

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AUSTIN, TEXAS.

W.P. HOBBY, GOVERNOR
RALPH SOAPE, SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR

September 27th, 1920.

General Alvaro Obregon, Mexico City, F. D.

My dear General Obregon:-

I write this letter to introduce my close and long time friend, Colonel Lon Hill, a citizen of Texas, who resides in Harlingen. I trust this letter will be the means of bringing about friendly relations between you and Colonel Hill.

I have known him intimately for twenty years, and our relations have increased our affectionate regard and esteem during each year of that acquaintance. Colonel Hill is one of the most potential men in this State in business, in politics and in social life. He is one of the pioneers and developers of the Ric Grande Valley country which borders on your great Republic. He is a man of large affairs and means, and is capable financially and in ability to carry to a successful fruition any project he undertakes. He is essentially one of the most progressive citizens in this State believing always in building up and helping to colonize and develop the country, as well as to accomplish business success.

I will truly and sincerely appreciate any courtesies you may extend or any favors you may by your graciousness bestow upon him.

With sentiments of the highest regard, I am

Sincerely yours,

Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

Secretary of State.

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E.R. MCLEAN. SECRETARY.

Railrand Commission of Texas

Austin.

September 27, 1920.

General: -

I take great pleasure in introducing the bearer, the Honorable Lon A. Hill of Brownsville, Texas.

He is one of the foremost citizens of our State and is of the highest character and standing. Any courtesy shown him will be genuinely appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas.

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General Alvaro Obregon,

Secretary.

Mexico City, Mexico.



BOARD OF WATER ENGINEERS STATE OF TEXAS AUSTIN

W. T. POTTER, CHAIRMAN C. S. CLARK JNO. A. NORRIS

A. W. MCDONALD,

September 28, 1920.

Gen. Alvaro Obregon, President Elect, Republic of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear General:

I presume that it would hardly be in good taste to address you as Mr. President, even though the fact is well known to all of us that you have recently been elected as the President of our Sister Republic. Permit me, though personally a stranger to you, to congratulate you for the opportunity afforded you to do a great work among your people, as well as to felicitate your people of the opportunity of having so great a man to lead them.

My good friend, the Honorable Lon C. Hill of Harlingen. Texas, no doubt will visit your Republic and your Capitol City, within the next few weeks, with a view of looking into a situation, possibly for the purpose of determining whether or not his and his associates can be induced to make some heavy investments in the way of industrial interprises in your Republic. Having learned of this, the writer presumes to address you for the purpose of saying to you that he regards Mr. Hill as one of the most far-sighted, level-headed men within the entire state of Texas, or within the United States, for that matter. Mr. Hill is well and favorably known as a promoter of great enterprises, and no doubt deserves more credit for the marked development which has come to Southern and Southwestern Texas in the last ten years than any one man within my knowledge.

Imbued with keen business foresight. He seems to understand, intuitively, just what is necessary to make a proposition good, and knows just where, when and how to apply the force to make a success. I bespeak for Mr. Mill, when he shall come to your City, the most cordial reception at your hands.

Most sincerely, Pour

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Attest:



TREASURY DEPARTMENT

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

AUSTIN, TEX.

9-28-20

General Alvaro Obregon, Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear General Obregon:

I take great pleasure in hereby introducing for your favorable consideration my friend, Colonel Lon C. Hill of Harlingen, Texas.

Will state that Colonel Hill is a highly respected citizen of this state and has the confidence of all who know him, and he is visiting the Republic of Mexico on matters pertaining to the mutual benefit of the two republics. I would ask your favorable consideration in any matters that might tend to the advancement and development of his section of the state.

Any courtesies that you may show him, I assure you General, will be highly appreciated by,

Yours sincerely,

Collector of Internal pevenue,

First District of Texas.



STATE OF TEXAS

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AUSTIN

Sept. 23, 4920.

