

DOES MEXICO DESIRE WAR? 'NO'-CALLES

OHIO RIVER AT EVANSVILLE IS STILL BOOMING

Expected to Rise Three Feet Higher—Ferry Barge Is Missing.

By United Press. EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 25.—The swollen Ohio River continues to rise today, while communications were still disrupted as a result of heavy rain and sleet storms in this and surrounding sections.

The river stood at 41.9 feet at 7 a. m. here and was expected to rise at least three feet higher in the next few days.

A ferry barge was ripped from its mooring at Mt. Vernon by the raging current and had not been located this morning, according to reports.

Mt. Vernon, New Harmony and Petersburg, Ind., and Marion, Ky., have been without telephone or light service during the past twenty-four hours.

No great property damage or loss of life is feared here, as farmers living in the lowlands are prepared to meet a sudden rise up to forty-five feet.

EXPECTS FURTHER RISE

Weather Bureau Makes Prediction Covering Ohio River.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Floods along the lower Ohio River for the rest of this week and further high waters in Arkansas next week were predicted in the latest United States Weather Bureau flood bulletin today.

The Ohio continues to rise below Parkersburg, W. Va., the bulletin said. Stages of 55 feet at Ashland, Ky., 53 feet at Huntington, W. Va., and 67 feet at Portsmouth, Ohio, are expected today. Flood stage is 50 feet for these points.

At Cincinnati a stage near 59 feet, 7 feet above flood stage, is expected on Wednesday; at Louisville, 34.5 feet, 6.5 feet above flood stage, on Thursday.

At Shawneetown, Ill., 45 feet is expected toward the end of the week, 10 feet above flood stage. The river will reach flood stages of 43 feet at Paducah, Ky., and 45 feet at Cairo, Ill., by the end of the week.

The Mississippi River at New Madrid, Mo., will reach the flood stage of 24 feet about the same time, and at Memphis, Tenn., the flood stage of 35 feet early next week.

A slight further rise is expected in the White River of Arkansas, with the flood stage of 30 feet expected at Clarendon, Ark., by Feb. 3. Warnings of moderate flood have also been issued for the Ouachita River at Arkadelphia, Ark.

PLAN APPEAL ON \$10 PAY RULING

Supreme Court Decision Is Sought by Legislators.

Legislators today planned to appeal to the Supreme Court from the ruling of Circuit Judge Harry O. Chamberlin Monday, that the \$10 a day pay bill recently passed is unconstitutional.

The ruling was made in an injunction suit brought by Jack Schoonover, Morgan County taxpayer, seeking to prevent State Auditor Lewis S. Bowman from drawing warrants for more than \$6 a day. The Circuit Court ruling followed that of Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom, who held the bill unconstitutional.

George G. Rinier, attorney for the Legislators, announced that drafting of briefs in the case and copying of transcripts for the Supreme Court appeal will be started today.

Gilliom's demurr to the mandamus suit pending in Superior Court Five, seeking a writ to compel Bowman to issue the \$10 a day pay, was sustained today by Judge Joseph M. Milner. Senator James J. Nejdli filed this action.

HOLDING COMPANY BILL CONSIDERED

Seek to Bring 'Parent' Firms Under Public Service Body.

Introduction of a bill to regulate utility holding companies is being held in abeyance by Senator William T. Quillin of Indianapolis, pending the outcome of legislation now being considered which would abolish the public service commission.

Holding companies at present do not come within the scope of regulation by the public service commission and are only nominally affected by the operations of the State securities commission.

Passage of the bill contemplated by Senator Quillin would bring the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, parent company of the Indiana Bell system, under control of the commission.

It is hoped in this manner to prevent payment of the 4 1/2 per cent "parent company" license fee now being collected from the Indiana Bell Telephone Company.

Contention is being made that the holding companies have in some instances received improper parts of their subsidiaries income.

Old Sol Lends Aid to Street Cleaners

With the mercury standing above 30 most of the day the sunshine was expected to melt considerable snow and ice in Indianapolis and vicinity today.

Not all of the ice, ranging from three to five inches in thickness, will be melted, Meteorologist J. H. Armstrong said, but the thinner spots will be affected by the rays of Old Sol.

Partly cloudy weather for Wednesday was predicted by the United States Weather Bureau. Somewhat colder weather, the mercury standing about 15-20 above was expected Wednesday night.

Recording a two foot rise at Evansville, the Ohio River today stood at 41.7 feet, which is nearly seven feet above flood stage. The overflow hampered transportation and travel considerably.

