

MEXICAN STATUS UNCHANGED.

Page Calls at British Foreign Office to Ask About English Minister's Stand.

Washington, Oct. 20.—While there was no change in either the status of affairs at Mexico City or the American policy, an international phase of the Mexican situation that attracted wide attention tonight was the formal inquiry made earlier today by Ambassador Page of London as to what was construed here as an unsympathetic attitude toward the United States by Sir Lionel Garden, the British ambassador to Mexico. It is understood that the basis of the inquiry was a confidential report to the state department, the contents of which were not divulged here. It is known, however, that what particularly displeased both President Wilson and Secretary Bryan was the presentation by Sir Lionel of his credentials to Provisional President Huerta the very day after the latter had proclaimed himself dictator. The American government felt that Huerta's nullification of the Mexican constitution, not only by his arrest of the deputies, but by his assumption of legislative powers, had so altered affairs in the Mexican capital that the British minister might well have withheld his presentation of credentials.

Inquiry was directed to determine whether the British foreign office had instructed Sir Lionel to present his credentials notwithstanding Huerta's assumption of powers.

The explanation of the British foreign office noted in press dispatches that the presentation of the credentials was merely a coincidence and not antagonistic to the American point of view was not commented on by officials tonight.

Diplomatic circles interpreted the new development as strongly intimating to Europe the desire of the United States to have a free hand in dealing with the Mexican problem.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT AROUSED.

Villa Permitted Americans to Leave, But Holds Germans.

Mexico City, Oct. 20.—The holding of forty-three Germans at Torreon by Gen. Francisco Villa as hostage against an attack by the Federal forces has aroused the German government to make strong demands upon the Mexican foreign office to insure their safety.

Gen. Villa permitted the Americans to depart from Torreon, but held the Germans, about the same number of French residents, ten or twelve Britishers and several Spaniards, declaring that his purpose was to use them as a foil to deter the Federals from attacking the city. He also let it be known, according to advices received here, that they would be sacrificed unless the effort to retake Torreon was abandoned.

What action the foreign office proposes to take has not yet been determined.

NO NEGRO BISHOP NOW.

General Convention of Episcopal Church Adjourns without Taking Action—Committee to Report.

New York, Oct. 22.—The general convention of the Protestant Episcopal church today postponed for three years action on the question of giving the negroes of the South a bishop to represent them directly in the house of bishops.

Majority and minority reports from the committee on Episcopate of the house of deputies approving and opposing the proposal came before the convention. Neither report was adopted. The entire problem was referred by viva voce vote to a committee, to report to the assembly in the 1916 convention.

The decision to defer voting on the matter was reached after several hours of debate participated in by delegates from many States of both North and South. The Southern delegates were divided as to the wisdom of creating a separate territorial missionary district for negroes.

Those who opposed the plan held it would mean ultimately the establishment of a negro Episcopal church entirely apart from the present church; they declared the Southern negroes were not sufficiently developed to assume church responsibilities for themselves, but still were in need of the influence of white men.

Supporters of the plan declared a merger of white and negro congregations in the South to be impossible and that it was best to give the negroes a church of their own. The lamentable conditions among Southern negroes were pointed out. It was asserted the church had failed to alleviate the conditions and that it should experiment with a negro bishop.

Rev. A. T. Rogers of Lydia will preach at the Salem Street Mission Chapel on Sunday, October 26th, 8 P. M.

EVERYBODY PAYS TAXES.

And They Pay Their Part of Any Extravagance or Inefficiency in Government.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Whenever the question of taxation comes up as a public issue there are noisy taxpayers who say that poor men and men of small means have no reason to bother about the tax rate.

These politicians who make light of the burdens of taxation often succeed in their efforts to blind the eyes of voters to their most vital interests.

Many a man is persuaded that because he has no direct dealings with the County Treasurer's office he pays no taxes.

On the contrary, in proportion to the total amount of their earnings—what they have to live on and to spend—the poor pay more taxes than any other class.

They pay indirectly, but none the less surely.

The hand of the government which reaches into their pockets is not recognized, but it takes their money.

The poor often think that the taxes they pay are part of the high cost of living.

They believe, too often, that the extravagance and wastefulness of the public authorities have nothing to do with the price of food and clothing and the rent of houses and apartments.

The point they miss is that merchants and manufacturers are absolutely forced to put most of the taxes they pay into the selling price of the merchandise they dispose of.

They would fail if they did not.

If taxes could be cut in two the competition of landlords would quickly reduce rents, or give better accommodations for the same price.

When the millions of American voters who pay no taxes directly once get this fundamental fact of government fixed in their minds there will be much less toleration of officeholders who spend the people's money with a freedom and carelessness they would never think of in using their own.

If every actual taxpayer realized fully what government costs him, there would be nothing more heard from the politicians who are in the habit of sneering at the complaints of those direct taxpayers who know and feel their share in keeping the public treasury solvent.

SEVENTEEN DIE IN WRECK.

Ninety Soldiers Injured Near State Line, Miss., Bodies Removed.

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 20.—Unless others of the 90 soldiers in hospitals here die, as the result of the Mobile & Ohio troop train wreck near State Line, Miss., Sunday afternoon, the list of dead will stand at 17, according to the railroad undertaker's report tonight. Officials of the railroad company say that there are no other bodies under the wreckage. Physicians do not believe there will be more than one death among the injured. The most seriously hurt is Private Ostrander of the One Hundred and Seventieth company.

