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## MEXICO REFUSES TO SIGN TREATY WITH U.S.

(By Associated Press)  
Mexico, May 13.—"Mexico cannot and will not sign a formal protocol as a condition of recognition by the United States," President Obregon stated today.

## WIFE OF NAVAL OFFICER HELD IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER

Honolulu, May 13.—Mrs. Paul Vincent Southard, age thirty, wife of a navy petty officer, is held in connection with the death of her fourth husband, Edward Meyer, who died at Pocatello, Idaho, last August. The autopsy revealed traces of poison, according to official report forwarded here. Mrs. Southard announced that she is willing to return and face the charges. Husband declares that his wife denies all charges.

## Pershing Chief of Staff of Army

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, May 13.—Secretary of War Weeks has announced the selection of General John J. Pershing as Chief of Staff of Army, effective July first. His assistant will be Major General Harbord.

### WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Local thunder storms this afternoon and tonight, Saturday partly cloudy no change in temperature, moderate variable winds.

## Ulster Unionists to Vote May 24th

### SELECTION OF CANDIDATES PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

(By Associated Press)  
Belfast, May 13.—Selection of Ulster Unionist candidates for the election May 24, has been practically completed, and party leaders are centering attention on the campaign.

The nominees represent practically all classes of the community—labor, professional, manufacturing and farming elements. The labor men, however, are drawn from the Unionist ranks and do not include socialists and members of the Independent Labor Party, who are accused of being allied with Bolshevism and the Sinn Fein.

Two women have been designated to make the race for the Unionist forces. They are Mrs. R. P. S. Chichester of Moyola Park, who will contest for the County and City of Derry, and Mrs. R. J. M'Ordie for Belfast.

Many names prominent in the civic and political life of Belfast and Ulster do not appear in the list of candidates as announced, but there is yet opportunity for their selection to the senate when the members of this body are named later by the lower house.

Ulster is entitled to 47 members in the lower house divided as follows: Belfast city, 16 members; County Down, eight members; County Antrim seven members; County Armagh, four members; County and City Derry, five members; Counties Tyrone-Fermanagh, three members; Queen's University, four members.

Of the 19 Sinn Fein candidates for Ulster, nine are at present in jail and at least half of the remainder are "on the run."

The list includes Arthur Griffiths, founder of the Sinn Fein now in prison, and Eamonn de Valera, President of the Irish Republic.

## Measures Before Senate and House

(By U. S. Press)  
Washington, May 13.—Tariff and revenue legislation are on the Senate schedule this week. The emergency tariff bill, designed at first merely to aid the farmers, but amended by the Senate Finance Committee so as to prevent the dumping of cheap foreign-manufactured goods into this country, will be passed before this item reaches the public, but owing to disagreement with the House the bill will have to go to conference following passage by the Senate.

The finance committee has commenced hearings on the proposed sales tax, a bill for which has been introduced by Senator Smoot of Utah a member of the committee. When this plan for raising revenue has been given a thorough hearing, the committee will proceed with other phases of revenue legislation.

The Senate interoceanic canals committee, of which Senator Borah of Idaho, is chairman, tackled the question of free passage of the Panama canal by American vessels. Three bills are before the committee for this purpose, one of which was introduced by Senator Borah, providing for free passage of American ships or coastwise vessels, and others by Senators Jones and Poindexter of Washington providing free passage for foreign-going as well as coastwise American vessels.

Joint hearings on the Kenyon-Fees bill, the establishing of a department of public welfare are being held. President Harding as strongly urged quick action on legislation of this character.

The power bill, regulating the meat-packing industry, has been ordered favorably reported to the Senate by the committee on agriculture. This measure passed the Senate at the last session, but failed of action in the House.

The naval appropriation bill is scheduled to be taken up for action following the disposal of the emergency tariff bill. Advocates of a reduction in naval armament, provided other naval powers can be brought to agree to similar reductions in their naval programs, will make a strenuous fight to amend the naval bill so as to request the President to call a conference between the United States, Great Britain, and Japan looking to a reduction of armaments in their naval programs.

A bill from the committee on agriculture limiting to a certain extent dealings in futures on the grain market is due to appear before the House.

The most important event during the past week was the passage of the federal budget legislation by a vote of 344 to 9. This places the budget bureau directly under the President instead of the Treasury Department, as provided in the bill as it passed the Senate. The bill is now due for conference between the two houses.

Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, has told the House Ways and Means Committee that there is imperative need for protecting American industries against the inroads of revived German industrial and commercial activities.

Representatives of the telephone companies before the Interstate Commerce Committee urged enactment of the Willis bill to give the Interstate Commerce Commission authority over transfers and mergers of telephone companies doing an interstate business.

From the agriculture committee Senator Norris favorably reported the bill to create a Federal live stock commission.

