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WASHINGTON LETTER

MEXICANS WARNED THAT AMERICANS MUST BE PROTECTED FROM HARM.

SEC. BRYAN'S PEACE PLAN

To Be Laid Before the Hague September 1--Plan Would Provide for Arbitration.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Curt warning to both the Huerta and constitutionalists commanders at La Boquilla, Chihuahua, Mexico, that the United States will hold them personally responsible for any violence against Americans by "any one claiming civil or military authority" was sent by Secretary Bryan through American Consul Letcher at Chihuahua City.

Secretary Bryan instructed Mr. Letcher to dispose his message to La Boquilla by courier and secure an answer. His action was in response to a request by Senator Penrose for protection for H. C. Hulise, Chief Engineer Fuller and other Americans at the plant of the Mexican Northern Power & Irrigation Co.

Secretary Bryan's telegram follows: "Information having been received by this government that threats of violence and death have been made against Fuller, Hulise and others at La Boquilla, this government deems it proper to say that if any violence is visited upon any American citizen there or elsewhere by any one claiming civil or military authority, the United States will hold responsible the perpetrators thereof."

"Couriers should ascertain condition of all foreigners at La Boquilla and report with reply the officers in charge makes to this government's message."

The reference to the protection of American citizens "elsewhere" was taken as indicative of the attitude of the United States in the protection of Americans wherever their safety is threatened.

Secretary Bryan's Peace Plan.

Washington.—Secretary Bryan's peace plan will be laid formally before the conference of the Inter-parliamentary Union at The Hague September 1 by Senator Burton. He is also one of seven members of a special committee representing Russia, Germany, Austria, France, Belgium, Greece and the United States, charged with planning a permanent Hague court. Secretary Bryan's peace plan, under which all parties would bind themselves to submit all grievances to arbitration and defer preparations for war meanwhile, will be laid before the special committee and later before the Parliamentary Union.

Mississippi Editor Stabbed.

Meridian, Miss.—As the result of an argument over municipal affairs, Beverly B. Pierce, news editor of the Meridian Evening Star, was stabbed by Mayor John W. Parker. Pierce was wounded over the left kidney. His injury is said to be serious. It is said the matter was brought to the attention of the Grand Jury.

Sen. Works Leaves Suddenly.

Los Angeles.—Believing that diplomatic relations with Mexico are about to reach a crisis, United States Senator Works of California suddenly and unexpectedly terminated his visit home and left for Washington. He will reach the capital to be on hand when the Senate discussed the Mexican situation following the delivery of the special message by President Wilson.

Women's Wage Low.

Kansas City, Mo.—Twenty-five per cent of the 24,119 women workers of Kansas City receive less than \$6 a week, the wage needed for a "bare existence," according to a report of the Board of Public Welfare, just made public. The report is based on two years' investigation. The 24,000 women workers are thus classified: Manufacturing and mercantile pursuits, 4,500; mercantile establishments, 3,900; telephone exchanges, 1,182; agricultural pursuits, 55; professional service, 2,007; domestic and professional service, 13,474.

New York.—A deadly charge of dynamite—three whole 10-inch sticks and two halves with a fuse and detonator—was discovered last week near Mayor Gaynor's office window in the city hall. The bureau of combustibles found that the explosive was 40 per cent dynamite, the regulation blasting proportion, and the amount found would, if exploded, have wrecked the city hall. The mayor was in his office when the dynamite was discovered by a citizen passing through City Hall Park.

American Dollar Worth \$2.75.

Mexico City.—Foreign Minister Gamboa said that the situation involving Mexico and the United States was not to be regarded as "desperate." He expressed confidence that the problems would have an early and satisfactory solution. There is no reason to be given, however, that President Huerta will recede from his demand for recognition before accepting any suggestions made by Washington. One dollar of American money is now worth \$2.75 in Mexican.

