

Text of State Department's Note to Mexico, and Answer

The following note, the state department announced, was presented to the Mexican government by Charge Summerlin of the American embassy.

Mexico City, July 22, 1919.

"Sir: With reference to the embassy's note, dated July 16, 1919, relative to the murder of Peter Catron, near Valles, San Luis Potosi, on or about July 7th, last, I have the honor to inform you that I am now under telegraphic instructions from my government to urge upon the Mexican government the capture and punishment of those responsible for this murder, and the adoption of adequate measures to prevent a recurrence of the murder of American citizens."

"I am also instructed to state that should the lives of American citizens continue to remain unsafe and these murders continue by reason of the unwillingness or inability of the Mexican government to afford adequate protection, my government may be forced to adopt a radical change in its policy with regard to Mexico."

"Accept, sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration. (Signed)."

GEORGE T. SUMMERLIN,
"Charge Affairs."

Mexico's Reply.

To this communication the Mexican government returned the following reply, dated July 28, signed by Salvador Diego-Fernandez, in charge of the department of foreign relations:

"Mr. Charge Affairs. The note which your honor was pleased to send me on the twenty-second instant, advised me of the instruction which you had received to notify this department that if the lives of the citizens of the United States in Mexico continued in a state of insecurity and if murders should continue because of the unwillingness or inability of the Mexican government to give protection, the government of the United States would be compelled to adopt a radical change in its policy with regard to Mexico."

"In reply, I have the honor to state that the fact that offenses against the lives of citizens of the United States have occurred in the territory of the republic cannot be notoriously attributed to unwillingness to give protection. The willingness to furnish this protection has been expressed repeatedly and the material difficulties in the way of fulfilling a promise, supposing that it is not fulfilled, should not be confused with unwillingness to do so, especially as this willingness had been demonstrated by acts."

"Moreover, if we consider the protection of human life in absolute terms, that is to say, if in every case and wherever a citizen of the United States may be within Mexican territory he should enjoy special and effective protection to a degree such that his life may never be placed in danger, it is not possible for the government of Mexico to do this because no perfect condition of security exists nowhere. With all the more reason is this true, considering the great territorial extent of the republic, its scanty population, and the difficult conditions which prevail after a long civil war."

Protect Natives.

"The government of Mexico has always endeavored as far as possible to give full security to the lives of foreigners, as well as of its natives, but the fact is that foreigners, through ignorance, the lack of prudence, or rash eagerness for profit, venture to remain or to travel in dangerous regions, thereby incurring the risk of becoming the victims of offenses and even trusting to escape offenses because of their being foreigners."

"It should be remembered, moreover, that always when the government of Mexico has had knowledge of an offense it has pursued the presumably guilty parties. The pursuit in such a case surely is not the same as that ordinarily made in cities in the case of ordinary crimes because the circumstances are different in a populous community. In the latter it is relatively easy to identify the guilty party, while in uninhabited places the band which committed the offense is located and pursued, is overtaken and as many as possible are killed without generally being able to identify the really guilty party, because even within the band of offenders itself it is impossible to determine as might be supposed which projectile of a volley caused a murder. The recent Correll case proves that the Mexican government following this procedure, which is the only possible one, is displaying the greatest activity, because immediately after this murder was reported, forces left in pursuit of the band and killed four of the villains."

"The Mexican government has been constantly preoccupied with the pacification of the republic and as a first step has destroyed the personal rebel groups and has conquered the most notorious leaders as is demonstrated by the conclusion of the recent Villa movement, the death of Zapata, of Blanquet, and of Avila, without mentioning other operations against groups of minor importance. A necessary consequence of this progress in the labor of pacification is the weak remains of the large groups."

Have Good Intention.

"The Mexican government has been, and continues, animated by the best intention to eliminate all those difficulties which might disturb its good relations with the government of the United States and has so proven on repeated occasions. If the government of the United States wishes its citizens to enjoy greater protection, the Mexican government, anxious as ever for a good understanding between both governments, suggests the desirability that citizens of the United States concentrate in the populous places where complete guarantee can be obtained."

tinues to fail to protect Americans. The American note and the Mexican foreign office's reply were printed Thursday by the newspapers in extra editions without any editorial explanations that might be construed at all representing public opinion. The two notes aroused much interest in quarters as the possibility of intervention in Mexico has been widely discussed here in many circles for weeks.

People Are Quiet.