A movement to abolish the Railroad Wage Board as now constituted and to substitute a board composed of men selected by the President without regard to their business affiliations is assuming form in connection with the

## Mexican Radicals on Rampage

### ENTERED CHURCHES AND RAISED RED FLAG. DEMONSTRATIONS BROKEN UP BY POLICE

(By Associated Press)  
Mexico City, Mex., May 13.—Fifty persons were killed and a score wounded last night in Morelia, Capitol of Michoacan, according to The Excelsior when the police, aided by unsolicited help of radicals, charged a large group of Catholics, who were much incensed Sunday when the radicals entered several churches, broke images, and eventually raised the red flag on the cathedral. The demonstration of protest which followed yesterday was broken up by the police aided by Federal soldiers. However, it was renewed during the evening when the crowd refused to disperse. The police fired over their heads and this being ineffectual a volley was fired into the crowd. Intense bitterness is being manifest against the police chief.

## Lack of Credit Facilities Hamper Exports

### CORPORATION NOW BEING FORMED UNDER EDGE ACT TO PROVIDE NECESSARY CREDITS

New York, May 13.—The American Manufacturers Export Association reports a new and striking illustration of the loss of business which American manufacturers are continually suffering through the inability of foreign buyers to negotiate purchases on a credit basis. Secretary A. W. Willmann of the association is in receipt of a letter from the export manager of a large company in the Great Lakes region, deploring the fact that there is at present no adequate financial machinery to facilitate sales of American goods in foreign markets.

The letter refers to numerous examples of loss of business to American firms because of lack of credit facilities such as the Foreign Trade Financing Corporation will supply them under the Edge Act.

The letter of the manufacturing company to the American Manufacturers Export Association states:

"We have many examples of this unfortunate circumstance before us at present in connection with our European customers. They wish to buy; we are extremely anxious to sell, but the machinery of credit which should connect us has failed.

"Leaving out many half-formed prospects which cannot mature on account of the financial situation, I will mention two definite cases where we are losing business because we cannot finance the credit our customers desire.

- 1.—An old Italian customer—Value of goods involved, \$200,000.00.
- 2.—Roumanian customer—Value of goods involved approximately \$100,000.00."

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED TO CHINESE RELIEF FUND

Formerly contributed and sent in from other sources	
Cash	\$335.80
TO COMMONWEALTH	
Cash	\$3.00
Dr. O. F. Smith	\$5.00
Cash	\$1.80
Mrs. W. R. Bond	\$2.00
Cash	\$1.00
Mrs. R. L. Hardy	\$2.00
Rebecca and Ann Dupree Bryant	\$2.00
Total	\$13.89

investigation of railroad conditions by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce.

## GOVERNMENT MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PAY THE RAILROAD DEFICIT

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, May 13.—Unless some way is found to increase revenues and reduce expenses the railroad deficit will have to be met from the National Treasury, Chairman Cummings, of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee declared at the hearings on the general railroad situation.

## LOYD GEORGE DECLARES POLES DEFY TREATY

(By Associated Press)  
London, May 13.—Premier Lloyd George, in a dramatic speech in the house of Commons concerning Upper Silesian embroglio, characterized the action of the Polish insurgents as a complete defiance of the Treaty of Versailles.

## COMMUNISTS PERMITTED TO PREACH UNHINDERED

### PEOPLE OUTRAGED AND MEETINGS FREQUENTLY BROKEN UP

(By Associated Press)  
London, May 13.—The temper of the people toward the Communists who are permitted to preach their doctrines here unhindered, was shown by an incident in Trafalgar Square the other day.

After the strains of the "Red Flag" had been started at a Communist meeting, a former officer, wounded so badly he could scarcely stand, stood up in front of the crowd numbering several thousand, and called for cheers for the King.

The response to his appeal was ear-splitting. This so enraged one of the women members of the Communist crowd that she rushed upon the officer and cuffed him roundly. Thereupon he called for three cheers for the Queen, the Prince of Wales and finally for law and order.

This broke up the meeting.

## MARCONI PINS FAITH ON WIRELESS

### TRANSATLANTIC TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION BY WIRELESS PREDICTED AS ONLY SATISFACTORY METHOD

London, May 13.—Signor Marconi, inventor of wireless, pins his faith to trans-Atlantic telephonic communication by wireless instead of by cable, despite the recent successful experiments in America connecting Cuba with the mainland in a telephone circuit extending 5,000 miles.

"I still think," he said, "that the only satisfactory method of telephoning across the Atlantic is by wireless. At present we can only do a short distance by cable telephone—from London to Paris is as far as we can do now. In attempts to communicate with Spain we have failed. Up to 100 or 200 miles of cable it works. With 1,000 miles or more of cable it won't work."

