

### DECLARES TREATY DELAY HURTS U. S.

Secretary Alexander Says Foreign Investments Are Being Held Up by Politics

### OPENINGS IN LATIN-AMERICA

By the Associated Press  
New York, Jan. 14.—Investment of American capital in foreign countries is being delayed by the failure of the United States to ratify the peace treaty, Secretary of Commerce Alexander declared today in an address to the American Manufacturers' Export Association.

"If the peace treaty were ratified and the league of nations in operation," he said, "American investors would have greater confidence in putting their money into foreign securities."

Regretting that the peace treaty should be made the subject of political debate at a time when Europe's need for political and economic stabilization is acute, the secretary said: "The United States has assumed a moral obligation in foreign affairs which cannot be ignored. The future of American industry and commerce depends more than ever before upon active participation in foreign countries."

No immediate solution of the problem of European credits is in sight, Mr. Alexander asserted, but financial aid for the reconstruction of European countries must be extended by private American investors and not by the government. "The government cannot add to the heavy burden of taxation to give large assistance to other countries," he said. "Such assistance as the United States gives must be on a business basis."

Because of the limited amount of capital available in Europe, the United States must be prepared to finance a large part of the development of the resources and industries of the Latin-American republics, Mr. Alexander pointed out. But investments in Latin-America should be confined to enterprises that will in the shortest time produce commodities most in demand in the world at the present, he stated.

As examples of enterprises best suitable for the investment of American capital, Mr. Alexander suggested the extension of railroads in the Republic of Honduras which would open up large areas of cattle producing country. A railroad from Lake Nicaragua to the Atlantic coast would develop rich districts in both Nicaragua and Salvador, he said, and extension of railroads in southern Brazil into the state of Mato Grosso would open up an area twice as large as Texas, capable of supporting immense herds of cattle.

Predicting a easing of the foreign exchange situation because of the marked tendency in recent months toward increasing the imports into the United States, the secretary asserted that "although viewed with alarm in some quarters, larger imports mean, especially in so far as they tend to relieve the foreign exchange situation, have a beneficial effect upon our foreign trade as a whole."

"The average monthly imports amounted in round numbers to \$250,000,000 in 1918 against \$320,000,000 in 1919 and in the last five months the average has been \$380,000,000 per month. The imports increased in the last year at the rate of twenty-five per cent, while the gain in exports was 80 per cent."

Imports from Europe increased by \$361,000,000 at the rate of 123 per cent in 1919 over 1918. South American imports increased only by \$84,000,000. Brazil gained \$124,000,000, but Chile decreased \$77,000,000 and Argentina \$56,000,000. Sales to South American countries increased by \$133,000,000 at the rate of 24 per cent in the last year. Argentina and Brazil showed a gain of over \$50,000,000 each."

**METEOR CAR SHOWN**  
Daily Exhibition of Philadelphia Product at Bellevue-Stratford  
The Meteor Motors Co. is displaying its car all this week at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, Broad and Walnut streets. Unable to get space at the automobile show at the Commercial Museum Building, Thirty-fourth and Spruce streets, the company decided to hold a show of its own at the Bellevue, and their decision has proved that they would draw big crowds every day during the first show week.

Many spectators looked the excellent car over yesterday and Monday and it is expected that an even larger delegation of experts and prospective buyers will be at the Bellevue today to see the car.

There are many new features of the Meteor car that unconsciously direct closer attention to its substantial details. Its actual accomplishment was not brought about to accommodate a definite locality, but rather to make possible luxurious travel with the same sense of individuality anywhere in the United States or abroad, always with the assurance of a nearly mechanically perfect machine. The result is long-continued operation, economical production, with a minimum of care and attention.

**EXHIBIT AT BELLEVUE**  
Marmon "34" Motor Is Disassembled Twice Daily in 13 1/2 Hours  
Owing to lack of space for such exhibits at the Commercial Museum, the Fanning Hatch Co., distributors of the Marmon car, 729 North Broad street, are giving a daily exhibition of motor disassembling at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. The exhibitions will continue throughout the week and will be made twice daily, the first at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and the second at 8 o'clock in the evening.

In putting on their remarkable disassembling act, the Marmon company has been able to complete the job in one and three-quarter hours, a record for this kind of work. It is only through the new standards of accuracy in motor parts that has enabled the company to give such a wonderful mechanical exhibition.

Yesterday and Monday big crowds gathered in the north corridor of the Bellevue to witness the demonstration, which will continue all week.

### MEXICO BRUTALITY WOMEN DEMOUNCE

American Tales of Hardships and Indignities Related to Senate Subcommittee

### MEXICANS ASKED TO TESTIFY

By the Associated Press  
San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 14.—Accounts of hardships and indignities suffered by small property owners in Mexico since the overthrow of the Madero Government were given to the Senate subcommittee, which began today taking testimony here regarding conditions in Mexico.

