

What New Move, if Any Is Government Willing To Try With Mexicans?

Mexican Act in Cancelling Drilling Permits Brings Matter to Head—Washington Saying Nothing.

ARBITRATION IS BEFORE SENATE

Robinson Resolution Is Up for Consideration But What Will Be Done if It Is Finally Accepted?

Washington, Jan. 25.—(AP)—What move, if any, will be made to solve the Mexican oil and land ownership dispute, which in the opinion of the State Department officials now has reached another point nearer a showdown through Mexico's cancellation of American companies' drilling permits, is far from a settled question here.

Arbitration bobbed up again here today, with the Senate consideration planned for the Robinson resolution, proposing application of that principle to the question, but what effect that body's approval or disapproval would have on the administration's plan is doubtful.

Secretary Kellogg has said he would welcome such an expression on the part of the Senate, but he as well as President Coolidge had emphasized more than once that in considering the possibilities of arbitration the administration's sole concern was whether American private properties were to be taken without compensation.

An indication of an equivalent to cancellation of private property in Mexico which has been feared as the "overt act" that would bring further developments in the situation is seen by the State Department in cancellation of drilling permits of American oil companies which have refused to accept Mexico's new laws.

Despite the fact that the courts have been resorted to by the companies, the official viewpoint here is that cancellation of the permits deprives the owners of the property to which they have titles.

Thus far, no new step has been determined upon by the administration. While a definite move to arbitration is still in the air, some observers specifically the points to be arbitrated, some observers see a possible means of settlement in the general claims convention of 1923, between the two countries.

MAN MISSING FROM HOME SIX DAYS

Body of Frank McLaurin With Bullet in Head Found by Party of Girls

Fayetteville, Jan. 24.—(AP)—H. H. McGee and Coroner R. A. Algood are tonight searching for some clue to the mystery surrounding the death of Frank McLaurin, who body was found in the woods south of Victory mills this morning with a bullet hole through the head.

McLaurin had been missing from his home since Tuesday, when he was last seen on Hay street, and his family Friday notified authorities of his disappearance.

The body was found by a party of girls living in the neighborhood, near the Cumberland mills road. The authorities investigating the death do not believe it a case of suicide, and there are several features of the affair that are mystifying.

Tracks of an automobile, apparently a Ford, were found near the body. A new .38 calibre revolver was lying near by with one exploded shell and four unexploded. The dead man's body lay on a copy of a newspaper, dated January 13, and his feet on his overcoat.

McLaurin operated an automobile repair shop here with his three brothers. He leaves a wife, formerly Miss Mabel Beard, of Parkton, and two small children. He also has two sisters living here. He was 28 years old.

With Our Advertisers. Co-Ed frocks are now on display at Fisher's, only \$15.00. Other Co-Ed frocks for Spring, \$25 to \$35. See ad. today for illustration of three of the \$15 styles.

Wednesday is family day at the Concord Theatre, 10 cents to all. Blanche Street in a big love thriller. If you want lucrative job, see ad. of General Agent, Box 352, Charlotte, N. C.

The Richmond-Flower Co. has complete line of fancy groceries—everything to eat for man and beast. John Gilbert in "Flesh and the Devil" at the Concord Theatre Thursday and Friday.

MARINES ORDERED TO QUANTICO, VA.

Five Hundred Withdrawn From Mail Guard and Some of Them Will Be Concentrated at Camp.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Five hundred marines were withdrawn today from the mail guard.

They will be concentrated at the marine base at Quantico, Va., and San Diego, Cal.

An additional 500 for similar concentration will be withdrawn from their present assignment of guarding the mails on or before February 15.

Recently an emergency marine battalion of marines was organized at San Diego to be held for any contingency that might arise.

The detachment of 300 at Guam now is under orders to move to Cavite, Philippine Islands, to be nearer the trouble zone in China, but thus far no orders have been issued to replace them at Guam.

Should the battalion now at San Diego be moved to Guam its place presumably would be taken by the new detachment to be assembled from the men withdrawn from the mail guard.

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The main street of Carmel, which at 10 o'clock in the morning was strewn with automobiles, sleighs, photographers, reporters and farmers, was a deserted ribbon of beaten earth.

At White Plains, however, technical men were busy installing wire loops and phone and telegraph circuits, for an army of press representatives.

The courtroom here is scheduled to open at 10 a. m. when for the second time Supreme Court Justice Steyer will conduct the trial, this time in the town and jurisdiction preferred by Mrs. Browning.

In 35 minutes today, Mr. Browning, 51-year-old New York real estate man and plaintiff, ended his case, charging that the high school girl he married twenty miles east of here in April, 1926, willfully abandoned him in October, the same year. She is now 16.

