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Torreon, Mex., July 17.—Doubt as to their legal status and uncertainty as to whether their conclusions would be accepted as those of regularly organized bodies, caused a standstill in the labors of commissioners recently appointed by Emilio Madero for the investigation of claims growing out of the revolution and the looting of Torreon on May 15.

The rules laid down in the Diario Oficial for the government investigation committee and the announcement of the appointment of a general committee for the investigation of claims for the republic together with the failure of Emilio Madero to give the Torreon committee the official character asked for caused the local committee to address a letter to the general committee in Mexico City inquiring into its status of character and as to the disposition of the claims already received and filed to the value of 1,300,000 pesos for property lost in Torreon, besides the claims of the committee on Torreon, horses, saddles, cash, etc., in the sum of 520,000 pesos. Much time has been spent in the investigation of claims by individuals of the committee, but such work remains to be done if the order is received to send the papers to Mexico City. The claims will aggregate nearly 2,000,000 pesos.

CLAIMS AMOUNT TO \$2,000,000.

The investigation of some of these claims has been a source of worry to members of the committee. Eight days were spent in the adjustment of that of the Chinese banking company of Wah Yick & Co. Three days were consumed in going over accounts of the Zertuche Trevino commission house. Dozens of the Chinamen for whom claims were entered are dead. The books of other concerns are missing. The members are not disposed to spend more of their time unless assured of the official character of the committee.

STARTS WORK ON ROAD.

Charles F. Parker, well known in this city, and who has been developing mining property at Conchos, Dgo., went to work this week on a contract awarded him by Eduardo Hartmann for 30 kilometers of track on the Llano Grande railroad, which will connect the timber tract with Durango. Immediate employment was given to 500 workmen. The opening of this tract will prove of great benefit to Durango.

JUAREZ HOSPITALS ARE GIVEN RELIEF

Government Orders Funds Turned Over to Col. Wilson for Hospital Use.

The Mexican government has finally come to the assistance of the Juarez hospitals in a substantial way. The threatened attack of the Insurrectos of the city on the customs house brought a quick response from Mexico City, and Saturday afternoon, Francisco I. Madero sent word to Col. Jas. L. Wilson to answer to Col. Wilson's message, that he had turned the matter over to the minister of hacienda and he could expect speedy results.

An hour after Col. Wilson received this message the officials of the customs house called on Dr. Wilson and said that they had been ordered to pay all of the bills of the hospitals. They gave Col. Wilson 3500 pesos, the amount he asked for in his message to Madero, and asked the debts of the hospital exceeded this amount; that they would pay them also.

Besides this, the customs house has been ordered to pay all of the bills of the hospitals incurred in the future and a fund ranging from 100 to 150 pesos per day was ordered given to the hospitals as the funds demanded.

The Insurrecto soldiers and the hospital officials seem well pleased that the Mexican government has taken action in the hospital situation. Before only promises were received for the support from Mexico City, but the money was never given and the customs officials refused to forward it without orders from Mexico City.

HUDSON BAY POST IS THREATENED BY FIRE.

North Bay, Ontario, July 17.—Fears are entertained for the safety of the Hudson Bay post at Fort Matkewan. The last word coming out by an Indian runner from the factory, Steve Lafrederer, was that the fire was coming across both sides of the river and was all about the post.

DIAZ PREPARES TO VISIT PARIS

Bad Nauheim, Germany, July 17.—Gen. Porfirio Diaz, the former president of Mexico, is preparing to leave for Paris, being advised by a consulting physician here not to take the waters on account of his age. His health, however, appears excellent. From Paris, Diaz will go to Switzerland, where he will remain throughout the summer.

BIG RANCH DEAL MADE

ONE THOUSAND ACRES SOLD IN THE UPPER VALLEY

A tract of 1000 acres, in the Mesilla Valley, five miles south of Las Cruces and near Mesilla Park has been bought by J. W. Fryckberg, of Corpus Christi. The tract is to be subdivided and platted in small ranches for intensive farming. The price paid for the tract was \$50,000. Fifty acres of the land is in the valley proper and the remaining 950 acres on the first bench above the valley level. The sale was made by Austin & Marr, of El Paso.

MR. FAIRBANKS FINDS RESORT "SHOCKING"

The Former Vice President Thinks Sabbath Is Much Too Happy.

WENT ON SUNDAY, WAS "SURPRISED"

Atlantic City, N. J., July 17.—Former vice president Charles Warren Fairbanks confided to friends that he was shocked at Atlantic City's total disregard of Sabbath observance.