PROSECUTORS OF GOVERNOR SULZER



Copyright, Underwood & Underwood, N. Y. Representing the New York assembly in the impeachment trial of Governor Sulzer will be this committee, headed by Majority Leader Levy. From left to right the committee is as follows: Sitting—Patrick McMahon of the Bronx, Aaron J. Levy, Abraham Greenberg of New York. Standing—Wm. J. Gillon of Kings, T. P. Madden of Westchester, Theo. H. Ward of New York, T. K. Smith of Onondaga and J. V. Fitzpatrick of Erie.

PASTOR RUSSELL OPPOSED

Ministers of Memphis Successful in Their Opposition.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Memphis.—Memphis ministers won a victory over the Tri-State Fair Association, when they brought pressure to bear on them against opening the fair on Sunday.

The elaborate sacred program for Sunday arranged by officers of the fair will be abandoned.

Pastor Russell will not come to Memphis as a guest of the fair association. Action of the fair management will not keep Pastor Russell away from Memphis, according to G. C. Driscoll, manager of his lecture bureau. Pastor Russell will come to Memphis for a big meeting.

After consideration of the officers of the fair decided to ask Pastor Russell to recall his acceptance of the invitation, not on the ground that they feel that the charge made against him by local ministers of preaching against hell fire, were substantiated, but because it had developed that a number of directors were opposed to Sunday opening, and considering that the board had never been given an opportunity to pass upon a Sunday program, it was decided for the sake of harmony and out of deference to the pastors of this territory and their congregations to abandon the proposed opening.

When it was first announced that the fair officials had invited pastor Russell, the ministers of Memphis banded together and lead by the Rev. Ben Cox, formerly of Little Rock, Ark., appeared before the directors and protested. Charges of alleged misconduct were reported by the ministers as their reason for opposing Pastor Russell. However, Pastor Russell had representatives present and they made their explanations of the charges. After three days the directors were undecided but finally voted to dispense with Sunday opening.

Lightning Kills Four.

St. Louis.—A severe wind, thunder and rain storm which swept over the eastern and central portions of Missouri, broke the long drought and abated the intense heat spell. At Dexter, Mo., four persons were killed by lightning. It is St. Louis lightning set fire to 13 houses in less than half an hour.

X-Ray Dress Under Ban.

Los Angeles.—Official Los Angeles enjoined the wearing of the so-called X-ray dresses on the streets. Chief of Police Sebastian said if he found present laws inadequate he would recommend the passage of an ordinance specifically forbidding the public appearance of women in diaphanous raiment.

Cole Younger Joins the Church.

Lee's Summit, Mo.—Cole Younger, the former bandit, became a member of the Christian church at a revival meeting here. When the evangelist, after finishing his sermon, invited persons in the audience to join the church, Younger was one of the first to go forward to the altar rail. At the conclusion of the service, the evangelist said that those in the audience who cared to do so might remain and shake hands with Younger.

Castro's Kinsman Captured.

Caracas, Venezuela.—Gen. Leon Juraco, governor of the state of Falcon, attacked and completely defeated the rebel followers of Gen. Cipriano Castro at Coro, according to an official announcement. All the officers commanding the rebel forces were captured. The prisoners include Castro's brother-in-law Gen. Simon Bello; two nephews, Julio Velasco Castro and Vicente Juan Castro; his confidential assistant, Juan Lendo, and a number of Colombian and French officers.

50,000 RESPOND TO GOVERNOR'S CALL

MISSOURI ROADS RECEIVE ATTENTION—GOV. ELLIOTT W. MAJOR PLEASED.

Kansas City, Mo.—With blistered hands and sore muscles, 50,000 enthusiastic good road workers quit their work in Missouri, after a strenuous day spent in "pulling Missouri out of the mud." Good humor was everywhere in evidence.

Although much interfered with the work of Gov. Elliott W. Major and Gov. Geo. H. Hodges of Kansas, who had volunteered to help the Missouri executive, both governors were ready for the second day.

"It has been one of the great days of my life," said Governor Major. "As a boy I traveled over nothing but bad roads. I made up my mind then if I ever got a chance I would do all I could for better highways. The governor of Arkansas has advised me he has set aside September 2 and 3 for road work, and I am happy at the results."