G. E. Blalock, founder of an American colony in the state of Tamaulipas, told how the community he established had dwindled from a hundred families to a half-dozen caretakers. Women who claimed to have a personal knowledge of murderous assaults were at the hearing to testify.

The committee room was crowded with spectators, a few of them Mexicans. Many Mexicans have requested permission to place before the committee their opinions of conditions in Mexico and their suggestions as to a remedy. Some would submit arguments in favor of a unified rebel army, which, they said, should receive the support of the United States.

Mexico City, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—Joaquin Santa-Ella, chief of the petroleum bureau of the Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor, declared in an interview here yesterday that the Huasteca Petroleum Company, an American concern headed by Edward L. Doherty, had informed the department it was prepared to accept the provisions of the proposed petroleum law.

This measure will come before the next session of the Mexican Congress, which will begin September 1, 1920. According to the interview, the company had headed opposition to the proposed petroleum law. Senator Santa-Ella said other companies would follow its new attitude.

General Pablo Gonzalez last night accepted the presidential nomination at the convention of the Democratic League which had selected him for its standard bearer. General Gonzalez is the second candidate to announce himself. General Alvarez Obregon having opened his presidential campaign last June.

### TO FIGHT "FILM TRUST"

"Associated First National Pictures, Inc.," Organized  
Atlantic City, Jan. 14.—Harry C. Schwabbe, of Philadelphia, was one of eleven directors elected here today to complete the organization of the Associated First National Pictures, Inc., through which independent moving-picture exhibitors of the country are planning to fight the so-called "film trust," which is alleged to have unlimited Wall street backing.

The capital of the new company, one of two successors of the First National Exhibitors Circuit, Inc., was fixed at \$10,000,000, and the fund is to be utilized to create a coalition between producers and independent exhibitors that will free the latter from the alleged menace of trust domination.

The Philadelphia associates in the directorate of the new corporation are Robert H. Lieber, Indianapolis; N. H. Gordon, Boston; J. G. Von Herberg, Seattle; Jacob Fabian, Paterson, N. J.; Moe Mark, New York; J. E. Clark, Pittsburgh; E. B. Johnson, San Francisco; John H. Kunsky, Detroit; Colquhoun Fred Levy, Louisville, and Jay J. Allen.

Election of directors for the Associated First National Theatres, a companion corporation, which is to acquire theatres for the independent exhibitors, was deferred to a meeting to be held in New York next week, at which time the drive to forestall "trust" control of exhibiting stands will be formulated.

Stockholders today voted unanimously to increase the capital of the theatres corporation from \$6,400,000, as originally proposed, to \$20,000,000.

### YEGGS SHOOT POLICEMAN

Daisytown, Pa., Postoffice Robbers  
Open Fire When Disturbed  
California, Pa., Jan. 14.—Investigating an explosion which resulted in the death of Daisytown, three miles from here, Chief of Police William Whitman was probably fatally shot at 1:30 o'clock this morning by one of four men who had attacked the safe in the Daisytown postoffice.

The chief was a few blocks from the postoffice when the blast occurred. He hurried toward the building where the cracksmen's "look-out" hiding in the shadows, opened fire. The chief fell. Three other men, all masked, ran from the postoffice and joined the man who had wounded the chief. Whitman, unable to reach his revolver, watched the men escape. Residents who had heard the shooting hurried to the chief's assistance and a posse went in pursuit of the safe-crackers.

The yeggs gained entrance to the postoffice by forcing a door. An explosive was placed in holes drilled around the combination of the safe, but when it exploded it twisted the safe into such a shape that it was impossible to open it, the men being forced to flee without obtaining any booty.

### GERMANS QUIT SCHLESWIG

Preparations Made for Plebiscite on Reuniting With Denmark  
Washington, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—Evacuation of the first zone of the province of Schleswig has been started by the Germans as required by the peace treaty, preliminary to the plebiscite there to determine whether the province shall be reunited with Denmark.

The State Department announced today that the International Schleswig Commission, which will leave for its headquarters at Flensburg January 18, had appointed prefects to administer the five administrative districts in the first zone.

### FUGITIVE HELD FOR MURDER

Bloody Shirt Clue in Case of Slain Camp Dix Chauffeur  
Trenton, Jan. 14.—The finding of a satchel containing a bloody shirt, towel and linen collar may lead to the arrest of the three men who murdered John Warmwood, a Camp Dix driver, who was clubbed and shot while bringing soldiers to Trenton. A farmer found

the satchel on his place in Mansfield Center and turned it over to Burlington county authorities. Warmwood, before dying, said one of his assailants carried a black bag such as has been found.