Ma Fairbanks, who has been bitterly caricatured in conjunction with Futtermilk, voiced his censure of the resort at a denominational rally.

"I arrived in Atlantic City on the Sabbath, but would not have been aware of the fact had not my calendar told me so," said Mr. Fairbanks. "On all sides, I saw little or nothing that was in keeping with the Lord's day. I did not recognize in the life here the typical Sabbath of other American cities."

Mr. Fairbanks solemnly warned his hearers that many of the noblest qualities in our national life would be lost if the Sabbath day was not held sacred. He alluded to his travels in "heavenly countries" where, like Atlantic City, there is no Sabbath observance.

"We must make more of the Sabbath if we are to preserve the home," continued Mr. Fairbanks. "Sabbath observance tends to break down the home. Without Sabbath observance our young men and our young women will deteriorate. I firmly believe there is nothing that makes so profound an impression upon young minds as widespread observance of the Lord's day."

SABBATH OBSERVANCE MEANS SOBRIETY.

"Sabbath observance means sobriety, it means reverence for all that is best and dear to us. Preserve the Sabbath if you would preserve the home."

Mr. Fairbanks also advocated union of the various Protestant churches, declaring that he had already given public expression to his sentiment. He declared that he had already given public expression to his sentiment. He declared that he had already given public expression to his sentiment.

BANCO MINERO OF JUAREZ REOPENS

Had Been Closed During the Revolution—No Cause Given.

The Banco Minero opened its offices in Juarez Monday morning. The bank has been closed since a short time before the battle of Juarez, and during the meantime has been carrying on its work at the Union Bank and Trust company in El Paso.

Both the officials of the Mexican bank and those in the El Paso bank who have had dealings with the Cred bank are exceedingly reticent in regard to the reasons why the Banco Minero has not reopened in Juarez before. The other Juarez bank, the Banco Nacional, has been opened since June 8, and has carried on business there without being molestated in any way by the new government.

PUBLIC INVITED TO FORT BLISS PARADES

The 23rd infantry will have dress parade each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6:30. The band concerts by the 23rd infantry band will be given at Fort Bliss on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. The public is invited to attend the parades and the military band concerts.

LIGHTNING KILLS ONE; BURNS ANOTHER

Portales, N. M., July 17.—While out in the pasture after horses, the two little boys of T. J. Corder, who lives near Redland, in this county, were struck by lightning yesterday. One of the boys was instantly killed, the other being badly burned about the face.

H. L. NEVERSON DEAD IN KANSAS CITY, MAY BE EL PASOAN

The local detective department has received a letter from Kansas City stating that there is a man lying in the morgue at that point who, it is thought, is from El Paso. The letter states that the deceased had in his pocket a contract with the railroad company for the transportation of cattle, which contract bears the name of H. L. Neverson, and is dated at Ryan, Okla., and that upon taking the matter up with the railroad's agents at Ryan, they have been informed that Neverson stated he was from near El Paso when obtaining his contract.

MEXICAN CONSUL GOES TO FRANCE

Thomas Torres, Mexican consul in El Paso, will leave this city in about a week to become the consular representative of Mexico in Bordeaux, France. Dante Costa Narvaez, at present the Mexican consul at Bordeaux, will come to El Paso to succeed Mr. Torres. It will simply be an exchange of posts by the two consuls. The new consul will not arrive in El Paso for several weeks, and in the meantime, after Mr. Torres leaves, Enrique Camacho, vice-consul in El Paso, will act in the capacity of consul.

BEN LUCKY MISSING.

The city marshal of Stamford, Texas, has written chief of detectives Stansel and requested that the local police be on the lookout for a 15-year-old boy named Ben Lucky, who left his home on July 9. It is said that the boy is thought to be coming to El Paso, and his mother wishes to get trace of him.

BOY AVIATOR IS A SURPRISE TO BIRDMEN

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION SHAKES SOUTH DENVER.

JOHN W. GATES IS GAINING STRENGTH.

Paris, France, July 17.—John W. Gates, the American financier, who is ill in this city, is passing a comfortable night. He continues to gain slightly.

The fight to bar cholera from the port of New York continued today with a federal export hearing at the local health department. The 248 persons who arrived here two weeks ago on the steamer Moltke and are still under observation will undergo examinations and a more rigid quarantine will be enforced at Swineburn Island, where 15 cases of the disease are confined, with four others under suspicion.

DANGER IS REAL ONE.

These cases, with the six deaths that have occurred since the Moltke brought the germ here from Naples, show the reality of the danger, the city faces from the epidemic now raging in southern Europe.

