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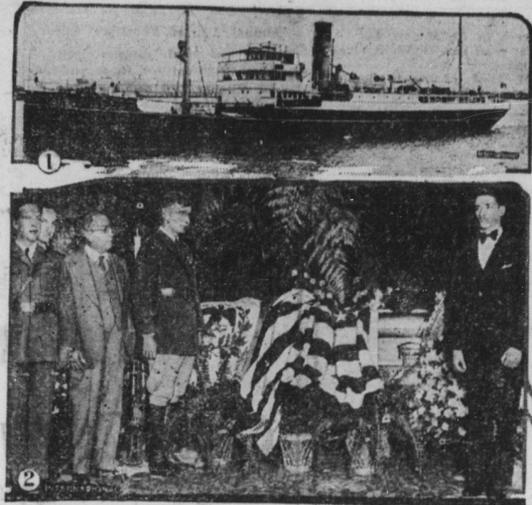
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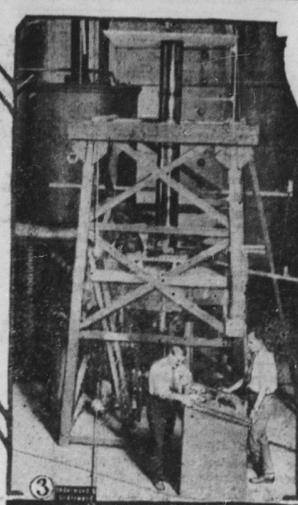
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**NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS**

**Murder of Obregon a Great Misfortune for Mexico—Gossip of Politics.**

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

PERHAPS the greatest misfortune that could happen to Mexico at this time was the murder of Gen. Alvaro Obregon. Quite aside from the heinousness of the crime, the assassination of the president-elect removed from the scene the strongest and most progressive of the republic's leaders, and not only threatened the country with renewal of the chaotic conditions that have held it back for many years, but also imperiled the recently restored friendly relations with the government of the United States. The excellent work done by our ambassador, Dwight Morrow, in the latter regard was given powerful aid by Obregon and his administration, which was to have been installed on December 1, would have carried it on to the utmost.

Obregon was shot to death at a banquet in the fashionable resort of San Angel, 12 miles south of Mexico City, by a young man who has been identified as Jose de Leon Teral, an art student. The assassin was arrested but refused to name his accomplices or the instigators of the crime. A score of suspects were taken in custody. Alberto Cruz was immediately supplanted as minister of police by General Zertuche, one of Obregon's closest friends, and both he and President Calles promised that the murder would be cleared up and those guilty punished. In a signed statement Calles said the assassin had admitted that the motive of his crime was religious fervor, and the president added that the authorities had obtained much information "implicating directly clerical action." In conclusion, Calles said: "Finally I want to announce that the government will continue as heretofore within constitutional paths and with the requisite calmness and energy." This was taken to mean that he would not attempt to continue in office after November, as the Mexican constitution forbids direct succession of the president in two terms in office. However, that constitution has been altered before to fit circumstances and may be changed again.

Despite the words of Calles, it is scarcely conceivable that the Catholic church in Mexico as an organization or any of its responsible members can have instigated the murder of General Obregon. The relations between the church and the government had been steadily improving, and Obregon, though pledged to carry on the policies of Calles, was looked to as the man to settle the trouble finally. The best guess at this time is that the assassination was prompted by political enemies of the president-elect who utilized a weak-minded religious fanatic.

Telegrams deploring the crime were sent by President Coolidge, Vice President Dawes and Secretary of State Kellogg. In Washington Ambassador Tellez, though terribly shocked, said he was certain the tragedy would bring about the unification of all men in his country, sweeping away the disturbing and reactionary elements. He expected the old congress would be called in session to prepare for a special election. The permanent commission of congress already had been summoned to meet to consider the political situation.

WHILE mourning Mexicans were taking the body of General Obregon to his native state of Sonora for burial, Americans were sending home, with all possible honors, the remains of Capt. Emilio Carranza, the Mexican "good will" flyer who was killed when his plane crashed in New Jersey during a storm. After it had lain in state in New York the body was conveyed to Mexico on a special funeral train that carried also the aviator's father, an American army guard of honor and Mexican officials. The smashed plane also was taken back. All along the route the passing of the train was watched by sorrowing

crowds, and at many cities the major general's salute of 13 guns was fired.

WHOLESALE bolting from either the Republican or the Democratic national ticket does not seem to be getting much encouragement in the country. The most ambitious attempts to bring this about are being made in Texas. There the anti-Smith Democrats have organized with the avowed intention of getting all the Democrats they can to vote for Hoover, and they are led by several men who have been rather prominent in the party in that state. They are making no attempt to defeat the state Democratic ticket, which disappoints some of the smaller fry who are disaffected. On the other hand there is also in Texas a group of anti-Hoover Republicans who are throwing what influence they have to the Smith ticket.

