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## AMERICANS WANT TRADE OF MEXICO

THE COUNTRY IS IN NEED OF EVERYTHING IN THE WAY OF AMERICAN GOODS.

## EXCHANGE IS NO DIFFICULTY

Firms That Six Months Ago Would Not Consider Mexican Trade Now Sending Salesmen There.

Mexico City.—Mexico's "big four" are Obregon, Gompers, Villareal and Mother Jones.

They are making Mexico safe for Americans and American business. The great American drive to capture the immensely rich Mexican trade is on in full blast.

Mexico is America's nearest, most accessible and potentially richest foreign market. It needs everything in the way of American manufactured goods. It can pay in raw materials. Exchange furnishes no difficulty. The American dollar has been worth two Mexican dollars for 25 years and the war has not changed this.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City has increased its membership 25 per cent in four months and receives new applications for membership almost daily.

American firms that six months ago wouldn't consider Mexican trade are sending their best salesmen into Mexico and are planning to establish agencies or branches.

"There isn't a safer place on earth for Americans to do business," says W. H. Vail, acting secretary of the American Chamber of Commerce.

## Ridicule Blue Laws.

Memphis, Tenn.—Tennessee legislators are going the blue law advocates one better with the object of killing with ridicule the latter's bill. They announce they are preparing amendments to prohibit preachers from preaching on Sunday, street cars from running during church hours, choirs from singing, husbands from kissing their wives, and as a final amendment to exempt everyone from penalties proposed by any blue law.

## Railroads Refuse \$12,000,000.

Washington.—New England railroads were offered but refused a "gift" of \$12,000,000 from trunk line executives to protect the former's credit, the interstate commerce commission was told by W. H. Williams, chairman of the Wabash railroad.

## Matter Put Up to Men.

Washington.—Decision as to acceptance by between 60,000 and 75,000 skilled workers in American ship yards at a reduction of from 10 to 20 per cent in wages as a means of reviving the industry was put up to the men by officials of labor organizations including most of the yards employees in their membership.

## Growing Wave of Discontent.

Washington.—A growing wave of discontent over the new system of framing big appropriation measures broke in the house with unexpected fury. The upshot of it all was the virtual riddling of the \$8,000,000 diplomatic and consular bill.

## Will Not Peacefully Submit.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Heads of three big railroad brotherhoods in formal statements said the railroad men of the country "will not peacefully submit" to the wage reductions which Chicago dispatches say the railways will seek from the United States railway labor board.

## Supreme Council Fully Agreed.

Paris.—Full agreement on reparations, German disarmament and all other important questions, before it was reached by the supreme council of the allies when it adjourned to meet again in London February 21.

## Consular Agent at Charleston.

Washington.—Brazil will be represented by a consular agent at Charleston, it is officially announced.

## Embassy Presented by Morgan.

Washington.—The house voted to authorize the secretary of state to accept the offer of the residence of J. P. Morgan in London as an American embassy.

## Belgium King Offers Cup.

New York.—King Albert of Belgium has offered a cup for an ocean race from Sandy Hook to Ostend, Belgium, open to sailing yachts of the world. Baron De Cartier, Belgian ambassador to the United States, it has been announced here.

## Baker Urges Economy.

Washington.—Drastic economy at army posts and camps was ordered by Secretary Baker due to an impending deficiency of \$94,000,000 under appropriations for the quartermaster's corps.

## A Fast Kiss.

Chicago.—Aurelia Turpin, wealthy and romantic, kissed Miss Virginia Foster once a minute for an hour. A jury assessed the kisses at \$58 each and ordered Turpin to pay \$3,500 damages.



DANIEL O'CALLAGHAN. Daniel O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, who came to the United States as a stowaway.

## NO LONGER SECTIONAL LINES

"We Have a Great Diversity of Interests, all of Which are Entitled to Consideration."

Atlanta, Ga.—Calvin Coolidge, vice president-elect, addressing the Southern Tariff Conference said that in a determination of the economic policy of the country "the sole object to be sought is the public welfare." He defended the protective tariff but said there would need to be "a careful reurvey of the field in order to determine what application of former policy can be made to existing conditions in order to provide for the public welfare."