While nothing even approaching a panic exists here now, the situation is receiving greater attention and Dr. A. J. Doty, health officer of the port, has felt called on to issue a reassuring statement.

Dr. Doty minimizes danger. Dr. Doty says that the cholera germ can be received in one way only, through the mouth, and that there is no danger in ordinary contact with persons who have the disease. However, Charles Dushkins, counsel for the complainants at the institute of Dr. Doty's official conduct, now in progress, declares his belief, that the cholera patients caught the disease at the immigration station, where all the passengers were detained on landing.

The cholera carriers. The danger, or rather the understanding of it, is further increased by the comparatively recent medical knowledge of "cholera" invasion.

These persons, Dr. Doty says, may transmit the germs, although themselves free from their ill effect and as great a menace to others as a man dying from the disease.

No cases of cholera were found among the 261 passengers and 91 members of the crew of the Perugia. All persons aboard, however, remain under close observation.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—The entire public health machinery of the government has been put in motion to fight off the cholera invasion from Europe bearing on cases at any points being carefully studied by officials here, and the public health office at Naples has been instructed to cable reports every five days as to developments in Italy.

BODIES OF MINE VICTIMS RECOVERED

Twenty-One Were Killed in Explosion in Pennsylvania Shaft.

DuBois, Pa., July 17.—The bodies of 21 victims of the explosion in the shaft of the Cascade Coal and Coke company at Sykesville, were brought to the surface today. The large crowd dispersed and there was no excitement about the mouth of the pit. The bodies were not buried and it is quite evident that they died as a result of the after-damp.

MEDINA RETURNS TO ENGAGE IN BUSINESS

Leut. Col. Juan N. Medina, of the Insurrecto army, who fled from the rebels when the second battle of Agua Prieta took place, arrived from Cananea Monday morning and has asked for his discharge from the army, in order to engage in business in El Paso. Medina was formerly a lieutenant in the Mexican army. Because of ill health he asked for an indefinite leave of absence and was in charge of the Juarez office of the El Paso Gas company.

He was forced to leave Mexico because of his anti-revolutionist expressions. When the revolution started, Medina was connected with the El Paso Gas company. He went from here to Douglas to recruit men for the rebel army. While there he engaged in the battle of Agua Prieta and was made jefe de armas of the town after it was taken by the rebels.

HENWOOD'S TRIAL TO BE ON TUESDAY

Denver, Colo., July 17.—Arguments on the motion for a new trial for Harold F. Henwood, convicted of second degree murder for killing George E. Copeland, while shooting at S. J. Von Phul, the St. Louis balloonist, were today postponed until tomorrow. The case against Henwood for killing Von Phul will not be set until final disposition of the present motion.

CULBERSON ASKS THAT TEXAS BE REMEMBERED.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Senator Culbertson today introduced an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill providing for payment to Texas of \$183,000 in reimbursement for the defence of frontier against Mexican and Indian marauders prior to the civil war. In the amendment secretary of war is asked to investigate whether this sum of money was expended as claimed.

F. J. HALL AND WIFE AND SON, LEFT MONDAY MORNING FOR THEIR RANCH NEAR DONA ANA.

Benjamin, Texas, July 17.—The city council has passed an ordinance prohibiting that no one may sell peanuts on the streets of Benham until he has secured the amputation of both legs. The purpose of the ordinance is to permit an aged negro who has lost both legs to "freed out" other commodities with the peanut selling business.

Boy Aviator Is a Surprise to Birdmen



New York, N. Y., July 17.—Lee Hammond, the daring boy aviator of the Mineola, Long Island, flying colony and chum of Harry N. Atwood, the youthful Boston aviator, has distinguished himself by remarkable flying. One photograph shows young Hammond in flight. It is constantly expected that Hammond will surprise aviation circles, as completely as did his chum, as the spectacular success of Atwood has aroused his spirit. Both boys were reared within a few doors of each other, and both are of about the same age. They fought each other for hours both through the primary schools and the Boston Polytechnic Institute, and although they are now fast friends on mother earth, they are feverish rivals when up in the air.

ETHEL BARRYMORE RETURNS TO EAST

Friends Say She Is to Become Reconciled to Coit.

Sacramento, Cal., July 17.—Ethel Barrymore, having cancelled her engagements for the remainder of the season in the northwest, departed last night for New York. Friends of the actress assert that she is returning east to affect reconciliation with her husband, Russell G. Coit.

