

MEXICO EVADES RESPONSIBILITY

Officials Will Refuse to Vise Passports in Event of Refusal to Waive

Washington, Sept. 6.—Apparently convinced that the United States is earnest in demanding proper treatment of Americans in Mexico, the Carranza government has adopted a novel expedient in an attempt to relieve itself of responsibility.

Americans going to the Tampico region, hereafter, will be compelled to sign a formal release of the Mexican government's responsibility for what may happen to them. If they refuse, Mexican officials will refuse to vise their passports.

The condition raises a peculiar situation for under international law a government may refuse travel permission to foreigners into a region where it may not be prepared to guarantee their safety.

Americans going to the Tampico region are being asked to make oath to such an affidavit as follows:

"The undersigned, under oath, deposes and says that he has been warned that the Tampico oil region is a dangerous district on account of the activities of bandits operating in said region; that dependent by reason of his business as employee is on his way to that region and travels at his own risk. That in case some accident might happen to him hereby he formally renounces the right that he or his heirs might have to present a claim to the Mexican government either directly or through any other channel."

This affidavit is not only required of workmen who are American citizens but also of American citizens in the United States holding passports from the State department authorizing them to visit the Tampico region.

MINERS STRIKE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Scranton, Sept. 9.—Fourteen thousand miners struck today, making a total of thirty-five thousand men now out in this district.

WHEAT CROP IS GREATLY REDUCED

Washington, Sept. 8.—Further decline of the spring wheat crop reduced the prospective production 17,000,000 bushels during August, but corn had a good month and shows a prospective output of 70,000,000 bushels larger than indicated last month, according to the government's September crop report issued today.

There were reductions in the forecasts of oats, white potatoes, tobacco and hay, but an increase in buckwheat and sugar beets.

The condition of the corn crop was described as irregular, ranging from extremely good to extremely bad, but for the country as a whole, a fair-sized crop of good quality is in prospect, totaling 2,858,000,000 bushels.

The loss in the spring wheat crop was caused by blight, rust scab and grasshoppers. The total crop of spring and winter wheat now is placed at 223,000,000 bushels, which is more than 300,000,000 bushels below the crop as forecast from conditions prevailing in June.

Southern States corn crop forecasts follow:

Virginia, 48,887,000 bushels; North Carolina, 58,769,000; Georgia, 66,367,000; Tennessee, 75,473,000; Alabama, 70,153,000; Mississippi, 61,341,000; Louisiana, 34,438,000; Texas, 201,287,000; Oklahoma, 65,774,000; Arkansas, 48,355,000.

Dinkins Mill News.

Rembert, Sept. 3.—A lot of our people are away just now. It is a bit late but better late than never.

All our gineries are busy, and cotton is being gathered in fairly good condition.

Some people have good corn as S. W. Allen and W. S. Thompson, but most of it is quite ordinary.

The Y. W. C. A. camp is broken up but they will return another year, having made arrangements to that effect.

There is a youth in our community, the son of a Methodist preacher in Pennsylvania, selling stereopticons with views of the great war in order to get money to finish his education at a medical college. This mention is to introduce him to our good people, white and colored. He does not know I am writing this. He impresses me as a fine young man, only nineteen years old.

The gardens in our community are very poor indeed.

Sylvester Allen has the largest bunch of hogs I have seen, about forty or more. I understand he has a nice lot of cattle also.

In the long ago a young woman just eighteen years old was stricken with typhoid fever and died in spite of all medical skill could do. In her last moments she sang:

"O heaven, sweet heaven, when shall I see?"

"Of when shall I get there." Through all these years the words and music have stayed with the writer. The religion of Jesus Christ is a blissful reality.

An old preacher in antebellum days (the war between the States) went into the pulpit of Shiloh, now a negro church, one Sabbath when everything was parching and birds were dying for lack of water, and prayed for rain. He rose unsatisfied, again he knelt and prayed with the same result. The third time he prayed that if God would not be merciful to sinful man at least remember the brute and the birds, and there came a great flood of water. There are people who will say this just happened, but some of us know that God answers the prayer of faith.

"Hagood"

Athens, Ga., Sept. 9.—A thousand armed men are surrounding a swamp near here where Abe Cox, who is accused of murdering a farmer's wife is hiding. The victim was killed with a garden hoe.

TAKE A TRIP BY AIR TO BRAZIL

Fare For Passengers Will Be \$5,000 Each

London, Aug. 24.—Twenty passengers and a small cargo are to be carried on the first airship journey from Farrow-in-Furness to Rio de Janeiro some time this fall, according to an announcement here. Owners of the aerial Leviathan intend, if the initial voyage is successful, to maintain a regular four-day service between the two points.

The airship it is said, will be routed via Lisbon, Sierra Leone (West Africa), and thence across the Atlantic to Rio de Janeiro. The return trip will be made by way of the same points.