"Geographical divisions and sectional lines have been swept away," said Mr. Coolidge. "The just pride of the north and the south, the east and the west, is everywhere submerged in the overwhelming sentiment of a yet greater pride that we are all Americans. The outstanding result of the recent national election was more than partisan, it was the unalterable determination of our country to be and remain in all things thorough American."

"We have a great diversity of interests which are all entitled to consideration. This will require a very careful adjustment. In making that adjustment all must remember that each must support the other."

Larger Petroleum Supply. Washington.—Oil production in the United States in 1920 totalled 443,402,000 barrels while consumption of oil in the United States reached the unprecedented total of 531,186,000 barrels.

60,000 Unclaimed Checks. Washington.—More than 60,000 checks on the national treasury for retainers pay due naval reservists are unclaimed at the Navy Department because of the failure of the reservists to keep the department informed of their correct address.

Strongly Object to Milk Man. Camden, N. J.—Fifteen officers of the third regiment of the New Jersey national guard resigned because of election of Howard S. Borden, millionaire milk manufacturer, as brigadier general in command of the entire military forces of the state.

Woman Insurance Company. Philadelphia.—What is said to be the first title insurance company in the United States, organized and conducted by women is now in process of formation in this city.

Hunt for Man, Find Still. New York.—Fighting their way into a fifth-floor tenement room in City Hall place in quest of a kidnapped man, the police discovered an elaborately-equipped moonshine still.

Royal Marriage in February. Athens.—Prince George of Greece, and Princess Elizabeth of Rumania, will be married at Bucharest between February 10 and February 15, according to present plans.

Tobacco Barn was Burned. Gallipolis, Ohio.—Joseph Arrington, a tobacco farmer living near this city reported that his tobacco barn, containing ten thousand pounds of Burley elaf tobacco had been burned by an incendiary, only suspicion resting on the night riders.

Man O'War Begins Career as Sire. Lexington, Ky.—Man O'War, the champion thoroughbred, arrived here in a special railroad car from Glen Riddle Farm, Berlin, Md., to begin his career as a sire.

Kill Blue Law. Nashville, Tenn.—The state senate by a vote of 25 to 2 killed the so-called Cooper Sunday blue law bill which prohibited Sunday newspapers and trains as well as Sunday amusements.

Wheat Stocks on Hand. Washington.—Wheat stocks on hand in the United States January 1, 1921, totalled 320,000,000 bushels according to an estimate by the department of agriculture. The figure compared with 417,000,000 bushels a year ago.

## DISCOURTEANCE BACKWARD STEP

R. GOODWYN RHETT DELIVERS AN ADDRESS ON NATIONAL HOUSING PROBLEM.

## WOMEN SHOULD BE CONSULTED

"Labor Saving Devices and Machinery Are Just as Essential in Home as They Are in Factory."

Washington.—Any construction program adopted to replace the existing shortage of 1,500,000 dwelling houses must be drawn with due regard to its effect on the permanent welfare of the country, R. Goodwyn Rhett, of Charleston, S. C., said in an address before the housing conference of the National Council, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

"We cannot afford to countenance or permit any backward step in the standards of living which have been established, either by law or public opinion," Mr. Rhett declared, "for the standard of living of the great mass of the people is the surest index of progress."

Women should have a "say" in the type of houses to be constructed, the speaker thought, since the average house is a "woman's workshop." "Labor saving devices and machinery are just as essential in the home as in the factory," Mr. Rhett said.

Chairman Butler III. Washington.—Because of the illness of Chairman Butler, the house naval committee postponed the hearing of General Pershing on the question of world disarmament. It was announced that Representative Butler was suffering from an attack of ptomaine poisoning.

Davis Denies Charges. Richmond, Va.—Governor Davis, in a statement denied charges of ministers that he had misused the pardoning power in an effort to break down enforcement of the prohibition law.

Colford-Vanderbilt. New York.—Mrs. Catherine Nelson Vanderbilt, divorced wife of Reginald C. Vanderbilt and Sydney Jones Colford, Jr., New York and Newport club and society man, were married in the bride's home here.

Saavedro is Re-elected. Santiago, Chile.—Bautista Saavedro who recently resigned as provisional president of Bolivia, has been elected president of the republic by the presidential convention in session at La Paz, according to advices.

