place, and turned bottom up in the ditch, Wednesday morning, wrecking the top and seriously injuring Walter Edger, who with his little sister Morine, was riding with Armond.

The youngsters were on their way from their homes to school when the accident occurred. Making the turn at the Dudley place from the macadam to the hardsurface, which lay icy and slick under two inches of new snow, the Ford slid off the highway into the ditch, before young Bell realized what was happening.

The Edger boy had a severe cut on the nose and face, which necessitated several stitches to be taken by Dr. Cowan, who dressed the injury. The boy manfully stood the pain during the process of stitching the wound, without a murmur. The little girl escaped with only slight bruises, as likewise did Armond Bell.

Those who saw the roadster immediately after the accident, expressed wonder that the occupants were not more seriously hurt, for the top was practically demolished, the windshield completely shattered and the rim of the steering wheel was wrenched off.

Graduate From U. of O. Becomes Famous Painter

Of interest to University of Oregon graduates is the forthcoming art exhibits of Mrs. L. K. Jacobs, formerly Leonobel Kays of Eugene, which are planned for Seattle and Portland.

Mrs. Jacobs has had several exhibits in New York and has won fame as a portrait painter, having made likenesses of President Harding, Prince Tokugawa of Japan, Mrs. Wellington Koo, wife of the Chinese minister to England, Mrs. Coolidge and Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth.

Among the pictures is one of the deposed monarch of China, who still calls herself the Empress of the Manchus. Mrs. Jacobs has recently returned from a three years residence in China which she found an ideal place for the artist despite the chaotic economic political conditions.

First National Officers. At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Athena held Tuesday afternoon, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: E. H. Leonard president; M. L. Watts vice-president; F. S. Le Grow cashier; Max Hopper assistant cashier; E. H. Leonard, M. L. Watts, F. S. Le Grow, M. W. Hansell, Henry Dell directors.

A meeting of the county Grange is scheduled for Weston, January 20, at which time County Lecturer Mrs. Lida Thorne and other prominent speakers, including Ray Gill, of Portland will address the meeting.

The Commercial Club Takes New Members

Committee Has 40 Names Added to Roll—Election of Officers.

The committee appointed to solicit new members to the Athena Commercial Association, reported through its Chairman, O. O. Stephens at the meeting Tuesday evening, that 40 new names had been added to the membership roll. This number brings the membership of the Association up to a creditable showing. The new members enrolled by the committee are for the most part among the young men of Athena and vicinity.

For a long time past the billiard, pool and card tables have not been used, and in fact the social privileges of the Association have not been exercised in the least. The drive for new members was made with the idea of promoting growth of the Association, by taking advantage of its social possibilities.

At Tuesday night's meeting more members were present, including a host of new ones, than there has been in attendance at any Association meeting in the past two years.

The annual meeting of the Association will be held next Tuesday evening, at which time election of new officers will be held, and committees for the ensuing year will be appointed.

A. H. Luna Passes At the Age of 80 Years

A. H. Luna, formerly a blacksmith engaged in business at Athena, died Monday at the home of his son, Eber Luna, in Lewiston, Idaho, at the age of 80 years, five months and 10 days. The remains were accompanied to Athena Wednesday by Mr. and Mrs. Eber Luna, and Mr. Jesse Puster. Funeral services were conducted at Miller's funeral room by Rev. Phillips of the Christian church at 10 o'clock a. m.

Mr. Luna passed away suddenly, death resulting from chronic neuritis. For many years the deceased resided in Athena, where he raised his family. His wife, two sons and one daughter preceded him to the grave. Surviving are Eber Luna, Lewiston, Idaho; Ira Luna, California; Mrs. Gertrude Woods, Wichita, Kansas.

Fire Destroys Barn

Fire from unknown cause destroyed a barn on the Harold Barnett place, southeast of Athena, one night this week. The fire remains a mystery, as the barn was located a half mile from the road and was unoccupied. A harvester owned by Ralph Allen was destroyed and also a quantity of chaff stored there for feed. According to Will Kirk, this is the sixth barn burned in the past three years in that district.

Athena Boys and Girls' Win From Weston—Pilot Rock Tonight

The Athena basket ball teams met Weston on the local floor Friday evening. Both games were rather one sided, Athena winning the girls' game by a score of 30 to 4, and the boys' game 55-6. The Athena substitutes were used during most of the games.

Sickness prevented Weston from bringing all the first team members for the game here.

The local teams will play at Pilot Rock this evening. It is expected that both games will be close.

Next Friday evening the team from McLoughlin Union high school of Milton-Freewater will play here. This will be the first time that a basket ball team from this school has played here in two years. This team won the district championship last year and as there has been little change in the line up from last year, a hard game is expected.

The boys have secured three games for their Washington trip. Clarkson, St. John and Endicott have signed contracts with us for February 3, 4 and 5.

Woman Brings Damage Suit Against Officers

Watts & Prestbye have been retained as counsel for Mrs. Myrtle Burke of Pendleton, in a \$10,000 damage suit against prohibition enforcement officers, who she alleges in her complaint, raided her home without a search warrant.

