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A Rupture of Diplomatic Relations was Averted

No Serious Trouble Expected Between the U. S. and Mexico Over the Nicaraguan Situation—The Incident Closed Unless the U. S. Makes Direct Charges—Ambassador Sheffield is Now Absent from Mexico City.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 20—There was belief here today among most observers that a rupture of diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico as a result of the Nicaraguan situation had been averted. The opinion was based on the absence of any official Mexican declaration on the Nicaraguan episode, coupled with the apparent easing of the situation in Nicaragua.

Unless the United States government makes direct charges, which is considered unlikely, the incident appears to be closed.

The majority of Americans here are most hopeful that there will be no break in relations and expect that steps will be taken toward the settlement of pending issues as soon as Ambassador Sheffield, who has been on leave returns to Mexico city.

The press has been consistently supporting the government and has been printing the traditional charges of the United States "Dollar Diplomacy" and "Imperialism."

WENT TO THEIR DEATH OVER RIDEAU FALLS

Ottawa, Nov. 19—Two city workmen, L. Jack and John Costello, were swept to their deaths over the Rideau Falls this forenoon.

They, with another man, were engaged in inspecting the city bridges before the freeze-up and had come down on a pontoon from examining St. Patrick street bridge to the Sussex street bridge about 30 feet above the falls. The river is controlled at the latter point, and as the stoplogs were out of one of the chutes the swift current seized the pontoon, making it unmanageable. As it rushed through the chute three men on it leaped from it, one reaching the shore in safety but the other two failed and were carried over the falls, which is some 50 feet high, to the Ottawa River below.

BEAVERS ARE PLENTIFUL IN MAINE

Bangor, Me., Nov. 19—Beavers have become so numerous and are causing so much damage to timberlands which are overflowed by their dams that the state fish and game department will open six different localities to trapping, from Nov. 20 to Feb. 28. Trappers must take out a special \$25 beaver license, and must not set traps within 25 feet of a beaver house and must obtain land owners' permission in organized townships.

The localities named are on the Penobscot and Mattawamkeag river tributaries in the northern part of the county not far from Lincoln and Mattawamkeag in a region where trapping is usually good.

EXPLOSION OF POWDER

Jerome, Arizona, Nov. 19—Three hundred thousand pounds of powder exploded prematurely on the 300-foot level of the United Verde copper mine near here late tonight. Windows in Jerome were shattered. Ambulances and doctors were rushed to the workings. It was impossible to learn whether there were any fatalities.

PEOPLE NOT HONEST WITH BOOZE PROBLEM

Guelph, Ont., Nov. 19—Premier Howard Ferguson, carrying his election campaign into the riding of South Wellington last night, told the audience here that up until the present no one had had the courage to criticize the Ontario temperance act for fear of being besmirched and vilified by certain newspapers and people. "But I am not that kind of a fellow," said the Premier. "I am a cross between Irish and Scotch, with the Irish predominating, and when I have an opinion to give to the people I am going to give it to them."

Mr. Ferguson claimed that the people had not been honest with the liquor problem. It had been allowed under the O. T. A. to drift, he charged, into a most difficult position. The people no longer could consider it as a theory. It had to be faced as a fact, he said.

PEA SHOOTING IS POPULAR IN TRURO, N. S.

Truro, Nov. 19—A new fad has struck Truro. Last night, a number of men of mature age were seen with pea-shooters on the street, blowing peas or rice in all directions. Years ago, this fad was wholly restricted to boys of tender years, but the twentieth century evidently has brought about eternal youth, so far as pea shooting is concerned.

It is suggested that this fad will develop into a game of sport and the Hub is preparing a team to enter any pea-shooting league that may be found in Nova Scotia. There is no age limit for the players of this proposed thrilling sport.

PLYE WANTS ST. PATS.

Toronto, Nov. 19—The Telegram in its sport columns today says: "Cash and Carry" Pyle wants to buy the St. Patrick professional Hockey Club.

"The man who introduced professional tennis, and who is interested as well in professional football, wants to break into the hockey ring."

All the world's a stage, on which most of the productions are either farces or flops.

EXPLOSION ON OIL TANKER AT BALTIMORE

A Number of Workmen Were Caught in a Flame of Death.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 19—A blast of fire, which cut asunder the Norwegian tanker Mantilla, exacted an untold toll of lives as the vessel lay in dry dock at the Sparrows Point plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation today.

