

NO LESSENING IN THE TENSITY OF THE MEXICAN SITUATION

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PROSPECT FOR ONLY "BATTLE OF WORDS"

Hone Persists Among the Catholics That the New Congress in September May Modify Regulations

Mexico City, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The controversy between the Mexican government and the Catholic church over the government's religious regulations showed no signs of lessening today.

"The battle of words," as it is being characterized here, owing to the statement of the Catholic episcopate regarding its stand, and the government's reiteration of its policy, was still in progress yet today, seemingly with no prospects at present of any more dangerous thing than words being used.

The Catholic authorities who constantly have ordered moderation and no violence, declared today that they would not support any revolution.

The episcopate even went further when in a statement to the Associated Press, it asserted that in the event Mexico was menaced by armed conflict with a foreign power, the church and its members would support the Mexican government with absolute loyalty.

Hope throughout the country persists that the new Congress in September may modify the religious regulations. But it is said that unless President Coles softens in his attitude, Congressional relief is doubtful.

The Mexican business world, whose nerves already are on edge as a result of the economic boycott called by adherents of the Roman Catholic cause in the present religious controversy, today felt additional alarm at the continued slump of silver.

Today's silver exchange showed the silver peso reaching 4.20 per cent. discount, as compared with yesterday's 3.70 to 4 per cent.

Bankers, however, repeated their denials that the depreciation of the silver peso, in terms of the gold peso, has been caused by the boycott which Catholics hope will create a business depression sufficiently acute to cause the government to modify its religious policy.

Meanwhile a government committee of financial experts is completing its organization to investigate the economic situation on the disordered exchange.

The boycott is continuing to reduce the luxury trade, the women's apparel trade and the motion picture attendance in Mexico City. It is reported to be operating more severely in other portions of the republic, although Mexico City is without anything even pretending to represent accurately general conditions elsewhere.

The Protestant churches apparently are unaffected and there seems to be little likelihood of their becoming involved. President Calles himself told Dr. Alva Taylor, of the "Goodwill Mission From the United States to Mexico," that the Protestants had accepted the regulations and were not giving the government any trouble.

The "Goodwill Mission," which has been studying the religious situation in Mexico, is of the opinion that the administration of President Calles is engaged in a great program of social reforms which are essential to the welfare of Mexico. A resolution passed by the mission says:

"We believe that a program of education and social reform is necessary for the rehabilitation of Mexico. We believe the Calles administration is engaged in a great program of social reform and that all truly interested in the welfare of Mexico will co-operate in its essential undertakings.

Commission Says Finances of the Counties Are Poorly Handled

Morehead City, N. C., Aug. 11.—(AP)—The unifying of county governments under competent official families with business managers, budgets and purchasing agents was recommended by the commission on county government of the state association of County Commissioners here tonight.

The report, written by Dr. E. C. Brooks, chairman of the commission appointed by Governor McLean at the request of the last convention, was presented at the county government committee of the association by F. P. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, and will be given the full convent on tomorrow morning.

The report is the outgrowth of a feeling among the commissioners that county government methods should be improved. This feeling took definite form at the last session of the association at which the governor was requested to appoint a representative committee to study the matter.

The report is, it is said, the basis of legislation to be presented to the 1927 general assembly designed to improve county governing methods.

Digging thoroughly into the whole problem of county government the commission points out in its 6,000 word report that the greatest reform is needed in the fiscal management of counties. Progress, it declares, in this respect has not kept pace with the improvement in the machinery for rendering service either to the county individuals or to society of the county as a whole.

There are seven functions that every county must safeguard if its operations are to be successful, declares the report. They are: (1) maintaining unity in the official family of a county in fiscal management; (2) preserving the taxables of a county; (3) collecting the revenue fairly and justly; (4) safeguarding the revenue through proper accounting; (5) safeguarding the expenditures through budget control and a central purchasing agent; (6) protecting the physical property of the county; and (7) providing properly for the administration of justice.

In rounding out its report the commission presents these functions of the county, giving the defects which invariably appear where they are not properly safeguarded, and offers suggestions for safeguarding them.

Where there is no unity of management, in many cases, declares the commission, which has investigated systems in the majority of the counties in the state, counties frequently spend special tax funds for general purposes, and general funds for special purposes, while some counties do not even know how much it costs to operate their government.

The commission recommends that unity in the official family in fiscal management may be maintained by centering administrative authority in a business manager, appointed by and acting for the board. He may be chairman of the board or he may be an auditor, by retaining at boards that extend public funds to account to the board of county commissioners for all funds received and expended; by giving the commission authority to select all administrative officers, such as auditors, collectors or revenue men and the like; by a careful administration of a county budget and a centralized accounting of all funds and purchases.

HEAVY MOVEMENT OF PEACHES FROM THE VARIOUS FIELDS

Extremely Heavy Shipments of Fruits and Vegetables Also From Numerous Producing Centers

ELBERTAS DROP TO \$1 TO \$2 PER CRATE

And Only 75 to 90 Cents in the Producing Section of Georgia—North Carolina Ships 1,700 Cars.

Atlanta, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Extremely heavy shipments of fruit and vegetables from the various producing centers were noted by the United States department of agriculture for the week ending August 7th. Peaches brought lower prices generally, potatoes had a downward tendency and the market for watermelons was improved.

The heavy movement of peaches was a feature of the week. Nearly 7,500 cars were marketed, compared with 5,900 cars for the preceding week. Georgia accounted for 2,800 cars of this total, bringing her total shipments to date to 17,000 cars.

North Carolina's output jumped to 1,700 cars; Tennessee moved 500 cars and Arkansas marketed 1,200; while nearly 250 cars a day were moved from California points.

