

U. S. BANKERS' MONEY RULES IN NICARAGUA

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Bankers, no barefoot heroes, will decide the future of Nicaragua.

Men die beneath the palms like flies and a \$300,000 loan comes due in April, 1928. Unless Nicaragua meets this debt, control of her national railway will be sold at public auction in New York and her fifteen-year fight for independence will have come to naught.

All this according to testimony, taken by a Senate subcommittee, headed by Shipstead of Minnesota.

For weeks, while marines were being hurried southward, this committee has quietly gathered the inside story. It has attracted little attention, but it appears finally to have solved the great mystery that underlies the Nicaraguan situation. That is, what is the "property" which the American marines,

bluejackets and battleships have been sent to protect?

The explanation begins in 1881, when Nicaragua, using her treasury surplus, began to build an inter-coastal railroad. This line, in its present form, was completed in 1904.

Clerk Gave \$500,000

And then, in 1909, there was a revolution to which Adolfo Diaz, a \$25 a week clerk in an American mining office at Bluefields, contributed \$500,000. Where Diaz got \$500,000 nobody knows. As a result, Diaz was elected president in 1910 the same Diaz who, now returned to power as a result of another revolution, is supported by American troops.

Diaz did strange things in 1911. Toribio Tijerino, recent consul general from Nicaragua to the United States, told the Shipstead committee. Tijerino is now one of the

directors of the national railroad.

Diaz, issued, according to Tijerino and other witnesses, some 28,000,000 pesos of new paper money, equivalent theoretically to about \$1,300,000. Out of this, Nicaraguans allege, he paid to himself \$500,000 for revolution expenses, and divided much of the remainder among his family and friends.

Due to this and other causes, he had to arrange a \$2,000,000 loan with New York bankers, Brown Brothers and J. W. Seligman & Co. The bankers were allowed to purchase 51 per cent of the National railroad stock and turn the railroad into an American company, incorporated in Maine. The railroad was valued at \$3,300,000. The bankers only paid \$1,000,000 for their 51 per cent stock.

As a result of the loan, also, the bankers ultimately got 51 per cent

control of the newly organized National Bank of Nicaragua.

Nicaragua repurchased the same railroad stock in 1920, paying \$1,750,000.

While the railroad was controlled by New York bankers it was operated by the G. J. White Managing Corporation.

Nicaraguans, now owning all the railroad again, decided in 1925 to operate the line themselves and to incorporate it at home instead of in Maine.

At which time a strange thing happened, according to witnesses.

Used U. S. Code

"Jeremiah Jenks," testified Tijerino, "appointed to the board of directors of the railroad by the State Department, went to Washington and was allowed to use the private code of the State Department to send cables to President Solorzano of Nicaragua, asking him not to cancel the management

contract with the White corporation. They sent the cable in code to the American minister and he transmitted it to the president."

Thus, according to Tijerino, Nicaraguan officials were led to believe that the United States wanted the White corporation left in control.

In October, 1925, the board of directors of the railroad met in New York. At this meeting, according to Tijerino, who was present, it was suggested that the contract be extended for a month. Several Nicaraguans asked why, and one of the Americans on the board, named Baillie, explained, "because many things can happen in Nicaragua in that time."

Tijerino testified.

Many things did happen. A new revolution began Oct. 21, a revolution which drove President Solorzano from Nicaragua, eventually brought Adolfo Diaz back to the

presidency and precipitated the present Nicaraguan war.

Diaz was recognized by the State Department, Nov. 17. Seven days later, according to Tijerino, he arranged a new \$300,000 loan in New York. He pledged the 51 per cent stock in the National Railroad as collateral. This is worth anywhere from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The provisions of the loan are that if the \$300,000 is not paid in April, 1928, the stock will be sold at public auction, Tijerino testified.

Headed by New Yorker

The loan was made by the National Bank of Nicaragua, which is probably the queerest national bank in the world. Nicaragua owns all the outstanding stock, but the president is Robert F. Loree, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York. The national bank is incorporated in

Connecticut, and on its board sits Jeremiah Jenks, at \$200 a month, by State Department "appointment."