WOMAN SHRIEKS; BURGLAR FLEES

Prowler Runs From Room in Private Home.

An early morning burglar was routed today by the screams of Mrs. Stella Cox, 519 W. Henry St., she told police.

Mrs. Cox awakened to see a man standing in the doorway of her bedroom. She sat up in bed and screamed as the man fled through a rear door he had left open.

Mrs. Cox told police he was a white man. Police today had found no trace of the "dirty faced" bandit who held up Basil Le Rue, 24, manager of the Kroger grocery, 137 E. Twenty-fourth St., Monday noon.

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TIMES DEMANDS LETTER INQUIRY

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many Federal matters outside the usual field of local agents.

Among the documents which the postal clerks discussed were some relating to the disappearance of Squibb whisky from the local Federal Bldg., under the custody of former United States Marshal Linus P. Meredith.

In the local Federal Court, the matter was apparently ended with the sentencing of three negro janitors and a delinquent dealer who received sentences to jail and prison.

Exposed in Congress.

The Squibb whisky was taken from a distillery. There were, originally, nearly 1,500 cases. The fact that over three hundred cases were missing from the stock was disclosed on the floor of Congress by Representative La Guardia of New York.

When he made the charge, Meredith first denied that there was any whisky missing. He then declared that it would be impossible to determine the fact as no inventory had been made. Later he admitted signing on a court docket for the receipt of a definite number of cases and odd bottles.

Investigators who came from Washington then determined that the charge of La Guardia was true and that approximately \$84,000 worth of whisky, at current bootleg prices, was missing from the stock.

Winkler Gets a Job

In the inquiry which followed, the Negro janitors admitted taking some of the whisky and went to jail. They paid heavy fines on their release.

In the securing of these confessions, George Winkler had a prominent part and now has been made prohibition director for the State.

The Government, apparently, was not satisfied that the entire story had been told and took cognizance of a published charge that there were "higher ups" involved who had not been disclosed.

The coming of the special agent some weeks ago was known at the Federal building, although he did not work in conjunction with officials there.

Inquiry Promised

The letter which was sent to The Times contained his name on the outside. The local postal officials have promised a thorough inquiry into the unusual handling of this letter and the fact that its contents were discussed and disclosed.

Many other official Federal activities were referred to in the documents which the postal clerks read in violation of the rules of the department.

APPEAL FOR NEW CHINESE TREATIES PASSES IN HOUSE

Unanimous Vote on Resolution Asking Coolidge to Take Action.

5,000 Girl Spies Aid Cantonese

By United Press. TIENTSIN, China, Jan. 25.—Five thousand girl spies have been sent among the North China allies to obtain information for the Cantonese, the commander-in-chief of the allied army announced in a circular issued here.

The girl were said to be disguised as refugees and to have attained considerable success in wheedling information from the enemy.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Without a negative vote the House Foreign Affairs Committee today ordered a favorable report on the revised Porter resolution requesting the President to negotiate revision of the unequal treaties with China.

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The discussion was over a bill to provide better cottages for rural workers and increase small holdings and allotments.

Declares Difference in Strength Compared With U. S. Shows Absurdity.

Without Obligation to Aid in Any Conflict.

By Aaron Saenz, Secretary of Foreign Relations of the Republic of Mexico. (Copyright, 1927, by NEA Service, Inc.)

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25.—By direction of President Plutarco Elias Calles I inform you:

Any person who knows the power of Mexico compared with the power of the United States will understand that it is absurd to believe that Mexico will go to war against the United States.

Mexico has no pact with any other country which can put her under obligations to unite her forces and wealth with those of other countries.

Mexico will not go to war voluntarily with any other country unless she is the victim of attack from which she must defend herself to retain her independence.

It is publicly known that Mexico has no special interest in Nicaragua and no political designs or schemes for territorial expansion.

Mexico only maintains, as is natural, common concern and feelings for all countries of the same origin.

Mexico's reasons for recognizing the government of Senor Sacasa have already been explained publicly. These are in full accord with the pact which the five governments of Central America made in the presence of representatives of Mexico and the United States in a treaty of peace and friendship signed in Washington, Dec. 20, 1907, and which they renewed Feb. 7, 1923, in which they were obliged to recognize no government which should appear by a "coup d'etat" or revolution.

The secretary of relations is determined to reproduce in the press all the declarations which have been made by the Mexican government against the false charge of Bolshevism in Mexico. Mexico established relations with Russia on a basis of mutual respect and consideration, which is the basis on which it establishes relations with all friendly countries.

