

### OLD MINE LAW OF MEXICO SAID TO BE ILLEGAL

Foreign Oil Interests Based Protests Under Decree of 1884

Mexico City, Sept. 9.—The mining law of 1884 is unconstitutional and illegally excepts hydrocarbons in the soil and subsoil from the national domain, according to a letter from Jose Vazquez Schiaffino, chief of the petroleum section of the Department of Industry and Commerce, in El Universal. Protest by foreign oil interests against alleged confiscatory oil decrees is based on rights acquired under this law. In framing the old initiative, sent by President Carranza to Congress last November for developing Article 27 of the Constitution, Mr. Schiaffino said, his department was impelled by the highest motives and sought to protect vested interests and investments. He asserted that the reading of the transitory provisions of this initiative would show that, in regard to vested interests created by the protection of former laws, only a simple tax was imposed. With regard to the mining law of 1884, his statement said: "This department has not interpreted capriciously in a thousand different ways Article 27; but in only one way, the revindication of the dominion of the nation over the hydrocarbons of the soil and subsoil and its incorporation into the mining regime which always has been in force in Mexico since the time of the Spanish domination, and from which it was illegally excepted by an unconstitutional law (the mining law of 1884)."

### MANY GERMANS STILL PRISONERS

French Treated Them Most Harshly, Declares Daniel Stuecklen

Weimar, Germany, Sept. 9.—Daniel Stuecklen, a member of the National Assembly, recently told the Social Democratic party, of which he is a leader, that there were 340,000 German prisoners of war in French hands, 195,000 in English hands, 50,000 in American and 20,000 military and 30,000 civil prisoners in Siberia. The French, Stuecklen asserted, treated German prisoners more harshly than any of the other nations. He said there were no complaints to make regarding the treatment of prisoners by the authorities of the other countries. Private German charities, he announced, had raised 10,000,000 marks for prisoners and the government had provided 150,000,000 marks for them. "Every prisoner on returning home," he said, "will receive 300 marks relief money unless he is accused of treason in going over to the enemy. Six hundred marks will be given prisoners in exceptional cases if the community is willing to furnish 150 of that amount. "After being discharged and demobilized each prisoner receives a gratuity of 50 marks and pay for eight weeks, which equals another 300 marks. Germany will take similar measures for returning German civilians." A hospital train from Rumania brought 23 wounded German officers who had been interned at Temesvar, including Generals Koch and Schoch.

### PLANS SURVEY OF OCCUPIED ZONE

American Army in Germany Will Act For Industry's Benefit

With the American Forces in Germany, Sept. 9.—An industrial survey of the occupied areas of Germany is to be made this summer for the benefit of the United States Government. Information gathered as a result of the survey, which will require a year or more to complete, is to be available at the Department of Commerce in Washington and is to have a bearing on the future commercial relations between the United States and Germany. Offices of representatives of the Department of Commerce were opened recently at Cologne, in the British area, and in Coblenz, headquarters of the American forces in Germany. The Cologne office is in charge of H. T. Noyes, who has been attached to the Interallied Rhineland Commission. Mr. Noyes will also look after American business interests in the British zone. The survey is being made under direction of Chauncey D. Snow, commercial attaché of the American embassy in Paris, who will make his headquarters in Coblenz for some time.

### STAMP ALBUM MAKING HISTORY

Poland's Newest Contribution Is Series of Six Stamps

Copenhagen, Sept. 9.—Items of historical interest are being added almost daily to the story of New Europe as told serially on the pages of the stamp album. Poland's newest contribution to this record is a series of six postage stamps, commemorating the convocation of the National Diet. Among them is the first stamp portrait of Ignace Paderewski as president of the Polish Republic. The Lithuanian government has issued a series of stamps depicting the livery of Riga from the Bolsheviks. They portray two figures, presumably representing Riga and Lettonia, embracing the Polish eagle. The seventh centenary of the union of Estonia with Denmark accounts for the issuance of 3,500 specimen stamps, of restricted validity, in the republic of Estonia. They were on sale for three days only. Because of the adoption of a new currency the republic, new stamps are being prepared for distribution and sale. "German Austria," the residue of the Austrian empire, has issued stamps of a new design from the state printer at Vienna. President Masaryk's portrait is to appear on a new issue in preparation in Czechoslovakia. Serbia, Croatia, Slavonia, the Rumanian Postal Agency in Constantinople and Armenia have all contributed to this pictorial stamp album record of the recent march of world events.