The \$300,000 loan to Diaz has exhausted the bank's capital, only \$200,000 of its \$1,000,000 stock ever having been issued.

According to Tijerino, there is little hope of Diaz getting \$300,000 by April, 1928, in war-torn Nicaragua. Tijerino told the Shipstead committee that in April, 1928, the railroad stock can go to the bank, that Americans in control of the bank can then increase the bank's outstanding stock, and purchase sufficient to get control, and that then, as when Diaz first came into control in 1911, bank and railroad can again be in American hands.

Tijerino's testimony was corroborated by Jose I. Medina, Nicaraguan president of the railroad and one of the bank's directors.

And all of this is only part of the story. How two Americans, with approval of the State Department, reorganized the Nicaraguan currency in 1911 and how an American, Col. Clifford D. Ham, with State Department aid, was placed in control of Nicaraguan customs, make chapters just as strange.

The United States Senate rejected in 1911 a treaty which would have allowed this "dollar diplomacy" following rejection, the bankers, with State Department approval, put into effect any way. The reorganization of the currency made every one of Diaz's paper pesos unbelievably good. As Shipstead summed it up: "It meant practically that they would sell in American currency a 50-cent piece for \$1. That is practically turning the money, whoever had it, into double value."

\$5,000 Suburban Home Destroyed by Incendiary Fire

BULLETS FLY IN WILD AUTO RACE WITH POLICE CAR

Speeder Brought to Halt by Blocking Path of Speeding Car.

In a wild automobile chase that covered two miles on the west side, at times at a speed of more than fifty miles an hour, a police squad, headed by Sgt. Edward Deeter, early today fired eleven shots at the driver of an auto driven by Leslie Meyers, 22, of 1108 English Ave. Several telephone calls reached police headquarters from citizens frightened from their slumbers at 2 a. m. by the roaring of the speeding cars and the shots.

When captured Frederick was charged with speeding and driving while intoxicated. None of the bullets took effect.

Deeter said he gave chase to the speeding car at White River bridge and Washington St. Sounding his siren and flashing the red light he attempted to bring Frederick to a stop. At Bloomington St. Frederick raced north. From there the cars sped through alleys and around blocks. At Miller Ave. and New York St., Frederick turned toward the city. He was stopped when the police car was driven into the path of his automobile.

Mathew Gastmon alias Marcus Haynes, 35, of 2359 N. Meridian St., was charged with driving an auto while intoxicated, operating a blind tiger, and driving on the left side of the street. Police who made the arrest are searching for a companion who is said to have left the scene of an accident at Fall Creek Blvd. and Delaware Sts., carrying two bottles of liquor. It is believed that he was injured. Haynes is said to have driven his auto into a car driven by J. W. Meyers, 55, of 2202 N. Alabama St. Police said they found liquor in the auto.

Mrs. Frances Greene, 26, of 2102 N. Meridian St., was severely injured Friday night when the automobile she was driving collided with another machine at the corner of Twenty-Second St. and Park Ave. Michael J. Maloney, 42, of 617 E. Twenty-Third St., who drove the car, was not injured. Mrs. Greene was taken to the Methodist Hospital.

Ambrose James, 22, of 834 Olive St., and Miss Mary Fogarty, 13, of 1133 Pleasant St., were slightly injured when the automobile driven by James collided with a S. East St. car at Prospect St.

REAL ESTATE MEETING

National Officials Guests at Luncheon Next Thursday.

The regular weekly luncheon of the Indianapolis Real Estate Board will be held at the Columbia Club Thursday, Feb. 24, and will be known as national association day. C. C. Niess of Louisville, Ky., president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, and William Herrin, field secretary, will be present.

President L. H. Lewis named a committee to be in charge. Frank E. Gates is chairman. H. T. Hotel, vice chairman; Walter T. White, Harry G. Templeton, Joseph J. Argus, M. M. Miller, F. L. Moore, Thomas F. Carson, Henry L. Richard.