Lowest Loss of Life. Columbia, S. C.—Seventy-nine persons were killed and 589 injured in South Carolina last year, loss of life due to wrecks, being lowest of any year on record.

Killed in Providence Fire. Providence, R. I.—Three firemen were killed and 18 seriously injured when a wall of the building at 88 Mathewson street collapsed, during a fire. Two of the injured are expected to die.

Broke eWorld's Record. Adelaide, Australia.—The world's record for the 100-yard swimming event was broken here by Warren Kealoha, the Hawaiian swimming star. He made the distance in 52 1/2 seconds.

Must Not Give Commissions. Washington.—Issuance of orders requiring thirty-five ship chandlery and repair companies at South Atlantic and Gulf ports to refrain from giving "cash commissions and other gratuities to induce trade" was announced by the Federal Trade Commission.

Children Killed By Train. Baltimore.—Two children were killed, several seriously injured when a train on the Annapolis short line railroad struck a bus filled with school children near Shipley, Md., on the road between Baltimore and Washington. Some of the injured were taken to Camp Meade hospital.

Memorial in Paris. Paris.—A memorial to American volunteers in the French army is to be erected in Paris; and a military cemetery will be held once a year at the statue. Names of fallen volunteers will be read out of a "golden book."

Recognition for Mexico. Mexico City.—Italy extended formal recognition to the Mexican government when the Italian legation delivered to the foreign office an autographed letter from King Victor-Emmanuel.

Philadelphians Are Shocked. Philadelphia.—An earth tremor or an explosion of great violence was felt here at about 6:40 o'clock. Inquiries poured in newspaper offices from all directions many coming from points as far away as Trenton, N. J.

Trenton, N. J.—A violent earth shock was felt in the vicinity of Riverside and Riverton, where many of the buildings were badly shaken. The shock lasted several seconds and caused many of the residents in that section to flee in terror.



FATHER O'FLANAGAN. Father O'Flanagan is the acting president of the Sinn Fein.

## HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Illiteracy is a National and Not a Sectional Problem Said Report in Citing Statistics.

Washington.—The United States was declared to rank ninth among the nations of the world in the general educational level of its people, in a report of the house committee on education, recommending passage of the Smith-Towner bill to establish a federal department of education with federal aid in increasing educational facilities. The country is training behind "most of the civilized world," the report said, from the standpoint of its educational advantages.

The proposed measure offers the only means, the report declared, of correcting the present inequality of educational opportunities among the various communities and preventing waste of public funds and inefficiency due to lack of co-ordination among federal agencies dealing with education.

Illiteracy is a national and not a sectional problem, the report said, in citing statistics to show it was almost equally prevalent in every section of the country.

"There is nothing of more importance in our scheme of government than the education of the people," it continued. "Whatever else may be left out education cannot safely be excluded."

## Five Yearly Installments.

Berlin.—Official announcement was made after a conference between Dr. Walter Simons, minister of foreign affairs, and Dr. Wirth, minister of war, with Chancellor Penrenback that Germany has agreed to the plan of five yearly installments for the payment of reparations as the basis for further negotiations with the allies.

Rivers and Harbors Bill Cut. Washington.—A rivers and harbors bill carrying a lump sum of \$15,250,000, or \$41,864,000 less than the estimates was reported to the house by the appropriations committee. The total is \$2,850,000 more than was appropriated this year.

Harding Dodges Functions. West Palm Beach, Fla.—Side-stepping many public and special functions proposed for him at this fashionable winter resort, President-elect Harding divided his short visit here between a private luncheon and a game of golf.

Fire Loss of \$2,000,000. Athens, Ga.—Plans for rebuilding the stores and offices swept away in Athens' \$2,000,000 fire were being made by business men while smoke and steam still partly obscured the gaunt skeletons of brick and iron that were left of some of the city's largest establishments.

Both Sides Chosen Justice. Columbia, S. C.—Thomas P. Cothran, member of the house of representatives from Greenville and speaker of the house, was elected by the South Carolina legislature on the third ballot to succeed the late Associate Justice D. E. Hydeck on the supreme court bench of the state.

