

# CONGRESS MAY ACT

## Representative Seeks to Fix Policy in Mexico.

### WANTS COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Would Authorize Five Senators and Five Representatives to Examine All Diplomatic Correspondence. Doomed Americans Set Free. Huerta May Resign.

Washington, July 30.—Investigation of Mexican conditions by a joint congressional committee was proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Stephens of Texas. The resolution, which would start positive action on the part of the American government in regard to Mexico, taking the matter out of the hands of the state department, would authorize five senators and five representatives to examine all diplomatic correspondence and other documents relating to the situation.

Although it had been reported on good authority that Henry Lane Wilson would be supplanted as American ambassador to Mexico, he will, it was learned, appear before the senate foreign relations committee to give his views on conditions in Mexico. Mr. Bryan, secretary of state, was prevented from attending the committee's special meeting on account of conferences with Ambassador Wilson at the state department.

President Wilson has issued or authorized no statement regarding his attitude on retaining or dismissing Ambassador Wilson, but it was learned that the president will not direct any immediate steps regarding this country's relations with Mexico.

Representative Stephens said he had not consulted either President Wilson or Mr. Bryan regarding his resolution authorizing an investigation of affairs in Mexico.

#### Working of Resolution.

"The committee will consider," said the resolution, "the question of our relations with Mexico growing out of the present disturbed conditions of that country. The committee shall report with as little delay as possible the true conditions in Mexico, the protection given Americans and American interests, the truth regarding the inhumanities and atrocities which come to the knowledge of this body through official sources and any other facts relating to this matter. The committee will, with as little delay as possible, recommend what action should be taken by congress."

Charles Bissel and Bernard McDonald, the two mine managers held by Mexican federalists under sentence of death at Chihuahua, have been ordered released by the Huerta government. Charge d'Affaires Algara of the embassy here so informed Secretary Bryan. It was said Mr. Bryan expressed gratification at the prompt action the Huerta government had given to American representations in the cases, as well as that of Dixon, the immigration inspector, shot at Juarez.

McDonald is an Englishman. Bissel's chauffeur, an American, has also been ordered released. The three men were captured by General Orozco while attempting to take American refugees out of Parral.

The fact that the same mediators who persuaded Porfirio Diaz to abdicate are now trying to adjust the differences between the followers of Huerta and Carranza is encouraging officials in touch with Mexican affairs to believe that General Huerta will resign. No new developments are expected for a fortnight. Prominent Mexicans, working for peace, will represent to Huerta that there can be no recognition by the United States of his government, and hence no peace in that republic until a new president is elected there.

#### MARVIN WEATHER CHIEF.

Professor, Expert in Service For Nineteen Years, Succeeds Moore.

Washington, July 30.—Professor Charles F. Marvin has been selected for chief of the weather bureau to succeed Willis L. Moore, recently removed. Professor Marvin is now chief of the instrument division, which position he has held since 1888. He was appointed to the old signal service in 1884 from Ohio. President Wilson will send his nomination to the senate probably this week.

Under the new chief more attention will be paid to weather reports and forecasts, as they affect or are likely to affect agriculture and general farming conditions throughout the country.

Professor Marvin was born at Columbus, O., and was educated in the public schools there and at the Ohio State university.

#### TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:

Temp. Weather.	
Albany .....	86 Clear
Atlantic City ..	76 Cloudy
Boston .....	76 Cloudy
Buffalo .....	80 Clear
Chicago .....	96 Clear
New Orleans ..	74 Rain
New York .....	78 Cloudy
St. Louis .....	86 Cloudy
Washington .....	82 Cloudy

#### SOME MEAN WILLS.

### Final Document on Life Offers Opportunity For Late Departed to Vent His Anger on a Near Relative.

"If there is any deep-eyed meanness in a man it comes out when his will is read," is a saying that has been truthful in more than a passing measure. The spite of a life-time generally crops out in the final document of life. It may vent the late departed's anger on a near relative, or it may seek cunningly to contravert the letter of the law.

Some of the most acrid wills are treasured in the mental archives of veteran lawyers to-day. Every day, almost, the newspapers record a last testament of peculiar tone and carrying amazing stipulations.

Probably the meanest will on record was that of a Pennsylvania man who upon death left to his wife \$1 and directed it be mailed to her in an unsealed letter.

One of the most peculiar wills of record is recorded at Liverpool, England. The testator was a woman and she bequeathed more than \$100,000 to her sister, who was a novice in a convent. By the terms of this document, the sister was to receive the income of the estate as none of it be used to further the cause of her religion. She was to obtain the estate when she renounced her vows.

Another provided that a son should inherit his father's vast estate so long as he remained out of the army or the navy. The son took the case to court and the justice ruled that as the will struck at the very life of the state, it should be set aside.

An eccentric London stockbroker left \$1,000,000 to his son, then a boy of 8, upon condition he have nothing to do with his mother except upon order of the Chancery Court. In the event it was impossible to detain him from visiting his mother or she calling upon him, nurses, doctors and a minister were to be provided to guard his spiritual and mental welfare.

