

MEDDLING BY U. S. ONE OF CAUSES OF HOSTILE ACTION

By Mexicans, According to Testimony Given Before Subcommittee of Senate

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 17.—"Meddling" of the United States Government in connection with the unseating of Huerta was advanced today as the cause of bitter feeling and hostile action against Americans in Mexico today in testimony before the Fall sub-committee of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee here investigating the Mexican situation.

P. W. Warner, 71, a veteran of the Indian wars, and O. G. Poorbaugh, another colonist in Mexico, both advanced this theory.

"It was a band of men—Carranzistas Villistas, I don't know what—armed by the United States to fight Huerta, that shot my son in the back," Warner asserted, adding that until "the crime of Vera Cruz," when President Wilson ordered the city taken Americans had been diligently protected by Huerta; that even during the Vera Cruz affair Huerta's soldiers fought against odds to safeguard American interests.

Warner headed a colony of more than 300 American families. Poorbaugh was one of several large investors in Southern Vera Cruz.

The hearing was expected to bring out further testimony that widespread banditry and lawlessness prevails among Mexican federal troops, as well as among the outlaws.

U. S. MARINES HELP BEAT OFF 300 BANDITS

Attack Port au Prince, Haytian Capital—Bandits Suffer Severely

Washington, Jan. 17.—United States marines and Haytian gendarmes repelled an attack on Port-au-Prince the Haytian capital, by a force of 300 bandits, more than half of whom were killed, wounded or captured, after being pursued outside the city.

The total casualties of the marines was two privates wounded, according to the report of the engagement received at the Navy Department from Col. J. H. Russell, commanding the marine forces and gendarmes in Hayti.

EXIT MONTENEGRO AS A KINGDOM

Paris, Jan. 17.—Montenegro's last hope of restoration to its former status of an independent kingdom is gone—displeased by a pen stroke, applied during the recent conferences of Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Nitti—it became known Friday. This action was taken during the diplomatic sessions surrounding solution of the Fiume muddle. The memorandum handed the Foreign Minister Scialoja by Premier Lloyd George on behalf of Great Britain and France, finally disposes of the little kingdom. The river Boyana will be open for free international navigation as the Southern border of the kingdom of the Slavs, Croats and Slovenes. In view of this, Montenegro is to be made part of the Serb-Croat-Slavonian state.

THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY DIED FROM EATING OLIVES

New York, Jan. 17.—Three members of the same family had died Friday from eating bottled olives and an orphaned girl and boy were in a hospital with the same ailment that killed their father, mother and brother.

Paul Delbanc died Friday. His wife Marie died Saturday and his sixteen-year-old son, Dominick, on Monday.

30,000 ROMANIAN PRISONERS IN GERMANY MISSING

Paris, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Thirty thousand Roumanian prisoners in Germany have completely disappeared, according to a telegram from Bucharest. The Roumanian Government refuses to accept the German theory that such a large number might be included among those listed as missing. Investigation is being made.

CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN BRANDON

Religious Education 40th Annual Convention To Be Held Here

The first meeting of the Board of Management of the newly formed Religious Education Council of Manitoba was held in Winnipeg last week. Owing to the complex nature of the many problems incidental to the transition from one organization to another the business occupied five strenuous sessions. About fifty members were present from various parts of the province. Much business had to be laid over for the consideration of the Central Executive which will meet monthly in Winnipeg. The Chairman of the Executive is Dr. W. A. McIntyre, Vice-Chairman, Rev. Dr. W. A. MacLean, Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Thos. Neville, Mr. T. Gordon Russell, a well known Sunday School worker, is Treasurer of the new organization. Rev. R. O. Armstrong was reappointed Provincial Secretary.

An aggressive policy was outlined by the Board. They will aim to hold at least fifteen county conventions during the year. Besides that they will endeavor to place an Institute within reach of every Sunday School. A vigorous work will be carried on among the older girls and boys. The budget for the new year will be upwards of \$8,000. This will make possible the enlargement of the staff, and a better equipment of the central office.