Peach Blooms in Georgia. Albany, Ga.—Peach blossoms, in January give evidence here of the mildest winter southwest Georgia has experienced in many years. Plum trees and shade trees are budding out also.

Burglars in Harding's Town. Marion, Ohio.—Two burglars entered the office of the county treasurer in the courthouse here, knocked Treasurer Harry E. Fory unconscious with the butt end of a revolver and escaped with \$14,000 in cash.

Celebrate Re-Establishment. Willimstad, D. W. I.—Re-establishment of diplomatic relations between Holland and Venezuela was celebrated here, public and private buildings, and consulates being decorated.

Increase in Church Membership. Nashville, Tenn.—More than 150,000 new members were received into local white Baptist churches in the South by baptism alone during 1920 it was reported by the conservation committee of the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign.

## COURT REVERSES SOCIALIST CASE

BERGER AND HIS ASSOCIATES NOT YET TO DO TIME ON DISLOYALTY CHARGES.

## DEBS PETITION TURNED DOWN

The Court was Divided Six to Three in Berger's Case, Justices Day, Pitney and McReynolds Dissenting.

Washington.—The conviction of Victor L. Berger, Milwaukee socialist publisher, and four other members of the socialist party, on charges of violating the war-time espionage act was reversed by the supreme court on the ground that Federal Judge Landis should not have presided at the trial after his eligibility had been attacked in an affidavit filed by Berger and charging prejudice.

Within a few minutes after the court's decision had been announced President Wilson refused to commute the ten-year sentence imposed on Eugene V. Debs, many-time socialist candidate for president, for a violation of the same law.

The court divided six to three in Berger's case, Justices Day, Pitney and McReynolds dissenting. Berger and the other four men were convicted under the section prohibiting attempts to cause insubordination and disloyalty in the naval and military forces and sentences ranging from 10 to 20 years were imposed. The appeal was brought to the supreme court on the ground that Judge Kennesaw Mountain Landis, who presided at the trial, had "shown personal bias and prejudice" against the defendants because of their nationality.

## Harding is in Seclusion.

Miami, Beach, Fla.—Senator Harding is in real seclusion at last, some 30 miles away from civilization. His abiding place for a few days is an old pirates' retreat on Adams Key, and about him are memories of Black Caesar, one of the last gentlemen of the black flag to be driven from the Southern waters of the Atlantic.

## S. A. League Advances.

Greenville, S. C.—The South Atlantic association of Baseball clubs will advance from class "C" to class "B" by unanimous decision of the league directors at the annual meeting here. The salary limit will be \$3,500, instead of \$2,500 and the player limit will remain at 14.

## Mexican Army of 80,000.

Mexico City.—Organization of a Mexican army totalling 80,000 men would be provided under plans drafted by Enrique Estrada, minister of war, and members of the general staff of the army. Compulsory military service would be authorized.

## Bank Robbed and Burned.

Washington.—The Commonwealth National Bank at Reedville, Va., a village 10 miles from here, was robbed of cash and securities totalling \$119,000 and then set on fire, according to reports received by the Washington police department.

## Governor of Maine is Dead.

Augusta, Maine.—Frederic H. Parkhurst, governor of Maine is dead. He failed to recover from the effects of a diphtheritic infection under the tongue, with which he was attacked three weeks ago.

## To Investigate Taylor Shooting.

Washington.—A naval court of inquiry has been ordered to investigate the shooting of Lieutenant John C. Taylor of Greenville, N. C., naval medical officer at the operating base, Hampton Roads, Va., by a sentry.

## 55 Cases Sleeping Sickness.

London.—Fifty-five cases of sleeping sickness have been reported during the past four weeks in this city. This is a large increase, only 23 being reported in the previous period of four weeks.

## Iron Works in Bankruptcy.

Norfolk, Va.—The Crescent Iron Works, Inc., the instrument which the International Association of Mechanicals used as its working model for the "Norfolk idea" was thrown into involuntary bankruptcy here.

## \$1,000,000 Insurance Receipts.

Raleigh, N. C.—Receipts of the North Carolina Insurance Department before the end of the present fiscal year will reach one million dollars, \$52,465.37 of which has already been turned over to the State Treasurer.

