

# U. S. STRUGGLES FOR NEUTRALITY IN CHURCH CRISIS

Catholic and Commercial Interests Exert Pressure for Intervention.

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—The administration struggled today to keep from being drawn into a major controversy with Mexico as Catholic and commercial interests increased their pressure against the State department's hands-off policy. Developments included:

1. J. J. Flaherty, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, called on Secretary Kellogg and is believed to have protested against in the Mexican-Catholic conflict. This Government's nonintervention Flaherty and Kellogg announced they had agreed to give no interviews and resumed their conference.

2. Reports of a contemplated Catholic drive to raise \$5,000,000 for relief of their co-religionists in Mexico.

3. Reports of renewed activities of Mexican counter-revolutionaries on the Texas border, necessitating increased watchfulness by Department of Justice agents.

4. Secretary Kellogg denied this Government is withdrawing American Ambassador Shefield from Mexico City as a sign of displeasure toward the Calles government, adding that Shefield was returning solely on a vacation.

5. The State Department supported Shefield's urgent representations to the Mexican government in the case of J. H. Grande, Los Angeles business man, held incommunicado by Mexican police.

6. Business and religious interests continued their demands that the United States lift the embargo of private arms shipments to Mexico, alleging its continuance is in effect American intervention in behalf of Calles.

7. Secretary Kellogg prepared a report on the situation including his recent note to Mexico on American rights under the land and oil laws, which he will submit personally to President Coolidge at White Pine Camp over the weekend.

8. Discussing the reports that the Knights of Columbus are contemplating raising a fund of \$5,000,000 for the relief of Catholics in Mexico, Mexican Ambassador Tellez said here: "The Mexican government is ready for any emergency."

**Neutrality Favored**  
Despite continued demands for "stronger" policy toward Mexico, officials here are convinced that most of the country supports the Coolidge-Kellogg neutrality attitude in Mexican religious struggles.

It was emphasized, however, that wherever definite American treaty rights are jeopardized through endangering American lives or property, this Government intends to protect its citizens across the border.

The situation was complicated by reports that Ambassador Shefield desires a "stronger" policy, and that he will resign unless he can convert President Coolidge to his view while this country.

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## BRANCH BANKS OPPOSED

Illinois Officials to Combat Spread of Practice.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—A nationwide campaign against the spread of branch banks beyond the twenty-two States in which they are legally recognized, was launched today by 100 officials of State and National Banks. The officials, members of the American Bankers' Association, will ask the association at its Los Angeles convention, Oct. 4 to endorse the McFadden banking bill as amended by the Hull amendments to "safeguard the future existence of independent banking."

Among the races in Europe and America, the Jews have the lowest infant mortality rate.

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## EFFECT OF LONG COAL STRIKE IN BRITAIN IS FELT

The prolonged British miners' strike was felt in Indianapolis and Indiana today for the first time in two ways.

Depletion of the nation's coal sup-

ply by heavy exporting to England has widened the market for Indiana-mined coal and definitely lifted the State's mining industry out of its post-war slump.

Coal prices made an advance of 25 cents to \$1 a ton, bringing the average price to a level 50 cents a ton higher than the average price at this time last year.

President E. D. Logston of the Knox Consolidated Coal Company declared that if the exportation continues and cold weather arrives early, it is possible that production in Indiana and Illinois bituminous mines will reach the peak of war-

time production, 100 per cent higher than pre-war production.

In the last two months production has jumped to within 35 per cent of this peak war-time production.

"We are not exporting this coal," Logston said of production in the Indiana coal fields generally, "but we are sending it further east where the supplies of eastern-mined coal have been depleted by the exporting company in the State.

The price of Indiana and Illinois mined coal held steady, but West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania coal retail prices were affected

by the increases which the retailers announced. The dealers expect further increases in the next ninety days.

Pocahontas lump was quoted 50 cents higher at \$8.50 a ton, compared to \$8.25 last year; Kentucky lump, \$1 higher at \$8.50, compared to \$8.25 last year, and West Virginia lump, 25 cents higher at \$7.50, compared to \$7 last year.

The Peoples Coal Company and Allied Coal and Material Company put the increased prices into effect today.

Officials of the Polar Ice and Fuel Company, and the Indianapolis Coal Company announced their prices will be advanced in a few days.

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## GIRL KILLS MAN EXAMINING GUN

Gas City Authorities Probe Accidental Death.

*By United Press*

GAS CITY, Ind., Aug. 13.—Authorities today are probing the death of Clifton Gray, 25, Gas City garage operator, who was accidentally shot and killed by Miss June Pyles, 16, last night.

Miss Pyles was examining a revolver in front of Gray's garage when the gun was accidentally discharged and the bullet entered Gray's abdomen. He died of hemorrhage within a few minutes.

**TWO G. A. R. SPECIALS**

Two special trains will carry Indiana members of the Grand Army of the Republic and auxiliary organizations to the national G. A. R. encampment in Des Moines, Iowa, the week of Sept. 19. Albert G. Ball, assistant adjutant of the State G. A. R., announced today.

Two thousand are expected to make the trip. One of the specials will leave Indianapolis at 11:45 a. m., Sept. 19. The other will leave Evansville at the same hour.

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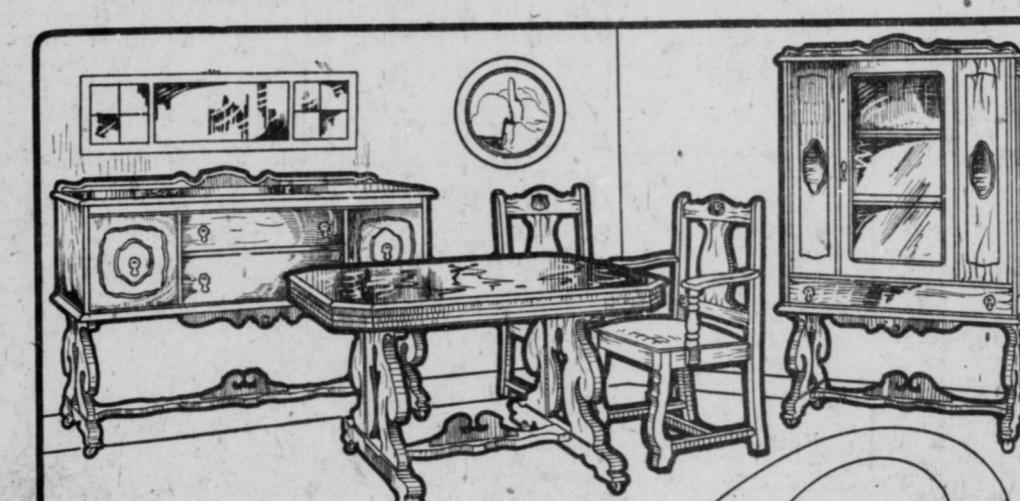
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