The officers mentioned in the complaint and against whom damages are sought are Louis M. Krepling, R. T. Cookingham, Paul Kessler, Charles Hoskins and one John Doe.

Mrs. Burke, who is a widow, bases her suit upon the grounds of trespassing without process of search warrant, which occurred on the night of February 23, 1926, at which time, she alleges in her complaint, she was taken to the county jail and incarcerated there for two days. She further alleges that \$20 cash and a diamond ring were taken, and have never been returned to her. In addition to the \$10,000 general damages, Mrs. Burke, according to her attorney, Mr. Watts, is suing for the return of the \$20, the ring and attorney's fees.

Athena Up To Date With Two Sending Stations

Athena is strictly up to date having to its credit two amateur broadcasting stations. These are listed as 7 D. P. owned and operated by C. M. Eager and 7 R. B. with R. B. McEwen its owner.

The construction is simple, receiving tubes are used with low power and operating on 80 meters amateur wave length.

The operation is quite efficient with five hundred mile range 7 I. F. at Marshfield and 7 R. Y. at Walla Walla being regular communicants.

Entertained Friends

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Baker were at home to a group of friends Tuesday night when five tables of five hundred were in play. Mrs. Grant Prestbye and Mr. Frank Ames made high score, the consolation prize being awarded to Mr. Claud Dickenson. The hostess assisted by Mrs. Sarah Gross served dainty refreshments. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Justin Harwood, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Dickenson, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McEwen, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Prestbye, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lieuallen, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Prestbye, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ames, Miss Jennamae Read, Norman McIntyre and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Douglas.

Fifty Acres of Beans

Only the arrival of planting time lies between John Benson and fifty acres of Mexican red beans, for John has made arrangements with Will Kirk to plant this acreage to legumes on his place southeast of Athena. Mr. Benson will receive his seed from Harry McBride, who last season was somewhat of a bean grower, himself.

Fog Accounts For Accident

The dense fog which hung over this part of the county Saturday, was responsible for Charles Geiking driving his car off the highway and into the ditch, at a point east of Athena. The car was slightly damaged and Mrs. Geiking received bruises on the face.

Many Children Die in a Theatre Panic

Exits Jammed in Stampedede and 77 Lose Their Lives.

Montreal, Que.—More than 77 lives was the toll exacted by a fire panic in the Lanier Palace movie theater in the east end. Most of the victims were little children who had made up the bulk of the Sunday matinee audience. Few were injured by the comparatively trivial fire, but caught in fear-stricken jams about the exits, many were suffocated.

So tightly wedged were the bodies that rescuing squads of firemen were unable to gain entrance. A stairway giving egress from the main floor was clogged with small bodies. Efforts were made to break the jam by the woodsman method of tying a rope to the key of the wedge and hauling away. Twenty men were unable to stir the mass.

The firemen then cut a hole through a street wall and passed the bodies back down a chain of hands.

When the dead and injured had been removed the flames, which were quickly extinguished. Had there been no stampedede, it is possible that few would have been hurt.

OREGON LAWMAKERS ORGANIZE PROMPTLY

Salem, Or.—Oregon's 34th regular biennial legislative session convened Monday and promptly organized with Senator H. L. Corbett of Multnomah county as president of the senate and John M. Carlin of Jackson county speaker of the house.

Senator Corbett was elected president by 27 votes. Senator Banks cast a complimentary vote for Senator Butler of Wasco, while Senator Corbett cast his ballot for Senator Eddy of Douglas. Senator Joseph voted for Senator Brown of Marion.

John Hunt of Woodburn, who has served in various legislative capacities for more than 20 years, was elected chief clerk, and Mrs. Elizabeth Glatt, assistant chief clerk.

Representative Carlin was elected speaker by unanimous vote when permanent organization was begun.

Chief clerk Paul Burris was elected chief clerk of the house and Harry McClellan, assistant chief clerk.

BORAH CRITICISES POLICY

Declares Intervention in Nicaragua Is Not Justified.

Washington, D. C.—The Coolidge administration and Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee came to an outspoken disagreement over the policy of the United States in Nicaragua.

The two public pronouncements, one by the White House spokesman and one by Secretary Kellogg, the landing of American forces in the war-torn little Central American country was described as nothing more than a consistent effort to protect American life and property. From this statement Senator Borah dissented vigorously.

He declared that despite a conference with President Coolidge he had learned of no peril to American interests which would warrant "intervention," and he gave it as his studied opinion that the United States was in fact upholding by armed force a Nicaraguan president who holds office without constitutional sanction.

Hornaby Signed by New York Giants. New York.—Eugene Hornaby, star second baseman, signed a two-year contract with the New York Giants. Hornaby, who was manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, world's champions in 1926, will captain the Giants for the next two years.

Chaplin Wife Sues for Divorce

Los Angeles. A suit for divorce from Charlie Spencer Chaplin was filed here by his estranged wife, Lita Grey Chaplin, in which she made sensational charges against the film comedian.

Senate Orders Veto Vote Quiz. Washington, D. C.—The senate directed an investigation of fraud charges and secured impounding of votes in the Pennsylvania senatorial election of last November.