Sir Woodman Burbidge, is reported to have booked three berths for the flight—for himself, his wife and a friend. The price of these tickets was \$5,000 each.

The airship is known as the R-80. It has a gas bag capacity of 1,250,000 cubic feet, more than half the size of the famous R-24. She is considered the most perfectly constructed steamline type of airship and has a speed of sixty miles per hour. She is 532 feet in length.

Passengers' living quarters are situated on top of the hull and consist of cabins, of sleeping berths, a roof garden and a shelter deck. There is an observation car below the hull which is connected with the living quarters by means of a passenger lift through the middle of the craft. In connection with the progress of aeronautics in England, it is interesting to note that announcement is made by the Air Ministry of the opening next February of a Royal Air Force Cadet College for the training of the permanently commissioned officers of the Royal Air Force. Only fifty-five cadets will be admitted to the opening class of the college. Examinations will be held in November. Candidates must be between seventeen and one-half and nineteen years of age upon entering the school. A two-years course is prescribed. Competitive examinations will govern admission.

FANCY PRICES ASKED FOR LAND

Good Roads Send Value of Lands Skyward

Gaffney, Sept. 7.—Numerous auction sales of land in Cherokee county recently demonstrated the fact that real estate here is very high. Purchasers in many instances selling the land at higher prices than they paid without even having the land transferred to themselves. More than \$1,000,000 worth of land will have changed hands within less than sixty days. It is the consensus of opinion that the principal reason for the high prices which have prevailed is that most of the land is situated either on or in proximity to the good roads which have been recently constructed in this county.

EXPLODE AMERICAN AMMUNITION

Shells Sold to Germans by Americans Destroyed

Coblentz, Saturday, Sept. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Property valued at approximately 10,000,000 marks, sold recently by the Americans to the Germans, was destroyed today by a series of explosions in ammunition dumps near Nieuwied. Among the material destroyed was ammunition worth 3,000,000 marks, which was sold Friday to a German company for commercial purposes.

Fire followed the first explosion and destroyed about fifty buildings scattered about a forty-acre tract, used for years by the Germans and then by the Americans for storing shells of various calibers. Thousands of large shells and millions of rounds of small arm ammunition which were abandoned by the German army were exploded, but there were no American casualties.

Six German girls employed in a dump were rendered unconscious by the first explosion. They were rescued by American soldiers.

CHAIRMAN "FAIR PRICE" COMMITTEE

Oliphant Agrees to Head State Committee

Columbia, Sept. 6.—A. D. Oliphant of Columbia, according to a letter from Attorney General Palmer to Governor Cooper, received today, has accepted the State chairmanship of the fair price committee. This committee will be one of the instrumentalities through which the State and the Federal authorities hope that the present standard of prices will be forced down.

The creation of these committees was decided upon at Washington recently at a conference between a committee of governors, of which Governor Cooper was one, and the attorney general.

Mr. Oliphant will appoint fair price committees in every community of the State, the duty of which will be to have a price list printed at frequent intervals showing the prevailing costs of necessities to the consumers. These committees, it is presumed, will be composed of merchants and consumers.

London, Sept. 9.—The occupation of Petrovavloski, one hundred and seventy-five miles west of Omsk, by the Bolshevik army is claimed in a Russian soviet official statement.

Paris, Sept. 9.—The supreme council will draft a note to Germany demanding the suppression of Article 61 of the German constitution, which allows Austria representation in the German parliament.

NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN

Not a Campaign For Money Only—World Service For Christ the Ultimate Goal

It cannot be too often repeated that the Nation-wide Campaign of the Episcopal Church is not a twenty million dollar drive. Contradictory statements to this effect are constantly made in the public press, and are sometimes made by individual speakers who do not know whereof they speak. The Diocesan Committee of the Nation-wide Campaign in South Carolina reiterates its statement, the Nation-wide Campaign of the Episcopal Church is not a "twenty million dollar drive," and it takes pleasure in presenting to the general public the purposes of this National Campaign as outlined by those in authority.

1. To bring the spiritual power of the Church to bear upon the church's whole task.

2. To secure and train an increased number of persons, clerical and lay, for Christian leadership and work.

3. To care for, on a yearly basis, for three years, the financial needs of all the General Boards, viz: The Board of Missions, the General Board of Religious Education, the Social Service Commission, together with such general agencies as the Church Institute for Negroes, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Church Temperance Society, Seaman's Church Institute, Church Periodical Club, Girls' Friendly Society, Daughters of the King, etc.

4. In consultation with the proper authorities, to care for the financial needs of all the Provinces, Dioceses and Missionary Districts of a missionary, religious, educational or social service nature.