He used two witnesses, his chauffeur, Edward P. Carney, and his secretary, John T. Gorman, and did not personally take the stand.

Carney testified that he moved Mrs. Browning's trunks from Mr. Browning's New Gardens home on Long Island to the home of Mrs. Browning's mother, Mrs. Catherine Heenan.

He told of a telephone conversation which Browning called to him to "listen in" on, when Mrs. Heenan is said to have advised her daughter "through" with the real estate man.

Both Mrs. Browning and her mother had likewise said they were through, "sick and tired," and "would never go back," the chauffeur testified.

LEXINGTON CHAIR CO. DAMAGED BY BLAZE

Machinery Building at Plant Completely Destroyed—Loss \$40,000 or \$50,000.

Lexington, N. C., Jan. 25.—(AP)—The machinery building, a wooden structure of the Lexington Chair Co., was destroyed by fire at midnight last night, entailing a loss estimated at from \$40,000 to \$50,000.

The fire was first discovered just before midnight, but the flames had gained such headway that the firemen were only able to keep them from spreading to nearby buildings.

The building destroyed was a wooden structure erected 20 years ago. The machinery was badly damaged.

The Lexington Chair Co. is owned by George L. and Fred R. Hackney. They manufacture several grades of chairs.

REBELS IN MEXICO ACTIVE ON SUNDAY IN SEVERAL AREAS

26 Entered Milpa Alta and Had Charge of Town Until Federal Troops Drove Them Out.

POLICE OFFICERS SLAIN BY REBELS

Chief and Six Policemen Killed at Tonila—12 Rebels and 2 Soldiers Killed at Xochipala.

Mexico City, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Twenty-six rebels yesterday entered Milpa Alta in the federal district, 40 miles southwest of Mexico City, but soon were forced to flee into the mountains.

The town was under the protection of only two policemen when the rebels appeared. Policemen sent word hurriedly to Mexico City and troops put the rebels to rout.

Twelve rebels and two soldiers were killed when Federal troops under General Manuel Alvarez dispersed a rebellious band under Victoriano Barcenas at Xochipala in the state of Morelos, while a police chief and six policemen were killed by rebels at Tonila in Jalisco.

HIT AND RUN DRIVER GIVES HIMSELF UP

Fatally Hurt Carl A. Knowles, Omohundro, employe of a local filling station, gave himself up on Monday shortly after noon as the driver of the machine which on Saturday night inflicted a fatal injury on Carl A. Knowles, local accountant, the accident occurring three miles south of the city on the Asheville road.

Omohundro is in the county jail on a charge of murder preferred by Sheriff Stafford. His case will tomorrow be presented to the grand jury, and it is expected that a manslaughter warrant will be executed against him. Trial may be held at this time.

The young man is given an excellent reputation by many, although there is general condemnation of his falling to stop after his machine had struck and fatally injured Carl A. Knowles directly enough to knock the body a number of yards.

Omohundro says he did not know of the injury to Knowles until Monday morning, and that he at once notified the sheriff of his intentions to surrender.

He says he was headed south when he saw the lights of what he took to be a car approaching through the fog. He says there was a slight impact, but he thought neither car had been damaged.

He kept on and came back some time later. As he passed this time he noticed a group of people on the road, but did not stop from fear of a wrangle over the collision.

At the time Omohundro surrendered himself the officers were looking for a car from which a light rim had been knocked off at the time of the collision. The light rim had been picked up on the spot. It was found to fit Omohundro's car.

Three Kannapolis Case Stars Captains

Kannapolis, Jan. 24.—Three local boys who once glittered for Kannapolis High school have latched on with college and prep school basketball teams and have been elected captains.

Gene Freeler, who in his freshman year, made the grade and in his second term bagged the pilot's job.

"Smoky" Johnson, who received nothing but a chorus of praise when registered under the local High school regime, has gained much distinction at Christ school, Arden. In addition to his position as cage commander, Johnson has been selected to lead the football eleven at the Episcopal school during the 1927 campaign.

Over at Lenoir-Rhyne, Overcash, another homelung, has soared to unusually lofty heights in athletics. This season he was appointed to guide the destinies of the Lutheran cage team.

Foreigners Leave Chengtu

Shanghai, Jan. 25.—(AP) A Reuter's dispatch from Chengtu dated January 22nd states that ten Americans and thirty-eight British including the British consul had left the city for Chungking. Twenty-four Americans and twenty-five British remained. Chengtu is the capital of Szechwan, an inland province.

Tonight 7:45 COURT HOUSE Fraser Revival First Healing Service SEATS FREE—GOOD MUSIC

Principals in Suit

Arguments and Judge's Charge May Be Completed by 4:30 Today.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Norris murder trial which has been in progress since January 10th, drew toward a close today with final arguments to the jury.

