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Ambassador Daniels Presents Protest Against Oil Program

American-Mexican Relations Take Serious Turn; Mexicans Blaming British.

Mexico City, March 29.—A United States protest against expropriation of Mexico's foreign-owned oil industry tonight was followed quickly by a call from President Lazaro Cardenas for an "urgent" session of the Mexican Congress.

Relations between the two nations taking a grave turn, the Mexican President called for an extraordinary session to consider an internal loan of 100,000,000 pesos (about \$20,000,000) to repay oil companies whose \$400,000,000 properties were expropriated.

In addition, he asked modification of Mexico's export and import duties which were raised sharply in January, and were the subject of informal American protests.

Mexico, March 29.—Relations between Mexico and the United States took the gravest turn of the past decade tonight when Ambassador Joseph Daniels presented a stiff American protest against expropriation of the \$400,000,000 foreign-owned oil industry.

The American envoy declined to reveal whether the protest was oral or written.

A high Mexican official described communication as a note delivered by Mr. Daniels to Foreign Minister Eduardo Hay.

It was understood that the protest had nothing of the nature of an ultimatum, but was energetic in demanding that Mexico clarify how she expected to pay for expropriated oil properties.

The Mexican government was described as concerned over the unexpected vigor of the United States stand, and officials at once started drafting a reply.

Mr. Daniels disclosed that he reported to Secretary Hull by telephone after talking to the Mexican Foreign Minister about the "seriousness" of the situation.

Seeks Settlement He said he conveyed "Mr. Hull's deep wishes for an adjustment in a way that is consistent with the friendship of the two countries and rights that attach to both nations."

Declaring "nothing final" had been done, Mr. Daniels said he expected to talk with Hay again tomorrow.

British Minister. Owen St. Clair O'Malley, who last week told Mexico that Britain "reserved her rights," declined to comment on the United States move.

It was stated authoritatively that the Mexican government feels that the energetic stand of the United States was due largely to British pressure.

The government also was understood to feel that suspension of silver purchases by the United States came as a result of British complaints that continuance of the purchases merely gave Mexico more ammunition for war on British and other foreign capital.

(The United States Treasury announced Sunday it would suspend silver purchases from Mexico on April 1, terminating, at least temporarily, its program of buying \$2,500,000 worth of silver monthly at 44 cents an ounce, only one or two cents above the world price but guaranteeing a day-to-day market and keeping the silver off the world market. This had the effect of supporting the market. The price for domestic silver in the United States is 64.64 cents an ounce.)

Effect of Protest The oil protest, according to the government official, asked in effect: "Since Mexico has been unable to pay for lands expropriated from Americans under Mexico's agrarian program, how could it be expected to pay the larger amounts involved in the oil properties?"

Meanwhile, a split in the ranks of oil workers added to Mexico's difficulties as the peso continued to drop following the Washington silver announcement.

The rift developed after 6,000 members of the oil syndicate at Tampico ousted a provisional administrative council appointed from Mexico City and demanded that the government get into effect immediately wage increases and other benefits ordered in an official verdict.

Failure of 17 British and American companies to comply with the verdict led to expropriation of their \$200,000,000 holdings by the government.

Some headquarters of the syndicate charged that the Tampico agitation was caused by "company money" distributed through the syndicate toward the strikers of the Tampico oil fields.

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County Sends Off Payments

Funds Sent To New York to Pay April 1st Obligations.

Greenville, March 30.—Funds totaling \$47,347.50 were sent to New York banks today by Pitt county for payment of principal and interest due on bonds April 1.

The county has issued no bonds since June 1, 1931, since which time it has paid approximately \$1,855,082 on principal and interest, and an additional \$150,000 on district bonds.

The county's bonded indebtedness now totals less than \$2,000,000. Principal and interest due by the county this year totals \$253,000.

The interest payments sent off today were for six per cent bonds, \$12,900; five per cent bonds, \$1,775; four and three-quarter per cent bonds, \$2,137.50; and four and one-half per cent bonds, \$6,535, making a total of \$23,347.50 paid in interest.

Principal was paid as follows: Due on six per cent bonds, \$15,000; due on four and three-quarter per cent bonds \$10,000 for a total on principal of \$25,000.

DENTAL EXAMINATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS

The preschool examinations are now in progress throughout the county. The Health Officer, Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, states that he considers the dental examination of the children as one of the most important features of the whole examination.

He called attention to the fact that the dentists of Pitt County are giving their expert service to all preschool children.

