

CARDEN STAYS AT MEXICO CITY DECLINES BRAZIL

Diplomat Not Transferred as Reported, on Account of Pro-Huerta Activity — Statement "Premature and Unauthorized" is Announced.

Sir Lionel's Removal Would Be Very Gratifying to Administration, But He Does Not Like Brazil.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—"There is authority for the statement that Sir Lionel Carden has not been removed from the British legation at Mexico City," announced the Exchange Telegraph company, a local news agency, today, "and that there is no immediate intention of transferring him to another post."

A high foreign office official told the United Press, however, that "the foreign office authorizes a denial of the reports that Sir Lionel Carden had been removed from England's Mexico City ministry or that he has resigned."

"Such statements," this official added, "are premature and unauthorized."

Declines Brazil Mission

Unofficially, it was intimated that Sir Lionel had been considered for the Rio Janeiro post, but it was said Foreign Minister Sir Edward Gray had not definitely made up his mind, and according to one version, even if the transfer were made, it would not be for several months.

Sir Lionel was understood not to want to go to Brazil.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Acting Secretary of State John Bassett Moore would neither confirm nor deny today the report that the department had heard Sir Lionel Carden, British minister to Mexico, was about to be transferred to some other post. It was learned positively however, on unofficial authority the Ambassador Page, American diplomatic representative in London, had sent word that the English government does intend such a transfer.

Transfer Gratifying

No one in official circles here tried to pretend that Sir Lionel's transfer from Mexico City would be otherwise than very gratifying. He arrived at his post just as President Wilson was making his initial efforts to force General Huerta from the Mexican presidency, seized the occasion to present his credentials to the dictator, and by the conspicuous recognition which he thus accorded to him, did a great deal toward strengthening the Huerta regime.

It was pretty broadly intimated at the time, both in this country and in England, that the British foreign office was acting in Mexico to suit Huerta private interests who wanted Huerta retained in power for selfish reasons of their own, and that Sir Lionel was chosen for the Mexico City legation because he was friendly to these interests.

ROBBER MURDERS COMPANION SHOT DURING BURGLARY

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 7.—Awakened early this morning by two burglars in the room in which he and his wife were sleeping in his home at Leuts, a suburb, H. J. Hatcher opened fire and shot one of the highwaymen through the stomach.

Seventy-five feet away from the door of the Hatcher home the wounded robber fell, and his partner, believing him mortally wounded and likely to confess, shot him through the temple, killing him instantly. He then removed all means of identification from the body of the man and escaped. The police are searching for him. The body of the dead robber was removed to the morgue.

Before leaving the Hatcher home the robbers exchanged a number of shots with Hatcher, but neither he nor his wife was struck.

NEW YORK'S NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER.



DOUGLAS I. MCKAY

Douglas I. McKay, a brother of John Hall McKay, the latter well-known in Medford and a member of the Rogue River Valley University club, has been appointed police commissioner of New York City by Mayor Kline, who removed Rhinelander Waldo from office, because he refused to appoint McKay first deputy at the mayor's request in order that the police department might have a civilian head until Mayor-Elect Mitchell appointed a commissioner.

SEVEREST GALE DAMAGES SHIPPING ON PUGET SOUND

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 7.—One of the most severe gales of the protracted storm that has gripped the northwest for the past four days struck the coast from the southwest early this morning, carrying down telegraph and telephone wires to the north of Seattle and breaking cables leading to government weather stations at Tatoosh and North Head. Until the wires have been repaired no reports of expected damage to shipping in the northern part of Puget Sound and the coast of British Columbia will be available. Nearly a score of vessels, harbored off the Columbia river that were reported to have started north to seek shelter in the sound, may have been caught in the gale and either wrecked or scattered along the coast.

Rain is still falling here today and the local forecaster predicts a continuance of the rainfall for the next 24 hours. Nearly five inches of rain has fallen since the present storm has been in progress.

Railroad traffic in southwestern Washington is being resumed slowly. The Northern Pacific reported today that the Olympia and Gray's harbor lines were open again, the slides having been cleared away, while both tracks of the line between Tacoma and Portland are being used.