### ILLINOIS WOE DEEPENS

State Law Forbids Removal of Stored Liquor to Homes  
Chicago, Jan. 14.—(By A. P.)—The Illinois search and seizure act has put all owners of stored liquor in this state "out of luck." Club members and others who planned to move their private stocks to their homes on federal permits were given a jolt when they learned the state law prohibits trans-

portation of liquor in any form on all public highways.

### MADRIGAL CLUB IN CONCERT

New Society Under Henry Hotz Makes Initial Bow to Public  
The Madrigal Club, a new organization of singers made their first public appearance in a concert at Witherspoon Hall last evening. The club, which is largely made up of well-known church singers of Philadelphia, is under the leadership of Henry Hotz. There are about forty in the chorus.

The club was assisted by Miss Alice Graft, violinist, who played two groups of numbers in a pleasing manner, with excellent tone and in a sympathetic style.

Garage and Fourteen Autos Burn  
Allentown, Pa., Jan. 14.—Fire this morning destroyed the Knoble garage and machine shop in Slattington. Fourteen automobiles were burned. The loss is \$25,000.

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## Extraordinary Clearance Sales

### A Great Event in the Anniversary Sale

Every department in the store has taken Great Reductions in its Stocks. Women's and Children's Apparel and Furs are offered at savings up to 75 per cent! An exceptional Opportunity! This important event takes place Thursday.

### Both Dress Departments Offer Clearance Sales

The Downstairs Store Reduced 300 Dresses From 14.96 to 10.00 Fine serges, rich velvets, soft satins and wool velours in a variety of styles. <i>Blauer's Downstairs Store</i>	10.00	15.00	200 Dresses Formerly 25.00-29.75 to go at 15.00—Second Floor Taffetas, satins, Georgettes, velours, Jerseys, serges and velvets. Chic modes—smart trimmings. <i>Blauer's Second Floor</i>
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<b>Fur Muff Specials</b> 93 Muffs . . . . 5.95 Belgian Hare Muffs. Value 8.50 43 Muffs . . . . 9.95 Nutria Coney—caneen shape. Value 14.75 23 Muffs . . . . 9.95 Jap mink—melon, ball, canteen modes. Value 35.00 <i>Blauer's Second Floor</i>	<b>800 Coats Reduced</b> 200 Coats 10.00 Formerly 16.75-22.50 600 Coats 19.00 Formerly 29.75-35.00 Women's and Misses' Sizes <i>Blauer's Downstairs Store</i>	<b>550 Coats Reduced</b> 250 Coats 16.00 Formerly 25.00-29.75 300 Coats 23.00 Formerly 35.00-45.00 Women's and Misses' Sizes <i>Blauer's Second Floor</i>
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<b>Kiddies' Coats Reduced</b> Sizes 2-6 Formerly 10.00-11.50 <i>Blauer's Fourth Floor</i>	<b>Sample Sale</b> Kiddies' (1-4) White Dresses about 1/3 below regular 1.00 Dresses at . . . . 79c 1.50 Dresses at . . . . 94c 2.25 Dresses at . . . . 1.49 4.00 Dresses at . . . . 2.49 4.50 Dresses at . . . . 2.94 Some are slightly mussed. <i>Blauer's Fourth Floor</i>	<b>Girls' Dresses Reduced</b> Sizes 6-14 Formerly 2.94 <i>Blauer's Fourth Floor</i>
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<b>250 Hats Special</b> Values 5.00-8.50 <i>Blauer's Third Floor</i>	<b>75 Suits Reduced</b> Formerly 39.75-45.00 50 Suits Fur Trimmed <i>Blauer's Second Floor</i>	<b>150 Suits Reduced</b> Values 25.00-32.50 <i>Blauer's Downstairs Store</i>
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<b>Silk Hose Reduced</b> 3 prs. for 2.00 Value 1.25-2.00 <i>Blauer's Main Floor</i>	<b>Wool Gauntlets Reduced</b> Value 1.50 Slightly Soiled <i>Blauer's Main Floor</i>	<b>200 Blouses Special</b> Values 7.00-8.00 <i>Blauer's Main Floor</i>
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<b>Camisoles Special</b> Values 1.50-2.00 Slightly mussed. <i>Blauer's Main Floor</i>	<b>Chemises Reduced</b> Formerly 4.00-4.50 Slightly mussed. <i>Blauer's Main Floor</i>	<b>Skirts! Special!</b> Values 10.00-11.00 Plaids, Jersey Novelty Mixtures <i>Blauer's Third Floor</i>
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<b>Knitted Bloomers Special</b> Values 75c Lisle Finished <i>Blauer's Main Floor</i>
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