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San Antonio, Texas.—Contentions upon which Mexico may base her claims to a number of islands just off the coast of California, in the Pacific Ocean, which are now occupied by Americans and are under the control of the United States, are summed up in a report made to President Obregon by General Amado Aguirre, secretary of agriculture and chief of the commission making a study of the islands, according to an account in Excelsior, published in Mexico City. The report declares that the claim of Mexico to the islands is indisputable, but that the Mexican government is willing for the islands to remain under the American flag in return for foreign credit, the amount of which was not stipulated.

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Rockefeller Wins Ford Sedan. Greenwich, Conn.—In the carnival of Greenwich Post, American Legion, just closed, it has been announced that the winner of the Ford sedan automobile was William G. Rockefeller, son of William Rockefeller.

American Teachers in Peru. Lima, Peru.—Virtually the entire educational system of Peru is now under the direction of American professors who were called here recently to complete an educational reform movement begun ten years ago.

Curfew Reimposed in Belfast. Belfast.—The curfew was reimposed here as a result of disorders. Belfast now is the only place in Ireland under the curfew regulations, despite the truce terms by which the curfew was lifted generally.

Host to Twenty Thousand Elks. Los Angeles, Calif.—This city was host to more than 20,000 members of their relatives and friends here to attend the fifty-seventh grand lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Woman Drops 15,000 Feet. St. Paul, Minn.—Miss Phoebe J. Fairgrave, 18, of this city, established what was said to be a new world's record for a parachute drop for women when she dropped 15,000 feet from an airplane.

Prepare For Huge Wool Pool. Springfield, Ill.—Illinois farmers are preparing for a huge wool pool this year, according to officials of the state agricultural association, who had charge of the pool last year.

Would Stop Liquor Smuggling. Hamilton, Bermuda.—The colonial parliament has just passed a special law to prevent liquor smuggling from Bermuda to the United States.

Our Foreign Trade Falls Off. Washington.—America's foreign trade fell off more than three billions of dollars during the fiscal year ended June 30.

Earl of Craven is Drowned. Cowes, Island of Wight.—The Earl of Craven was drowned in the waters of the Solent.

Taft is Now Chief Justice. Washington.—William Howard Taft has been sworn in as Chief Justice of the United States.

Our Policy Pleases Chinese. Washington.—The recent declaration of the intention of the United States to continue its support of the open door in China was commended by Sao Ke Alfred Sze, the Chinese minister.

Terrible Airplane Crash. Moundsville, W. Va.—Five persons are known to be dead and approximately 50 were injured at Langley Field here when a Martin bombing plane crashed into a group of automobiles.

French Press Asks Question. Paris.—"America has made peace with Germany, when will she make peace with the Allies?" This and other half-joking, half-bitter comments, may now be heard from the French press.

## IRELAND TO HAVE CANADIAN SYSTEM

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## PROCLAMATION OF DE VALERA

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Dublin.—The Canadian home-rule form of government has been agreed upon for Ireland, it was learned from an authoritative source.

Ulster provinces would have the same status as the province of Quebec has in Canada. It has been agreed that the army shall be reduced 25 per cent below the pre-war footing and that the Irish contingents shall be composed exclusively of Irishmen.

The only difference, it is learned, involves the occupation of Irish ports and how the British naval establishments stand regarding tonnage. It is understood that these agreements were worked out during the Sinn-Fein-Unionist conference this week and that full information regarding them has already been carried to London.

Eamon De Valera, as "President of the Irish Republic," issued the following proclamation, in part: "Fellow citizens: During the period of the truce, each individual, citizen and soldier, must regard himself as custodian of the nation's honor. Your discipline must prove in the most convincing manner that this is the struggle of an organized nation."

Harding Marriage Anniversary. Washington.—The thirtieth anniversary of the marriage of President and Mrs. Harding has passed, but they planned no formal observance. They were married at the same house in Marion from which the front porch campaign was conducted last year, and George B. Christian, Jr., now secretary to the president, was chief doorkeeper.

Services for American Dead. Hoboken, N. J.—Bodies of 7,264 Americans who fell in France were accorded the nation's highest honors in memorial services held at pier No. Four here. General Pershing was the chief speaker.

To Search for Lost Mine. Edmonton, Alberta.—An expedition is being organized here to search for the lost gold mine of Lost River. The lost mine is one of the romantic traditions of the North.

Rail Earnings Improve. Washington.—The latest reports filed by the railroads with the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that the carriers had a net operating income in May of \$5,000,000 better than in April.