## Eleven are Burned to Death.

Hoboken, N. J.—Eleven persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Hotel Colonial here. Four others were badly burned and taken to a hospital with little hope of recovery.

## Burning Steamer Rescued.

Jacksonville, Fla.—The Italian steamer Nettuno, Captain G. Borsini on route from Port Arthur, Texas, to Brindisi, Italy, was towed into this port by the coast guard cutter Yamacraw after being afire at sea.

## ANNEXATION A HARD PROBLEM

The Election Recently Held in Chester County Has Been Thrown out by the Chester Election Board.

York.—Citizens of 75 square miles of territory in northeastern Chester are experiencing some difficulty in their desire to sever the bonds connecting their section with the mother county and to unite it with York. The election held January 11 at which they gave the necessary two-thirds vote in favor of annexation to York has been thrown out by the Chester election board on the ground of irregularity. The decision has been appealed to the state board of elections and unless it is reversed another plebiscite will be necessary.

Among the alleged irregularities are that some registration certificates were issued within 30 days of the election, which is contrary to law; that women voters had not paid taxes, and that some of the tax receipts made use of in voting had not been issued until January 1 and after, when the penalty attached.

Even if the election is thrown out by the state board, such procedure will only postpone by a short time the day when the territory in question becomes a part of York.

Washington, (Special).—The president nominated the following South Carolina postmasters: Alfred De Meulreiss, Parris Island; Robert A. Dean, Barnwell; G. L. Smith, Springfield; Hattie B. Peoples, Varnville; A. B. R. Thompson, Bethune; Alice Singletary, Bowman; Caille A. Sawyer, Chesnee; Lydia A. Setaier, Cowpens; H. L. McSwain, Cross Hill; H. R. Williams, Hardeeville; Rosa Horne, Lake View; D. F. Pittman, Nichols; Lottis G. Myers, Pamplico; Marie Way, Ridgeville; B. L. Hursay, Society Hill; Miriam Miller, Trenton; J. T. Vernon, Jr., Wellford.

Anderson.—The Robert E. Lee chapter, U. D. C., had a celebration of the birthday of Robert E. Lee and entertained the veterans of Anderson county by having a dinner. The guest of honor was Admiral Newton A. McCully, son of their old comrade, Newton A. McCully, who was lieutenant in the Palmetto Sharpshooters and served until the surrender. Admiral McCully made a short talk, expressing his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by the chapter.

Gaffney.—Cherokee county, with a yield of 88,000 bushels of wheat for 1919 ranks fifth in the counties of the state in raising wheat. Several farmers in discussing the yield said that the yield this year under normal crop conditions would far exceed that figure, for they said the experience this season has taught us a lesson which we will not soon forget.

Darlington.—Arrangements are now under way for the second annual dairy and cattle show, which will be held here the latter part of March. It is the intention of the South Carolina Dairyman's association to make this one of the largest shows of dairy supplies, products and pure bred dairy cattle ever held in the South.

Landrum.—An up to date wheat mill has been put up here and is now running full time. A car load of wheat arrived a few days ago and another car will soon come. The flour made is excellent and no doubt a ready market will be found. The whole output will likely be taken by local merchants.

Greenville.—I. Rex Rice, president and manager of Judson Mill store, and well known Greenville man, is ill with "sleeping sickness" at John Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, according to the diagnosis of physicians as reported by Max Rice, brother of the stricken man.

Greenville.—At the annual South Atlantic schedule meeting held here, the matter of application to have the league classed as a class B organization, instead of class C, will be considered and indications are that such application will be decided upon.

Union.—Mrs. Susan Kirby, of Union celebrated her 109th birthday anniversary with an elaborate dinner given in her honor and attended by 20 guests. Mrs. Kirby, who resides with her son here, appears to be physically and mentally active.

## First Woman to Hold Office.

Gaffney.—The first woman to hold office in Cherokee county is Mrs. K. W. Littlejohn, who was commissioned as a member of the board of trustees for Ashby district No. 13. Superintendent E. C. McArthur said that it would be the policy of his office to appoint women as school trustees where vacancies occur from time to time. Mr. McArthur said that he would recommend the repeal of the compulsory attendance law to the legislature so far as Cherokee county is concerned.

