

U. S. NAVAL CRAFT ORDERED TO CHINESE CITY

J. S. INTERESTS IN SOUTH FACING SERIOUS DANGER

Troubles With Mexico and Nicaragua Constitute Real Menace.

By William Philip Simms
Times Staff Correspondent
NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 8.—(U. S. A.) American interests in Latin America are in greater jeopardy today than at any time since the Monroe Doctrine was promulgated a hundred years ago.

Some influence appears to be drawing us into dangerous conflict with the countries to the south of us, hurrying us nearer and nearer a thoroughly stupid war with certainty not more than a handful of people could possibly want.

Such is the inescapable, if depressing, impression of a newly arrived observer here where people from the West Indies, Mexico, Central and South America meet and trade and mingle with Americans on a scale and with an understanding unknown anywhere else in this country.

The main danger points, of course, are Mexico and Nicaragua. President Calles of Mexico today finds himself more than ever between the devil and the deep sea, of a threatening revolution. Right now, reports reaching this outlook on the gulf may be relied upon, Mexico has broken out with a rash of budding rebellions. Secretary of State Kellogg is not talking of a war between the United States and Mexico, but he has let it be known that at any time recognition may be withdrawn from Calles, and anti-Calles factions see their great chance in this situation.

Grand Gesture Likely
That being true, then what more natural, if Calles finds himself face to face with a war at home, that he may choose to reunite the various factions in a grand gesture against the United States.

War with the United States is actually the last thing any Mexican would want. But Calles would be only humiliated if he referred to go down resisting what he calls, and no doubt believes to be, our meddling in Mexico's domestic affairs that to be sniped by an American-aided revolution.

In such a war Mexico would have no moral support, at least, of every set republic between her and the horn, as well as the outspoken sympathy of the rest of the world. It could be foolish for us to think otherwise.

Now the entire situation is altered. We have become the richest, most hated and most feared people on earth. All hands suspect us. The Monroe Doctrine has been called an unqualified American imperialism.

Monroe Doctrine Disliked
Abroad they are saying we are using it to gobble up the whole western hemisphere. What if in a war like war with Mexico all hands would announce to us that if we are they are concerned the Monroe doctrine no longer exists. It would be vastly to Europe's interests to have this done and she is quite clever enough to fool the Latin-American nations into believing it could be to their interest too.

The Panama canal, vital to our national defense, is in no danger of "Mexican-fostered Bolshevik hegemony" thrusting itself between it and us, nor are our Nicaraguan canal rights menaced by any mere political upheaval in Central America, but there is a distinct threat, not only to these defensive projects, but to our tremendous and growing commercial interests in Latin America, as well as a possible total eclipse of our prestige, in the fast growing animosity and suspicion against us in that quarter.

Gone, but Not Forgotten
Automobiles reported stolen to police belong to:
Harry W. Geisel, 3734 Ruckle St., Chevrolet, 576-024, from Washington and Meridian Sts.
C. B. Helms, 1835 Central Ave., Chevrolet, 21-779, from Sixteenth St. and Capitol Ave.
David Yankner, 3519 College Ave., Chevrolet, 7417, from 112 E. Ohio St.
W. M. Abstone, 1709 Alford St., Ford, 537-638, from Senate Ave. and E. Clair St.

BACK HOME AGAIN
Automobiles reported found by police belong to:
Harry Cohen, 3025 N. New Jersey St., Chrysler, found at 31 E. Fifty-second St.
Orval Carrell, R. R. K. Box 31, truck, found at 700 Superior St.
Reo, no certificate of title, license 55, found at 700 Superior St.

I. U. SHOW TO TOUR
Times Staff Correspondent
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 8.—(U. S. A.) Wayne, Muncie, Lafayette and Indianapolis are on the tour of the state to be taken in March by the Indian River Revue, produced and managed by students of Indiana University. Dates are: Lafayette, March 24; Ft. Wayne, March 23; Muncie, March 24; and Indianapolis, March 25.

INDIANA TREASURE HUNTED BY ESKIMO

Boonville Thrilled as Mysterious Alaskan, Armed With Ancient Maps and Papers, Digs Into Indian Mound.

By Times Special
BOONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 8.—A man came to Boonville seeking buried treasure.