The revised list of dead is: Corporal A. T. Klavasky, One Hundred and Seventieth company; Corporal Joseph Johnson, Eighth band; Corporal Frank Chelowski, Corporal Fritz Copler, Privates Ernest Plaquet, Joseph Lebon, W. H. Bryan, G. C. Gruelke, E. W. Danek, Jos Provance, H. Bishop, G. C. Burleson, Claude Teel, V. Van Stebbens, G. W. Goodes, M. C. Acres of the One Hundred and Seventieth company; Private Virgil Kemser, Thirty-ninth company.

President W. W. Finley of the Mobile & Ohio believes that the troop train plunged 24 feet into Rube Burroughs creek because the front wheels of the engine tender left the track before reaching the trestle. His statement issued through the general offices tonight, says: "These wheels broke practically every tie in the centre of the trestle. When the ties were cut the track spread, resulting in the train toppling over and carrying the trestle with it. A careful examination does not indicate that the track was in any way defective prior to the accident."

PIER FOR LONGEST TELESCOPE.

Concrete Base on Mount Wilson Ready for New Glass.

Los Angeles, Oct. 20.—The concrete pier which will support the longest telescope in the world was completed today on the crest of Mount Wilson. The telescope, which will have a 100-inch lens, will improve the Carnegie Solar Observatory, which at present is supplied with a sixty-inch instrument. By means of the new glass it is predicted photographs of stars will be made which heretofore has been impossible.

Marriage License Record.

A license to marry has been granted to Daniel McLean and Annie Gordon of Sumter.

BOY IS ELECTROCUTED.

Claude Bowles Touches Live Wire. Funeral at Chester.

Chester, Oct. 20.—Claude Bowles, aged 13, a son of the late W. A. Bowles of Chester, and the boy himself lived here up to a couple of years ago, was electrocuted close to his home in Atlanta, Ga., Saturday afternoon by coming in contact with a live wire.

RESIGNS TO ACCEPT JUDGESHIP.

C. J. Ramage Quits Education Board to Be Special Judge.

Columbia, Oct. 21.—C. J. Ramage of Saluda, appointed special judge to hold courts in the first judicial circuit on account of Judge Gary's illness, voluntarily resigned as a member of the State Board of Education.

This is probably the first such resignation under the Constitution forbidding holding two offices of honor or profit.

Gov. Blease commends Mr. Ramage warmly for the action.

SULZER CANDIDATE FOR ASSEMBLY.

Former Governor Named in Sixth District, Scene of His First Experience.

New York, Oct. 20.—William Sulzer, impeached as governor of the State, tonight was nominated for the assembly by the Progressives of the Sixth assembly district. Mr. Sulzer in 1889 began his public career as a member of this branch of the State legislature.

Mr. Sulzer has agreed to accept the nomination, it was announced at the meeting where he was chosen as the candidate. Max Steindler, Progressive leader in the Sixth district, who placed the former governor's name in nomination, said Mr. Sulzer reached him by telephone from Albany inquiring if he had been designated. Mr. Steindler replied in the affirmative. He said he asked Mr. Sulzer if he would accept and Mr. Sulzer replied he would gladly do so.

Chamber of Commerce Notes.

The first of the regular weekly meetings of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held last evening at 6.30 o'clock. There was a full attendance. Matters of importance to the organization and of interest to the city and county of Sumter were discussed.

The new managing secretary of the commercial organization was duly installed in his position and given his cues as to what constitutes a live wire secretary in the estimation of the officers and directors.

Dr. J. Z. Hearon, the treasurer, made a report of the financial condition of the organization. It was decided by the board that an appeal be made to the membership to pay up their dues promptly as money is the chief item needed to successfully carry forward the affairs of the organization. Of course money is not everything, individual interest, and public spirit are necessary. But there are fixed monthly or regular expenses to the organization which must be met regularly in order to keep up the same. And there are other expenses amounting to many hundreds of dollars annually.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Sumter Tobacco Warehouse will doubtless mean that the preliminary steps in the inauguration of a tobacco market for Sumter have been taken in concrete form. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 6 o'clock tomorrow, Wednesday, evening. President D. D. Moise urges the attendance of every stockholder as matters of importance must be attended to at once.

BANK IS PURCHASED.

Important Business Deal is Made by Conway Men.

Conway, Oct. 20.—Senator Hal L. Buck has just consummated a deal whereby he has purchased from B. G. Collins and Col. D. A. Spivey their interest in the First National and the Conway Savings banks of this city. At a meeting of the directors of the two institutions late Saturday afternoon B. G. Collins, former president, resigned and Mr. Buck was elected president in his stead. Col. Spivey will remain as cashier of the two banks until the first of next year, if not longer. In the meantime Senator Buck is actively in charge.


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INDICTMENTS AGAINST MANY.

Twenty-three Former Officials of St. Louis, Ill., Indicted on Graft Charges.

St. Louis, Oct. 22.—The indictment today for 23 former officials of East St. Louis, Ill., on charges growing out of an investigation of alleged municipal irregularities, was characterized by State's Attorney Webb as the forerunner of other indictments to be returned by the grand jury.

Those under indictment tonight include a former mayor, a former city treasurer, two former comptrollers, two former heads of city departments, 12 former aldermen and the present chief of detectives. All these were a part of the administration of Charles S. Lambert, who retired from the mayoralty last spring, being succeeded by Mayor Chamberlain, who was elected on a reform platform.

Among allegations supported by evidence introduced before the grand jury were the following:

That East St. Louis was more than \$200,000 in debt.

That during the Lambert administration warrants were issued for large sums for the payment of city officials who had contracts with the city in violation of the law.

Many of the indictments returned against the various ex-officials cover the same offenses but are differently phrased to meet legal points.

Mrs. Wylie Sholer went to Bishopville Wednesday to visit friends.

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