BENEFIT BRIDGE

A benefit bridge party will be given Tuesday afternoon at the Columbia Club by freshmen girls at Butler who are members of the University Club. Decorations and tables will be carried out in George Washington style, and a trio, composed of Addie Axline, flute; Lois Axline, violin, and Dorothy Fee, piano, will play. Gertrude Moyer and Alice Thorn will dance the minuet in costume.

HOW'S YOUR STOMACH? MINE'S FINE, THANK YOU!

I can eat anything I want to now. I have a real appetite, feel fine, and enjoy life. But it wasn't always so. I know how miserable stomach trouble can make you feel. That is why I want you to know how easily Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Catarrh of Stomach, Belching, Heart Fluttering, Sour Stomach, Nervousness, Constipation, Headache, Bad Breath, Torpid Liver, etc., can disappear when the right treatment is found.

You can do exactly as I did. Don't send one cent. I am so sure

ASSEMBLY WOULD NET \$2,000,000

Hopeful of Bringing 1928 Democratic Confab to Indianapolis.

A minimum of \$2,000,000 will flow into the coffers of Indianapolis business men, if plans to bring the 1928 Democratic national convention to Indianapolis are successful, declared Henry T. Davis, Convention Bureau manager, who is working to that end with Charles R. Greathouse, secretary of the national committee.

The estimate of the money influx is based on the average expenses of convention delegates while in Indianapolis, which is \$12.45 per day. About 20,000 delegates and visitors attend the Democratic assembly, which is scheduled to last five days or more.

To Call Meeting

Greathouse invited the convention here after a conference with Davis, and left Friday on a four-week vacation. A meeting of prominent local business men and Democratic leaders will be called upon Greathouse's return in March, to further discuss plans for securing the convention.

"A guarantee of thirty-five-minute service from downtown hotels to the Fairground will permit the manufacturers' building to be used for the sessions," Davis said. "A balcony arrangement could be manipulated satisfactorily to handle the crowd."

"The State teachers' convention with 16,000 attendance is comfortably handled by using downtown hotels. By using a number of outlying hotels and apartment houses, that question can be settled," Davis said.

Can Line Up

July is the "low month" for hotels, Davis said and they would be able to handle more patrons than at any other season.

"Indiana is influentially represented among the cities choosing convention places," Greathouse said. "These men will all line up upon our request. With the right organization and the correct steps taken, Indianapolis will get this assembly."

Other cities bidding for the convention: Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Kansas City, Omaha and Denver.

STRAWBERRIES CONTINUE DROP

Chicken Fries Scarce on City Market Today.

Strawberry prices continued their downward course at the city market today and three other commodities were selling below Thursday's marks. Strawberries sold at 75 to 80 cents a quart; green beans, 40 to 45 cents; lima beans, 80 cents a dozen; and eggs, 30 to 35 cents a dozen.

Chicken fries, at 60 cents a pound, are less plentiful than a week ago. No changes were made in other poultry prices. Creamery butter was 58 and country butter 62 cents a pound. Shell pecans sold at \$1.10 a pound, bananas 30 cents a dozen and Empire grapes 35 cents a pound. Other prices were steady.

MEMORIAL MEETING

Societies to Commemorate Birth of Washington Monday.

Members of Indiana societies of the Sons of the Revolution and the Sons of American Revolution will hold a dinner at 6:30 p. m. Monday at the Marott Hotel to commemorate the capture of Ft. Sackville, Vincennes, by Gen. George Rogers Clark, and the birth of George Washington. The Rev. William A. Shullenberger, pastor of Central Christian Church, will be the principal speaker.

WED ACTOR, NOT A MAN, WAILS LITA

Wife Says Chaplin Wanted to Get Rich in U. S., but Live in England.

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 19.—"My married life was with an actor—not a man."

Gazing reminiscently into an open grate fire in the luxuriously appointed mansion of her world famous husband, Lita Grey Chaplin thus began the first interview she has given since she filed suit for divorce against the comedian.

The smoldering fires of Spanish ancestry flickered in the luminous eyes as Lita recounted her fears of the present and hopes for the future.

Before her, two healthy, sturdy boys gurgled the unintelligible sounds of babyhood. Pointing at them Mrs. Chaplin continued:

"They will never be English citizens. They are Americans and I won't have them brought up in English schools and taught English manners."