"I intend to set apart two road days when I return home," said Governor Hodges. "It is remarkable how many have responded to Governor Major's proclamation."

In St. Louis county the response to the governor's call was slight, as the county is well supplied with rock roads maintained by a heavy tax. Business men of St. Louis, however, contributed liberally to a fund with which to buy road grading machinery for the rural part of the state.

The response to the governor's call throughout the rural region was liberal. In Cape Girardeau county, 2,500 men worked on the roads, and every district was thoroughly organized. About 400 men left Hannibal to work on the highways near that town. All city prisoners were put on the work.

New York.—Thirty-five workmen caught 440 feet underground in a section of the Catskill aqueduct in course of construction under Washington Heights here when fire broke out in the shafthouse overhead, were found unharmed two hours later when the fire was controlled. Their chief suffering had been from lack of air, cut off by the smoke. The fire was spectacular and besides badly damaging the massive shaft building, spread to apartment houses closely adjoining it. Two apartment buildings were burned out and others damaged.

Plan to Divert Immigrants.

New Orleans.—Aiming at diverting immigrants from the large centers of population and into the rural districts, particularly in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana, immigration officials of those states will confer with railroad and steamship representatives in New York September 17 and 18. This information was given out by the Association of Commerce here, which has been arranging for the conference for some time.

If You Advertise, Make Good.

Washington.—"If you advertise anything, make good," quotes Editor Joseph Daniels in his official capacity of secretary of the navy, and as a result there is rejoicing in the ranks of the men of the navy, who were assured a pleasure cruise of a month in the Mediterranean. Ten big battleships and all the torpedo boat destroyers now attached to the Atlantic fleet will make the trip, departing October 25 and returning to their home ports December 20.

ASK U. S. NOT TO FORTIFY

Peace Congress Passes Resolution Pres. Wilson Thanked.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. The Hague, Netherlands.—The 20th Universal Peace Congress had its closing sitting. The delegates voted to hold the next congress at Vienna in 1914. The Peace Congress finished its labors after recording a further series of good intentions and its appreciation of President Wilson's attitude toward peace. The thanks of the congress were telegraphed to President Wilson.

The question of the fortification of the Panama Canal was resurrected by Prof. Slayden of Washington and Prof. Slocum of Colorado, who secured the passage of a resolution asking the United States government not to fortify the canal.

In another resolution delegates expressed their satisfaction at President Wilson's approval for the submission of disputes which could not be settled diplomatically for investigation by an international committee.

Rebel Money Seized.

Eagle Pass, Texas.—The first installment of \$5,000,000 paper money to be issued by the Constitutionalists, ordered printed arrived some time ago in the United States, arrived here and was held by the military authorities as contraband of war. The United States authorities received advance notice when the money would arrive by express. The war department had been notified, and the currency will be held pending instructions from Washington. The amount in the first shipment was not stated.

Emperor Turns to Lemonade.

Berlin.—Emperor William is reported to have joined the ranks of teetotalers. It is known that during his recent northern cruise the emperor abandoned the use of practically all of the alcoholic beverages, and it is understood he has permanently sworn even the fatherland's famous beer and its choicest wines. As a substitute he has taken to lemonade with a dash of orange juice.

Railroad in Hands of Receiver.

Shreveport, La.—The Louisiana and Northwestern railroad, with general offices at Homer, La., has been thrown into the hands of the receivers, according to a dispatch which says the Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia is the principal creditor. The road operates from McNeil, Ark., to Natchitoches, La. It is reported here that President Geo. W. Hunter of the railroad company will be appointed receiver. He is a resident of St. Louis. The company is three months behind with its payroll.

Small Boy Saves Baby Sister.

Memphis.—Little Homer Strong, aged 7, became a candidate for a hero medal, when he rescued his 2-year-old sister, Florence, from fire in their attic bedroom. When he discovered the hallway on fire, Homer rushed into the room, locked the trunk containing all the family's valuables, and then, aiding his sister to his back, carried her pick-a-pack down the steps, where he was helped by neighbors. The mother had gone to work, and the children were alone.

Fall 1,000 Feet to Death.