Scores of workmen were caught in a flaming rain of death as an amidships oil tank exploded with a deafening report, to spew burning oil and twisted steel over the decks and surrounding scaffolding. Official estimates of the dead ranged from eight to twenty. At least eight bodies had been assembled in a morgue at the plant tonight.

Some investigators reported that the shattered remains which rescue workers had gathered from the smoking hulk would represent more than eight individuals. No definite count of the injured had been possible. The more seriously hurt had been scattered in every available hospital. Scores were treated at the plant first aid station and allowed to go.

Spectacle is Terrible.

Piercing screams from the ship's decks and its interior only partly prepared volunteer rescue workers for the spectacle which greeted them when they rushed upon the reeling vessel a few minutes after the blast. Men whose arms or legs had been torn off dragged themselves over blood-spattered planks, vainly endeavoring to extinguish flaming clothing. Billows of flame and smoke shot through ragged rents in the Mantilla's steel plates.

Windows in nearby factory buildings were blown out and steel was rained about the neighborhood. A piece of steel 30 feet long and eight feet wide, weighing several tons, was hurled into an adjacent lock to crash down on the deck of the steamer Mount Clary. No one was aboard the Mount Clary.

Firemen who fought for nearly four hours to control the fire before workers could carry out the dead, were forced to trample over bodies and parts of bodies strewn about ship.

John Erickson, a member of the Mantilla's crew, said: "The boat heaved and shook with a terrific roar. I saw steel plates and pieces of men flying through the air. Some of them flew by my head. Then the smoke began to blind me, but not before I saw the deck was covered with men and parts of men. The clothing of most of them was on fire."

Another eye-witness, Matthew Prucha, a workman, described how the ship "reared and plunged like a horse and seemed to lift ten feet from the dock."

Prucha was in the engine room. "I made my way to the deck," he said, "and saw men running around with their clothing on fire and crying. Some of them had their arms off and some lay on the deck with legs and head cut off."

Prucha said he was cut off by flames when he went into the bow to try to help some of the injured. He found a rope and slid down it to the dock. "I thought about the poor fellows still back there in the Mantilla with the fire coming toward them," he said. "There wasn't anything anybody could do for them."

HORSE DEMANDS MORNING COFFEE

Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 20—The coffee habit has become firmly fixed on Babe, a Brooklyn truck horse he was recently given a pail of it every morning in treatment for an organic disorder at an animal hospital. When he returned to the institution with a sprained leg, he refused to be quiet until his morning fare was resumed. He takes his coffee straight without cream or sugar.

MANY REBELS HAVE BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Communists Blamed for Starting Rebellion in Java.

DEPORTED TO NEW GUINEA

The Number of Arrests Now Totals Two Thousand.

(Special cable to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

alatiga, Java, Nov. 20—Arrests in connection with the rebellion against the Dutch East Indies Government which broke out a week ago and has flared up, in various parts of the island during the last few days now total two thousand, it was announced here today.

Several hundred communists, who the government blames for plotting the rebellion, have been deported to New Guinea.

JUMPED FROM WASHINGTON MONUMENT

(Special to the Daily Mail by British United Press)

Washington, Nov. 20—A shabbily dressed unidentified man jumped 555 feet to his death from the top of the Washington monument here today, the man was dead when guards at the monument reached his body.

BRAW WHUSKEY THE BEST FOR HIELANDER

Aberdeen, Nov. 20—The cocktail has lost its hold in Scotland. Whiskey straight is taking its place.

Lord Salvesen, former judge of the Scottish bench, says the cocktail in London is more popular than at any other time, but the cocktail novelty in Scotland has entirely worn off.

"The chief cocktail consumers in London," said Lord Salvesen, announcing the passing of the cocktail habit here, "are women, and silly men who like to do something merely because they think it is smart or because the other 'fellow' does it. The Scot does not care for mixed drinks and never will."

DESIGNER SURFETTED WITH FARCES

New York, Nov. 20—Watson Barratt Shubert's theatrical scenery designer, says the bedroom farce scenes of recent years have surfetted him with beds.

"I have done bedrooms for the revues and the farces until I feel like King Solomon's chambermaid," he said. "The shows have kept me busy turning out every kind from that of the adventuress or the emperor to that of the ordinary mortal." Incidentally, a bedroom is among the scenes for which he has just made impressionistic designs.