"I detest motion pictures for the memories they revive, but I will go back to them if I am compelled to work again for a living, before I will part with the babies."

"Charlie wanted to go to England and settle down. He said America was no place to live, and as soon as he had made a large enough fortune he planned to leave the country."

"But," she went on, "those are things personal to Mr. Chaplin and I better be left unsaid at this time."

"My future and my babies are all that concern me now."

The comedian's wife presented a strange paradox of emotions, an atmosphere of sadness, gaiety and terror pervading the vast, roomy house in which she waits for the law to sever the last thread of her romance with the "king of clowns."

There was none of the bitterness about her that marked the first clash of words following filing of her divorce complaint, which contained sensational charges against Chaplin, rather an air of submission.

Slowly she summed up her twisted dream which began when the famous Chaplin entertained her as a child of seven in a Hollywood boulevard tea room and ended in the sordid surroundings of a filthy Mexican village, where fate mocked at marriage ceremonies and lawyers wrangled in bitter discussion.

Throughout the interview Mrs. Chaplin made it plain that she would fight to the last to prevent her children from being separated.

Forget to Pay for Cemetery Lot; Sued

By Times Special.
HUNTINGTON, Ind., Feb. 19.—Two suits demanding \$60 for a burial lot in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Roanoke, near here, and \$172 for undertaker services, have been filed in circuit court here by the Odd Fellows lodge and William M. Koonst and Sons, also of Roanoke, against the I. B. Hunt and Sons, grading sub-contractors, building State Rd. 29.

Two workmen, killed by dynamite during the road construction were buried in the lot, both being unidentified by relatives.

Wedding Preceded Divorce Summons

By Times Special.
NEWPORT, Ky., Feb. 19.—Kenyon Anthony and Miss Charlotte Simms, granddaughter of the late Commodore F. W. Peck, Chicago pioneer, already had been married when plans for their society wedding in Dayton, Ohio, were interrupted by action against the bridegroom-to-be in a divorce suit filed by another woman.

Court records here today showed that Stoddard, who claims to be a son of Countess Anne Byron Harington and Hunter Stoddard of London, and Miss Simms, a Dayton debutante, were married in Newport Oct. 24. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate Thomas Hanley.

A fashionable wedding for Stoddard and Miss Simms was to have been a feature of the social season in Dayton this week. The plans were suddenly interrupted when Stoddard was served with a notice of a divorce action filed in Portland, Maine, by Edith Widling, who alleged she became his wife in April, 1922. The action charged that he was then known as Herman Albiret at Yaffee.

Miss Simms, accompanied by her mother, left hurriedly for Florida. Stoddard was reported to have gone to Philadelphia.

NEW CAR SALES REDUCE PRICES OF USED AUTOS

Indianapolis Dealers in Drive for Greater Floor Space.

New car sales at the auto show during the past several days were so numerous that dealers have been forced to make special reductions on used cars in order to utilize the floor space needed for the unusual increase in business.

Attractive offerings are made by the Frank Hatfield Company, authorized Ford dealers, on all models of guaranteed used Fords. Prices on used Buicks are unusually attractive at the Central Buick Company, 120 W. North St.

Many tradesmen have been made by the Marmon Company, Eleventh and Meridian Sts., through the popularity of the Little Marmon. Among the used cars for sale there are a number of late models.

Show 1906 Ford

The Wangelin-Sharp used car store, 428 N. Meridian St., sales agency for "W-S. personal service" used Fords, has on display a 1906 Ford that sold new for \$950, and which price did not include top and windshield. This model is a startling example of the contrast of present day cars with those of only twenty years ago.

Good values in used Chevrolets are offered by the Jones-Whitaker Sales Company, Capitol Ave. and Vermont St. Other used cars also are on sale.

The F. L. Sanford Company, Dodge dealers, 833 N. Meridian St., has a good selection of used Dodge. The Marion Chevrolet Company, Eleventh and Meridian Sts., is displaying a number of slightly used Chevrolets and Fords.