In Asheville Bishop Cannon of the Methodist church, South, gathered about 151 men and women to plan for the defeat of Smith in the Southern states. Nearly all the delegates were preachers of the Methodist church, South, or paid workers of church or prohibition agencies. Sixty-six were from Buncombe county, North Carolina, of which Asheville is the county seat. No Democratic party leaders were present, and it was noticeable that the Baptists held aloof, except for Dr. Arthur J. Barton, who was made chairman of the meeting. The press was excluded from the real sessions.

Leaders of farmers' organizations in the corn belt still hope they can induce the agriculturists to oppose Hoover, and their meeting in Des Moines adopted a series of resolutions condemning the farm relief plank in the Republican platform and commending the plank inserted in the Democratic platform. Most of those attending this meeting declared their intention of supporting Smith, but there is still little reason to believe that their stand will induce very many farmers to change their political affiliations next November. The Iowa Republicans, large numbers of whom are corn belt farmers, held their state convention last week and unanimously endorsed the Hoover and Curtis ticket and the Kansas City platform, including its farm relief plank. The state platform condemned Al Smith for "his attitude on nullification" of prohibition and alluded to "Tammany's effort to fasten itself upon the nation." Earlier in the day Governor Hammill of Iowa had had a talk with Herbert Hoover on the latter's train, and he told the convention something of what the farmers might expect from Hoover if he were elected President.

Governor McMullen of Nebraska also had a chat with Mr. Hoover and afterward said the candidate had a comprehensive understanding of the farm problem, but the governor did not seem to have been won over to Hoover's support.

President Coolidge was Hoover's host for a couple of days at the summer White House and they fished and talked politics together, after which Hoover resumed his trip to California. It was saddened by the news of the death of Mrs. Hoover's father, Charles D. Henry, in Placer, Calif.

GOVERNOR SMITH was busy as a bee in Albany with political conferences and picture makers. Among his callers was Congressman Byrnes of Tennessee, who assured him he would carry not only the solid South but also the border states. Al could see nothing to worry about in the stories of Democratic revolt in Texas or elsewhere. The report that Smith had selected Owen D. Young, chairman of the General Electric company and colleague of Dawes in the reparations work, to be the Democratic candidate to succeed him as governor was flatly denied on behalf of both the gentlemen.

SECRETARY KELLOGG'S anti-war treaty goes marching on toward complete victory. Last week it was accepted in principle by Great Britain and the dominions of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa and by the Irish Free State and India. Acceptances also were received at Washington from Belgium, Poland and Czechoslovakia. All the answers, it was believed, would be found satisfactory by the American government. Approval had already been given the pact by Germany, France, Italy and other nations,

and that of Japan was considered certain. If the various reservations of some of the governments, which are not radical, can be accepted, the final success of the great plan to outlaw war seems virtually assured. The treaty is to be signed during the coming fall by the principal powers and will go into effect with the deposit of the ratifications. It will remain open for signature by other nations.

PEACE between Poland and Lithuania is still an unaccomplished fact, and it is reported that Premier Waldemar of Lithuania, relying on the support of Russia, is preparing to defy the League of Nations at the September meeting of the assembly or council of the League. The Poles have notified Sir Austen Chamberlain that they hold the League responsible for the existing state of affairs and demand full support in whatever measures they may deem necessary.

American members of the world court of arbitration at Geneva nominated Charles Evans Hughes for the vacancy created by the resignation of John Bassett Moore. Dr. Walter Simons is second choice for the place. Observers in Geneva were quite sure Mr. Hughes would be elected.

REPRESENTATIVES of France, England, Spain and Italy last week signed a new accord on Tangier which gives Spain full command of the gendarmerie in the international zone of that country. A special commission was created to watch for and suppress intrigues against the Spanish protectorate. Italy was given increased representation on the legislative body of the international zone and was also given representation on the courts and similar tribunals.

ALL doubt concerning the death of Capt. Alfred Loewenstein, Belgian financier, who disappeared from his airplane while crossing the English channel, was dispelled by the finding of his body near Cape Griz-Nez.

THE Jacksonville scale as a basis for wage negotiations in the bituminous fields has been abandoned by the United Mine Workers of America, according to the action of the policy committee of the union, and hereafter each of the districts has the right to effect settlement with operators "upon a basis mutually satisfactory." Action taken by district officers must be submitted to the miners of the district for ratification.

The policy committee also authorized all district organizations to permit any coal company or any mine to employ all the men it may require for maintenance, repairs, development, construction or production of coal, providing the existing wage scale is paid temporarily until a district agreement is reached. The new policy is interpreted as a gesture by the union toward bettering the depressed conditions in the bituminous coal industry.