The annual convention, which will be the fortieth, has been scheduled for Brandon. The Board accepted the cordial invitation of the Wheat City with old time enthusiasm. The last Provincial Sunday School convention in Brandon was in 1915.

The \$10,000 objective aimed at last year was not fully realized. The counties gave it the best support. The cities made the poorest showing. St. John's Presbyterian Church contributed the largest amount of any Church outside of Winnipeg, \$124.00. Cardale Methodist a small rural school contributed \$68.00.

ARMED BANDITS STEAL BOOZE IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Spectacular robberies marked the early hours of prohibition eve here. In one instance six masked men bound the yardmaster and watchman of the Pennsylvania railroad, drove six trainmen into a shanty and took between \$75,000 and \$100,000 worth of whiskey from two box cars.

MACAULEY WINS DAMAGES FOR FALSE ARREST

U. S. Supreme Court Fixes Sum To Be Paid By Jeweler At \$100,000

New York, N.Y., Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Alex Macauley, Toronto, mining engineer, has been awarded damages of \$100,000 by the Supreme Court in a suit against T. P. Starr, Fifth Avenue jeweler. Macauley won on the ground of malicious prosecution and false arrest at the instigation of Starr. Starr mistook Macauley for "Christmas" Keough, a notorious forger, and had him arrested as the passer of a fraudulent check.

NEW BOND ISSUE BY BRITISH GOVERNMENT

London, Jan. 17.—The British Government plans to issue new five-year Exchequer Bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per cent., to replace larger blocks of 6 per cent. Exchequer Bonds maturing in February and March, according to an announcement made by J. Austen Chamberlain. There have been reports recently that the Government might care for the maturing bonds and issue securities to clear off the large floating debt which is still outstanding, but the plan contemplated would seem to indicate the floating debt will be left over to be dealt with in the next budget.

ROWELL'S ESTIMATE OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF UNION GOVT

During 1919 Is That It Sets High Water Mark In Legislation

NATIONAL PROBLEMS

Dealt With From Standpoint of Public Need, Regardless of Popularity

Port Hope, Ont., Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—That the year 1919 represented the high water mark of legislative achievement in Canadian history, and that never before had any Canadian Government, in any one year, presented or carried through so many measures of national importance and far reaching significance, as did the Union Government during the past year. This was the proposition put forward and backed up by an exhaustive review of the record of the Union Government for 1919 by Hon. N. W. Rowell, President of the Privy Council, in addressing his constituents in Durham county tonight. Regardless of whether their action would be popular or unpopular, said Rowell, the Union Government had dealt with great national problems from the standpoint of public need.

CANADIAN TRADE SHOWS INCREASE FOR NINE MONTHS

Though Early In Year Records Were Lower Than In Previous Years

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Head List of Exports, Being Valued At \$296,042,016

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Canadian trade, which for the first eight months of the fiscal year was inclined to lag behind the record of the previous year, at the close of the ninth month, ending December, shows an increase of \$31,580,555 over the nine month period of 1918.

The grand total of Canadian trade for the nine month period just closed is \$1,707,597,380 against \$1,676,016,825. For December alone the total is \$232,234,749 against \$183,979,787 in December 1918.

Agricultural products headed the list of exports, being to the value of \$296,042,016 a big increase over last year, when they stood at \$222,137,833. Animals and animal products were a good second, being to the value of \$249,908,542, as against \$171,060,444 in 1918.

NAVAL SERVICE ASKS CAPACITY B. C. SHIPYARDS

May Be Ascertaining Particulars For Preparation of Naval Program

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Engineering and shipbuilding plants here have been asked by the Director of Naval Service at Ottawa, for particulars as to capacity, equipment, etc. It is considered this step is taken to ascertain what Canadian concerns can handle if a naval program is decided upon.

FREEDOM OF NEW YORK TO BE GIVEN EAMON DE VALERA

Proposes To Launch Loan For \$10,000,000 For "Irish Republic"

New York, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Eamon de Valera, will receive the freedom of the City of New York at the hands of Mayor Hylan tomorrow.