William Claghorn, an Englishman who died in America, left what is probably the most remarkable document on record. He left \$300,000 and a pretty wife. Of the latter he was jealous.

He left to her all his money, with the stipulation she should forfeit \$1,000 of the estate every time she appeared in public unveiled, and another \$1,000 each time she smiled at a man. She also was to forfeit the same amount every time she danced with a man, in the event she permitted any caress or term of endearment she was to give \$5,000 of the estate.

#### Daughters Can't Marry.

Bellefontaine, O., July 30.—One of the most remarkable wills ever admitted to probate in this county is that made by Jane Lake, late of Richwood, who left considerable property to her three daughters, Lila, Nora and Ida. The provisions of the will are that the estate shall be equally divided among the three daughters on the condition that none of them will marry. If one of them marries her share of the estate goes to the two remaining single. If all three should marry the entire estate is to go to the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Lake was a man-hater. For some reason she would not tolerate a member of the male sex in her house, neither would she allow her daughters to have any men friends.

#### Wife Barred From Funeral.

New York, July 30.—"I further direct that my wife, Augusta Knubel, is not to interfere or take any part in the funeral or disposition of my body or remains in any way whatever."

Such is a clause in the will of Herbert Knubel. It is the only comment he made in 20 years of his marital relations. All his money, about \$15,000, he left to his son, Frederick, who lived with him. Knubel was nearly 60 years old at the time of his death. His widow is several years younger. For 20 years they had been separated.

#### Leaves Cook Stove to Porter.

Salem, Mass., July 30.—Every poor family in Salem will receive a free cook stove and cooking utensils if the city accepts provisions in the will of Thomas W. Sweetser, who died in Boston 59 years ago, but whose conditional gift became generally known only this week. His will provides that \$10,000 be paid to his native city; that this be put on interest at 6 per cent. forever and \$600 spent annually in buying cook stoves and utensils for the poor, if his estate amounted to \$20,000 or more.

#### Feared Being Buried Alive.

Berkley, Cal., July 30.—Mrs. Adelaide Sherwood Soule, the late widow of Prof. Frank Soule of the University of California faculty, had a terror of being buried alive, and in her will, which has been filed for probate she stipulated that within 24 hours from the time of her death her heart should be cut out and that her body should be held for burial seven days.

Mrs. Soule was fond of animals. She provided in her will that within 24 hours from the time of her death all of her pets should be chloroformed and then held under water for 24 hours.

Mrs. Sarah Manchester, administratrix, had the dead woman's heart removed and the body is being held. The pets were all killed as directed.

#### GOVERNOR TENER SIGNS DELAWARE RIVER BILL.

Governor Tener has signed the bill appropriating \$100,000 for acquiring the bridges over the Delaware River between New Jersey and Pennsylvania. New Jersey has a law in force appropriating \$100,000 a year for five years for this purpose. Work will commence soon and the Milford bridge will probably be among the first acquired.

#### REGINALDO F. DEL VALLE.

Secret Agent of Government Reports on Conditions in Mexico.



It is generally understood in Washington that the administration accepted the report of Mr. Del Valle rather than that of Ambassador Henry Lane Wilson on the situation in troubled Mexico.

#### BOLT ELECTROCUTES GIRL.

Three Others Hurt When Lightning Snaps Telephone Wire.

Lodi, N. J., July 30.—During a storm lightning broke an overhead telephone wire at Arnot and Main streets here, throwing it over the trolley line wire.

With a shower of sparks the loose end of the telephone wire fell to the street, striking a seven-year-old girl, Ethel Fortunata, who was crossing the street with her mother, Mrs. Michael Carlucci of 351 Westminster place. The shock threw the girl over to the pavement, and the wire wound around her. Mrs. Carlucci ran to her and tried to drag her to her feet.

Several people had seen the girl struck down and were coming toward her when they saw the mother take hold of the wire and thrown to the street. One of these was Nicholas Tonasi, an immigrant, who had been in this country only two weeks. He knew nothing about the nature of electricity and boldly seized the wire as he tried to help the woman to her feet.

In his turn Tonasi was stunned and thrown to the street. Tonasi was hardly down when John Stye, an employee of the United States Dye works at Arnot and Main streets, knocked the wire out of his hand with a wooden club.

The current running through the club rendered Stye unconscious, but the wire fell clear and did no further damage. The four victims were carried to the sidewalk and later taken in an ambulance to the Passaic General hospital.

At the hospital it was found that the girl was already dead. The flesh was burned from the palm of her mother's right hand, and the arm was scorched to the shoulder. Her injuries were such that it was found necessary to amputate the arm, and she is in a critical condition.

The first two fingers were burned from Tonasi's right hand, and the entire arm was paralyzed. Stye was not seriously hurt and was permitted to leave the hospital after being treated by Dr. Brevoort.

#### WEDS HER DYING FIANCE.

Bride of Fever Hospital Patient First Had to Be Vaccinated.