Rouen, France.—The French aviator M. Montalent, and a passenger, M. Metivier, were killed by the collapse of their hydroaeroplane, Montalent was one of nine competitors in hydroaeroplane race which started from Le Pecq rear Paris for De Auville, a seaport in the north of France. He reached Rouen third and was flying at a height of 1,000 feet as he approached the town. The waiting crowds saw the machine suddenly pitch violently and drop.

HOOKWORM A PROBLEM

Expert Tells Convention of Prevalence of Disease in South.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Buffalo, N. Y.—Scientists and educators from all parts of the world assembled here for the fourth international Congress on School Hygiene.

"School Buildings and Their Equipment," was the general topic of the sectional meetings. Dr. John A. Ferril of the Rockefeller Sanitary Commission at Washington, in a paper on the spread of intestinal diseases through the rural school, declared that the work done in the South in connection with the hookworm had made a real world problem.

In the three and one half years the Rockefeller commission and health boards of 11 Southern states had made 361,581 microscopic examinations for parasitic ova, he said. Of this number of persons, 329,578 were found to have hookworm. Private physicians treated 162,305 additional persons. As an indirect cause of death, Dr. Ferril said the hookworm probably has no equal. In many localities 80 to 100 per cent of the children in schools have been found to have the disease. The infected children make 50 per cent or less progress than is made by a normal healthy child.

Memorial of Sen. Jeff Davis.

Washington.—The senators and members of Congress from Arkansas have received their quotas of the bound volumes issued by the government, containing the memorial addresses delivered in the Senate and house upon the life and public service of the late Senator Jeff Davis of Arkansas. The addresses are contained in a book of 80 pages, which includes a steel engraving of the late senator. Senator Clarke, it is said, has already sent a number of the booklets to his constituents in Arkansas, and other members of the delegation will within a day or so begin sending out their quota.

Part of Fund Allotted.

Washington.—Ten per cent of \$5,000,000, already has been deposited in southern banks out of the \$50,000,000 fund that the government is placing with national banks in agricultural states to aid in the movement of crops. The total amount apportioned to cities in the cotton states was unofficially announced to be \$25,000,000. Allotment of the southern fund has not yet been completed.

Physicians Attack Alcohol.

Ghent, Belgium.—The international congress of neurology, at which 20 nations are represented by over 100 physicians, adopted a resolution introduced by Dr. Regis, inviting the various governments, in view of the disastrous consequences of alcoholism in the colonies, to take prompt and rigorous measures to put an end to the evil common to all peoples.

Requests Border Troops.

El Centro, Cal.—An attack by Mexican rebels on the federal forces at Shreveport heading intake from the Colorado river of the irrigation system for the Imperial valley caused great uneasiness on the American side of the border and a request for troops was wired to Washington. One man was reported killed in the fight.

Weighed 21 Pounds at Birth.

Oklahoma City.—The birth of a 21 pound baby was reported to the State Health Department, from Sulphur Okla. The child is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chaffin and was born August 14. It weighed 21 pounds at birth, and is a perfect and healthy child in every respect. The mother is 33 years old, and the father 44. Both are reported getting along splendidly. The parents are both of normal size.

Abandon Hope of Settling Strike.

Farmington, Mo.—The State Board of Mediation abandoned all hope of settling the lead strike in Southeastern Missouri, as representative of the Western Federation of Miners and of the mine owners at a public hearing refused to submit terms of peace different from those already rejected.

Largest Sale of Cotton.

Little Rock.—The Little Rock Board of Trade was the stage for the largest individual cotton sale made in the United States during the current month when 1,940 bales was sold for \$120,000.

Leo M. Frank Convicted.

Atlanta, Ga.—Leo M. Frank, convicted as the slayer of Mary Phagan, a factory girl who worked under him, showed no emotion when informed that the jury had found him guilty of first degree murder without recommendation for mercy. His wife collapsed. A throng outside the courtroom cheered wild, when the verdict was announced. Solicitor Hugh Dorsey, who conducted the prosecution, was lifted to the shoulders of several men and carried through the crowd.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Gov. Major.

sent out requests to all governors of the United States, asking them to appoint delegates to represent their states and asking them to come themselves to attend the United States Good Roads Convention in St. Louis November 10-15. This convention will consider trying to induce the United States Congress to extend federal aid to the good roads. Gov. Major said undoubtedly several propositions will be discussed and some action taken.

