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Fear For Family of Tonalá Smiths
American Family Now in Jail for the Killing of Mexicans
WERE STORMING HOME

White Repulsing Mob, Three Nations Were Killed—Fears Entertained For 10 Smiths Now Under Arrest in Mexican Jail.
 (By Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)
 Washington, May 7.—Having killed three Mexicans in an attempt to repulse a mob that stormed their home, ten Americans named Smith, all of the same immediate family, are now under arrest at Tonalá, Mexico, and are in grave danger of execution. Practically every other American has left the district. The State department will make every effort to insure the release of the Smiths, but feeling against Americans in lower Mexico has risen to a point where the mobs are beyond control of the officials.

Campaign Begins.
 The beginning of a rebel campaign against Durango and Zacatecas was officially reported to the State department removing the last hope that Carranza would agree to a cessation of hostilities during the mediation negotiations. The advance guard of rebels have left Torreon and the main body will follow within a day or two.

Rebels Solve Problem.
 Reports of almost continuous Constitutional successes in northern Mexico cleared the atmosphere materially to-day so far as the United States is concerned.

The President and his advisors believe that before the A. B. C. mediators begin their work at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Carranza will hold the entire north. They are equally confident that so soon as this condition is brought about Huerta will either abdicate himself or be eliminated by the men who in the past have supported him.

If Huerta can be eliminated, there is not an official here familiar with the entire Mexican situation who doubts that a common ground could be quickly found on which all of the warring factions in Mexico would be brought together.

Thanks to Great Britain.
 London, May 7.—Ambassador Page to-day offered to Foreign Secretary Grey the thanks of the United States government for the assistance given by the British navy in getting American refugees out of Tampico.

Grateful to France, Too.
 Paris, May 7.—Ambassador Herrick on instructions from Secretary Bryan, to-day called upon Premier Doumergue and thanked the French government for the United States for the aid rendered by French ships at Vera Cruz.

Mediators' Complete Plans.
 The South American mediators completed their plans for beginning the conference at Niagara Falls. Headquarters will be established at a leading hotel there, which consented to advance the date of its opening in order to accommodate the conference. The mediators with their secretaries, stenographers, etc., will make a party of about fifteen. They will leave here on the 14th to prepare for the opening conference on the following day.

O'SHAUGHNESSY BACK
 Charge d'Affairs in Mexico City Reached Washington To-day.
 (By Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)
 Washington, May 7.—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, Charge d'Affairs of the United States Embassy in Mexico City, arrived in Washington early to-day. His arrangements had been made for him to visit President Wilson, whose time is occupied to-day with the wedding of his daughter, Miss Eleanor Wilson, to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Mr. O'Shaughnessy will confer with Secretary Bryan later in the day and may call upon the A. B. C. mediators.

3,000 NEW BOX CARS
 Illinois Central Will Expend \$6,000,000.
 (By Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)
 Chicago, May 7.—The Examiner says: "An order for 3,000 new box cars and expenditure of \$6,000,000 will be given by the Illinois Central in a few days. All will be of the box pattern. This is the largest order for the equipment given by any Chicago road this year."
 "The Illinois Central is one of the few lines that is doing a good business. The company's gross earnings for the ten months ending April 30 are the largest in its history and the year's record, ending June 30, will place the road's receipts on a high basis."
 (By Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)
 Philadelphia, May 7.—The Pennsylvania system lines both east and west have at the present time a total of approximately 60,000 freight cars idle. Something less than half of this number are undergoing repairs or are in storage awaiting repairs. Repair work is being delayed to an unusual extent because of the slackness of demand for equipment.

OIL MEN MEET TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN MEXICO

Representatives of Practically Every Petroleum Interest will Attend
U.S. Has Balance in Her Favour
\$4,800,000 Aggregate of Trade Balance for Month of April
 (Special to Journal of Commerce.)
 Washington, D.C., May 7.—Detailed figures of the foreign trade of the United States, showing imports and exports for March and the nine months ended with March, 1914, were published to-day by the Department of Commerce. Total imports in the month were somewhat in excess of \$182,700,000 and total exports in the same time ended with March, 1914, were \$187,500,000, showing a trade balance favoring the United States approximating \$4,800,000. Imports for the nine months' period ended with March, 1914, exceeded \$1,355,100,000, and exports in the same period were over \$1,883,200,000, making an aggregate trade of more than \$3,281,700,000, and showing a balance of trade in favor of the United States of about \$484,700,000.

By great groups, the figures for that class known as "Foodstuffs in crude condition and food animals" show increased imports and decreased exports; \$24,000,000, as compared with less than \$17,500,000 in March, 1913, and exports in March of this year being below \$7,200,000, as compared with more than \$13,900,000 in the corresponding month of last year. In the group "Crude materials for use in manufacturing," there is shown a balance of trade against the United States of about \$6,500,000. Nevertheless, this is a vast improvement over March of 1913, when imports in that class exceeded \$5,600,000 and exports were but little more than \$19,600,000, and the balance of trade against the United States more than \$19,600,000.

The following table shows the imports and exports in the three classes of manufactures for March and the nine months ended with March, 1914:

Groups	Month of March	Imports	Exports
Foodstuffs partly or wholly manufactured	\$24,289,776	\$22,989,066	
Manufactures for consumption	\$30,033,091	\$32,856,618	
Manufactures ready for consumption	\$39,836,077	\$63,739,633	
Total	\$94,158,944	\$119,585,317	

The first class, that of manufactured foodstuffs, shows a slight balance of the month of March in our favor, but classes show substantial balances in our favor, and in the total, the balance in our favor for the month exceeds \$2,400,000. For the nine months' period the balance favoring the United States is approximately \$218,700,000.