Lebanon, Pa., July 30.—The death of Wallace Van Sickle of Macon, Ga., in a hospital here revealed the devotion of a young woman member of a prominent Lebanon family, Miss Miriam Bowman, to whom Van Sickle became engaged. Shortly after the announcement was made he was stricken with typhoid fever.

The date of the wedding had been fixed, but it was postponed in the hope of Van Sickle's speedy recovery. There was no change in his condition, however, so it was decided that the marriage ceremony should be performed in the hospital. The hospital, owing to smallpox in the institution, was under quarantine, but the authorities permitted the young woman and a clergyman to enter the place after they had submitted to vaccination. The ceremony was performed and the bride remained at the bedside of her husband until he died.

#### AN APPENDIXLESS TOWN.

Over 200 of Colebrook's Inhabitants Operated on For Appendicitis. Mount Pleasant, Bretton Woods, N. H., July 30.—Over 200 of the 2,000 inhabitants of Colebrook have undergone operations for appendicitis, and the place has gained the name locally of "the appendixless town." No five towns combined in the White mountains can show such a record.

The operations continue at the rate of about two a week. Appendix dinners, dances and divorces are no novelty.

#### Portuguese Leader Arrested.

Lisbon, Portugal, July 30.—Americo Oliveira, one of the founders of the Portuguese republic, was arrested at Alcobaca, according to the newspaper O Mundo. Oliveira had publicly affirmed that the recent bomb throwing in the capital and other cities had been instigated by Dr. Afonso Costa, the premier, and other Democratic leaders.

#### EQUINUNK.

Equinunk, July 30.—The Willing Workers will hold a picnic on the church lawn Saturday afternoon and evening.

At Lake Como, Saturday the Equinunk base ball team were the victors in a closely contested ten-inning game of ball with the team at that place. Score was 15 to 14.

Mrs. Lulu Lovenser and children of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., are spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knight.

Leon Ives and family, of Binghamton spent Friday and Saturday at the home of Cain Lord.

Harry White and wife, of New York, are visiting at the home of his grandparents, Abe Knapp and wife.

Miss Frailey entertained her nephew, Harvey Knapp, last week.

Equinunk is fast becoming one of the most popular summer resorts of the Delaware Valley. Already the summer boarding houses are filled and many are turned away. Since the State has improved the road between Honesdale and Hancock, numerous auto parties are visitors here.

Adam Block of Hancock, spent Sunday at Hotel Block.

Mabel Branning, of Inglehart, is visiting at the home of her uncle, J. K. Hornbeck.

Paul Branning took the first degree in the I. O. O. F. lodge at Look-out Saturday night.

H. A. Oday, of Honesdale, was a week-end visitor at the home of J. W. Farley.

C. E. Woodmansee and wife spent Monday in Honesdale.

Mrs. Bessie Arter and son, Harold, of White Mills, are visiting at the home of Isaac Ludwig.

R. O. Woodmansee of Lake Como, spent Monday in town and returned home with a nice catch of eels.

#### STERLING.

Sterling, July 30.—We are thankful for what little rain we have received of late and would be pleased with more.

Glenny Karschner is the guest of Susan Cross.

Dr. A. B. Stevens of Dunmore, brought Mrs. Stevens to Sterling a week ago and took her back last Thursday.

Rev. J. A. Tuthill took his eldest daughter and son to Carbondale last week and they are now visiting friends.

Mrs. Tuttle has two little Italian boys (fresh air children) from New York city and R. D. Gilpin has two little "fresh air" girls.

Last Saturday G. D. Stevens, wife and daughter Lenora of Scranton, brought Giles Megargle and daughter, Mrs. Kellam from Peckville, and they are now guests of Miss A. M. Noble, H. R. Megargle and S. N. Cross. Mr. Megargle is nearly 88 years old and he is remarkably well preserved for a man of his years and his mental faculties are excellent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gilpin are both on the sick list. For years Mr. Gilpin has at times had a sort of fainting spells.

#### MILANVILLE.

Milanville, July 30.—Mr. Salmon, Charles Clayton and Geo. Tyler of Wilkes-Barre arrived Monday to spend their vacation at G. H. Tyler's.

Miss Helene Yerkes of Milanville Heights, was the guest of Miss Bessie E. Skinner.

Misses Ethel and Helen Magruder returned to their home at Staten Island the last of the week after spending their vacation in one of Sampson's bungalows.

Victor Lyman, Donald Magruder and two friends, who have been camping at Sampson's grove left on Saturday for a canoeing trip down the Delaware.

Mrs. Abigail Ilman, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her son at Narrowsburg.

Mrs. W. D. Yerkes was called to Honesdale by the death of I. E. Tibbets.

Miss Flo Brush of Tyler Hill was the guest of Mrs. W. D. Yerkes. Mr. and Mrs. Adon Crammer of Carbondale, and Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Crammer of Scranton were guests of Mrs. Helen Skinner Sunday. They came in their automobile.

T. J. Fromer and family expect to break camp this week.

L. D. Tyler and friend left Friday afternoon to enjoy a boating and fishing trip down the Delaware.

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