The newspapers were bought freely by the people but no expressions that might indicate the attitude of the people on the subjects were heard. Government officials did not discuss the subjects. The foreign offices, after giving out the text of the American note and Mexico's reply said there was nothing else for publication. Pres' Carranza has cancelled all engagements because of illness that confines him to bed. The president was said to have suffered from overwork and anxiety during the long illness of his wife who recently was taken from her home in the state of Coahuila for convalescence.

At the American embassy it was said that publication of the notes here by the newspapers was the first knowledge the embassy had that they had been given out.

MADAME LENSKA CHARMS HEARERS

Russian Prima Donna Gives a Classical Program at Chautauqua.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:
Afternoon, 3 O'clock.
Prelude, soprano solos and piano dialogues.

Lecture, "The Great Highway," by Charles Zueblin.

Evening, 8 O'clock.

Prelude, same as afternoon.

Debate, "Shall the Government Own and Operate the Railroads?" Affirmative, Charles Zueblin; negative, Hon. Leslie M. Shaw.

It was artists' day at chautauqua Thursday when Mme. Augusta Lenzka, Russian prima donna contralto, and the Great Lakes String quartet appeared in a program of classic selections which captivated both their afternoon and evening audiences.

Mme. Lenzka has a voice of rare sweetness and depth and her repertoire was designed to show the range of her voice. "Habanera" from "Carmen," by Bizet, and "The Coo-Coo Clock," by Grant-Schaefer.

were among those numbers which seemed especially adapted to her voice. Her excellent pronunciation in the two French songs which she rendered was notable. A song presented in her native Russian tongue proved popular.

Receives Encore.

Although the Great Lakes quartet was well received in the afternoon it scored its biggest success in the evening when it was forced to repeat several times with encore. It was this string quartet which accompanied Pres' and Mrs. Wilson on their voyage across the Atlantic ocean. Included in their program Thursday night was the president's favorite, "Minuet" by Beethoven. "Molly on the Shore," by T. G. O., was a sprightly little Irish tune which was popular with the audience. A group of three descriptive numbers with which the program ended was especially fine.

The quartet is composed of Herman Felsber, Carl Puschner, Robert Doleski and Walter Brauer, assisted by Lawrence Schaufler, pianist. Mr. Schaufler also played Mme. Lenzka's accompaniments, thereby proving his skill as an accompanist.

SENDS CASH TO LAUNDRY.

SCRANTON, Pa., Aug. 15.—L. Mendel sent a bundle of clothing to a local laundry before he remembered that he had hidden \$950 in cash in some of the pockets. Rushing to the plant he learned that an honest employee had discovered the roll and the money was returned.

LOYAL AMERICAN PICNIC.

At Pottawatomie Park, Sunday, Aug. 17 all loyal Americans are urged to attend this picnic. Program of sports at 10 o'clock. Come and bring your dinner baskets.

C. H. FINCH, O. S. BARRETT.

Sec. Pres.

7029-17.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Free Cars Sunday at 2:10

to show the biggest success in South Bend.

Plat of 150 lots sold out in two Sundays.

In order to supply the demand, the owners have consented to grade another street of sixty new lots for next Sunday and every one a beauty.

One is yours for One Dollar down, then only 50c and 75c a week.

Prices \$119, \$129, \$149 to \$195, except corners, positively the biggest bargains around South Bend today.

Two big free cars will leave Northern Indiana interurban station, corner Washington Avenue and Michigan street at 2:10, Sunday.

Cars will carry banners and stop for passengers along Washington Avenue.

Follow the crowd. Come and bring your friends. Adv.

Our August Fur Sales

Those of you who are interested in Furs have an opportunity during our August Sales of saving 15 percent on any purchase made this month.

You make a reasonable deposit, we hold the furs for you till December 1st. You can make weekly or monthly payments.

New Plaid Blankets Tomorrow

Cotton Blankets \$1.95 to \$5.95 pair.

Part Wool Blankets \$7.85 to \$12.50 pair.

All Wool Blankets \$12.95 to \$35.00 pair.

Make a deposit and weekly or monthly payments during August.

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You make a reasonable deposit, we hold the furs for you till December 1st. You can make weekly or monthly payments.

New Fall Dress Goods

We are ready with new Serges, new Poplins, new plaids for children's dresses. Prices 75c to \$1.95 yd.

Handsome Tricotettes, Tricotines, Mixtures, Tweeds and Plaids for skirts. Wonderful collection of the season's smartest fabrics. Priced from \$2.50 to \$10.00 yard.

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