At noon recess legal arguments had two and one-half hours to run, indicating that the jury would have the case by 4:30 p. m.

Attorney Isaac D. White, of Austin, started the argument for the defense.

The prosecution was charged with "premeditated" murder by Mr. White, who compared the spiritual influence of the pastor, Dr. J. Frank Norris, with the life of the man he killed, Dexter E. Chippis.

Defense attorneys, especially Mr. Moses, declared that the chief motive inspiring the state's case was the alleged hate harbored by special prosecuting attorneys against Norris.

"Bill McLean hates Mr. Norris with all the intensity that an American character can hate another," Moses said.

Apart from abnormal cases, the arteries may begin to harden at 40 or as late as 55 years of age.

Has Heat Wave

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"PEACHES" SOBS AS SHE TESTIFIES AT SEPARATION SUIT

Court Was Halted Five Minutes After She Had Been on the Stand for 25 Minutes.

COURTSHIP TOLD BY THE WITNESS

She Broke Down While Testifying About First Night She Spent After Her Wedding.

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Frances Peaches Browning broke down in tears on the witness stand after 25 minutes of testifying today in the separation suit brought against her by her husband, Edward W. Browning. The court declared a new five-minute recess. She had been testifying on the first night she and her husband had spent together after the wedding.

Mrs. Browning gave her age as 16 on June 23, 1926.

She said she first met Browning at a McAlpine Hotel dance, March 5, 1926, when escorted there by a young man named Morris. The dance she understood was given by a girls' sorority, and 200 persons were present.

At 11 p. m. she said Mr. Browning arrived. He was pointed out to her standing in the middle of the ball room, she said.

All the girls greeted him, she said, and Ethel Bass introduced her to him. He asked if she were a member of the sorority, and if not, said he would like her to join and wear a pin, she testified. The sorority, she said, was called by Greek letters, meaning "Pretty Little Things."

She said the next time she saw him was when she accompanied him a few nights later to The Everglades Club. There followed a recital of many dances, parties, suppers and theatre visits.

Mr. Browning, she said, had a penchant for green handkerchiefs and used to carry "hundreds of them" and to bestow them one by one on any young woman who admired them.

He took her, she said, to "A Night in Paris" and bought her a book containing improper pictures.

Browning wanted to see her every day after St. Patrick's Day she said, but her mother objected. If he couldn't see her in the evening, could he see her in the afternoon, she testified that he asked. She said she then began to see him in the afternoons.

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DR. CHASE STATES NEED OF FUNDS AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Tells Board of Trustees That \$2,000,000 Necessary to Bring Building Equipment Up to Date.

NEED TO DEVELOP HUMAN RESOURCES

State Cannot Progress, He Thinks, Unless Human Resources Keep Pace With Natural Resources.

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Some \$2,000,000 are necessary to bring building equipment of the University of North Carolina up to date, Dr. Harry W. Chase, president, said today in his annual report to the Board of Trustees in session here.

"The University has not yet reached a basis on which it can stabilize itself," he said, "a basis which might be regarded as a normal and safe standard in terms of which its future may be outlined."

"This is true of its building program, for which some \$2,000,000 are still necessary, to bring its physical equipment up to date, and the completion of which will mean the attainment of a basis from which building can proceed much more slowly with the normal expansion of the institution. It is even more true of the basis of its maintenance."

Development of the state's human resources must keep pace with the development of the state's natural resources if there is to be any enduring basis for progress, he added.

"More and more will the development of the state in all of its phases require trained leadership, and it is greatly to the advantage of the state that such leadership should be developed within its own borders."

North Carolina is one of the outstanding commonwealths of the Union, and conditions which determine its life are more and more national in scope, he said.

"With its enormous waterpower, its good roads, its variety and fertility of soil, the natural advertising it has received, its fields of opportunity are infinitely wider than even 10 years ago, and they will broaden year by year," he said.

"The State is nationally known. Men and capital from other states and sections are being attracted to its borders, and will be increasingly."

Dr. Chase expressed the hope that the University would be given sufficient appropriation by the present legislature to insure its continued development.

TO STUDY INCREASE OF SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES

Sub-Committee to Be Appointed to Study All Bills

Raleigh, Jan. 25.—A sub-committee of the house committee on courts and judicial districts will be appointed this week to study all bills relating to the increasing of superior court judges and districts.

Representative R. O. Everett, of Durham, has introduced a bill which would provide for an increase in the number of superior court judges from twenty-four. This also would provide for four more judges and four more solicitors.