He walked quietly into the Transient Hotel, operated by Charles McKinney.

"I am Frank Leich, of Point Barrow, Alaska," the stranger explained. "I'm an Eskimo."

McKinney stared at the man's blue eyes, fair complexion and small, black mustache.

"Can I find some one here who will drive me to a spot in this country that you call what is it?—Bald Knob?" the stranger demanded.

William Newby agreed to pilot the stranger. On two consecutive days, Newby drove the man to the great Bald Knob, ancient man-made mound, thirteen miles east of Boonville.

He Digs Alone
The Eskimo commanded Newby to remain behind when they arrived at the Knob. Then he went ahead with a pick and after consulting some ancient maps and papers began digging.

This same procedure was gone through a second day, the Eskimo cutting up the ground in many places around and on the knob. Then, in despair, he returned to town.

By this time all Boonville was alive with curiosity. Was this man really an Eskimo? What was his treasure? And who had buried it? He answered all the questions freely.

An Ancient Race
"Do not laugh," he said, "when I tell you that I am really a descendant of the mound builders."

"In ancient days, my people flourished here and were great and powerful. I am of a race called the White Mohawks, blue-eyed men far superior to the savage red Indian."

"Came the red man with his savage ways. He drove most of my ancestors away and they fled north to the far country which you white people call Alaska."

Buried Their Gold
"However, before they fled, the mound builders secreted their gold and jewels in and near this great mound of theirs, now known as Bald Knob. I have the maps of the treasure caches."

"Some of the mound builders lingered behind and were absorbed into the tribe which had conquered them. This is that Chief Setdown, chieftain of the savage Shawnee, which gave the first white men so much trouble in what is now Warwick County, was my great-great-grandfather."

"My grandmother, his granddaughter, now 102 years old, is still alive and lives with me at Point Barrow."

"That is all. I am looking for the treasure and so far have been unable to find it."

Thomas Dillingham, Boonville postman and collector of Indian relics, became interested and brought Leich to his home to view the Dillingham collection.

Strange Tongue
The man became overjoyed and cried out in a strange tongue when he was shown a stone implement or strange trinket. Excitedly, he told the names of all the relics to Dillingham.

Came the next night. All day the Eskimo had stayed around the Transient Hotel. At 8 p. m. he heard the rattle of an interurban car in the street.

Without a word he leaped up, snatched his hat and coat and bolted through the door, boarding the traction car for Evansville. That was the last seen of him here.

City in Furor
Where he has gone or whence he really came, Boonville may never know. But his coming has aroused the city almost into a furor. Talk of buried treasure and the answer to the ancient question: What became of the mound builders? fills the streets.

Was the whole affair a hoax? Boonville, generally does not think so, though a visitor in the Boonville Enquirer office vouchsafed a possible explanation of the whole affair.

"Know what I think?" he demanded. "I think the Eskimo was just a darn clever Federal agent looking for stills!"

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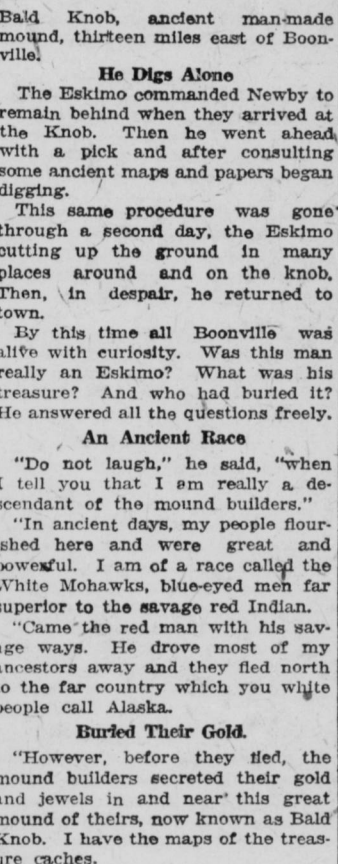
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Out Our Way

—By Williams



THE SEQUEL TO SONIA

By Vida Hurst

BEGIN HERE TODAY
SONIA, the young wife of Dr. Don Stillwater, became jealous of her husband when she inadvertently learned he formerly was engaged to ELAINE WALLACE, stillwater's partner, DR. ROBERT WALLACE.