General Alvaro Obregon,
Mexico City, Mexico.
Dear General:-

I am writing this letter to present to you my good friend, Colonel Lon C. Hill, of Marlingen, Texas. May I not say in presenting Colonel Hill, that I trust your meeting may result in mutual interest, both to your splendid Kepublic and the interest Gol. Hill represents:

I have had the pleasure of a mutual friendship with Volonel mill for many years. He is known and recognized as one of the most influential citizens of our State, a man of very broad experience that has not been confined to this State, but has extended into other States of this Union, as well as, into your Republic. he is a man of large affairs, and has at his command financial resources that have and will enable him to extend his operations of development in colonization, irrigation and drainage work, as well as, locating, building and repairing Railroad lines, developing the adjacent country, to these projects in the way of progressive agriculture, mining and timber. His idea of developing a new country has always appealed to me in that he insists that the country opened up and developed should be made substantial and self-sustaining from its beginning. In this I feel sure that any matter your Government desires to take up or discuss with Colonel Hill will redound to the interest of the whole people.

You will find wol. Hill plain, unassuming, resource-ful and intensely loyal to his friends, associates and enterprises.

I will sincerely appreciate any assistance or courtesy you may show Golonel Hill, and unhesitatingly say that, should you find it to your interest or to the interest of your Government to confer with Gol. Hill, you will then agree with me that is in fact one of nature's noblemen.

with sentiments of the highest regard,

Sincerely yours,

The Adjutant General.

State of Texas.

By the Adjutant General, Chas. M. Crawford Ass't. Adj. Gen.



SENATE CHAMBER

THIRTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH CALLED SESSION

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HOPKINS, GEO. M. DISTRICT 31, DENTON

September 29th, 1920.

Gen. Alvaro Obregon, Mexico City. Mexico.

My dear General:

This will introduce to you Hon. Lon. Hill of Brownsville, Texas, one of the most prominent builders and developers of our State. He has spent a life time in promoting and building Railroads and Canal Systems and reclaiming arid lands. Mr. Hill a man of superb business ability, a great organizer and with means to carry out large undertakings.

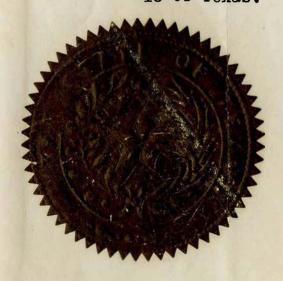
Mr. Hill was present and because of his knowledge of Mexican affairs and his deep interest and friendship for the present Mexican Government rendered me valuable aid in securing the passage of my resolution in regards to Mexico, of which I'm sure you are cognizant.

Yours truly.

Sedesor District 13.

I, C.D. Mims, Secretary of State for the State of Texas, hereby certify that J. Istrickland is now the duly elected and qualified State Senator from District 13 of Texas.

Secy. of State.





General Land Office State of Texas Austin

J. T. ROBISON, COMMISSIONER
J. H. WALKER, CHIEF CLERK

Sept. 29, 1920.

General Alvaro Obregon, Mexico City, Mexico.

Dear Sir:

This will be presented to you by Colonel Lon C. Hill of Brownsville, Texas. May I invoke your gracious indulgence while I inform you that I have known Colonel Hill about 25 years, and assure you that he is a most influential citizen of our Country and I personally assure you that his intimate association with the good people of your great Republic has bound him and them with ties of friendship.

Colonel Hill is a gentleman experienced in large affairs like building railroads, irrigation systems, developing agricultural areas and financing important enterprises successfully. He is in a position to enter into large affairs and control the necessary money to develop them into important enterprises.

No one bears a better reputation for honesty and fair dealing. He is well and favorably known at our National Capitol, Washington, as well as to our own people. He has never been charged with bad dealings of any kind. I bespeak for him your most benign consideration.

Believe me, my most distinguished Sir, as being sincere and possessing sentiments of the most profound consideration.

Yours very truly,

Commissioner General Land Office of Texas
U. S. A.

Attest

COMMISSIONERS,
ALLISON MAYFIELD
CHAIRMAN.
EARLE B.MAYFIELD
CLARENCE E.GILMORE
E.R.McLEAN.SECRETARY.

Railrand Commission of Texas

Austin.

September 30, 1920.

General Alvaro Obregon, Mexico City, Mexico.

General: -

I take pleasure in presenting the bearer, the Honorable Lon A. Hill of Brownsville, Texas, who visits your wonderful country in a business and social way.

He is one of our foremost citizens and has had extensive experience in handling large business affairs. He is a most estimable gentleman and I commend him to your favorable consideration.

Very respectfully,

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Chairman, Railroad Commission of Texas.

ATTEST:

Secretary

The Supreme Court of Texas Austin

October 1, 1920.