An eminent leader in the Episcopal Church has called this a campaign for "ships" and says that means winning the war, just as the ships for which Mr. Hurley and Mr. Stewart asked, meant winning the other war. The Rev. Mr. Stewart suggests that other ships may be added to the fleet, but that the five in the lead are "Membership Discipleship, Fellowship, Stewardship, Leadership." These are indeed the ships that will bring the Christian Church to the "Heaven where she would be." The Episcopal Church does not for a moment say that its campaign is not a financial one, for no great work can be accomplished in this world without the expenditure of money, and yet, because the gift without the giver is bare, she wants it understood that her primary objects in this campaign are "information, inspiration and vision." She would teach the people of her membership of the work which she has already accomplished, of the work which she has in the past neglected, and of the opportunity for world service that is hers today if the men and the money are forthcoming to grasp them.

CAMDEN FLYER KILLED IN TEXAS

Camden, Sept. 8.—Lieut. Malcolm A. Bateman, who was killed in an airplane accident at Austin, Tex., Saturday afternoon, was the son of the late J. P. and Mrs. Janie Nettles Bateman of Camden. He was twenty-three years of age, a popular young man with a brilliant mind. Receiving his commission the early part of last year, he was ordered to command an aero squadron overseas, where he saw service until the signing of the armistice.

After returning to the States his value as an instructor was recognized and he was kept in the service and for several months had been stationed at Kelly Field, recently doing border duty as an observer and instructor.

Lieut. Bateman was married in May of this year to Mrs. Nell Robertson, of Savannah, Ga., who was at San Antonio, near Kelly Field, at the time of the accident. He is survived by his widowed mother, one sister, two younger brothers and a large family connection. He was a member of the Camden Baptist church, the Masonic order and the Woodmen of the World.

The father of Lieut. Bateman was killed about two months ago by moonshiners while raiding a still near Camden.

Learning to Read.

He was a tall young man of 24, and he walked up to the desk of Miss Mary Ann Abel in the Red Cross headquarters in Atlanta and in one hand he carried a First Reader. This he held up for Miss Abel's inspection, and his eyes were fairly dancing.

"Isn't it grand, to be able to read?" he inquired.

He was a discharged soldier who had been ill of tuberculosis. In the hospital he had asked to be taught "something about reading and writing."

"I was in a line of men, waiting to sign bonus checks," he said. "I watched a man after man write his name—and I knew I couldn't write mine. I dropped out of the line and went to the foot of the class, so nobody would see me make my mark. I knew then I had missed something."

This boy had been in the fields nearly all his life, until he went into the army. Then a little later he found out what he had been missing. As Victor Vaughn once said: "How can you hunger for food you never have tasted?" But having discovered his lack, the government was ready to remedy it.

Any Red Cross Chapter or office can tell you what the government offers to men—and women—disabled in the service.

SMALL PACKERS HAVE PROTECTION

Regulation Measures Unnecessary, Thinks Witness

Washington, Sept. 8.—Independent packers of the country can protect themselves from the "big five" packing companies without the aid of the Kenyon and Kendrick bills, the senate agriculture committee was told today by John J. Felin, representing the independent concerns of Philadelphia.

"We are able to take care of ourselves," said Felin. "Leave us alone. We have had our troubles during the last two years with the license system and we don't want any more of it."

Felin denied the statement of Federal Trade Commissioner Colver before the committee that the smaller packers existed "at sufferance" of the larger concerns.

"This is radical, vicious, class legislation," Felin continued. "It will put us under the domination of bureau employees. It will hurt us smaller fellows because no bank is likely to take the paper of concerns whose doors are likely to be closed any minute at the whim of individual officials."

Dr. J. M. Wilson, president of the Wyoming Wool Growers Association, another witness, was almost as severe in his strictures of the trade commission.

"Their report was the basis for these bills," he said, "and I'd like you to know that throughout the West there are a great many rumors to the effect that the board was not fair. Certainly if the evidence you have secured so far in this hearing is to be credited, their report was wrong."

Dr. Wilson, during a discussion with Senator Kendrick, Democrat, also of Wyoming, said he had no objections as a stock raiser to packers owning stock yards, but deprecated attempts to take refrigerator cars from the "big five."

"Why, the Federal Trade Commission's report itself shows that it is better to allow them to operate refrigerator cars than to turn the cars over to any one else," he added. "They get more mileage than others can out of the cars."

Criticism of present livestock and meat prices would be stopped, he said. "If I had some authority to prove to the public the fact that they will never be able again to get meat as cheaply as they did years ago."

Chairman Gronna said today the committee's hearings would probably be recessed within two or three days but would be resumed later.

FATHER DEMANDS JUSTICE FOR BOY

James McGill's Son Was Killed in Mexico

Chicago, Sept. 9.—James McGill, the father of Herbert McGill, who was killed by Mexican bandits, appealed to the senate foreign committee to bring his son's murderers to justice.

"Some Have Entertained Angels Unaware."