With such a criterion, it will not tolerate the abuse of its good faith by being used as an instrument of artifice and for combinations of international politics and for propaganda of principles which Mexico does not maintain.

The social and political transformation which is taking place in Mexico is a result of its own efforts and the situation of the country. Mexico does not wish to stain its hopes with the intervention of foreign factors and influences which are strange and exotic.

Tendencies in the Mexican government are directed toward benefiting the mass of the people in our country without neglecting the interests and legitimate rights of any social class. Exotic methods and ways not sanctioned by our constitution are not followed.

The president referred to the declarations of last Dec. 7, denying once more the accusations of Mexican Bolshevism and classifying the propaganda as a new fake story with which conveniently to discredit this country.

Mexico has declared openly many times that regarding neither her laws on petroleum nor any other would she fail to recognize rights legitimately acquired by an person, in violation of any duty of an international sort, and has requested the United States to point out cases in which Mexico has made herself liable in such a violation, offering to bring justice. Mexico firmly believes that one can not ask more, considering the resources established by Mexican laws.

President Calles has formally agreed with several nations, among which is the United States, that international commissions should decide claims which the respective nations make against Mexico.

A general Mexican-American convention is functioning in Washington and to this convention all American citizens who believe they have a right can apply.

Mexico has not closed her doors for any understanding or agreement which is based upon justice. The president considers it necessary to state that his efforts have been intended to guard his responsibility, declaring to the world his political standards and firm intention of attributing all his peaceful cooperation to a universal peace—especially on the American continent.

DEMOCRATS ASK LIMIT OF POWER

Appointive Authority of Governor Is Target.

A bill limiting the appointment power of the Governor will be introduced in the Senate soon by the Democratic minority. Plans for the measure were discussed at a caucus of the Democratic Senators Monday night.

Under the provisions of the bill all appointments made by the chief executive will be subject to the approval of the Senate and must receive a two-thirds vote before the appointee receives the position.

The substance of the plan is incorporated in a public service commission bill to be presented by Senators Carl M. Gray, J. Francis Loch and Anderson Ketchum. The bill is designed to replace the Canner bill, which calls for complete abolition of the State body. Under the new measure the commission would consist of six members, equally divided on party lines, appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate. It also will provide for appeals to Circuit and Supreme courts.

STATE TEACHERS SEEK DEATH FOR SCHOOL POLITICS

Rally in Support of Measure Which Would Sponsor 'More Efficiency.'

Undismayed by their failure of two years ago, the school teachers' "tenure" bill is to be introduced in the Indiana Legislature within the next few days.

Prevention of political domination of schools is the real purpose of the measure.

Under the provisions of the proposed legislation it would be impossible to remove without cause a teacher who had served more than three years.

Insubordination, failure to comply with teaching rules and moral flagrancy are some of the specific causes to be incorporated.

An appeal to the county board of education could be made by the teacher after a hearing had been held on the charges.

In cities where the board of education passed on the charges appeal could be taken to the State board of education for decision.

Decision by the board appealed to would be in both cases final.

Teachers who sprit the weekend in Indianapolis going over the matter with various members of the Legislature contend that in some townships politics played havoc with their work.

They cite as an illustration the fact that a Republican township trustee might be elected to supplant a Democrat and that the teachers were to be named the trustees could select those of his political faith.

It is expected that the bill will be fought by many of the township trustees.

ENOUGH TO VEX JACKSON'S SPIRIT

Branch Banking Bill Opposed to His Theories.

Times Washington Bureau. WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—If the spirit of Andrew Jackson hovers around Congress, it must be writhing.

After hotly debating the branch banking features of the McFadden bill, the House, on a roll-call vote yesterday, adopted Senate amendments permitting a wide extension of branch banking. Then, quite casually, and with virtually no preceding debate, the House voted to give the Federal reserve system a perpetual charter.

Submerged in the controversy over branch banking, the grant of this perpetual charter marks a break with all American banking traditions and with principles which Jackson regarded essential to the democratic form of government.

In 1832 Jackson waged a successful campaign for the presidency largely on the slogan that a Government monopoly is intolerable in a democracy. Elected, he proceeded systematically to wreck the United States Bank, and blocked a renewal of its charter.

HOLD INSURANCE DAY CONVENTION

President of C. of C. Gives Opening Address.

After an address of welcome this morning by Dick Miller, president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Indiana insurance day, sponsored by the Insurance Federation of Indiana, started at the Clay-son Hotel.