General Alvaro Obregon,

Mexico City, Mexico.

My dear Sir:

This letter may be presented to you by Mr. Lon C. Hill, of this State, who advises me of his purpose to call upon you while on a visit to your Country.

Mr. Hill is a prominent citizen of this State, enjoying the high rank of the true man whose dealings with his fellows have won general confidence and admiration. He has been my warm friend for many years, and I have for him the highest esteem. He is a valuable man in Texas, and I am sure you will feel honored by his friendship.

Any courtesies extended him will be, you may be assured, worthily bestowed.

Very sincerely yours,

MP (R)

Chief Justice.

ATTEST:

epary Clerk Supreme Court of Texas.

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Thirty-sixth Legislature—Fourth Called Session.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1920

PROCEEDINGS

THIRD DAY.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas. Thursday, September 23, 1920.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Gibson. Alderdice. Hall. Bailey. Hertzberg. Buchanan of Bell. McNealus. Buchanan of Scurry, Rector. Smith. Cousins. Strickland. Dayton. Williford. Dean. Witt. Dorough. Dudley. Woods.

Faust.
Absent.

Caldwell.

Page.

Absent-Excused.

Carlock. Parr.
Davidson. Suiter.
Floyd. Westbrook.
Hopkins.

Prayer by Rev. C. S. Wright, of Austin.

Pending the reading of the Journal of vesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Faust.

Senators Excused.

Senators Davidson, Hopkins, and Suiter were excused indefinitely on account of important business.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

Recess.

The Senate at 10:20 a.m., on the motion of Senator Woods, recessed until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.

The Senate was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. pursuant to recess.

Senator Clark Excused.

Senator Clark was excused for today and until next Tuesday.

Simple Resolution No. 5.

Senator McNealus received unanimous consent to send up the following simple resolution:

Whereas, on this day, September 23, 1920, the bodies of two American soldiers from Travis County, namely, First Lieutenant Emanuel Melaskey and Private Frank Carrion, who made the supreme sacrifice on foreign battlefields in defense of their country and its flag, have been consigned to their last resting places with the military funeral honors of the American Army; and

Whereas, these honored dead were each cited for bravery in action; and

Whereas, many other soldiers from Texas who responded to their country's call made the same supreme sacrifice; therefore, be it

Resolved, That when the Senate of Texas adjourns today it be in honor to the memory of Emanuel Melaskey, Frank Carrion and other soldiers powers with Germany.

CALDWELL WITT. McNEALUS.

The resolution was read and adopted.

On the motion of Senator Witt, a for the memorial resolution.

Pages and Porters.

The Lieutenant Governor nounced the appointment of the following pages and porters:

Pages: Joe Erwin, Edwin Gray, Oliver Hyslop, Marvin Turner, Cecil Cabiness, Hugh Jewett.

Porters: Jack Blocker, Jim Banks, Claud Graham, Willie Green, Tom Clark.

Wages of Porters.

On the motion of Senator McNealus in absence of Senator Page, the wages of the porters were increased one dollar per day.

Message from the Governor,

Miss Houghton, a messenger from the Governor presented herself at the bar of the Senate with the following executive message:

Governor's Office, Austin, Texas, September 23, 1920. To the Thirty-sixth Legislature in Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: The Attorney General of the State, whose duty it is to enforce the anti-trust laws and protect reference to certain facts connected the citizenship against monopolies with the price of cotton seed at this and monopolistic combinations, has time, and the depreciation in the submitted for my consideration facts price paid to the farmers last year, I and figures and conditions that exist desire to say that the prevailing price relating to the present market situa- at this time last year paid by the mills tion of cotton seed, and the products for cotton seed ranged from \$70.00 therefrom in the State of Texas. to \$85.00 per ton, as compared with From an examination of the figures the price of \$20.00 to \$26.00 paid at submitted by him, I was impressed by this time, showing a depreciation in the fact that an extraordinary condition existed at this time, and one cent. which should challenge the attention of the Legislature.

Marketing and Warehouse Depart- it is quoted today for 13 % cents per ment of the State, asking for informa- pound.

from Texas who gave up their lives tion relating to the causes for the in the recent war between the United present low price of cotton seed. I States and Germany and the allied received from that department information which confirmed fully the report made by the Attorney General, and the matter is of such vast importance to the welfare of the State of Texas, that I respectfully direct your attention to the subject of passing legislation which will have the page in the Journal was set aside effect of preventing the control of the cotton seed mills of the State by the packing industry, and likewise, legislation which will prevent the ownership and control of the gins of this State by the oil mills and the packing industries.