A SPECIAL SESSION

GOVERNOR HALL CALLS LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE TO CON-VENE SEPTEMBER 3.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Officials Unable to Sell Bond Issue. Because of Low Interest and Market Conditions.

Baton Rouge.—Governor Hall gave out a statement outlining the efforts of the State Board of Liquidation to sell the \$11,000,000 bonds of the state, giving the reasons for the failure of the sale, and suggesting as the only remedy a limited constitutional convention authorized to give the State Board of Liquidation power to issue short-term bonds bearing sufficient interest to attract buyers on the present market.

The governor has issued a formal call for the legislature to meet Monday, September 8. The meeting was called for the purpose of calling a limited constitutional convention.

The governor, in his statement, points out that the State Board of Liquidation, in its efforts to sell the \$11,000,000 of state bonds, had to proceed under the legislation enacted in 1910.

The board, the governor says, was directed to sell 4 per cent bonds at par. This under the present market conditions, it could not do. The board then tried to obtain money on short terms (a tide over the stringency. Here again, the governor says, it was confronted with a lack of power.

Under the present conditions, the governor says, the best and only businesslike plan is to issue short-term obligations. The State Board of Liquidation should be given power to do this at the same time the constitutional convention should make provision for the issuance of bonds which would provide for the retiring of the principal as well as the payment of the interest.

The governor says that there is now ample time for the holding of the convention, which should be as short as possible, and the subsequent floating of the short-term obligations to care for the old bonded debt of the state when it falls due Jan. 1, 1914.

Two Killed by Dynamite.

Madisonville.—Two men were blown to shreds at Houltonville by the explosion of 50 pounds of dynamite in a boat which they occupied in the Teche-functa river. The dead: A. W. Schultz, 62 years old, of West End, Louisiana, 21 years old, of Pine Island Park. The body of Schultz was reduced to atoms. Parts of the flesh, with shreds of clothing attached, were later found floating in the river. The gold watch of Schultz was found floating on a plank. It was not damaged, and was still running when picked up.

Believed Boy Perished.

Baton Rouge.—One life is believed to have been lost in a fire in Fifth street fire which completely destroyed one and partially destroyed two two-story buildings. The boy who cannot be located was Guy Stieb. The little fellow, 15 years of age, was sleeping in the rear of the room upstairs with his older brother. The fire originated in the Stein residence in the dining room downstairs.

Special Election Called.

Baton Rouge.—Governor Hall issued a proclamation calling a special election for September 9 to fill vacancies in the general assembly from West Baton Rouge and St. Landry parishes. Minor offices were included in the call. A partial list follows: Members of the House of Representatives from the parishes of St. Landry and West Baton Rouge, to fill vacancies caused by removal from parish of Augustus H. Garland and death of David Devdo, respectively.

Opelousas.—The property of the

Opelousas Sugar Company, which has been in the hands of a receiver for the past eight months, will be sold at public auction September 6.

Oil Well Hearings Dropped.

Baton Rouge.—The State Board of Equalization has abandoned its hearings on the Calcasieu oil wells which it was alleged to the State Board were not assessed. On the representation to the board that there were a number of oil holdings in the Vinton field not assessed the board arranged to have a hearing, but after going further into the matter it was decided that the only thing that could be done would be to address the attention of the Calcasieu assesser and police jury to the claims. The board will probably finish its labors in the next few weeks.

Big Vessel Goes Up River.

Baton Rouge.—The big tank steamer San Gregorio slipped up the river and passed Baton Rouge. It docked at the Standard Oil docks, where the big vessel took on a cargo of 100,000 barrels of refined oil for Rotterdam. The San Gregorio is the first 100,000-barrel capacity steamer to ever come up the Mississippi. She is one of the largest commercial steamers to come up the river. The vessel's arrival in Baton Rouge was unmarked by any demonstration.