Stations along the Northern Pacific main lines reported rivers rising, but with a diminishing rainfall.

GOMPERS' CONTEMPT CASE, SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Arguments were begun this afternoon before the United States supreme court in the Gompers-Mitchell contempt cases. The labor leaders were represented by Judge Alton B. Parker. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and one of the defendants, was in the courtroom.

ROSEBURG MERCHANTS GO INTO LIQUIDATION

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 7.—Admitted indebtedness of \$50,257 is included in a voluntary bankruptcy petition of "Josephsons," a mercantile house of Roseburg, filed in the federal court here today. The scheduled assets of the concern are \$28,700. Hannah, Sam D. and Julian Josephson are named as co-partners in the company.

PROSECUTE OR BE PROSECUTED SAYS GOVERNOR

West Telegraphs District Attorney at Baker That Unless He Takes Steps to Abate Nuisances He Must Stand Trial for Negligence in Office.

Godwin Asked to Reply at Once as to His Attitude—Withdraws Prosecution of Sheriff Rand.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—Governor West's law enforcement activities in Baker county took a new turn today when he telegraphed District Attorney Godwin of Baker that unless the latter took prompt steps to abate nuisances such as houses of prostitution, which the governor alleges exist in the county, that the state will be compelled to prosecute him for negligence in office under the state abatement act. The governor asked District Attorney Godwin to reply quickly what he intended to do. The sections of the abatement act which Governor West brought to Godwin's attention provide that whatever nuisances are found to have existed they shall be abated, and that the district attorney shall maintain suit in equity in the name of the state to perpetually enjoin such nuisances.

If the governor is compelled to prosecute Godwin he says he will act under the section of the civil code which provides that if any officer of the state or county shall wilfully neglect or refuse to perform his official duty he shall be punished upon conviction by imprisonment or fine or removal from office.

Complying with a suggestion from Colonel Lawson, Governor West has withdrawn his request for a hearing before the circuit court of Baker county to have Sheriff Rand temporarily removed from office and has instructed Colonel Lawson to handle the situation as he thinks best.

MOCLIPS, WASHINGTON WIPED OUT BY STORM

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 7.—After being shut off from the outside world for three days by the terrific storm, communication was opened with Moclips today. The waters have completely destroyed the town. While many buildings are standing, they must be moved to other ground.

The Moclips hotel is entirely gone and with it a row of nine buildings along the sea front.

The storm has died down to some extent, but there is much flooded country.

Incoming vessels tell weird tales of the freaks of the storm.

Over 22,000 people were killed by snakes in India in 1912.

NEW OPERA STAR BEGAN CAREER WITH ROMANCE



Mme. Margaret Ober, the beautiful mezzo-soprano whose appearance at the Metropolitan Opera house in New York has deeply interested music critics, began her stage career in love.

She was in love long before she decided to sing professionally, and under its influence her musical ability developed so rapidly that her husband decided she should sing in opera.

WILLARD TRIAL DETERMINES FATE OF BOXING GAME

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 7.—With the fate of boxing in California hanging in the balance, Jess Willard, of Kansas, a heavyweight pugilist; Promoter Thomas J. McCarry and nine other defendants went on trial in the superior court here today on a charge of violating the state law which prohibits prizefighting.

Considerable time, it was predicted, would be spent in securing a jury. At the outset of the efforts to fill the box, Judge Gavin Craig made an important ruling governing the line of questions that attorneys for the defense might ask prospective jurors. Craig held that counsel might not ask veniremen if they were interested in the present anti-fight campaign that had its inception in Los Angeles.

The prosecution of Willard followed the death of John Young, following a match with Willard at Vernon last August. The eleven defendants first were charged with murder, but this later was dropped for a charge upon which they went to trial today.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The revenue cutter Seneca reported by wireless this afternoon that it had found and sunk the derelict forepart of the tanker Oklahoma fifteen miles southeast of Fenwick island light.

The Seneca fired fifteen six-pound shots through the hull, which finally filled with water and sank.