The "President of the Irish Republic" returns to New York after touring the United States, to inaugurate a \$10,000,000 loan which the Sinn Féin administration will launch in the United States at once.

RADICALS TENDER LIBERTY BONDS AS BAIL FOR RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

New York, Jan. 17.—Gregory Weinstein, chief of staff to Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled Soviet Ambassador to the United States, was released on \$10,000 bail from Ellis Island, where he had been held for several days.

PAUL DESCHANEL NEW PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

Versailles, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Paul Deschanel was elected President of France by the National Assembly today.

HALIFAX JAILBIRDS FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO MAKE GETAWAY

Halifax N.S., Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—George Hood, turnkey at the county jail, was overpowered when he entered one of the cells occupied by Jos. Murphy and James Scott. The two prisoners failed in their attempt to make a get-away.

OPPOSE FIXING OF WAGES ON A "FODDER BASIS"

Sliding Scale In Railway Settlement In Britain May Create New Problem

THE LABORITE HERALD

Asks Whether Trades Unions Should Accept Agreements Wages Varying With Costs

London, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—The sliding scale in the railway settlement seems likely to produce another acute labor situation. The Laborite Herald declares that the new problem is whether trades unions should accept agreements under which wages vary with the cost of living, and prints an interview with Ernest Sevin, organizer of the Dockers Union, who emphatically opposes fixing wages on what he calls "a fodder basis."

U. S. WAR DEPARTMENT WANTS TO BUY AIRPLANES FOSTER AVIATION INDUSTRY

Washington, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—The War Department today asked Congress to authorize an expenditure of \$15,680,625 for the purchase of airplanes and motors. Work under the expenditure would be so allocated as to foster and promote the aviation industry. Secretary Baker informed the Military Committee.

RED ARMIES MENACE PERSIA

Boleheviki Spread Religious and Political Propaganda In India

London, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Where there seemingly is no dispute of the menace of Red armies to Persia and neighboring countries, there is said to be no direct military menace to India at the moment. The main danger to India lies in religious and political propaganda which the Boleheviki are assiduously spreading among the extremists there, for the purpose of starting a revolt.

FORMER GERMAN EMPRESS MAY RETIRE FROM WORLD IN PROTESTANT MONASTERY

Paris, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is at present at Potsdam. She contemplates entering a Protestant monastery in England or America. Her health is reported bad, but she is not in a serious condition.

BONN, ACTOR, OFFERS TO ACCEPT PUNISHMENT FOR FORMER KAISER

Berlin, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Ferdinand Bonn, at one time the most popular actor in Germany, and a special footlight protégé of former Emperor William, has offered to substitute himself for Count Hohenzollern and go to London, made up as the former monarch. "Not so much for the sake of William as for German honor would I do this," Bonn declared.

MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES SEIZE GERMAN LEGATION, TANGIER, IT IS REPORTED

Madrid, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—A dispatch from Algiers reports the seizure of the German legation at Tangier by Moroccan authorities, last night.

WAITRESS DRIVES \$4,500 CAR, TIPS AVERAGE \$80 WEEK

New York, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Sophie Hodsky, waitress, receiving a salary of \$12 a week, was fined two dollars after she had pleaded to violation of traffic rules while driving her \$4,500 automobile. She told the court she averages \$80 weekly in tips.

U. S. REASONS FOR WITHDRAWING FROM SIBERIA

According To Statement Given Japan By U. S. State Department

ACCOMPLISH MISSION

Washington, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—The United States in deciding to withdraw its troops from Siberia where it has participated in guarding districts under Allied control, did so because of present conditions there which make it impracticable to send reinforcements, and for the added reason that the purpose for which the troops were sent into Russia, has been accomplished, the State Department informed the Japanese Government.

TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR ROSS RIFLE PLANT

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—It is anticipated that a settlement will be reached in the claim of Sir Charles Ross for compensation for the confiscation, under the War Measures Act, of the Ross Rifle factory and plant. Sir Charles made a claim for \$18,000,000. The Government finally consented to an arbitration, but limited the maximum of the award to \$3,000,000. It is rumored that a settlement will be reached by which an amount in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 will be agreed upon. The Government has already disposed of plant to the extent of about a million dollars.

SUPREME COUNCIL APPROVES LETTER TO BE SENT DUTCH

Demanding Extradition of Former German Emperor—Expect a Refusal

Paris, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Supreme Council has approved of the text of a letter to the Dutch Government, asking the extradition of the former German Emperor. The general expectation in French circles, is that Holland will refuse to deliver the former monarch.

LONDON DIAMOND MERCHANTS HELD

Charged With Milling and Breaking Up Gold Coin—Barrister In Trouble

London, Jan. 17.—Six persons, including Harry Lewis, a barrister, and Shure and Chamberlain, diamond merchants, were on Friday arraigned in Bow street police court on a charge of melting and breaking up gold coin. They were arrested under the provisions of the Defence of the Realm Act.

Gold amounting to thousands of pounds sterling has recently been withdrawn from the Bank of England for illegal purposes, according to the Mail. Gold is now worth 25 11s per ounce, which is in excess of the face value of a sovereign, and the Mail asserts that gold valued at several thousand pounds was found in the houses of the persons under arrest.

ANOTHER RISE COST OF LIVING

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—During December there was another rise in the cost of living. According to the Labor Gazette, the average cost of the weekly budget of staple foods averaged \$14.70 at the middle of the month, compared with \$14.27 for November, \$13.63 December 1918, and \$7.59 for December 1914.

ALBERTA MAY NOT TAKE PLEBISCITE ON LIQUOR IMPORTATION

Calgary, Alta., Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—The Alberta Legislature may not be called upon to pass a resolution for a plebiscite on the importation of liquor. Premier Stewart stated today that the Social Service Council considered that the stoppage of importation would leave many persons and interests in a privileged position.

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STANDARD LIVE STOCK CONTRACT FORM SUGGESTED

Railway Commissioners To Consider Authorization at Meeting February 10th

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—A hearing of great importance to Canadian livestock shippers will take place before the Board of Railway Commissioners Feb. 10th when authorization of a standard livestock contract will be considered by the Board. At the hearing a number of other matters affecting livestock transportation, which have been brought to the attention of the Board from time to time, will also be dealt with. Persons specially interested have been notified of the hearing here.

THEFT OF \$18,000 FROM MAIL SACKS ABOARD STEAMER

Bank Notes Taken From Mail Aboard Steamer Chelosis, Near Vancouver

LOSS DISCOVERED

Just Before Entering the Harbor — May Be Other Thefts

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Eighteen thousand dollars in bank notes was stolen from a mail sack aboard the steamer Chelosis from the North. The loss was discovered shortly before the steamer entered the harbor here last evening. The mail room had been broken into and several bags of mail cut open. The full extent of the robbery has not yet been ascertained. The money was being sent to this city from Prince Rupert.

AUSTRIAN WAR SHIPS DAMAGED BEFORE SURRENDER

Under Terms of Peace Treaty They Must Be Handed Over To Allies

BLAME FOR DAMAGE

Laid By Austrians on Czechoslovaks and Jugo-Slavs—To Repair Ships

Geneva, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Austrian war vessels which under the terms of the Peace Treaty must be handed over to the Allies have undergone a second "Scapa Flow" but on a smaller scale. The fleet includes one battleship, three large cruisers, four torpedo cruisers, 12 torpedo boats and some smaller craft.

The Austrians are declared to have acknowledged the damage, but blame the Czechoslovaks and Jugo-Slavs. The ships will be towed to Toulon and Marseilles for repairs.

NATIONALISTS WOULD BOYCOTT MILNER'S MISSION

Cairo, Jan. 17.—(Canadian Press)—Nationalist leaders have issued an appeal for a boycott against the mission of Viscount Milner's Commission, members of which are at Alexandria in the course of an attempt to compose Egyptian difficulties.

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