TO QUARANTINE CATTLE

Beginning September 1, Louisiana Will Be Under Restrictions.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Baton Rouge.—News was received here last week from Washington that the Department of Agriculture had issued orders quarantining many sections of the Southern and Southwestern States against the spread of Texas fever cattle, effective September 1.

The entire state of Louisiana is quarantined. During the continuance of this quarantine no cattle of the parishes of Lincoln and Claiborne shall be moved or allowed to move, except as provided for immediate slaughter, to any point in the United States not in the State of Louisiana which is located in an area not quarantined for splenic, Southern or Texas fever, unless and until the cattle shall have been continuously kept on the premises known to have been free of infection for at least six months, and unless and until the cattle shall have the shipment issued by an inspector of the Bureau of Animal Industry, nor until permission shall have been obtained in advance of the movement from the proper official of the state into which the cattle are to be shipped.

From the other parishes in the state of Louisiana cattle shall only be moved or allowed to move interstate to points outside of the quarantine area in accordance with the regulations for immediate slaughter or for other purposes, as provided by the regulations for dipping, inspection or certification.

Favorable Crop Report.

Manchac.—The crop situation is improving rapidly with the admirable weather. The sugar planters managed to get the crop laid by in clean shape between scattered showers, which came in sufficient volume to allow the crop to grow fast, and a good yield in general is anticipated in the Manchac region.

To Force Clean-Up.

Baton Rouge.—A campaign to clean Baton Rouge of weeds has been inaugurated by Mayor Grouchy and Councilman Rafe Mayer. Vacant lots and sidewalks will have to be cleared. The police force will be used as inspectors, and all owners whose property needs cleaning will be given a ten-day notice to do the work.

Governor Attends Funeral.

Baton Rouge.—The funeral of David Devall, of West Baton Rouge, took place in Baton Rouge last week, attended by Governor Hall and many prominent men from over the state.

Begin Road Grade.

Alexandria.—Work has commenced on grading Bayou Robert road from the city limits to the Watkins Railroad, a distance of one mile. The parish police jury will gravel the road with a view of ascertaining the exact cost per mile so that the work may be prosecuted in other sections of the parish.

Claims Election Irregular.

Shreveport.—Members of the Caddo School Board were served with papers citing them to answer within ten days an injunction suit filed by Frances M. Hobbs, property owner to prevent the collection of a 5-mill tax levied in School District No. 10. Hobbs claims the election was irregular.

Heavy Rain Falls.

Bayou Chicot.—This section was visited last week by the heaviest rain and thunder storm of the season. Creeks and ponds which had run dry during the long drought were out of their banks after the waterfall. Sweet potatoes will benefit by the moisture.

Prepared for Mexican War.

Baton Rouge.—Judging from the maps and blue prints that Adjutant General McNeese has in his office one would be led to think that war with Mexico had already been declared. The blue prints and plans for the building to be erected on the encampment grounds at Alexandria in the event of war have been received from Washington, and bids are being received for the erection of these buildings. The building will, of course, not be erected except in the event of the actual declaration of war.

Hammond Selected for Fair.

Hammond.—The Board of Directors of the Tangipahoa Parish Fair Association met to receive propositions for the location of the fair. Hammond and Amite were the only towns submitting propositions, and Hammond was selected.

Claiborne Favors Electric Bonus.

Shreveport.—Reports from Claiborne parish state that the property owners of Ward Seven, including Homer and Arizona, voted favorably in a special election on a \$50,000 bonus for an electric road to run through those towns.

Boy Shoots Companion.

Ola.—Friday, three miles from Standard, in the country, Claud Finlay, aged about 16, shot a boy named Cavel Evans, aged 10 years. The ball of a 22-caliber struck the boy and lodged in the back of the head. It is said the Finlay boy asked the Evans boy to go hunting and he refused, whereupon he said, "I will shoot you if you don't," pointing the gun at him two or three times before shooting. The Finlay lad has not been arrested, as he claims it was an accident.