In the long ago one chill winter's evening an old man begrimed, travel-stained, drew rein at the door of what was then a pretentious home in Tennessee, and asked shelter for the night, but they declined to receive him. He pressed his case, saying the country was strange, the houses few and far betwix, that already it was nightfall and cold, that to get lost or belated meant hardship, possibly death. Still they refused. In desperation he asked that if they would not stable his horse at least they would allow him to come in and sit by the fire, so that he might not freeze. To this they gave a dogged consent, so that he dismounted, hitched the horse securely, came in saddle bags and all. The host and his wife gave him scant welcome, and left him to the tedious mercies of their two daughters and a young man who was stopping with them.

Many were the jokes and merry flings at this old hayseed indulged by all, asking him if the price of pork was good, if the hay crop was abundant, etc.

When bed time came he was put with the young man, who was no sooner undressed than he jumped in bed without a word of prayer. Not so with our wayfarer, who knelt reverently and prayed fervently, giving an occasional deep long drawn groan.

Our young man became uncomfortable and could not lie still. Who was this any way? Where did he come from? Whither was he bound? Our young man ventures some information to the effect that he was a preacher on his way to conference where Bishop So and So would preside and ventured the opinion that he supposed him to be sour and crabbed. "If you knew him you would be of a different opinion," ventured our aged wayfarer. "Do you know him?" asked the young man. The reply was "I am well acquainted with him, traveled with him today."

"Where is he?" was next asked. "I am here," What, you the bishop, and these people, Methodists, gave you such scant entertainment. Besides, my own conduct has been very reprehensible." The young man was profuse in apologies, begging the bishop's pardon.

Early the next morning the bishop was up and out. The young preacher was up too and told the host he had sheltered a bishop who was then in the act of leaving. "Stay for breakfast, bishop," cried the host. "Whoever can't entertain a poor wayfaring traveler can't entertain me," the bishop said, and rode away.

"Hagood"

Rehoboth, S. C., Sept. 5.

Knoxville, Sept. 9.—Machine gunners and deputy sheriffs are guarding the jail to prevent the release of fifty prisoners who are held on charges growing out of the rioting when the unsuccessful attempt was made to get Maurice Mays, the negro accused of murdering a white woman.

FORREST'S CAVALRY

All Members of This Command Urged to Attend Reunion in Atlanta

Atlanta, Sept. 10.—Dixie's bravest, the boys who rode with Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest in the War Between the States will make a great showing at the Atlanta Confederate reunion, October 7-10, despite the gaps that time has cut in their ranks.

Major General Joe N. Johnson, commander of the First Division of Forrest's cavalry, was in Atlanta today opening headquarters for the cavalry which will be maintained from now until the reunion. Messages will be sent to every survivor of Forrest's band throughout the United States, urging him to attend what may be the last reunion, and it is hoped to have between four and five hundred here when the roll is called and the veterans bivouac around their campfires at Piedmont Park.

These veterans, in common with all others, can come to Atlanta on one of the cheapest railroad rates ever granted for a reunion. To all veterans and members of their families, to all Sons of Veterans and members of their families, to all Daughters of the Confederacy and members of the Confederate Southern Memorial Association, to all maids and sponsors and others, in fact, to any relative of a Confederate veteran, whether the veteran be living or dead will be given certificates showing they are entitled to the rate of one cent a mile. Reservations already are being made for the reunion at local hotels and boarding houses. Certificates should be procured at once from division departmental and camp commanders, by those who wish to use the one cent a mile rate.

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As I was As I am

Mr. J. H. Huff, well-known street railway man of Athens, Ga., says: "I have read of some wonderful cures but my wife's beats them all." "She was just about a nervous wreck and practically an invalid—too weak and nervous to perform the usual household duties. She couldn't sleep and what food she did eat did no good. Her kidneys were very troublesome and bowels constipated." "After taking four bottles of DRECO her strength returned along with her appetite and her stomach was digesting the food and nourishing her body. The pains in her back were gone and her kidneys normal. The constipation disappeared—she now eats anything she craves and never suffers from it; sleeps sound and is doing her household work."

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Sept. 10, '18	H. N. Singletary, Esq.	"Lake City, S. C.	66,723.66
Sept. 11, '18	Durant, Horton & Floyd	"Manning, S. C.	35,294.62
Sept. 13, '18	Mrs. Mary J. Harrell	"Darlington, S. C.	25,134.56
Sept. 14, '18	J. D. Coker, Esq.	"Hartsville, S. C.	10,116.20
Oct. 1, '18	F. L. & John Wilcox	"Timmonsville, S. C.	71,589.85
Oct. 9, '18	W. T. Wilkins, Esq.	"Kingstree, S. C.	19,206.72
Nov. 19, '18	York Real Estate Co.	York, S. C.	11,331.25
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