

SOON TO RECOGNIZE MEXICAN REGIME

Secretary Colby Proposes Commissioners to Draw Up Basic Treaty

OBREGON INAUGURAL TODAY

By the Associated Press
Washington, Dec. 1.—The way to resumption of full diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico apparently was cleared today with a proposal from Secretary Colby for the appointment of commissioners by the two governments to draw up a treaty basis.

Embodied in a letter to Robert V. Pequeña, Mexican confidential agent in Washington, Secretary Colby's proposal, declaring the complete understanding reached between himself and Señor Pequeña in their recent conference, was not to be given treaty form, was taken to Mexico City by Señor Pequeña when he left here last week to attend the inauguration of President Obregon. This was disclosed when the secretary's letter was made public here last night.

Declaring his conferences with Señor Pequeña "had left no reasonable doubt of the high and enlightened purposes that actuate the present government of Mexico," Secretary Colby also asserted that the expressions contained in Señor Pequeña's recent letter urging recognition by the United States "should allay the fears of those who have acquired land titles" in Mexico.

Appointment of commissioners by the United States and by Mexico for negotiation of the proposed treaty, writing into a legal agreement the pronouncements by Mr. de la Huerta and General Obregon to the effect that Article XXVII of the Mexican constitution "is not and must not be interpreted as retroactive or violative of valid property rights," was suggested by Mr. Colby.

Mr. Colby does not contend that Article XXVII in itself is confiscatory, although some American interests in Mexico cling to that view. The secretary of state said it could not be denied that such misunderstanding of Article XXVII had existed. He agreed that the misunderstanding could be corrected and the fears of foreign investors allayed if the Mexican Government would embody in a treaty the declarations of De La Huerta and Obregon to the effect that interpretations, laws or decrees giving effect to Article XXVII would not be confiscatory or retroactive.

The Supreme Court of Mexico is expected to pass upon the Carranza decrees under Article XXVII within a short time.

It is thought by competent Mexican legal authorities that the decrees would be held invalid and unconstitutional, leaving the new Obregon government free to act in harmony with the highest Mexican court in giving such assurances as are urged by Mr. Colby.

The question was raised here last night as to when formal recognition of the Obregon government might be expected.

Some doubt was expressed as to the ability of the State Department to conclude the treaty negotiations with the Obregon government prior to March 4, so as to dispose of the Mexican question. There was some speculation as to the likelihood of recognition the moment General Obregon agreed to appointment of his commissioners and a notification to that effect to the State Department.

General Obregon took the oath of office as president at midnight last night. He will be inaugurated today.

WANT MEXICO IN LEAGUE

French and British Aim at Protection of Their Own Interests

WILSON FOR CO-ORDINATION

Indorsees Plan Regarding Patriotic and Civic Endeavors
New York, Dec. 1.—The National Security League, which has called a meeting in this city today to plan co-ordination of patriotic and civic work throughout the country, last night made public a letter from President Wilson commending the movement.

"The idea and purpose, expressed in your letter of November 22 strike me as admirable," said the President. "I think that it is highly desirable that there should be a co-ordination of the efforts of all patriotic and civic organizations, and thus a greater unity of object as well as of method."

\$12,000 Under Dead Man's Pillow

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 30.—After the death of Marshall N. Warren, an eccentric character of Lancaster, at the General Hospital, money and securities to the amount of \$12,000 were found under his pillow. When he entered the hospital he refused to give up his effects. Distant relatives will get the money.

H. C. L. ECLIPSES JINGOISM IN TOKIO

Japanese Too Busy Filling Rice Bowls to Worry Over International Issues

FACE FINANCIAL DEPRESSION

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Tokio, Dec. 1.—The California issue acquires its importance not so much because it has resulted in a new alien law in California, but because it is being used and will be used by the Japanese as a lever to advance their ambitions in the Far East.

An important Japanese Government official asked the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER correspondent how the United States could expect to continue its active interest in what Japan was doing in the Orient if the United States explicitly prohibited Japanese immigration.

He said the United States not only exercised a restrictive influence as to foreign peoples and movements on the North American continent, but extended this doctrine to South America and other spheres. He wanted to know whether the United States would bar the Japanese from California and then follow the thing up by telling the Japanese they could not go to Manchuria, Korea, China or Siberia.

War talk at this time is absurd, Japan is right now on the way toward a financial depression that will require all her resources and effort to weather. No matter what editorial writers may say, the people of Japan are not stirred by the California question or by the

FINAL U. S. CASUALTIES

34,249 Americans Killed in War, 224,089 Wounded

Washington, Dec. 1.—Final figures on army casualties in the world war are continued in the annual report of Surgeon General Ireland, made public last night, showing 34,249 killed and 224,089 wounded.

The proportion of killed to wounded is about the same as in the Civil War, although mortality from gunshot wounds in the world war was only 8.20 per cent, as compared with 13.6 per cent in the Civil War. The report said that indicated improved surgical and sanitary methods in the recent war had saved the lives of 5.34 per cent of all American soldiers wounded.

Of every 1000 men sent to France, 110 were admitted to hospitals as the result of battle casualties, the report says, and nearly seven men out of every 1000 died as the result of wounds. Infantry losses were heaviest, 215.6 out of every 1000 men of that arm being wounded and 12.77 killed. The signal corps was next with 52.22 wounded and 3.13 killed per thousand.

Deaths from wounds totaled 13,691; shell wounds were by far the most deadly, the report said, adding that no American soldier lost both arms and both legs in the world war, or both legs or both arms and one other extremity. Sixty-six lost the sight of both eyes.

Noted Frenchman is Suicide
Paris, Dec. 1.—Jean Fabre Eglantine, a descendant of the famous member of the French National Convention of the same name, shot and killed himself in a boulevard cafe Monday night.

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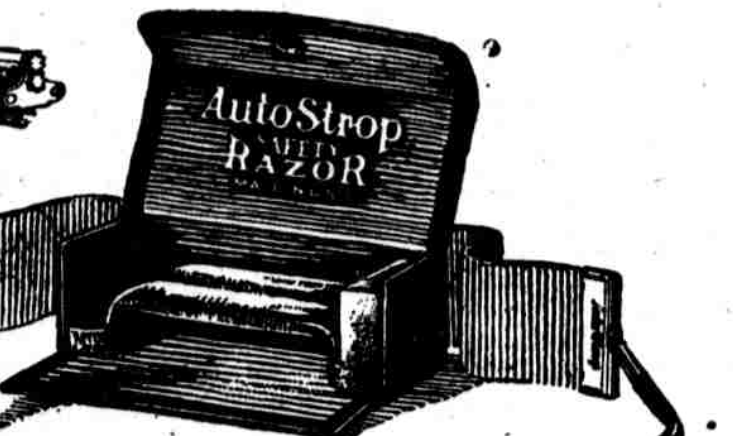
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