Jobbing prices for the best Georgia Elbertas dropped to a range of \$1 to \$2 per crate, while the market was extremely weak at 75 to 90 cents in the north Georgia producing section.

"MA" FERGUSON IN RACE SURE ENOUGH. SHE SAYS

Says Mr. Moody Had Never Accepted Her Offer to Resign.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 11.—(AP)—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson today declared she was in the race for Governor of Texas with "all her heart."

In a 2,000 word statement she declared that Attorney General Dan Moody, her chief opponent, never had accepted her offer to resign.

She declared Moody had forfeited his right to a place in the run-off and general election tickets, because of his alleged acceptance of contributions from Representative Lee Satterwhite, and R. L. Bobbitt, candidates for the legislature.

The challenge to resign, Mrs. Ferguson refers to, was one made by her in her first campaign speech of the recent primary.

She alleges there were 200,000 such "bolters" and if they had been excluded she would have led Moody by over 100,000 votes.

HOT CONTEST EXPECTED FOR LABOR OFFICIALS

To Take Place This Afternoon—Selection of Place of Next Meeting.

Salisbury, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The election of officers for the coming year and the selection of place of the next annual state department of finance and accounting to aid counties in readjusting themselves to any improved plan and should provide for the preparation of a code of county government law and a manual on county government.

The full convention will hear the report tomorrow morning.

In the News Spotlight



HUBERT WORK



PRINCESS MAFALDA



ELEANOR WILKINSON



BERNARDO DUGGAN

Continued prosperity may be expected under President Coolidge, Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, told Colorado Republicans. A son was born to Princess Mafalda, daughter of the King of Italy. Eleanor Wilkinson, M. P., arrived in America to plead for aid for striking British miners. Bernardo Duggan was nearing his goal in his sea-plane flight from New York to Buenos Aires.

GREAT OIL FIRE IN BALTIMORE STILL RAGING

Seven Huge Tanks of Burning Gasoline, Kerosene and Benzol. Baltimore, Aug. 11.—(AP)—Flames still belched fitfully today from seven huge tanks of burning gasoline, kerosene and benzol on the grounds of the American Oil Co., refining plant in South Baltimore, where late yesterday four terrific explosions rocked the neighborhood, dealt serious injury to seven firemen, and sent hundreds of families scurrying from their homes in fear of a general conflagration.

As the flames spread to the warehouse of the company loaded with drums of lubricating oil and containing the offices of the firm, a huge pall of dense black smoke spread over the section, drawing a crowd of 100,000 persons as the flames spread hundreds of feet into the sky.

COMMANDER COAKLEY IS BACK ON HIS BOAT

Had Been With George Gay and a Crippled Seaplane 24 Hours. Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 11.—Battleship Thos. J. Coakley, commander of the U. S. patrol boat CG No. 202, was back on board his ship today following a 24 hours absence during which he spent 16 hours marooned with Geo. Gay and a crippled government seaplane on Tolbert Island several miles from the St. John's River bar.

Commander Coakley returned to his ship late yesterday after searches had been instituted for him off the coast. He left the patrol boat at Fernandina Monday afternoon for a short trip in a government plane piloted by George Gay. Their object was to make a scouting trip in search for rain running craft.

ENGLISH CHANNEL TURNS BACK TWO MORE

Heavy Seas and Rain Squalls Compel Them to Abandon Efforts.

Cape Gris Nez, France, Aug. 11.—(AP)—The turbulent English Channel again has turned back persons who aspired to swim it.

BLACK STILL AHEAD FOR ALABAMA SENATOR

Graves Leads For Governor—Only One-Third of Boxes Heard From. Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 11.—(AP)—Five hundred and twenty-seven boxes of 1,800 in Alabama in yesterday's Democratic primary gave:

For Senate—Bankhead 6,848; Black 9,998; Kilby 4,078; Mayfield 4,558; Musgrove 3,609.

For Governor—Carmichael 10,543; Graves 12,444; McDowell 11,630; Patterson 8,457.

With Our Advertisers.

The Parker-Gardner Co., of Charlotte, is having a special sale of slightly used pianos. These are pianos they have taken in exchange as part payment for Steinway and Duo-Art pianos. See ad. in The Tribune today for some bargains.

Specials in ice cream freezers and lawn hose at York & Wadsworth Co., this week.

The smartest ruffles of Paris at Gibson Drug Store.

The Sanitary Grocery Co. carries a line of fresh vegetables, and also fresh and cured meats.

FRANTIC EFFORTS FAIL TO REACH THE ENTOMBED MINERS

Toilers Express Confidence That Some of Men Will Be Found Alive.—Have Been Trapped 124 Hours

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The speaker expressed the opinion that centering the administrative authority of the county in a business manager would serve to correct many troubles. He added to his suggestions to the effect that all public funds be strictly accounted for; a budget be made and the power be left with the commissioners to choose competent under-officials.

Taking up the subject of preserving the taxables of the county Dr. Brooks declared that many properties were lost from a tax standpoint by carelessness in handling and keeping up with land transfers and correctly assessing property. Permanent records with full lists of taxpayers and maps of properties were suggested as an aid. He then declared that laxity in collecting taxes and allowing tax dodgers to get away without paying subjected the counties to great loss of potential revenue. He also criticized the present method of assessing property.

American headlights have just been installed on a number of Australian locomotives. They formerly operated with no headlights at all. It is expected that crossing accidents will be lessened as a result.

The Kansas state government cost \$6.91 per capita in 1925, as compared with \$22.17 in 1924, and \$3.65 in 1918.

Fair tonight and Thursday. Gentle to moderate southwest winds.