The following dentists are assisting in the work: Dr. Paul Fitzgerald, Greenville; Dr. B. McKay Johnson, Greenville; Dr. M. B. Massey, Greenville; Dr. A. M. Schultz, Greenville; Dr. Paul Jones, Farmville; and Dr. C. R. Riddick, Ayden. The Health Officer expressed appreciation for the fine co-operation these dentists are giving to the work of the Health Department.

CCC Camps May Escape Roosevelt Economy Axe

Washington, March 29.—President Roosevelt has agreed tentatively to continue operation of 300 Civilian Conservation Corps camps which were doomed to shut under the federal economy axe by July 1, end of the present fiscal year, it was learned tonight.

The disclosure came when a special House appropriations sub-committee met secretly to consider a resolution by Rep. Clifton A. Woodburn, D. Va., appropriating \$50,000,000 for retention of the camps, after Woodrum obtained Mr. Roosevelt's informal approval.

The Virginian said he discussed the matter with the Chief Executive before he went to Warm Springs, Ga., and again today by long distance. In each instance he said, Mr. Roosevelt favored retention, chiefly because the camps will help to stave off effects of the business recession.

Mr. Roosevelt ordered the camps discontinued as a step toward bringing the budget into balance. Under the program, which both House and Senate reluctantly approved, the CCC outlay for the 1933 fiscal year was trimmed to \$225,351,000, a cut of \$123,669,000 below the current appropriation.

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Symphonic Chorus Are Rehearsing Easter Music

Cantata To Be Presented On Easter Sunday In Methodist Church.

Rehearsals for the Easter cantata, to be presented by the Farmville Symphonic Chorus are now in full swing and the time has been set by Director Lewis S. Bullock as the afternoon of Easter Sunday, with the Methodist Church, which lends itself so admirably to these sacred concerts, as the scene of presentation.

Adroitly portraying the dramatic scenes in sequence from Olivet to Calvary, the musical work by J. H. Maunder, which will be interpreted by the Chorus, captures the imagination, and new light and new reality are given to this tragic conclusion to the earthly existence of the Saviour of mankind. The Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah" will bring the presentation to a triumphant close.

In the opinion of a majority of the members of the Chorus, this cantata will in all probability be the most enjoyable of any yet attempted by the group, due in a large measure to its harmonic and rhythmic style, which gives it a universal appeal.

Oxford Orphanage Singing Class

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage will make its annual appearance here in Perkins Hall, Tuesday night, April 5.

The Singing Classes of the Orphanage for more than 50 years have made annual tours of the State, always presenting excellent programs and being warmly received everywhere.

The local committee of the Farmville Masonic Lodge, under the auspices of which the concert will be presented are: Mayor George W. Davis, Robert J. Wainright and R. A. Joyner.

The entire community is invited to attend.

Paylor Opens Campaign For Solicitor's Post

John Hill Paylor, Farmville attorney, who has served Pitt County in the State Legislature for the past two terms, today opened his campaign for solicitor of the Fifth Judicial District, comprising the counties of Pitt, Greene, Craven, Carteret, Jones and Pamlico.

The present solicitor, D. M. Clarke of Greenville, has served in this capacity for the past 12 years.

The opposing candidate is an active Legionnaire, serving as the first commander of the Farmville post, and is the ruling elder of the Presbyterian Church, having an unbroken Sunday School attendance record of 29 years.

A native of Laurinburg, Paylor opened law offices here 17 years ago.

STATE ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC TO BE HELD FRIDAY, APRIL 1

The Pitt County Health Department wishes to call attention to the regular, monthly STATE ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC held every first Friday, from noon until 3 o'clock p. m., in the Health Department offices, 215 West 3rd St., Greenville, N. C. The next clinic will be held on Friday, April 1st.

This clinic serves not only Pitt County, but Beaufort, Hyde, Pamlico, and Carteret as well, and is open to both white and colored. All types of cripples are received into this clinic for examination without cost, and where eligible, and when needed, free treatment is given.

Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, Pitt County Health Officer, requests that, where practical, all patients bring a note from their family physician. He extends a special invitation to all physicians and all welfare officers to visit the clinic.

FROM SHOW BOAT TO RADIO CITY

With the setting ranging from a small time show-boat on an Arkansas river to a glittering penthouse and the impressive broadcasting stages of Manhattan, "Radio City Revels", playing at Paramount Theatre Monday and Tuesday, is said to be one of the year's most entertaining screen novelties.

An array of stage and air notables tops the cast, including Bob Burns, Jack Oakie, Kenny Baker, Ann Miller, Victor Moore, Milton Berle, Hal Rosson, and Eddie Bracken.

Director Ben Stoltz, together with Hal Kemp and his orchestra, today are among the stars of the production.