Tension in Tampico Relieved. Mexico City.—Tension over the Tampico situation was considerably relieved here by the withdrawal of the two United States warships, sent there several days ago.

More Married People Suicide. New York.—Suicides in New York were more prevalent among married persons than single in 1920, it was shown in the report of Chief Medical Examiner Morris.

\$400,000 Fire in Seattle. Seattle, Wash.—Fire, which caused a loss estimated at \$400,000, broke out on the Rogers Browns tanks of the east water way docks here.

Mingo County is Quiet. New York.—The situation in Mingo county, W. Va., is quiet, following the arrest of 12 members of the leaders of the strike.

Shot by Bootleggers. Utica, N. Y.—Deputy Sheriff Charles Kammerlohr was shot and killed by bootleggers. Two bootleggers were wounded and they are in hospital.

Railroad Earnings Increase. Washington.—Railroads of the country earned \$37,246,000 in May, or \$7,995,000 more than in April, according to reports filed with the interstate commerce commission by the carriers and made public.

Schulthess Named Arbitrator. Geneva.—President Schulthess, of Switzerland, has consented to act as arbitrator in the boundary dispute between Colombia and Venezuela. The request that he serve in this capacity was made by both countries.

A \$100,000 Blaze. Baltimore, Md.—A series of fires culminated here with a \$100,000 blaze, which destroyed the plant of the Meadowbrook Dye Company.

Proposition to Finance Cotton. Washington.—The proposal that the Federal International Banking Co. of New Orleans, finance under the Edge law to finance cotton exports, avail itself of the resources of the war finance corporation to assist in its work was made by the latter organization.



MAJOR ORA M. BALDINGER. Major Ora M. Baldinger, who has been appointed junior aide to President Harding, will also act as assistant to Colonel Sherrill, engineer officer in charge of the public buildings and grounds in Washington.

## REQUIRES EXHAUSTIVE STUDY

A Number of Advisors of President Harding are Said to Insist That Proclamation is Unnecessary.

Washington.—A tentative draft of a proclamation of the state of peace with Germany and Austria was taken to the cabinet meeting by Attorney General Daugherty, but it was indicated afterward that the document might not be ready for the President's signature before another week.

It is understood that, when the subject came up in the cabinet room, the discussion revealed that so many points of law would have to be covered in such a proclamation that a more exhaustive study would be necessary.

The Attorney General also took to the meeting a mass of information compiled in memorandum form by experts of the Department of Justice and it was understood that the whole subject of what the proclamation should contain was considered in some detail.

Although most of the cabinet meeting was occupied with other matters, it is understood that such discussion as there was of the proposed proclamation brought out that some of the President's advisers still consider a proclamation unnecessary.

Mighty Wave of Irreligion. Berlin.—"Gott Mit Uns" is no longer the slogan in republican Germany. It is the feeling that God abandoned Germany responsible for an increasing tendency for Germany to abandon God? The Berliner Tageblatt attempts to analyze the reasons why Protestants, Catholics and Jews are leaving their churches in increasing numbers.

Will Sidetrack Bonus Bill. Washington.—In expectation of a message soon from President Harding urging temporary postponement of the bonus bill and greater speed with tariff and tax legislation, Senate leaders believed they already had mustered sufficient votes to lay aside the bonus measure.

800 Mexicans Drowned. Nogales, Ariz.—Fear that the steel ship, The Mexico, which sailed from San Pedro, Calif., 10 days ago carrying 800 Mexicans on board had been lost was expressed in a telegram received here from The Herald.

Teuton General Stable Boy. Berlin.—A 70-year-old German Major-General has been forced by poverty to become a horse groom in a Munich riding academy, testified members of a renters' meeting in Munich.

No Element of Danger. Mexico City.—Official re-assurances were given in statements to the newspapers that the Tampico situation does not contain elements of danger to peaceful relations between the United States and Mexico.

Spanish Cabinet Resigns. Madrid.—The cabinet of Premier Allendesalazar has resigned.

Soldiers Want to Quit. Camp Lewis, Wash.—At least two-thirds of the men in the Fourth division here desire to quit the army, Col. Joseph D. Leitch, division chief of staff, announced.

Increase of Gold Holdings. Washington.—Federal reserve bank operations during the past year have resulted in an increase of its gold holdings by \$483,507,000, a decrease in its notes on the circulation of \$450,000,000 and an increase in its total reserves of \$519,000,000.

Three Firemen Injured. Atlanta, Ga.—Three firemen were injured by a falling wall and property damage estimated at \$125,000 sustained in a fire which destroyed the Dixie Paper and Box company plant here.