Wide Price Range

For the person who wishes a wide range of used car prices, the State Automobile Company, 535-37 N. Capitol Ave., has a large variety from which to choose. Standard models of popular cars are to be found at Frank Feiser Company, 1196 Prospect St. At these models have been traded on new Auburns, C. O. Warnock, Ford dealer, at 820 E. Washington St., has several attractive Ford roadsters on display that are finished in two-tone color combinations.

Among other dealers offering good values during this used car sales movement are: Stone Chevrolet Company, P. B. Smith, Essex dealers; George B. Ray, Paige and Jewett dealers; Smith & Moore Co., Capitol Overland Company, Carl Wallerich Company and the Armacost Company.

Student Riot Ends Basketball Playing

By Times Special.
NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 19.—Students at West Haven High School, today found themselves deprived of the remainder of the season's basketball schedule and one of their number suspended as the result of a riot. How it began could not be learned definitely, but it was assumed freshmen "dared" older boys to "come down to the lower floor and have it out," once too often.

Anyway, by the time Principal Seth G. Haley was aware something was wrong, 200 members of the freshman and senior classes were engaged in a battle royal in the school building. Chairs, plaster and heads were damaged.

Haley, not long out of college and an athlete, plucked into the melee with his associates and succeeded in bringing about order.

POISON VICTIM AT HOME

Girl Who Took Drug Discharged From City Hospital.

Entirely out of danger from poison taken with suicidal intent, the 20-year-old Indianapolis girl, sent to the city hospital Thursday from Sam Cain's grocery at 1211 Crutt St., where she had taken the poison, was sent home Friday.

The girl, who is about to become a mother, declared she had taken the drug because she had been told by a social worker that her child would be taken from her after its birth and placed in a home. "After all this—never to see my baby. I just couldn't stand it," she declared.

SLAPS AT PROPAGANDA

Representative Walter A. Huffman (Rep.) Elkhart introduced into the House a motion to prevent the distribution of circulars and unsigned printed matter on the desks of Indiana Representatives.

LAWS WILL NOT BRING REFORM, SAYS SPEAKER



Charles Aubrey Eaton

"You can't make people good by acts of legislation."

"We've tried it in this country and we've found it won't work. A man who is good because a policeman is beside him with a club, isn't good at all. This is equally true of a nation," asserted Charles Aubrey Eaton, New Jersey Congressman, who addressed the Associated Employers of Indianapolis at their twenty-third annual dinner meeting at the Claypool Friday night.

His subject was, "America's Greatest Need." He declared this need was "Not more money, more machinery and certainly not more laws, but more brains and more character to keep pace with the material growth which is the miracle of the ages."

The Congressman painted a glowing picture of American prosperity and the "golden door of opportunity" which he declared is "standing open and is hooked back to an extent never known in the history of any country in the world."

"America, with an unprecedented plan of economic development has not, however, fully awakened to its vastness. We may be forced to. The most important question before the world today, is comprised in certain decisions of the Orient."

Eaton declared that the financial condition of our country held some unprecedented indications of prosperity. "In the banks of the country we have 40,000,000 savings accounts."

"A great social and economic revolution is certainly now taking form in America. In this revolution we are proposing to retain the capitalist system. We are undertaking to cure the evils of capitalism by making more capitalists. The source of capital in the future should be the savings of the working men of this land."

Congressman Eaton's address was preceded by a short talk by Edward H. Tingley, of Dayton, Ohio, secretary of the National Association of Foremen. Walter Harding, president of the G. and J. Tire Company, and of the Associated Employers, announced the unanimous election of directors for the coming year.

DANCE WILL MARK AUTO SHOW CLOSE

Predict Crowd for Week to Shatter Records.

At 10:30 tonight the sixteenth and most successful Indianapolis Automobile Show will officially close at the State fairground Auto Show Bldg. The structure probably will be jammed until midnight with persons participating in the closing night frolic. Officials said today the total crowd for the week will be greater than that of any previous show.

Manager John Orman predicts visitors will be grouped around the location of the Buick exhibit as soon as the first auto is rolled out to make way for dancing. The Buick space, the largest at the show, near the orchestra balcony, will be cleared shortly after 9 p. m. and Husk O'Hare and his orchestra will furnish music.