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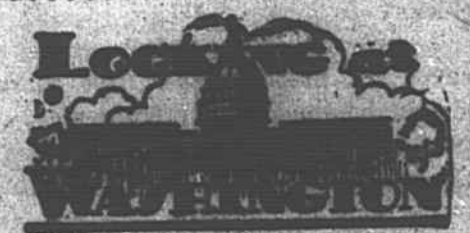
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(Hugo S. Siss, Washington Correspondent.)

Deficit Cut of Billion Is Indicated As Tax Collections Surprise Treasury

The Federal Government's budget is \$1,000,000,000 nearer balanced in the fiscal year that ends June 30th than it was in the last fiscal year. During the first nine months of the present year about \$700,000,000 was borrowed as compared to more than \$1,700,000,000 in the same period of the preceding year. Another encouraging factor in the fiscal affairs of the nation is the increased income tax payments by corporations and individuals in March, with receipts exceeding those of last March by \$100,000,000.

The increased revenue from taxes on income reflect larger earnings by individuals and corporations during the year 1932. Even with the slump that occurred in the final three months of the last year, 1932, was a profitable year for business although business generally is in the midst of a defeatist psychology on account of present conditions. Experts attribute part of the increased revenues to legislation, closing loopholes which heretofore permitted large sums to escape the Treasury. The tax on undistributed earnings of corporations undoubtedly forced dividends, which increased individual income tax payments.

The improved condition of the Treasury is not due to reduced expenditures but almost solely to enlarged revenues. For the first three-quarters of the present fiscal year, expenditures totalled about the same as during the preceding year when they were almost exactly \$5,500,000,000. The reader should note, however, that the total of expenditures for the present year includes a large amount belonging to the old age reserve accounts. The Treasury used the money that came from payroll taxes, paying the fund three per cent interest and the amount was charged as an expenditure because of the debt created. In fact, however, nearly the entire \$700,000,000 deficit of the Government is represented by the dollars borrowed from the old age savings.

Viewed in another light the Government, in nine months, has taken in taxes almost as many dollars as it has distributed in expenditures. In other words, for the first time in nearly eight years, the Treasury operations created no net "purchasing power." In view of the enormous sums pumped into the economic structure of the nation in recent years, the cessation of governmental priming is generally considered a major factor in the present recession. In the opinions of some officials and many experts, the failure of private business to replace Government spending made a recession inevitable and the business slump will probably continue until the Government resumes its pump priming or business takes up the slack by capital investments.

Early Solution of Railroad Problem Vital to Nation's Economic Recovery

The plight of the railroads of the nation involves the welfare of banks and insurance companies which have invested heavily in the securities of the carriers. In fact, certain railroads of the nation have seemed to be mere pawns in the financial manipulation by which banks, brokers, attorneys and receivers have made huge sums. This, however, is hardly true of all carriers and the fact remains that most of them carry insuperable financial burdens. That some solution of the problem is vital to the nation's economic welfare is generally realized but no easy manoeuvres will be effective.

President Roosevelt recently appointed a "rescue committee" in an apparent effort to avoid anything like Government ownership or control at this time. However, it is generally recognized that the situation demands an authority with power to force sweeping reorganization of the entire railroad industry. About five years ago, the railroads, in a statement addressed "To the American People," pledged a reduction of competitive waste. Somewhere along the line, something interfered with the results anticipated.

The railroad crisis is to the present recession what the banking crisis was to the nation in 1933. Unless something is done, officials fear that the business slump will be aggravated. With widespread insolvency and other companies facing difficulties, positive action is necessary if the industry, which employs a million men, represents a big slice of national investment and income.

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Farmville Hostesses Entertain Various Clubs

Engaged Couple Honored At Dinner By Albrittons.

Opening the round of social activities of the week here was a barbecue and Brunswick stew dinner, given by Mr. and Mrs. Ted L. Albritton in compliment to Miss Edna Foust Harris and Mr. John Daniel Dixon, whose engagement was announced recently. The dinner was held in a Greenville dining room with places laid for forty-two guests. The host and hostess alternated in the role of master of ceremonies with toasts and witty speeches being made by Miss Mae Joyner, Miss Elizabeth Fields, Miss Hazel Monk, Leroy Parker, James Lang and Irvin Morgan, Jr. Bingo was played after dinner.

The Lamrad Club met this week with Mrs. W. Alexander Allen, Jr., who had as additional guests Mrs. David T. Harris and Miss Eva Mae Turnage.

Plans were laid at the Garden Club on Monday for the holding of a Garden School here in April with the Snow Hill Club as a joint sponsor. Miss Bettie Joyner presided and reported the purchase of a live oak by the pool beautification committee for planting on the municipal recreational grounds, and announced a special meeting to be held in April, stating that Mrs. R. L. MacMillan, state chairman of Garden Clubs, had been invited as guest speaker.