AIRSHIPS AT RETAIL SOON IN BERLIN STORE

Berlin, Nov. 20—Aviation in Germany is becoming so popular that retailing of airplanes may soon become a well established business.

The department stores have not taken them up yet, but the field evidently appears so promising to that of the ordinary mortal. Incidentally, a bedroom is among the scenes for which he has just made impressionistic designs.

Miner's Delegates Meeting Adjourned Until Next Friday

Will Reconvene to Consider Reports on the Progress of District Leaders on the Negotiations With Owners for a Settlement—Principles of National Settlement Terms Were Unanimously Adopted.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, Nov. 20—The meeting of the miners' delegates with the union executive adjourned today until Friday when they will re-convene to consider the reports on the progress of district leaders in the negotiations with the owners toward a settlement of the strike.

The delegates left for the districts with instructions to enter negotiations with the owners as soon as possible.

The principles of the national memorandum of settlement terms recommended the union executives as the basis for district settlement were unanimously adopted.

WAS ARRESTED AT GRAVE SIDE OF HIS DEAD WIFE

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Taunton, Mass., Nov. 20—Grief brought George St. Germain, twenty-five to the grave of his dead wife and incidentally, into the arms of the law. After hiding three months to avoid arrest for alleged violation of the Volstead act, he returned to this city to attend the funeral service for his wife, Nellie, who had died suddenly.

As he stepped from the side of the grave into which the body of Mrs. St. Germain had been lowered, he was arrested on the three months old charge.

LITTLE GIRL KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Pawtucket, R. I., Nov. 20—Ten year old Beatrice Demers, whose father lost his life in an automobile accident before she was born, was killed by an automobile here last night.

Earl W. Ball, driver of the car, told police the child stepped in front of his machine and he could not prevent the accident.

WHISPERING GALLERIES OFF THE MARKET

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, Nov. 20—The publishers of "Whispering Galleries" the book of Biographical intimacies of the great and near great, including kings, presidents, diplomats and statesmen of England, the United States and the continent which has shocked London announced today that the anonymous author has instructed them to withdraw it from sale.

C. N. R. EARNINGS KEEPING UP

Montreal, Nov. 20—The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the week ended November 14, 1926 were \$5,918,582 as compared with \$5,786,786 for the same week of 1925, an increase of \$131,796 or two per cent.

R. W. Baird of Mavis Mills is at the Queen.

THE BIG LINER HAD ROUGH TIME CROSSING OCEAN

Cherbourg, France, Nov. 19—The United States liner Leviathan, her smokestacks coated with frosted spray her deck fittings battered and hundreds of her passengers wan and haggard from seasickness, has reached Cherbourg after the roughest crossing of the Atlantic ever endured by this liner.

A gale, which Captain Hartley declared was the worst in a decade, roared up out of the Caribbean Gulf at 100 miles an hour and for two days—Wednesday and Thursday—the liner was buffeted by gigantic waves which broke over the decks.

Several passengers were bruised by being thrown down during the height of the storm, but none sustained serious injury.

During the worst of the gales, a white owl took refuge in a funnel, when the Leviathan was about 1,000 miles off Newfoundland. It was captured and will be presented to the Bronx Zoo when the liner returns to New York. The bird is believed to have been blown from the Caribbean Gulf by the storm.

A CITIZENS' JURY TO GIVE PLAY VERDICT

New York, Nov. 20—The fate of another successful Broadway play was put in the hands of a citizens' jury today to decide if it should be withdrawn. The play, "The Captive," was hailed by critics as a dramatically excellent but somewhat erotic adaptation from the French, dealing with a woman in the grip of a strange passion. If the jury decides against it the play will be ordered withdrawn by the district attorney.

Since the start of the "play jury" system seven productions have been reviewed, and only one, "The Bunk of 1926," ordered withdrawn.

NEW YORK CATS SCORN DANGERS OF TRAFFIC

New York, Nov. 20—Even the cats are blasé in New York. They may be seen in the busiest streets, seemingly unconcerned about the traffic that speeds past them as they industriously scrub their fur with moistened paw. The dogs are less at ease on the streets. Seldom are they seen except at the end of a leash or muzzled.