

now deprived Mr. Jenkins of his liberty. That Mr. Jenkins is supposed to be guilty of rendering false judicial testimony is merely an opinion of the Mexican Government entirely unsupported by evidence the Mexican Government cannot expect the United States to accept, in the grave circumstances of this case, such an unsupported statement as a valid excuse. Mr. Jenkins, weak and exhausted in a hospital says he has been harassed by the Mexican authorities while evidence against him was obtained through intimidation of witnesses. The only conclusion this Government can draw, is that Mexico has made a studied effort to ensnare Mr. Jenkins in legal intricacies, in order to divert the attention of the American and Mexican people from the fact that Puebla, the second largest city in Mexico, is overrun by bandits and that the Mexican authorities have been negligent. It appears to have been the purpose of the Mexican Government to assume a wilful indifference to the feelings of the American people, that have been aroused to the point of indignation by the exposure, hardships and physical suffering by Mr. Jenkins during his abduction and his subsequent treatment at the hands of the Mexican authorities. After a conference with Secretary Lansing, late today, Chairman Porter of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, expressed the opinion that the State Department means business this time. Chairman Porter indignantly stated that he was in thorough accord with the Government's present policy in dealing with the Mexican situation.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 1st.—The Associated Press is informed from an authoritative source that Brazil has made no offer on behalf either of itself or in connection with the "A B C" powers to mediate in the difficulty between the United States and Mexico.

London, Dec. 1st.—The forces of Admiral Kolchak, head of the All-Russian Government, are retreating with such rapidity that they are unable to construct defensive works of which there are none west of Irkutsk, says a wireless despatch from the Soviet Government at Moscow today. Partisan hands continually harass Kolchak, who has formed a body guard of three thousand to protect himself, the despatch adds.

Chicago, Dec. 1st.—Further stringent regulations for the conservation of fuel supplies, made necessary by the strike of bituminous coal miners, who have now been idle a month, were in effect today, over virtually the entire country between Ohio and the Rocky Mountains, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Rome, Dec. 1st.—For hours after the opening of Parliament yesterday, the streets of Rome were thronged with crowds demonstrating against the Bolsheviks. There were shouts of "Down with Lenin", "Down with the Russian Soviet", "Long Live D'Annunzio" and "Long Live the King".

Many controversies were started with Socialist orators, two Socialist deputies being roughly handled by the Anti-Socialist crowds, which forced them to shout "Long Live the King", but were rescued by the police before they had been seriously injured. A good impression was made by the speech from the Throne, the Vatican being especially pleased with the passage that "Peace must be the same for the victors as the vanquished."

NEW YORK, Dec. 3rd 1919.
Flour, Blended Clear St. Lawrence Brand pr. brl. \$12.00
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$3.90
New Season's Pork per brl. \$45.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$46.00
Sugar---Crystals (Confirmed by Brokers) per 100 lbs. \$7.28.
Molasses 89° test pr 100 lbs. no quotation
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 24 62-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$3.93½
Exchange New York and London, sight \$3.95½

LONDON, Dec. 3rd 1919.
Sugar-Demerara Crystals duty paid price, fixed by the Royal Commission per cwts 66s. 0d. -97s. 0d.
Muscovado, 89° basis, floating terms in bond, Ditto duty paid. 63s. 3d. -86s. 0d.
German Beet 88° f.o.b. no further sales during the war
White Java Sugar, cif Unipited Kingdom if arrives before 27th December 80/ Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per cwt 129s. 0d. 131s. 0d.
Cotton Medium Fine Sea Island, at Liverpool nominal per lb.
Bank of England rate of Discount per cent. 6.
Consols 50½
Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs. 65.00
All prices subject to correction.

GOVERNMENT BUYS DREDGE TO BEGIN HARBOR WORK

Cordova Davila Cables News at end of Last Week; Dredge to be sent Here Soon.

\$400,000 AVAILABLE.

Governor Yager Believes That Most of This Sum Will be Available for Expenditure Here.

Cables to Governor Yager, the Insular Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club from Resident Commissioner Cordova Davila, at Washington, Saturday announced the purchase of a dredge by the War Department to be sent to the island for work in San Juan harbor.

In the opinion of Governor Yager the purchase of the dredge will make available approximately \$400,000 for dredging

expenses in the harbor. By the time this sum is spent he believes that the Rivers and Harbors bill will have passed Congress and that it will contain further appropriations for carrying on work in the harbor here.

Just when work can be commenced is not known here but in his cable the Resident Commissioner said the dredge would start for Porto Rico "as soon as arrangements are finished."

The purchase of the dredge comes after several years' effort to have work on the harbor commenced as outlined in the plans of Major Dent in 1913. The plan calls for enlarging the deep-water area of the harbor and the filling in of the low lands along the water front in Puerta de Tierra and Miramar.

In the last few months Governor Yager has been urging the War Department to undertake the work by administration in view of the difficulty in obtaining bids that were considered satisfactory.—*Porto Rico Progress, Nov. 14th.*

NOTICE.

THE Bridge at Mt. Pleasant Colquehoun, Northside Road, King's Quarter will be closed for traffic until further on account of repairs.

F. LUNNEY,
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NOTICE.

DUE to the reconstruction of some of the Pit Privies and in order to make the fees more uniform, the following scale or charges for removal service of Privy Pits are effective from this date. All bills rendered for services previous to this date are payable at the former rate.

Loads.	Amount.
1.....	\$2.00
2.....	3.00
3.....	4.00
4.....	5.00

All loads in excess of FOUR, 50c. per load.

St. Croix Nov. 21st, 1919.

H. V. HUGHENS,
Chief Sanitation Officer.