Through Esther Lane, stenographer in the office, Sonia also learns that Dr. Wallace is somewhat of a flirt and attracts many of his women patients.

DR. STILLWATER takes Sonia to a Chinese restaurant in San Francisco for dinner. Later she solicits on the fact that he was engaged to another woman before their marriage.

Sonia thinks Don is ill, because he is not looking well and chafes on Dr. Wallace for advice. She accuses him of seduction from Wallace, who tries to deny it. She runs across Stillwater and Elaine Wallace in a Chinese restaurant filled with Chinese. She meets Jimmy of "The Nightingale."

On the night of their wedding anniversary Elaine phones, calling Don away from his home. He returns the evening is cold. He brings something from the auto.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
By Vida Hurst
CHAPTER VI
Feeling utterly miserable utterly estranged, Sonia entered the living room, flashing on lights, bringing into warmth the glowing coals, the sheen of thick-piled rugs, the burished gleam of brass. She adored this room. It was like the heart of her love—a precious thing!

She stood before the fireplace with its logs in place, waiting for a match to burst into flame. She had planned to light the fire then they came. Tears of disappointment gathered again in her eyes. The evening had been ruined. Don entered with a pasteboard box. He approached her, stiffly.

"I suppose you won't care for this, since it was Elaine's choice. I'm sorry. I realize now that I should have gone about it differently."

"Oh, Don, do you mean that is what you were doing?"
"Yes. I asked her to have lunch with me so that we might go shopping. I was silly enough to imagine you trusted me. It seems I was wrong."

"Don poured over the young wife in a crimson tide. To think that after all he had forgiven her, she could suspect his relationship with any other woman."
"Oh, Don!" she cried, miserably. "She was sick with realization of the pettiness of her fears. She who had made such tremendous claims on his confidence, had failed him at the first demand of hers."

"What can I say?" she continued, unhappily.
"The less said the better, I think," Don answered, proceeding to the telephone.

LEGIONNAIRES TO GREET OFFICIALS

State Officers Will Be Installed at Meeting Sunday.

Indianapolis Legionnaires will assist the State department of the American Legion in entertaining between 400 and 500 post commanders, adjutants and service officers of the organization who will arrive tonight and Sunday morning for the second annual State conference here Sunday.

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ASSAILANT OF WOMAN SOUGHT

Man Uses Advertisement to Lure Victim.

Clews to the identity of a man who used a newspaper advertisement for caretakers to lure a woman to his "suburban home" and attempted to attack her, were traced today by police.

After discussing "terms of the contract" with Howard Long and his wife, 17, of 1241 N. Pennsylvania St., formerly of Geneva, Ind., the man took them to see his "residence," northwest of the city, in an auto.

Suggesting that the husband wait for a truck driver, bringing lumber for the house, at a lunch stand, the man drove away with Mrs. Long. Mrs. Long freed herself after a struggle.

Custodian Peirce Is Busy Man These Days
Selecting committees may keep Lieutenant Governor Harold Van Orman and Speaker of the House Harry Leslie busy these days, but the busiest man in the State seems to be Benjamin S. Peirce, Statehouse custodian.

For weeks he has had a corps of men occupied in getting the Senate chamber, House and offices into shape for the Seventy-fifth session. In most cases as soon as the job was completed it had to be done over again. There were meetings of the public service commission, the tax gatherers and agriculture board in the House, after it was cleaned, so Ben and his men were up nights getting it ready for the legislators.

Then there was the problem of finding offices for every one. This done it became a matter of supplying committee rooms. Desks were moved into the corridors and every inch of space is occupied.

"Picking committees may be a tough job," Peirce declares, "but finding rooms to put them in is a whole lot tougher."

Washington Dispatches

Cruiser and Destroyers From Manila.

FEAR FOR MISSIONARIES

Danger Felt for Those in Isolated Areas.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Alarmed by spreading anti-foreign riots in Central China, the administration has ordered Admiral Williams, commander of the Asiatic fleet, to go from Manila to Shanghai with the cruiser Pittsburgh and all available destroyers.

Last reports from Consul General Lockhart at Hankow described the situation there as critical, with all American women and children prepared to follow the fifty who joined the flight of the British to Shanghai.