PREPARING FINAL PLANS FOR HOTEL

Douglas Macintosh, hotel expert for P. M. Andrews & Co., of New York, and Ralph Sholor, vice president and general manager of the William Miller Sons company, of Pittsburg, are here to arrange for the final acceptance of the plans and for the preliminary work to be done on El Paso's new hotel. Miller Sons company has the contract for the erection of the hotel, and the plans are being drawn by the Andrews company of New York, with Trost & Trost, of El Paso, as associate architects. While the hotel men are here, the final plans will be decided upon and the copies prepared for the contractors to figure.

WAR IS DECLARED ON PACIFIC COAST

San Francisco, Cal., July 17.—"War" was declared at 12:31 this morning when the maneuvers in which United States troops at the presidio and nine companies of coast artillery of the California national guard and several naval cruises Pennsylvania, is expected to arrive early in the week to take part in the maneuvers.

The maneuvers will culminate Thursday in an attempt by the gunboat Massachusetts and a fleet of tugs towing targets to represent a hostile fleet to pass the fortifications of the Golden Gate and force within San Francisco Bay. During the maneuvers exhausted tests of the wireless telephone will be made. George Looze, in a Curtis biplane, has been detailed to scout duty with the defending forces. Aviator Eugene Ely, who made a successful landing aboard the cruiser Pennsylvania, is expected to arrive early in the week to take part in the maneuvers.

MANEUVERS OF NAVAL AND LAND FORCES AROUND FRISCO STARTED.

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JUAREZ SOLDIERS GO TO GUADALUPE

It is reported in Juarez that 12 members of the Insurrecto garrison of the city left Saturday afternoon for Guadalupe for the purpose of joining a band of Magonistas, reported to be in that vicinity. The men, it is said, took their mounts and all of their belongings, including their guns and ammunition. The men are believed to be discontented members of the Juarez garrison.

JUAREZ SOLDIER REPORTED KILLED

Marialiano Carascoso, a lieutenant in Orozco's army in Chihuahua and a son of Aristarico Carascoso, prominent citizen of Juarez, is reported to have been killed in Chihuahua a few days ago. Carascoso, it is said, had been ordered to disarm an unruly captain in the Insurrecto army, and in attempting to carry out his orders was shot and instantly killed by the captain.

Want to Sell Peanuts? Get Both Legs Cut Off

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"JACKPOT" IS FEATURE OF PROBE

"Perfect Strangers" on Train Halk About It, Says Witness Burgess.

ONE MAN ADMITTED SUBSCRIBING \$10,000

Washington, D. C., July 17.—The \$100,000 legislature "jackpot" about which revolved charges affecting the election of senator Lorimer, figured in the testimony at the opening of today's hearing before the senate Lorimer committee. Wm. Burgess, manager and treasurer of an electrical company at Duluth, Minn., testified that on a train running out of Duluth about March 15, 11, C. F. Wiehe, who is associated in business with Edward Hines, declared to him that there was a jackpot raised to elect Mr. Lorimer. "I know what I am talking about because I subscribed \$10,000 to it myself."

He said he and Wiehe had not met before that day. Burgess said he made a remark about the Lorimer election, which finally led the stranger whom he said was Wiehe, to remark that Burgess "did not know very much about it."

Shortly afterward, according to the witness today, Wiehe made the statement about the "jackpot."

"Did you think it strange that a perfect stranger should make a confession of wholesale corruption to you?" asked senator Kern.

"I always did. That was the reason I asked who the man was, when we got off the train."

Terrell is Determined to quit. Senator Terrell of Georgia, ceased to be a member of the United States senate at 11:30 a. m. today. Acting on his telegraphic request to vice president Sherman this morning, the senate ordered Mr. Terrell's name be stricken from the roll of the senate, leaving his seat vacant until Gov. Smith qualifies as his successor.

Senator Terrell's telegram read: "My successor as United States senator was elected by the legislature of Georgia last Wednesday. It is my opinion that this election terminated my term of office but to remove all doubt, I sent my resignation last Friday to Gov. Smith and mailed you a copy of the same."

A law that simply requires a man to report what money he spent to get into the senate, virtually endorses his right to buy his election.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, declared that the whole purpose of a publicity law is to let the public know exactly what money is spent and how it is handled; that the "theory is that money, publicly accounted for is properly spent."

The bill as it passed the house require publicity of campaign expenses not only after election as at present, but also during the 15 days before election. The senate committee proposed amendments would extend the publicity to primary elections and force candidates to publish their promises to their campaign supporters. Senators Sutherland and Burton secured adoption of an amendment extending this paragraph, so that candidates must report all promises made by any one who has given authority to act for the candidate.

Senator Root, of New York, said all senators knew there had been much corruption in elections throughout the country.