Navy Dirigible Burned. Norfolk, Va.—The navy dirigible C-3 was destroyed by fire just after being brought to the ground with its crew of six men in safety. The big aircraft caught fire 400 feet in the air over the Hampton Roads naval base.

## RAILROADS TO GET 500,000,000 MORE

ADDITIONAL ADVANCES TO BE MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

## EVEN UP WAR-TIME CONTROL

Every Claim and Counter Claim Between the Treasury and Railroads is Involved in Negotiations.

Washington.—Treasury Secretary Mellon announced that, under a provisional refunding arrangement made with the railroad executives, the carriers would receive approximately \$500,000,000 in additional advances from the Federal government within the next six months.

Mr. Mellon said the negotiations with the railroad executives probably would be completed within two days and that the advances contemplated would give to the railroads in cash sums of money equivalent to those which the government spent in capital betterments during the period of war-time control. The government will receive for the advances six per cent security evidencing the indebtedness of the particular railroads which receive the advances.

All of the claims and counter-claims between the individual railroads and the government arising out of maintenance expenditures during the control period are involved in the negotiations.

Mr. Mellon indicated that additional appropriations would be sought from congress to make the advances, although the treasury will be able to meet a portion of the requirements out of funds now available or by virtue of the authority to borrow already given in various laws.

Saved by Secretary Roosevelt. Washington.—Orders issued two months ago calling for a program of rigid economy in the naval service have already resulted in a saving of several hundred thousand dollars, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, announced.

Sixth Endeavor Convention. New York.—Delegates from every continent attended the opening of the sixth world's Christian Endeavor convention in New York. There were 15,000 men and women massed in the great stone armory of the Seventy-first regiment.

Peace Proclamation Possible. Washington.—Some of President Harding's advisers are expected to recommend that a peace proclamation be issued to supplement the congressional resolution ending the state of war with Germany and Austria.

Legion Launches Drive. Washington.—The American Legion launched a drive for the passage of the Sweet bill now pending in the senate through its committee on hospitalization and vocational training.

Jackman Men Want to Quit. Columbia, S. C.—More than fifty per cent of the men at Camp Jackson, whose personnel totals over 14,000 men, have made applications for discharge, according to an official statement from the camp.

Quarterly Dividend Passed. New York.—The United States Rubber company, passed its quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on common stock. The regular quarterly dividend on preferred stock was declared.

Rockefeller is 82 Years Old. Tarrytown, N. Y.—John D. Rockefeller celebrated his eighty-second anniversary by playing golf during the morning hours. A ride was on the program for the afternoon.

Women Tumble Into Niagars. Niagara Falls, N. Y.—One woman was overcome with heat and tumbled into the Niagara river a short distance above the American falls, and another, fainting from excitement, followed her. Both were rescued.

Mellon Sounds a Warning. Washington.—With a warning that there is grave danger of an immediate government deficit, Secretary Mellon asked congress to defer action on the soldiers' bonus bill.

First Strong Stock Market. New York.—The stock market displayed impressive activity and strength for the first time in nearly two months. The rally maintained to the end was something of a shock to the shorts who hurried covering of contracts.

Fewer Foreign Born Farmers. Washington.—The number of foreign born farmers in the United States has decreased by 88,502, or 13.2 per cent, in the last ten years, the census bureau announced.

Want Wood for Governor. Manila.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, received an ovation before the American chamber of commerce when its president, H. L. Heath, introduced him as "the one man whom the people desire for governor general of the Philippine Islands."



JOHN J. TIGERT. John J. Tigert, a college professor of Lexington, Ky., who has been appointed commissioner of education to succeed Philander P. Claxton.

## INVENTED BY AN ENGLISHMAN

At the Recent Demonstration of the Weapon a Velocity of Sixty Miles a Minute Was Developed.

New York.—Scientists and inventors discussed the remarkable qualities of a new gun, which Dr. Miller Reese Hutchinson, former chief engineer for Thomas A. Edison, claims may be developed to hurl a projectile of five tons from 200 to 300 miles. Its velocity, he declared, ranges from one to five miles a second. The noise it made at a demonstration sounded much like the click of a cash register though only a miniature weapon, with an eight-inch barrel, was used. Its projectile may be stopped in a sheet of steel with the precision of a trolley car.

The gun is the invention of John Temple, an Englishman, who developed the idea in this country. The demonstration gun used by Dr. Hutchinson had a velocity of one mile a second. He declared the high power rifles now in vogue obtain their velocity through the use of small projectiles, long barrels and about three times as much powder as is used in the new weapon. The principle of burning powder, which does not permit waste before the projectile even starts to move, has been applied in the gun, Dr. Hutchinson explained. The elimination of a loud report was obtained by confinement of expanding gas.