AMONG those claimed by death during the week were Giovanni Giolitti, Italian statesman and foe of Mussolini; D. C. Davies, director of the Field museum in Chicago; Henry R. Rathbone, congressman at large from Illinois, and William E. Harmon of New York, who as "Jedediah Tingle," had given large sums to unrecognized heroes, good children and deserving authors.

RECKLESSNESS in prohibition enforcement has again humiliated the American government. According to announcement by Secretary Kellogg, we have sent a note to the British government expressing regret and apology for the violation of the sovereignty of the Bahama Islands last September when Larry Christiansen, commanding a coast guard run-chasing boat, seized two boats off the Bahama coast, towed them into a Bahama port and then removed the liquor and prisoners to Miami. Mr. Kellogg promised that the coast guard would not again offend in that way, that the boats and liquor would be restored to their owners and that Christiansen would be transferred to another part of the country.

Prohibition administrators held their annual conference with Commissioner Doran and other Treasury department officials in Washington. Among other topics considered was the increased use of airplanes in enforcing dry laws.

**Guardian of Mokol Hill**  
 By AD SCHUSTER  
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WHEN the state commission which has to do with the regulating of public utilities granted the request of the Mokol Hill Water company that it be allowed to abandon its feeble system, the public gave the item some attention because it meant the passing of a town famous in the story of the gold rush to California in '49. There were many who recalled that the place had been a thriving city in the fifties and sixties, and there were others who wondered how the few remaining inhabitants would take this notice to pack their belongings and move away.

Nat Little remembered when the town was filled with men from all parts of the world, when the agate-balanced scales weighed millions in gold, and when the daily arrival of the stage was a signal for joyful celebration. In those days they had run a ditch seventeen miles back into the hills for water and out of this stream which swung through town the miners drew their supply. Now the ditch was but a memory and the water company, reduced to hauling barrels from a distant stream, had found the task too expensive. Besides, the water company, holding that fifty years of continuous service was enough for any man.

So the townmen, all but Nat Little, packed their furniture and moved, leaving the ancient brick and stone buildings surrounded by quiet and tradition. The iron doors and windows were swung shut and the wooden awnings were allowed to sag. Mokol Hill became a dead town and Nat Little, walking its deserted street, felt like a ghost consorting with memories.

"I won't leave!" Every day he told himself he would stay, the town would come back, and he would have his triumph. They were growing fruit in the foothills now and would grow more in the future, he argued, and this would bring the people. Any day a capitalist looking for a chance to invest his money might drop in and decide to sink a shaft straight down in the mother lode where there is still more gold than has ever been taken out. So he drove long distances for his supply of water and held the town, a guardian of its reputation and an exponent of its faith.

When the knowledge came to him that his savings would not permit of an indefinite stay if he must stand the expense of bringing in the needed water, Nat resolved to dig a well. It had been tried before, he knew, but those men might not have understood their business. Nat put faith in a willow twig and dire necessity and spent his days drilling a hole in the rock. Deeper and deeper went that hole without a sign of water.

If this were fiction one might say here that the old miner's drill bit into a vein of gold, but truth demands the explanation that the region had been mined many times and that Nat, with his little outfit, would never be able to sink below the levels of the earlier endeavors. What he did was plunk his drill into a reservoir of quicksilver, a large roomful of this elusive metal which had escaped the mills in those days of prodigality. When wealth was plentiful, it was never recovered. Along a fault in the rock formation it had worked to come to rest in this natural basin. Nat Little, mining man, made certain of the extent of his discovery, climbed out of his hole and danced a jig.

The story of the find is common property. Men know how Nat sold his quicksilver and say it was worth somewhere near \$50,000. Nat never gave out the figures but he bought himself some new clothes, had a carpenter repair the awnings along Main street, and continued to live in Mokol Hill.

Once a week an auto truck, of his hiring, stops at his house and fills his tank with water, and it is then Nat swells his chest and beams upon the world. He figures he can afford to pay the truckman for some hundred years to come.

"I won't have to leave," he says as he walks the empty street which, it may be, he imagines is peopled as it was in the roaring fifties.

**Your Humor and Mine**

Each nation has a national sense of humor more or less peculiar to itself. It is seldom that the people of one country appreciate the humor and wit of the people of another country. For that reason all people are in the habit of saying that this race or that race has no sense of humor. Sydney Smith once said, "You can't get jokes into a Scotchman's head without a surgical operation." "Ay, to be sure," retorted John Wilson, the Scotch humorist, "English jokes!"—Pathfinder Magazine.

**Whale Laughs at Rifles**

Shooting a whale with a rifle is a waste of time and ammunition. One was caught in a salmon trap at Petersburg, Alaska, and after shooting at him for a week with rifles the fishermen had to use dynamite to destroy the big fellow.

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