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SHARP CONTEST OVER MEXICAN OIL LANDS.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 3. — (By The Associated Press) — A sharp conflict is being waged in the Mexican senate over the nationalization of oil lands as provided in the decrees of President Carranza which were intended to put into effect article 27 of the Mexican constitution.

Debate on this measure, however, soon became complicated as a result of attempts to include in it a complete redrafting of the 27th article. In the senate discussions, Luis Cabrera, Secretary of the Treasury, and Leon Salinas, Sub-secretary of Industry and Commerce have presented the government's side in support of nationalization.

Secretary Cabrera also is quoted in newspapers as asserting that the senate is only wasting time in discussing the oil question since the oil interests would not be satisfied with the senate's decision.

The foreign oil companies have brought suits in the Mexican courts to prevent the presidential decrees from taking effect, and these have been appealed to the supreme court. Secretary Cabrera has opposed action of the supreme court in these cases seemingly to delay action until the executive department of the Mexican government and representatives of the oil interests can reach an understanding.

RED CROSS WILL NOT LEAVE BALKANS ALONE.

BUCHAREST, RUMANIA, Sept. 22, via Paris. — When the American Red Cross quits the Balkans, when its work there is completed, the people are not to be left entirely alone. This was the promise made to the Balkan people by Colonel Robert E. Olds, Commissioner for Europe of the American Red Cross, at the inauguration here of the Red Cross program of medical and reconstruction work which is to follow the work of emergency relief now drawing to a close.

"The great work done in the Balkans," said Colonel Olds, "in the main is over. The work of feeding and clothing the helpless peoples of the Near East is drawing fast to a close. But we shall not leave these nations without substantial legacies and permanent reminders of the work already done here.

Hundreds of Red Cross women and men have left the Balkans for their homes in the states, but small groups will remain to continue their work. In Serbia, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Albania, Montenegro, Greece and Rumania, children's hospitals, district nursing services, infant welfare work, nurses' training schools, the reconstruction of hospitals and the medical fight against tuberculosis, typhus, smallpox and other too prevalent diseases, will be carried on.

In all this work native women will be trained to take up the work when Red Cross workers leave six months or a year from now. The emergency relief work in the Balkans is ended, but the constructive work will still go on.

EXPERTS STUDYING FORESTRY CONSERVATION.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 22.—With conservation and forestry experts of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio in attendance a tri-state forestry conference opened here this morning under the auspices of the Indiana State Forestry Department. Speakers on the program include the governors of the three states and many national authorities on conservation and forestry problems.

Temporary Injunction Granted.

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Supreme Court Justice Nathan Bijur today granted a temporary injunction restraining the police and city authorities from interfering with the production of German opera in the Lexington theatre. A hearing on the granting of a permanent injunction will be given tomorrow.

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"I KNOW I AM CRAZY"

Pathetic Farewell Note Shows Heart Wrung at Leaving Wife and Son —Describes Feelings Just Before Death.

New York.—Charles H. Weston, actor, stage manager and moving picture director, who sank from a position of wealth and fame to poverty in the last five years, ended his life by leaping from a window on the seventeenth floor of the Aeolian building.

It developed from letters in the man's pocket and from further investigation that he had applied to George M. Cohan for a job as a "strike breaker" in the actors' strike, and had received a reply the following day that no place was open for him. There was an unmailed letter to Mr. Cohan, in his pocket.

The most remarkable document found on the dead man, however, was a letter addressed "to anyone interested," which contained a justification for his suicide and a description of his feelings on the point of leaping.

Leaves Pathetic Note.

The letter bore the following heading:

"How one feels just before death by jumping from the eighteenth story of a building—by Charles H. Weston, just before jumping from the eighteenth floor."

The letter said:

"Last night I saw my wife and darling son the last time on this earth. It is a strange feeling to know that it is the last time. Something in your soul seems to cry, 'How wonderful that last kiss is! What a coward I feel! Still, I know I am not a coward. It is far better to die at once than a lingering death in an insane hospital, as I know I am crazy.'