Instructions to be followed in the successful growing of lilacs and gladioli were brought to the attention of the Club by Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Sr., and Mrs. Haywood Smith. Mrs. T. E. Joyner presented members with chrysanthemum plants of choice varieties at this time. Following adjournment, the hostesses, Mrs. John B. Lewis and her mother, Mrs. Dunbar Lamar, served a sweet course. Special guests were Mrs. Mary Lewis Lang and Mrs. Louise D. Harris.

Members of the Progressive Bridge Club, with Mrs. L. E. Walston as an additional guest, were entertained by Mrs. L. T. Pierce this week. The high score award, bric-a-brac, went to Mrs. B. S. Sheppard. A congealed fruit salad with iced tea was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. I. E. Satterfield and Mrs. P. E. Jones.

Miss Elizabeth Fields was hostess at bridge on Wednesday afternoon, entertaining her card club and honoring her sister-in-law, Mrs. R. A. Fields, Jr., of Rocky Mount, a recent bride, and Miss Edna Foust Harris, bride-elect. Mrs. W. Alexander Allen, Jr., compiled high score and was awarded a sport handkerchief, the honor guests receiving lovely lingerie. A salad plate carried motifs and a color note associated with the Easter season.

Mrs. Frank Davis, Jr., entertained the New Deal Club and other friends on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. G. M. Holden. Scoring honors went to Mrs. D. R. Morgan for high among members, and to Mrs. Lath Morris, holding high among visitors, both receiving similar awards of book ends in cornucopia design. Miss Edna Foust Harris, bride-elect, was presented with silver in her chosen pattern. A new member, Mrs. L. E. Walston, was given a cordial welcome at this time. A congealed salad course was followed by iced molded in Easter motifs. Special guests were Miss Harris, Miss Tabitha DeVivanti, Mrs. B. S. Sheppard, Mrs. Lath Morris, Mrs. W. E. Joyner, Mrs. Wesley R. Willis, Mrs. W. Leslie and Mrs. James Smith.

Money plays a big part in the thinking of many men who have very little of it in their possession.

Seal Sale For Crippled Children To Begin Today

Pitt County anticipates a co-operative venture in the Seal Sale for Crippled Children. Problems of the crippled child have loomed large in Pitt County. Some very commendable work in behalf of the physically handicapped child has been done but much remains to be accomplished. Mr. E. T. Futrell, Superintendent of Public Welfare, Pitt County Chairman of the International Society for Crippled Children, announces today that the Easter Seal Sale drive opened April 1, 1933. A county wide campaign will be waged against crippling conditions. Money derived from the sale will be used by the local Department of Public Welfare and its affiliates to provide "a better life for crippled children," the slogan of this year's campaign.

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Conferees Adopt Cooley Proposal on Cotton Quota

Tar Heel's Amendment Is Approved Following His Appearance by Invitation.

Washington, March 29.—The Senate and House conferees today adopted the Cooley 50 per cent cotton acreage reduction limitation amendment, which was defeated in the House last Wednesday, after pursuing the unusual course of inviting Mr. Cooley, not a member of the conference group, to appear before them and explain his proposal.

The Cooley amendment as offered in the House last week, provided that no cotton grower's acreage should be reduced to less than 50 per cent of the acreage planted in 1937, plus the acreage diverted in that year under the Soil Conservation Act.

The conferees adopted the amendment with a provision that the quota of no farmer should exceed 40 per cent of his total tilled acreage. That provision would not affect any grower whose cotton acreage plus the acreage diverted from cotton in 1937 was less than 80 per cent in his total acreage. Mr. Cooley said that he knew of no grower in North Carolina who would come under that provision although it would affect some large growers in other states.

Adoption of the 50 per cent amendment made it possible to strike out three other sections of the bill amending the 1938 farm act. Those sections do away with the five-acre exemption in counties having less than 15 per cent of their total tilled acreage in cotton, remove the exemption also in counties where value of tobacco exceeds that of cotton, and provide a separate basis for cotton growers who also grew tobacco.

"Elimination of those sections which are no longer necessary means that there is no change from the program upon which the farmers voted on March 12 except that inequitable cuts will be prevented," said Mr. Cooley.

The conferees adopted the House provision for a flat 4-per cent increase in the cotton quota of each state instead of the Senate provision for a flexible increase.

The conference also eliminated the Senate proposals to expedite subsidy payments on the 1937 cotton crop and to pay farmers a commission of \$1.25 a bale for selling their cotton to the government under loan contracts already made.

Complete rejection of all Senate proposals infuriated Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina, chairman of the Senate committee.