"Wireless telephony, of course, has not yet been developed to the same extent as the wire telephone, but it is being rapidly improved. We have not done anything like 5,000 miles thus far. We have spoken successfully from London to Rome, and we have got words through to America, but not in a commercial or practical way. At present there are certain disturbances of the waves in space, the cause of which has not yet been discovered."

## CHANCELLOR WIRTH DECLARES GERMANY IS IN EARNEST

(By Associated Press)  
Berlin, May 13.—Chancellor Wirth, speaking before the Imperial Council, declared that Germany sincerely desired to carry out her promises: "We want to fulfil the conditions of the ultimatum with all our strength. We expect the other side, however, after seeing this evidence of our good will, to recognize our attitude."

## HARDING AND OBREGON MAY MEET

(By Associated Press)  
Mexico City, May 13.—Presidents Obregon and Harding may meet next October at Dallas, Texas, where both have been invited to visit the Texas State Fair.

According to local newspapers President Obregon, who was cordially received last fall at Dallas, will repeat his visit this year and it is said here the President Harding has expressed a desire to be present at the same time.

## REDUCTION IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Congressman Fordney quoted Secretary Weeks as saying that the War Department employed only 11,000 clerks before the war; that there are now 28,000 and that this number should be cut to 12,000 or 13,000. When asked if he knew of any other government departments which expected to reduce forces, Fordney said: "I expect that all departments will make reductions; I do not see why they should not. I do not know why they need 50,000 clerks more than they did before the war. It is pure waste of the people's money to keep so many unnecessary employees. There are so many and they have so little to do that they spend their time reading and crocheting."

## An "Adamless Eden" to Be Opened

London, May 13.—What is described as an "Adamless Eden" is about to be opened here in the form of a small park where London working girls may rest and meditate undisturbed by young men.

The plan originated with the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association which is seeking to obtain for the purpose four acres of waste land near Hyde Park.

## COTTON AREA OF MEXICO IN FINANCIAL STRAITS

(By Associated Press)  
Mexico City, May 13.—Less than one-third of the acreage of the Laguna district in the state of Coahuila, where most of Mexico's cotton crop is grown, has been planted and the entire region is in dire straits financially, according to statements printed here quoting travelers.

Cotton prices were so low during the past year that the growers have sold their product at a loss and are not inclined to risk a poor harvest again.

## BATTLE RAGING IN WEST VIRGINIA COAL FIELDS

### GOVERNOR OF WEST VIRGINIA CALLS UPON GOVERNMENT FOR FEDERAL TROOPS

(By Associated Press)  
Williamson, W. V., May 13.—Warfare in West Virginia-Kentucky coal strike was resumed with vigor today. An unknown man was killed at McCarr this morning, bringing the total to three dead.

People in the upper Tug River Valley, where a battle raged all yesterday between forces of the State Police and riflemen hidden in the mountains, anxiously awaited today some news in answer to the request of Governor Morgan for Federal troops. Firing was resumed at daylight, early reports said, but there are no details available.

Charleston, W. Va., May 13.—Governor Morgan, early today, had received no reply to his request for Federal troops for Mingo County.

## Attack Infancy Aid Bill

(By U. S. Press)  
Washington, May 12.—The Shepard-Towner maternity bill came under the fire of physicians yesterday before a Senate committee. The opposition declared the Federal maternity and infancy aid bill proposed was superfluous and demanded by no one "except a few women who have money to burn and time to waste." The bill was described as "a huge fabrication of inflated socialistic ideals" and as "the entering wedge to State or Federal control of the practice of medicine." The opposition also contended that the bill is a contravention of the general welfare clause of the Constitution and an additional burden to taxpayers.

## SOLITARY WOMAN MISSIONARY GIVING LIFE FOR LEPERS

London, May 12.—A story of heroic self-sacrifice and devotion has reached England from the leper village of Chandag, India, where Mary Reed, a solitary white woman missionary, is giving her life to ministry to the sufferings of her fellow lepers.

News of her isolated life was brought back by Mr. Oldrive, organizing secretary of the Mission to Lepers, who has just returned from a 70,000-mile journey visiting all the leper colonies in India.

Thirty years ago Miss Reed went into this desolate spot in the Himalayas, 6,000 feet above the sea level, offering herself to the leper cause. Although a victim of the malady, she is still able to carry on her spiritual work among these afflicted like herself.

Miss Reed seldom sees white people for her station is 80 miles from the nearest railway line. There are 46 women lepers in the community and 19 men in the men's refuge a short distance away.

According to Mr. Oldrive, there are 200,000 lepers in India. "At present," he declared, "it is not right to say that any cure for leprosy has been found."

### COTTON MARKET

May	12.47
July	12.80
October	13.34
December	13.63
January	13.73