Reid's Condition Serious. Fitzgerald, Ga.—Engineer W. T. Reid, who was shot by a union picket stationed along the tracks of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad, near the railroad shops, is in a serious condition. W. T. Whittle and Werner Duren, strikers, are in jail charged with rioting.

Concentrating British Fleet. Malta.—Virtually the entire British Mediterranean fleet with all attendant ships, including the aircraft vessel Pegasus, is en route for or concentrated within easy reach of Constantinople where the situation is viewed with some anxiety.

Georgia Peaches Now Moving. Macon, Ga.—Railroad officials announced that all records for peach shipments in a single day will be shattered before daylight. A movement of eleven solid train loads to the northern and eastern markets is scheduled.

Gonzales Gives a Reception. Lima, Peru.—The United States ambassador, William E. Gonzales, gave a reception in honor of the Fourth of July, which was attended by President Leguia, the members of the Peruvian cabinet, government officials and the diplomats here.

Woman is Welfare Commissioner. Greensboro, N. C.—Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, of Raleigh, was elected commissioner of public welfare of North Carolina by the state board of charities and public welfare.

Prices of Steel Off. Bethlehem, Pa.—The Bethlehem Steel company, announced further reductions in the price of steel.

New York is Wicked City. Zion, Ill.—New York is a very wicked city, much worse than Chicago, according to the report of two Zion deaconesses, who have returned after more than five months in the metropolis.

Gift For Museum. Washington.—A chair owned by Gen. Robert E. Lee and occupied by him at the surrender at Appomattox is given to the United States government for the war department museum by the will of Mrs. Bridget E. O'Farrell.

U. S. Vessels at Hamburg. Hamburg.—Twenty-nine vessels which entered the port of Hamburg during the month of June flew the Stars and Stripes. There were 612 ships, having an aggregate tonnage of 588,445, which made port here.

Pay Homage to Jefferson. Charlottesville, Va.—A delegation from the Central Democratic club at Harrisburg, Pa., headed by Henry Opperman, visited Monticello and placed a magnolia wreath on the tomb of Thomas Jefferson.

## MORE THAN 90,000 AUTO PLATES SOLD

NUMBER OF MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLES SO FAR REGISTERED IS 149,444.

## TOBACCO FARMERS SIGNED UP

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Raleigh. Approximately 90,000 automobile license plates had been delivered by the automobile license department, according to head of the department.

The 90,000 owners who have already complied with the law for buying the license plates before the 1st of July represent about the same number who had bought their plates this time last year.

The registration of North Carolina motor vehicles had brought the total up to 149,444. Officers of the Virginia and North Carolina Tobacco Growers' association meeting in Raleigh, rejoiced over the news that more than half of the tobacco farmers of Virginia have signed up the co-operative marketing contract and called for a united drive to sign up 75 per cent of the North Carolina and Virginia tobacco production by January 1st. Director John R. Hutcheson of the Virginia Extension Service and Director Kilgore of the North Carolina Extension Service met with the committee.

To Acquire Hospital Land. Washington, (Special).—A bill that has passed the house and is now in the senate provides \$58,000 to "acquire land" at Azalea. This money will be available when the bill is signed by the president, and goes to the purchase of land under contract for several years. The bill authorizes the secretary to pay for the land and withdraw the "requisition" on it. This is the site of general hospital No. 19, with capacity for 1,300 beds. Nothing yet has been paid on the land. The improvements amount to \$2,668,609.

Army of Road Enthusiasts. Any further recruits to the army of road enthusiasts who invested the city will compel the state highway commission to adjourn its hearings from the house of representatives to the city auditorium. The legislative halls overflowed when the clans gathered to speak their minds about roads, and there will likely be more of them there when the hearings are resumed.

For a crowd of such proportions, there are remarkably few sore toes among them, and all the differences are neighborhood differences.

Youngest Judge on the Bench. Judge on the North Carolina superior court at the age of 27 years is the remarkable record made by Judge J. Lloyd Horton.

Judge Horton is the youngest man who has ever occupied a seat on the superior court bench in North Carolina, eclipsing the record made by Judge W. P. Stacy, of Wilmington, who held the record until last year. Judge Stacy having established another record for youthfulness on the North Carolina supreme court bench by his election last fall.