American naval commanders standing by at Hankow on the Yangtze river have been ordered to use force only on minor provocations for actual protection of American lives, officials here fearing that fire from foreign guns might start bloody reprisals by the Nationalists. Especial concern is felt for the missionaries in isolated areas.

CHINESE VOICE THREAT
Ultimatum Given British on Indemnity Claim.

By United Press
HONGKONG, Jan. 8.—A representative of the Cantonese government today informed British consular officials that British gunboats now stationed at Hankow would leave "at their own risk," unless the British comply with the Chinese ultimatum for indemnities.

The Cantonese government, he added, would not be responsible for any "accident" in the event the gunboats attempted to leave Hankow before compliance.

If the order is complied with, the British gunboats will be narrowed at Hankow, while the nationalist forces move northward to Shanghai, considered the next objective of the Cantonese.

In addition to the loss of prestige by British evacuation of Hankow, property valued at a minimum of \$600,000,000 has been left behind by fleeing foreigners for the Cantonese.

CARRY REFUGEES AWAY
Most of Craft on Yangtze River Pressed Into Service.

By United Press
SHANGHAI, Jan. 8.—Practically all vessels on the Yangtze River were being pressed into service today to convey foreign refugee women and children from Hankow and other danger zones to Shanghai.

Fifty American and 500 British women and children were due here today. Chinese troops and strikers today were surrounding and picketing the British consulate, the Asiatic Petroleum building and the Hong-Kong-Shanghai Bank, all at Hankow, to prevent arrival and departure of foreigners. Most of the men among the foreign colony were being housed in the Petroleum building and the bank. The Chinese maritime custom house was also surrounded and has ceased functioning.

EVOLUTION FOES BEGIN WARFARE
New Organization Also Fights All Radicalism.

By United Press
ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 8.—The fight for fundamentalism in American life—a fight which includes the overthrow of all "political radicalism"—is on now with the Rev. John R. Straton, prominent New York pastor, conducting it.

Straton yesterday announced he would devote all of the time possible hereafter to promoting the Supreme Kingdom, Inc., an organization started by Edward W. Clarke, former imperial wizard of the Ku-Klux Klan.

"The time has come in this country when political radicalism must be overthrown, commercialized amusements stopped and the schools of the land organized on a different educational basis," Straton said.

Straton, long one of the country's leading fundamentalists, expects to deliver a series of lectures throughout the country and to direct the religious program of the organization. Both he and Clarke denied the organization was a money-making scheme.

JERRY TARBOT ASKS AID
WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—"Jerry Tarbot," world war veteran who has forgotten his name and has been all over the country vainly trying to find his family or some one who can identify him, appeared Friday before the House veterans' committee to ask government relief.

"I entered the army as a man, but now I am a bum," Tarbot said. Representative Carter (Rep.), California, has introduced a bill providing government care for Tarbot, Representative Norton (Dem.), New Jersey, and Rogers (Rep.), Massachusetts, women members of the House, are supporting the bill in response to hundreds of letters from war mothers.

ST. MEINRAD TEACHER DIES
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 8.—Brother Meinrad, instructor in the St. Meinrad abbey school, died in a hospital here Friday from injuries received in an automobile accident. Two students of St. Meinrad's school were riding with Brother Meinrad when his car was struck by that of John Huber, Huntingburg, who also injured and is in a hospital here.

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Burglar Frightened Away From Auto.

An auto thief was frightened away from a car he nearly succeeded in stealing late Friday night, after he had broken into several garages in the 4,000 block Boulevard Pl.

Albert Cline, 4039 Boulevard Pl., called police, said he saw a light in the garage next door. He said a man ran through his yard after an auto entered the alley. Police found the auto of R. F. Nicholas, 4041 Boulevard Pl., backed into the alley and several garage locks broken.

Leonard Smith and John Fields, called police to 123 N. West St., after a gang in Military Park robbed them of \$60.

MURDER TRIAL DELAYED

By United Press
FARLEIGH, Texas, Jan. 8.—Delayed by exhaustion of the first panel of 108 veniremen in the case of George J. Hassel, on trial charged with the murder of his family of nine, court stood in adjournment today until Monday, when another venire of eighty will be drawn. Five jurors were tentatively selected when court adjourned yesterday.

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