Decorations depicting a series of Japanese scenes, by Charles Read, artist, have caused almost as much comment as the autos.

When the curtain rolls down this evening, it will be the close of the 1927 auto show season. New York and Chicago had their shows first, with Indianapolis closing the Middle West and East show season.

TWO BANKRUPTCIES

Two petitions in voluntary bankruptcy were filed in Federal Court Friday.

Murel B. Trout, a street car operator, Whiteland, Ind., listed his liabilities at \$2,588.36 and assets at \$269 for which he claims exemption.

Lester P. Harbaugh, grocer, Elkhart, Ind., listed his liabilities at \$4,697.20 and assets at \$3,169 from which he claims exemption of \$550.

VOTE RELIEF FUND

The Ways and Means Committee of the Indiana House of Representatives has recommended an appropriation of \$2,000 for the relief of Albert Poland, former watchman at the Statehouse, Poland fell down an elevator shaft Oct. 4, 1925, and was permanently injured. He has been receiving a small amount from the industrial compensation fund.

Unoccupied Residence Is Burned—Other Structures Damaged.

FIREMAN SIMS INJURED

State Arson Branch Asked to Investigate.

Fire, unquestionably of incendiary origin, completely destroyed an unoccupied residence and damaged adjacent buildings at Fifty-Eighth St. and Allisonville Rd. at 1 a. m. today, Captain P. J. Riley, Pumper Company 32, who responded to alarm sent in by an unknown person by telephone estimated the loss at \$5,000 or more.

Riley was unable to learn the name of the owner of the property.

Fireman Carl Sims, 6415 Ashland Ave., was injured when the flooring gave way and he fell to the basement. Although painfully burned and bruised, he remained on the job.

Asks Investigation

Riley in his report to Chief Jesse Hutsell asked that the State fire marshal investigate the blaze and the fire department arson division make an effort to learn circumstances connected with the property.

After arriving at the scene, Pipe-men Wildrick and Meyers were forced to lay out 900 feet of hose from blocks to a small stream. The entire interior of the residence, a one-story bungalow, was a roaring mass of flames when the firemen arrived, Riley said.

Buildings Saved

After breaking the door in and learning the house was vacant and no lives in jeopardy, they sought to keep the blaze inside. A large milk house adjoining was saved except for small damage to the front. A garage was scorched.

The bungalow was constructed of the fine materials, had hardwood floors and was modern throughout. Persons attracted to the spectacular blaze from miles around were unable to give any information about the owner of the property.

R. S. Wright, R. R. 5, Box 32, served the firemen with coffee and sandwiches.

CALM IN CALIFORNIA

Clear Weather Gives Opportunity to Check Up Storm Damage.

By Times Special.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—With the prospect of at least thirty-six to forty-eight hours of clear weather, California today took stock of the damage done by the snow, wind and rain storms of the week.

Storm warnings have been canceled along the entire coast in California. Along the Oregon and Washington coasts there still is evidence of minor disturbances, weather bureau officials said.

No accurate estimate of the damage can be made for several days, a check-up revealed.

In Los Angeles alone loss will reach more than \$1,000,000, according to early estimates. Chickens and rabbits died by the thousands in the San Fernando valley.

Some of the 1,000 families who were forced to flee from their homes in Venice and Long Beach are returning as the high waters receded. The citrus crops in Orange County were hard hit.

Roads to San Diego were still partially blocked by high waters. Hundreds of men worked tirelessly strengthening railroad beds which have been swept by high waters and repairing highways.

NO TRACE OF SHIP

Search Continues for Freighter Elitkon, Carrying Crew of 37.

By Times Special.
MANILA, P. I., Feb. 19.—Although search continued today for the American freighter Elitkon, caught in a mid-Pacific storm, shipping officials expressed belief that the craft had foundered.

Officers of the steamer Liberator, which answered the distress signal of the Elitkon, found nothing but an expanse of oily water at the spot where the disabled craft had given her position.

The Elitkon carried a crew of thirty-seven men and had a \$1,000,000 cargo of sugar consigned to Honolulu and New York.

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