## Edmund Bigham Under Arrest.

Florence.—Edmund Bigham, brother of L. S. Bigham, who was supposed to have killed his mother, his sister, Mrs. Marjorie Black, and two adopted children and then committed suicide at Palmico, near here was arrested on orders from Coroner Smith, who has been conducting an investigation of the tragedy.

Bigham was arrested on the strength of a warrant sworn out by John W. McCracken, father of the two little children, Leo and John McCracken, who were killed.

## M'LAURIN MAKES PENSION REPORT

DURING YEAR PENSIONS WERE PAID TO THE AMOUNT OF \$613,371.04.

## A BALANCE IN THE TREASURY

Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Odd Veterans of Civil War are Still Beneficiaries of The State.

Columbia.—D. W. McLaurin, pension commissioner, laid his annual report on the desks of the members of the general assembly. The report shows that during the year pensions were paid to the amount of \$613,371.04 to the various county boards.

Total receipts for the year were \$660,965.19 and the expenditures were \$620,283.72 leaving an unexpected balance of \$40,681.47.

Mr. McLaurin gives the number of men and women in all classes and the amount paid by the counties to the men and women in these several classes.

Pensions were paid to 1,343 men in class "A" to 1,878 in class "B" and to 1,367 in class "C" in the several counties, showing that the thin gray line is not yet extinct by any means. This would make a total of 4,588 veterans receiving pensions from the state.

The number of women receiving pensions in class "A" was 1,526 and for class "B" the number was 2,787. The number for class "C" was 1,330.

Due to the general dissatisfaction of classification by the county boards the state association of veterans has drawn a bill placing the classification of veterans in the hands of the state board.

Hampton.—Fire of an unknown origin was discovered in the large frame building occupied by the Hampton Warehouse company and such headway had already been made that it was not possible to save the building. This building was leased from the town of Hampton, it having been erected a few years ago for county fair purposes and was being used as a warehouse for storing and curing cotton.

At the time of the fire the building contained 2,500 bushels of potatoes and 9,000 crates, 6,500 of which were empty.

Marion.—In one of the hottest races for mayor Marion has had in some time. George G. McKerral was elected over P. W. Johnson by a vote of 319 to 210. P. W. Johnson was running for the fourth time for mayor. The last time he ran he was opposed by George G. McKerral and defeated him.

Anderson.—The W. L. Brissey Lumber company has been granted an increase of its capital stock, from \$50,000 to \$100,000, thus doubling the capital stock. The reason for the increase the president of the company, W. L. Brissey states, is because it does more business than the original capital would allow.

Columbia.—A bill providing for the creation of a commission for the purpose of surveying the water powers of South Carolina with a view of their developments for hydro-electric power by the state, was introduced.

Anderson.—A petition asks the city council to call for a special election for issuing bonds to the amount of a sum not exceeding \$200,000, the proceeds to be applied solely to the payment of past indebtedness.

Manning.—Miss Corinne Barnfield, the first woman to offer for the legislature in South Carolina, was defeated in a special election in Clarendon county according to unofficial returns.

Greenville.—City council at a meeting received no bona fide bids for an offer of \$400,000, five per cent thirty year municipal bonds for public improvements.

Union.—The Buffalo mills plant here, employing almost 900 persons, resumed full time operations after running three days a week for several months.

## After The Cattle Tick.

Spartanburg.—The Southeastern States Veterinary association, before the adjournment of its annual meeting here adopted a memorial urging congress to enact legislation to prevent the importation of cattle from tick-infested areas, after March 1, 1922. It was explained that such legislation would force backward states to speedy efforts to free their areas from the cattle pest. At this time only a few sections in the South remain infested reports to the association show.

## Ship Files Russian Flag.

Charleston.—There is considerable interest here in the arrival of the Russian ship Irysh, which has brought kalm from Antwerp. The Irysh flies the flag of old Russia, white, blue and red, and has not been "home" for four years, as the steamer is operated by the Russian volunteer fleet, which does not recognize the present government of the vast country, and has its headquarters in Paris. There are aboard 54 officers and men in the crew, most of them Russians, with three officers' wives.