The United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, and France maintain their relative positions in the order named as our best customers. Increased imports in March, 1914, are shown from each of these four countries. At the same time, in exports to the United Kingdom, there are shown greater increases than in imports from them. In the case of France, there appears for March, 1914, a balance of trade in our favor of about \$300,000, in a total trade of over \$26,100,000, while in March of last year, in a total trade of about \$19,900,000 there was a balance in favor of France in excess of \$2,200,000. Exports to Germany increased also, though not so much as imports therefrom; but, in a total trade aggregating \$45,000,000 during the month, the trade balance in favor of the United States approximated \$11,400,000. Exports to Canada decreased; but of a total trade in March, 1914, of about \$38,600, exports comprised almost 28,200,000, or more than double the imports.

BURNED TO WATER.
 Erie, Pa., May 7.—The steamship City of Rome, bound from Buffalo to Toledo, was burned to the water's edge ten miles off shore at Northeast early to-day. The crew was forced to take to the boats and escaped. The City of Rome had gross tonnage of 1,908 tons, length 268.2 feet, depth 20.03 feet. She was built in 1881 at Cleveland, which is her home port.

FIRE WIPED OUT VILLAGE.
 Zurich, May 7.—The picturesque village of Seinge was practically destroyed by fire last night and the nearly 600 people have been rendered homeless. It is feared that several villagers perished in the flames.

The principal stories in to-day's issue, which may be found in their respective departments, are:
 Canada's Shipping Shows Increase.
 Local Insurance Business Good.
 Serious Depression in Woolen Industry.
 High Cost of Living.
 Canadian Milling Methods.
 Latest New York and London Markets.

Prudential Life Bill Has Passed

Long Fight for Dominion Incorporation Comes to Successful Issue
AMENDMENT WAS LOST
 Argument Precipitated Again When E. W. Nesbitt Proposed Amendment Which Was Defeated—Finance Minister Gives Assurance.
 (Special to Journal of Commerce.)
 Ottawa, May 7.—The bill of the Prudential Life of Canada, providing for the Dominion incorporation of the Prudential Insurance Company, which has been in existence since 1907, passed the Bank and Commerce Committee, this morning, without amendment. The fight has been a long one, and it did not end to-day until the period of the sitting of the Committee, had almost expired. The fight against the name which was instigated by the American Prudential was completed yesterday, when the preamble passed, but discussion was precipitated again this morning when E. W. Nesbitt moved an amendment to clause ten that the company should not receive a license until its assets exceeded its liabilities, excluding capital stock by at least \$100,000.

Averse to Amendment.
 General Manager Minto explained that he was averse to such an amendment, because it would mean that the bill would have to go back to the Senate again, and that the whole discussion on the name would be revived. He declared, however, that the company had a surplus of \$51,000 at present, and he declared that the company would undertake not to come for a license until it had complied with the insurance act in every particular.

Mr. White declared that it was extremely unfortunate that general assertions about the company's financial standing. The charges had not been specific in any case, and the company had been embarrassed by them. The bill passed by a vote of 26 to 10.

OUR NEW GOV. GENERAL

Prince Alexander of Teck to Succeed H. R. M. The Duke of Connaught.
 (By Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)
 London, May 7.—It was officially announced to-day that Prince Alexander of Teck, Queen Mary's brother, has been appointed to succeed the Duke of Connaught as Governor-General of Canada. He will take up his duties in October.

BOTH SHOW A DECREASE

Great Britain's April Exports and Imports Both Less.
 (By Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)
 London, May 7.—According to the monthly report of the British Board of Trade issued to-day, the imports of the United Kingdom in April decreased £1,312,474, and the exports decreased £3,106,589, compared with the corresponding month last year. The subjoined table shows the trade of the United Kingdom in April, compared with April, 1913.

	1914	1913
Imports	£61,624,000	£62,936,174
Exports	39,946,000	43,052,589
Imports	21,678,000	19,905,885
Imports from January to April 30	258,618,630	173,532,623
Imports	55,086,967	

ALREADY FOR WEDDING

Senate Sends Diamond Bracelet To Miss Wilson.
 (By Leased Wire to The Journal of Commerce.)
 Washington, May 7.—With guests arriving on every train, decorations in place and a bright May sunshine streaming over all, the preparations for the fourteenth wedding within its historic walls, finds the White House ready. Until a late hour last night the executive mansion was ablaze with light and the attendants on the wedding of Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson to Secretary of the Treasury Wm. G. McAdoo busily rehearsed the ceremonial that will be followed at six o'clock this evening. The Senate sent its gift of a diamond bracelet, the value of which was placed at \$10,000.

PHILADELPHIA BROKER BECOMES INSOLVENT.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 7.—Albert R. Lee was suspended by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange to-day for insolvency. Mr. Lee was admitted to membership in the local Exchange on November 7th, 1894.
TO CULTIVATE OYSTERS.
 (Special Correspondence.)
 St. John, N.B., May 7.—The cultivation of oysters near the mouth of the Mirimichi is to be started by a new company now being organized. The oyster beds at this spot are mostly productive, while others are barren, and the fishermen of the district have been invited to join the new industry.

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