Heavy Freshets Anticipated. Stock raisers along the lower Neuse are anticipating heavy freshets from the last hard rains. The stream is expected to reach the highest stage of the season. It is estimated that not less than 16 or 11 inches fell locally in two afternoons. Sewers were choked in Kinston, and streets flooded both times. The precipitation was heavy over a wide range of territory.

Council of State Held. Governor Cameron Morrison and the Council of State, meeting at the Mansion considered the financial statements filed by half dozen municipalities in the state in support of the Municipal association's petition for a special session of the general assembly, and continued action until July 14.

Interest in Reclaimed Lands. Unusual interest is being shown in the reclaimed black lands of eastern North Carolina and in the valley lands of Piedmont North Carolina by people from outside the state. The North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey is receiving many requests for information in regard to the character of these lands and the kind of crops that can be raised on them, their relation to transportation facilities and nearest to markets. The Survey is assisting the N. C. department of agriculture in furnishing all information.

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Plan New Prison Building. The state prison asked architects for plans for a new prison building to house 200 prisoners and for plans for a church for which part of the funds have been collected by local church agencies over a period of five or six years. No actual estimate has been fixed for the new prison building which will be erected on the farm, but it is the opinion of the board that a new building will be needed for the prisoners who are "camping out" on the farm.

Decision to erect the church follows the visit to Occoquan and other model prisons of Superintendent G. Ross Pou. Nearly \$5,000 has been in the hands of Treasurer Lacy for doing this building but the board of directors had never agreed to supply the balance necessary. The project will probably be formally approved at the board meeting next week.

Seven prisoners are now in death row awaiting dates to be fixed for electrocution, or for executive clemency.

Corn, Wheat, and Cotton. Corn is generally reported in good condition and well advanced in the main producing states, according to the report of the United States Department of Agriculture. However, the outlook ranges from poor to good in the eastern and southern states. In North Carolina, the growth of the crop is stunted and the stands are irregular, owing to the drought.

Harvesting of Winter Wheat is progressing in the leading wheat states while in the southern states, harvesting has been completed and threshing is being done. North Carolina reports the poorest yield in many years.

The cotton crop is generally late, and irregular stands are noted. In the central counties of North Carolina the stands are small and irregular.

DuPont Company Wins Suit. Washington, (Special).—In the case of the E. L. de Font de Nemours and company against the Atlantic Coast Line company, et al., in which it is charged that rates on lumber shipped in carload lots between September 22, 1917, and June 22, 1918, from certain points in South and Carolina Carolina were too high, the du Ponts won according to a decision of the interstate commerce commission handed down.

The Biggest Single Exhibit. The biggest single exhibit ever staged at the State Fair will be seen there this year when the High Point Furniture manufacturers display the products of the North Carolina mills. Arrangements were made for this exhibit which will take up 10,000 square feet.

Postoffices Advance in Grade. Washington, (Special).—These post-offices have recently been made third class, and Representative Lyon was asked by the postoffice department to furnish information as to the postmasters.

Hope Mills, Parkton, Angier, Buies Creek, Council, Fair Bluff, Bolton and Boardman. There is a chance that some of the postmasters in these places now will be retained.

Headquarters of Selling Plan. Promoters of the co-operative selling plan for cotton state that it has been determined that the state headquarters shall be in the city of Raleigh.

The workers will soon close up the 1921 campaign for this season, but will endeavor to keep the movement going and renew their efforts at such time as they deem wise.

Highest Peace-Time Strength. The North Carolina National Guard has reached the highest peace-time strength ever recorded for the organization since it was organized according to a tabulation of enlistment made by the Adjutant General. In the entire roster of organizations 1,645 officers and men are enrolled, and this number will go to Camp Glenn July 15-30.

Examinations for Postmasters. Washington, (Special).—The civil service commission has been asked to hold examinations for postmasters at Creedmore, Guilford College, Hendersonville and Mayodan.

Y. M. C. A. at Camp Glenn. The state committee of the Young Men's Christian Association is planning for effective work in the National Guard encampment which will be held at Camp Glenn during July and August. The encampment opens on July 6th with a four-day school for about 40 officers and 150 enlistment men. On the 10th of July the First Regiment will come in about 1,000 strong—From August 14th to the 28th there will be a cavalry camp.

The work will be in charge of S. K. Hunt, state county work secretary.

An Appeal to Bankers. State Treasurer Lacy sent out another appeal to the bankers and to the newspapers of the state to aid in the drive to sell the half million dollars' worth of state bonds of the \$100 denomination.

These bonds were issued in response to the cry of the newspapers for an opportunity.

The small issue, like the larger ones, bears only five per cent, but the entire lot of \$3,372,500 will have accrued interest if they are marketed by July 15.