Still another judgeship bill has been introduced in the hoppers by Representative McLean, of Beaufort, providing for a constitutional amendment which would empower the general assembly to increase the number of solicitors, and authorizing the appointment of four emergency judges for a period of two years.

Representative Nash, of Richmond, has introduced a bill which would call for the appointment of six emergency judges, their terms being four years.

THIRTEEN NEW BILLS OFFERED IN ASSEMBLY

Propose Abolishing State Board of Health—Want Better Prohibition Enforcement.

State Capitol, Raleigh, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Thirteen new bills of statewide importance were introduced in both branches of the general assembly here today.

They proposed to change things all the way from abolishing the State board of health to securing better enforcement of prohibition laws. The health board bill came from Representative Poole, of Hoke. It would create a commissioner of health in place of the present board. Mr. Poole also presented a bill that would amend the law governing the State fisheries commission.

Press steadily towards achievement. Let others chase fame.

MUSICAL COMEDY Cupid Up-to-Date THURSDAY, JAN. 27th H. S. AUDITORIUM 8:15 P. M. GOOD CAST, PEPPY CHORUSES, BARRELS OF FUN

Ohio River Is Falling At Some Points Today And Rising At Others

g Its Upper Reaches Water Is Falling and Crest of the Flood Is Believed Over.

ALONG THE SOUTH RIVER IS RISING

At Cincinnati River Stood 57 Feet and Is Expected to Rise Two More Feet During the Day.

Cincinnati, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Flood waters in the upper reaches of the Ohio River began slowly to recede today as the crest of the high waters which inundated many river towns moved down the river.

The Ohio River was falling last night at Pomeroy, Ohio, and it was expected that the river would be within its banks there today. Yesterday the river flooded railroad and interurban tracks and low lying areas of the town.

Further south the river's rise continued, however. At Ironton 150 families were forced from their homes by the flood as the water neared the 55-foot mark and continued to rise slightly more than an inch an hour.

At East Liverpool where water isolated the city, the damage was estimated at more than \$100,000.

The river stood at 57 feet here today and a rise of approximately 2 1/2 of an inch an hour was recorded last night. It was expected to reach a stage of 59 feet today.

Passenger service continued last night despite the fact that it had been announced that a stage of 55 feet would necessitate abandonment of the railroad station. Traps in the sewers through which the water formerly backed up into the approach of the depot held the water back. If these continued to function, railroad officials said, there would be no interruption to traffic unless the river continued to rise beyond present predictions.

Small streams were falling today and a forecast of clear weather gave promise of relief from the flood.

Huntington in West Virginia, was preparing for a crisis in the flood situation today, although the river was falling at up-state points, bringing relief to several cities visited by the high water. School officials at Wheeling planned to resume public school sessions suspended yesterday because of the flood. Damage in the West Virginia territory has not been large.

The Ohio River situation began to clear today, heavy rainfall in several Southern states sent many streams out of their banks hampering highway and railway traffic. Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Texas bore the brunt with ice that followed the rain adding to the distress.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Steady at an Advance of 1 to 4 Points But Later Eased Off Several Points.

New York, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 1 to 4 points on covering by near month shorts, overnight buying orders which appeared to have been brought in by the comparatively steady ruling of prices yesterday, and reports of continued steadiness in Southern spot markets.

Liverpool cables were lower than due, however, while the final January notices were estimated about 8-400 bales, and the market eased off under liquidation and a little Southern or local selling.

January reacted from 13.45 to 13.30 while May sold off from 13.71 to 13.60, with the market about as unchanged to 3 points net lower at the end of the first hour.

Cotton futures opened steady. March 13.50; May 13.71; October 14.08; December 14.29.

Mexico Is Out of Nicaragua Picture, Says Senator Willis.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Senator Willis, of Ohio, said today that Mexico "horns in on the picture," she will become any more involved in the United States' personal affair with Nicaragua than if she were a distant constellation. Senator Frank B. Willis, republican, Ohio, has informed his constituents in Ohio in reply to telegrams which have been flooding into his office from the Buckeye State during the "crisis."

Many natives of Ohio and many Ohio business concerns have direct connections in Nicaragua, Willis said, explaining the unusual interest displayed by his state in the matter.

"Unless Mexico insists upon supplying arms and ammunition to the combatting factions, she will not be drawn into the embroglio," he declared. "The United States, I believe, is thoroughly justified in taking the part she is in Nicaragua to protect the lives and property of her nationals there."

Mrs. Mary Honeywell has lived in the town of Newport, England, for 102 years and has seen the place grow from 11,000 inhabitants to over 100,000.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy tonight and Wednesday probably rain Wednesday and in the extreme west portion tonight, with much change in temperature. Chance to moderate northeast and east winds.