"I find myself in the most unknown places to me. I cannot sleep without the most hideous dreams.

"They will be far better off without me. I cannot find employment. I am unable to keep them. I am dragging them down. I cannot live and let it be known that I am the cause of their downfall. All this comes to my mind as I am waiting to jump. People are passing far below. I do not want to fall on anyone. I am



Leaping From a Window.

crying like a child. My heart and head ache. Yet I am not nervous. I started to jump a few seconds ago, but a vision of my dear, dead mother came before me just as plain as day.

Prays for Family.

"Say your last prayer—the one I gave you years ago. I am praying now. I pray God to keep my wife, who is the finest woman on earth; my boy, who is my heart's dream. I pray God to keep them from sorrow and darkness. Oh, God! How I love them! My dear wife will give anyone who is interested the most amazing history of me that one could hear.

"Billions of thoughts pass through my brain. What will I see in five minutes? Will I go to another world? Will my soul rest in peace? Five minutes from now will I know what dying is? I have no fear of hell. I cannot suffer any more than I have. My body is in hell. If I am to go to hell, only my soul can go, but I cannot save my soul.

"I feel just like a man waiting to meet his boss when there is something wrong. Good-by, all. May God bless you."

Juror Drinks Evidence.

Atlanta, Ga.—Henry Henken, a juror in the trial of Henry Liner, negro, who was charged with violating the prohibition law, was fined \$25 by Judge Rourke for taking a drink of some of the "evidence" in the case. "It is almost unthinkable that one of the jurors in this case should violate a law while sitting in judgment on a man who is charged with violating the same law."

FOR FIRST TIME IN LIVES SEE AMERICANS.

(By The Associated Press)

KISHINEV, BOSSARABIA, Sept. 3, via Paris, Sept. 22. — The lepers of Broasa saw their first Americans, smoked their first American cigars and received their first American shoes when two Red Cross men visited their ancient colony recently. Broasa is a village west of Odessa which was formerly an important Russian medical center for the care of leprosy.

Major Charles E. Spratt of New York City, and Major Lionel D. Hargis of San Francisco, brought with them to Broasa a supply of food, clothing and medicine. The cry of "Unclean! Unclean!" which met them at the gate did not deter the Americans, who introduced themselves to the aged lepers in attendance. In a few minutes began the distribution of the American supplies from a Red Cross automobile.

With nothing but their eyes showing through slits in their all-enveloping gowns, the lepers watched the proceedings at a respectful distance. Surgical dressings, antiseptics, bandages, American canned goods, several dozen shirts, pajamas and suits of underclothing with an assortment of shoes were spread before them.

"Which are the men?" Major Spratt asked the Mother Superior. A group of the shrouded figures moved forward.

An eager chorus came from 'beneath the goods.

"Then here you are! Light up!" And Major Spratt passed around a box of Havanas of his own stock.

"And here's a box of Bucharest candy for the women," added Major Hargis.

As the American left the colony, the inmates ran after them crying out their thanks.

HILO, T. H., Oct. 22.—The new lava flow from the seven craters of Mauna Loa is increasing in volume and brilliancy. It is moving at the rate of two miles a day, and the stream is half a mile wide.

Boston, Oct. 21.—The steamer Waxahatchie, before reported disabled by machinery trouble, is on her way to this port in tow of the British steamer Niceto de Larrinaga. A message received by the naval wireless station today said the ship would reach here tomorrow morning. The Waxahatchie is understood to have been bound for Baltimore from St. Nazaire. The Niceto de Larrinaga passed Sand Key October 11 bound out from Galveston.

EXCHANGES RE-OPENED.

BASEL, Oct. 22.—Stock and commercial exchanges at Budapest, which were closed by the soviet government several months ago, were reopened on Monday, according to advices received here from the Hungarian capital.

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