PROMOTER SPITZ OF STYGIAN RAYS MIRROR IN JAIL

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 7.—Samuel Spitz, former employe of the government at Mare Island navy yard, who claims to be able, by means of "Stygian rays," and a wireless outfit, to throw on a glass disc at night the image of the surrounding country within a five-mile radius of apparatus, is being held in detinue at the city prison here, pending an investigation of the validity of his invention.

The "wireless Spitzscope" is the name given by Spitz to his invention, and he organized a million dollar corporation, the "Wireless Spitzscope Company, Ltd." the stock of which his agents have been busy selling to the gullible.

In rooms on the top floor of a prominent business block here, Spitz maintained his headquarters. He had a wireless outfit installed with a number of mercury tubes, reduction coils and other electrical devices to bewilder the prospective stock buyer.

Police inspectors, on the request of suspicious stockholders, made an investigation yesterday. Accompanied by a deputy city electrician, who is an expert on wireless, they called on Spitz. After a thorough examination, Spitz was locked up.

Spitz will be given a final opportunity tonight to demonstrate the worth of his invention. If he fails again he will be charged with obtaining money under false pretences.

CROWN PRINCE DEFIES KAISER IN ALSATIAN CLASH

Emperor's Son Wires Censured Officers Commending Their Haughty Pro-Military Stand That Caused Riots With Populace.

Situation as Bad as Possible Before Crown Prince Interfered—Defiance Likely to Cause Serious Break.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—So much was the Kaiser said today to be incensed at the latest storm the crown prince has raised by his telegrams to General Deimling and Colonel Von Reuter, commending their haughty pro-military stand in the recent clashes between troops and citizens in Alsace, that it was believed he would impose some severe penalty on his son.

Only the crown prince's interference was needed to make the Alsatian affair about as bad as it possibly could be. The anti-military riots at Zabern were serious in themselves. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg made matters worse by his speech in the Reichstag in the soldiers' defense, provoking such an outcry that he had practically to repudiate his own words.

The sentencing of Lieutenant Von Forstner to a term of imprisonment for having used his saber during one of the riots amounted to an admission by the military themselves, for it was a court martial which tried Von Forstner, that the troops had been wrong.

All this time the Kaiser kept discreetly silent, hoping the affair would blow over if no more attention was paid to it.

Then, with Colonel Von Reuter and Lieutenant Schlad on trial on charges similar to those against Von Forstner, with public sentiment in Alsace a fever height and with more riots threatened, Crown Prince Frederick William seized the opportunity to aggravate the situation with his telegrams.

With few exceptions the German newspapers excoriated him this morning. Moreover, his father was said to consider his son's action as simply another in a long series of defiance of himself by the younger man, and a really serious break between them was reported imminent.

THREE WARSHIPS SENT MEXICO TO RELIEVE SQUADRON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced this afternoon that the battleships Delaware, Florida and Utah will sail for Mexican waters about February 15. They will be sent, the secretary explained, to relieve the Rhode Island, Nebraska and New Jersey.

Should the ships scheduled to be relieved remain, however, as recently happened in a similar case, the United States would have the battleships off the Mexican coast.

Incidentally, Secretary Daniels' announcement immediately followed a denial by him that "any order has been issued or was contemplated" to send more ships to Mexican waters.

TO PREVENT TRANSFER OF B. & O. STOCK

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Wall Street did not believe today that preferred stockholders of the Union Pacific railroad would permit the proposed distribution of \$52,000,000 worth of Baltimore and Ohio stock to holders of common stock in the Union Pacific. It was expected that the preferred stockholders would institute a suit to enjoin the directors, at their meeting tomorrow, from carrying out the plan.

CHIHUAHUA, RICH MEXICAN CITY. NOW IN POSSESSION OF VILLA, EX-BANDIT



One of the richest cities of Mexico and one of the most civilized. Chihuahua, the home of the Terrazas and Creel families, who have almost as

much wealth as the wealthiest American families, is now at the feet of General Pancho Villa. Many years ago he had to leave the city as a

bandit, Villa, who is at the head of the constitutional forces, numbering about 7,000 men, says he is on his way to Mexico City. He says he will be able to take it within a few

months. In the mean time he has confiscated much of the wealth of Chihuahua, and he is surrounded by more riches than he had ever dreamed of before.