### BOSTON POLICE CALL FOR STRIKE

Hour Set For Walk-Out Is That of the Evening Roll Call

Boston, Sept. 9.—The Boston policemen's union has voted to call a strike effective at 5.45 o'clock this afternoon. The vote was announced as having been "practically unanimous." Officers of the union said that they had held in check with great difficulty a loudly expressed sentiment in favor of starting the strike early this morning. The hour set for the strike is that of the evening roll call. At that time the day patrolmen complete their work and the night force starts in. The strike vote is the culmination of a controversy between the patrolmen and Commissioner Curtis over the formation of the union. Several weeks ago the police commissioner promulgated an order that the members of the force should not become affiliated with any outside organization. Immediately afterward the patrolmen formed the policemen's union, which was granted a charter by the American Federation of Labor. Commissioner Curtis brought charges against nineteen officers and

members of the union of having violated his order, and at the request of counsel for the union, himself conducted their trial. At roll call yesterday he informed the members of the department that he had suspended sentence of the nineteen men, but that they would be suspended from the department until sentence was imposed. A citizens' committee, appointed by Mayor Peters, after having Commissioner Curtis and the patrolmen recommended to the mayor that the union sever its affiliation with the Federation of Labor, that wages and working conditions be adjusted by a committee to be appointed by the mayor, the commission and the union, and that there be no discrimination against members of the union.

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### Middletown

#### Borough Cemetery Improvements Planned

The Middletown Cemetery Association of town, contemplates making some improvements to the cemetery. One of them will be a new iron fence along Union street, and a new driveway entrance to the cemetery. Four members of the association made a recent trip to various towns. They were S. C. Young, S. C. Peters, B. F. Brandt and Eugene Laverty.

Miss Esther Flom was tendered a birthday surprise in honor of her second birthday, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Flom, South Union street. Among those present were: Mrs. Oscar Jacobs, Ethel, Esther and Beatrice Berman, Arthur and Leonard Berman, Miss Mary Wheeland, Mrs. E. H. Klahr, Misses Leah and Sarah Young, of town, and Mrs. George Bowman, Kingston. She received a number of beautiful gifts.

Claude Witman who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Eiter, Pine street, for the past two weeks returned to his home at Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Falsbaugh, daughter, Esther, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Lewis Schaeffer, of Bird-in-Hand, are spending some time in town, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beachler, North Union street.

The Middletown Praying Band will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Bailey, Canal street, Roylton, this evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

The hike that the Sunday School class of J. A. S. Quikel, which had been arranged for this evening, to the home of Mrs. Clarence Postman, Kingston, has been postponed until Thursday evening.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, will meet in the Parish House, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Charles Gundy, who spent the past year overseas, was mustered out of service, and returned to the home of his parents, Martin Gundy, Roylton.

The Ladies' Bible class of the Church of God, and taught by J. B. Martin, will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. William Winters, Water street, this evening, at 7.30 o'clock.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held at the manse, West Main street, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and will be a "rally" meeting.

The Ladies' Bible class of the Church of God, taught by Mrs. O. M. Kraybill, will hold its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Beck, Hoffer's Extension, this evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bernstein, of Baltimore, Md., are spending some time in town as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. David Bloomson, Russell avenue.

William Whitman, who spent the weekend in town, as the guest of his brother, C. E. Whitman, and family, North Union street, returned to his home at Lancaster.

### Ishii Is Slated For British Post

Washington, Sept. 9.—Advice from Japan, to-day say Viscount Ishii formerly ambassador to the United States, probably will become Ambassador to Great Britain in succession to Baron C. Hinda, who, it is reported, will retire.

Kei Shidehara, the new Japanese Ambassador to the United States, is one of the youngest Japanese to rise to an ambassadorial post, being only 47 years old. He entered the government service on his graduation from the Law College of the Tokio Imperial University in 1895, and has been in office ever since. He served first with the Department of Agriculture, but within a few months entered the Foreign Office. In 1899 he was named Consul-General at Cebu, in the same year being transferred to London with the same rank. In the capacity of full Consul he served at Lyons and Paris, when he was recalled to the Home Office and made its secretary in 1905.

### Armed Civilians Attack Military Convoy

London, Sept. 9.—It is reported that a large party of armed civilians attacked a military convoy near Fermoy Sunday evening. The civilians seized twenty-five rifles and escaped in automobiles.

This is apparently distinct from an attack on Sunday upon a party of eighteen soldiers returning to barracks from church, which was reported from Belfast.

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