One candidate for the senate spent \$2 for every vote he got in the primary elections," said senator Reed, of Missouri. "The law is an excellent graph, so that candidates of their candidates to file statements of their (Continued on Page Nine).

DR. RAY BUYS EXHIBITS BOTTLES OF BEER AND WHISKY FROM PULPIT AS EVIDENCE.

DECLARES SUNDAY LAW IS VIOLATED

At the union prohibition meeting held on Sunday night at Trinity Methodist church a brand new argument for prohibition was made with bottles for illustrations.

"It was near the middle of the speech, and Rev. Jeff D. Ray, who was the speaker of the night, had just argued that the saloons would not obey the law. 'And to prove it,' he said, 'I have a little evidence,' and picking up a bottle of beer from a well stocked basket, he continued:

"This was bought today in a 'closed' saloon, three miles this side of Ysleta, opposite the Catholic church. And this," holding up another bottle of beer, "I bought from the Violet saloon, also near Ysleta. Coming into town 'I got this' (a bottle of near-beer) 'at Washington park, and this,' holding up a pint bottle of whisky, 'I bought today, Sunday, in direct defiance of the Sunday closing law, in the Emporium bar on Second street."

Dr. Ray then exhibited two other bottles of whisky, one, he said, bought at the Alamo bar at Ysleta, and the other at the Blue House saloon, seven miles up the county road. "I didn't play any favorites. I bought intoxicants in both the county and city, sold in direct defiance of the law," said Dr. Ray.

Saloon Men Had Tip. "Some of the saloon men told me they had a tip to be careful and hesitated, but they all said it to me in the end. They won't obey the law and they won't obey their own bosses."

Dr. Ray used voluminous quotations to show, first, that the church was against the liquor traffic, next, in opinions from the highest courts, that the courts were against it; from a long quotation from Ingersoll, that the infidels were against it, and last, in a quotation from a liquor journal which said: "The saloon is an eyecore, and should not be defended by our trials, that the trade itself was against the saloon."

All through his speech he declared that his sayings were not the "wild rantings" of "fanatic utterances" or "ramblings" of "an excited prohibitionist," but were, in nearly all cases, quotations read from grand jury reports, court decisions and opinions and, lastly, from the saloon men themselves.

This latter was the interview from the Herald of September 7, 1907—the same interview that Judge Pindexter quoted from—in which Tom Powers, then owner of the Coney Island saloon said, "I'll bet \$5000 that if Texas has statewide prohibition or not, I'll never close the Coney Island saloon." "I am not a betting man," said Dr. Ray, "but I know earnest men in this assemblage who would stake their lives, that that saloon will close if the election on the 22nd shows that the men of El Paso vote their conscience, and if they do, we will."

Dr. Ray closed with an appeal to vote "unafraid." God give us men," were his final words.

Investigation To Be Made. The names of the men from whom it is alleged the goods were purchased have been furnished the county attorney for an investigation regarding the matter.

MEXICO CITY'S FAMOUS SLUM DISTRICT DOGGED.

Mexico City, Mex., July 17.—Mexico's most notorious slum district is likely to disappear. Colonel de la Bolsa has retained for centuries a most unsavory reputation. It has been the residence of thieves and murderers and its dirty winding streets and dilapidated buildings have long been a blemish on the capital.

The department of government has announced that the work of straightening the streets, improving the sewage system and beautifying the district generally will be adopted at once.

ELEVEN ARE KILLED IN WRECK IN GERMANY

Mulmberg, Germany, July 17.—A through express from Basel, Switzerland, for Berlin, crowded with a heavy tourist traffic, was wrecked here today. Eleven persons are known to have been killed, while scores of others were injured.

The train was derailed while entering the station. Four coaches were telescoped.

Up to this evening the dead had not been identified and it was impossible to learn whether there were Americans among the victims.

The accident occurred as the train coming from the south was entering the station. The locomotive was derailed and was followed from the tracks by four cars, a first-class, a second-class and two third-class coaches. These cars telescoped each other. The same time the remaining cars were thrown to the opposite side of the track and piled up against a train standing on a south bound track. Not a passenger in the first three coaches of the train escaped injury.

True Conditions In Mexico

SAYS THE PARRAL (Mex.) Miner editorially: "The El Paso Herald, one of the greatest newspapers in the southern section of the United States, commissioned a representative, George H. Clements, several weeks ago, to go to Mexico and get the barometer of conditions in general. An article by Mr. Clements appeared in The Herald on Monday, July 10, and the subject uppermost in the minds of the people of Mexico, the outlook for future conditions, is treated straight from the shoulder, fairly and squarely. And to the mind of the unbiased it is the best and most timely article that has appeared in many moons."