

PASSPORTS GO FAST IN TEXAS

Matamoros, Mex., Oasis for Law-Routed Thirsty.

MATAMOROS, Mexico, March 12.—Matamoros has become the aesophagus of south Texas.

For tourists and natives are crossing the Rio Grande from Brownsville to extinguish their sun-dried thirsts. American bartenders and bills of fare make it easy for the visitors.

"Klondike" and "blackjack" games are running. Dice rattle. Two roulette wheels spin constantly. The tables totter and the coins leap as travelers who "knew how to beat the game."

It's a great life. Knights of the grip slip from the water wagon. Then they tottle out to be flattered to the United States. Many a telegram is sent from Brownsville for more.

Brownsville persons, envious of the "trade" going to Mexico, have made attempts, under cover, to "compete." Several such enterprises have been stopped. And the consulates are still kept busy passing out passports at \$2.50 per.

Senator's Son-in-Law Held After Shooting

ALEXANDRIA, Minn., March 12.—William O. Jenkins, American consul agent at Puebla, was arrested on a charge of conniving with rebels for his own abduction, has sent a communication to the department of agriculture, offering to renounce his American citizenship and become a resident of Mexico, in return for

Promises to Beat His Better Half

SPOKANE, March 12.—"If she tries to get drunk again before 4 o'clock this afternoon, I'll beat her. Judge, I will," said John Timothy, Indian. "In that case," replied his honor, "I'll let Mary go." Timothy took Mary, his wife home. Lemon extract brought her to the bar of justice.

Credit Men to Honor National President

Man on Wire Tells Wilson 'Ring Off'

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson, solicitor for the health of Col. C. S. Ridley, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, called Walter Reed hospital, where Col. Ridley is ill on the telephone.

"I would like to inquire about the condition of Col. Ridley," said the president to the orderly who answered the telephone.

"Who is inquiring?" asked the orderly.

"Mr. Wilson," was the response.

"What is Mr. Wilson?" asked the orderly.

"The president," was the reply.

"Ring off and quit hidding me. I'm busy," snapped the orderly, slamming down the receiver.

What happened to the orderly is shadowed in mystery.

Electric Rail Body Elects Todd Head

Robert L. Todd, president of the Indianapolis Street Railway company and the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Electric Railway company, today holds additional honors in recognition of his services in electric railway management. He was elected president of the Central Electric association at the organization's annual convention. The association includes representatives from all electric lines in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan.

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