For your information. I transmit to you herewith the letter directed to me by the Marketing and Warehouse Department, signed by Honorable D. A. Gregg, and the facts and figures compiled by the Attorney General's Department are available in that department for the inspection of your members.

The Attorney General's Department is now preparing two bills, the effect of which will make impossible the illegal combinations now existing. When completed, these bills will be at the disposal of your honorable body.

I trust you will carefully consider these bills in connection with the evils complained of, and after adding to them such amendments or suggestions as your wisdom may dictate. I trust you will enact them into law.

Respectfully submitted, W. P. HOBBY, Governor.

Markets and Warehouse Department. Austin, Texas, September 13, 1920. Personal.

Austin. Texas.

Dear Governor: Complying with your request of this morning, with

The price of oil last year, at this date, for prime crude, ranged from I, at once, directed a letter to the 23 cents to 26 cents per pound, while cotton seed meal is priced at \$52.00 called trust. F. O. B. mills.

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I do not believe there is any question but what the profits are entirely too large, as calculated at this time. in the cotton seed oil business. There from each ton of seed. The remainder is waste.

270 lbs. of oil at 13 1-2 cents
per pound\$36.45
960 lbs. of meal at \$52.00 per
ton 32.40
600 lbs. of hulls at \$6.00 per
ton 1.80
70 lbs. of linters at 1 cent per
pound
Total \$71.35

This is the gross amount received on today's market for the products of a ton of seed, for which they are paying \$22.00 to \$26.00. Deduct from the \$71.35 the following:

\$22.00 per ton for working cost 3.00 per ton for profit

\$46.35 per ton, that the farmer is entitled to an today's market for his cotton seed, yet he is only receiving on the Austin market \$24.00 to \$26.00 per ton, and I understand that this price is uniform throughout the State.

The cotton seed oil industry is rapthe State of Mississippi there were formerly seventy-six mills owned in-

The price of cotton seed meal last they find no outlet whatever for their year ranged from \$57.00 to \$62.00 products. The result is that they are per ton, at that time, while this year forced under the domination of the so-

The Trust is not satisfied with the complete domination of the oil mills, but in order to fasten its hold more firmly on the industry they are engaging in the ginning business. A is in every ton of seed 270 lbs. of large percentage of the gins of the oil; 950 lbs. of meal, 600 lbs. of hulls State, if not a great majority of the and 70 lbs. of linters. This makes a entire forty-five hundred, are now total of 1890 lbs. of products received owned and operated by the oil mills, and most of the gins so owned and operated are operated by the trust. Perhaps it is not amiss to call your attention to the fact that there is one organization in Texas that owns and operates sixty-two of the largest ginning plants that there are in the State. under one name, to-wit, The Planters Gin Company. The address of the Planters Gin Company is P. O. Box 98, N. Ft. Worth. I am informed that this is Swift and Company. How many more gins they own under different names I am unable to say.

> The West Texas Gin Company. which I understand is another packer organization, owns and operates eighteen gins in one locality. The Western Gin Company, another organization, owns eleven gins in another locality. Another organization situated in Dallas, that I understand is connected with the Trust, owns and operates twenty-seven gins in the immediate vicinity of Dallas.

I might go on ad infinitum and name numerous ginning organizations, but do not deem it necessary in this instance. That there is need of immedidly drifting into the hands of the late legislation to relieve the condipacking industry, known among the in- tions now existing is beyond question. dependent millers as The Trust. In Permit me to suggest that the State Ginners Law should be so amended as to require each and every ginner, in dependently by the citizens of the vari- making his application for a permit to ous communities in which the mills do business, execute an anti-trust afwere situated. These mills were starved fidavit, which affidavit should be drawn out and forced into bankruptcy until by the Attorney General, under the today of the seventy-six mills only provisions of the Anti-trust law. The seventeen remain. These are all owned cotton oil mills of Texas should be or controlled by the Trust. What is required to take out an annual permit true of Mississippi is likewise true of to do business in Texas on or before Alabama, Georgia, North and South July 1st of each and every year, and Carlina and is largely true of Louisi- execute an anti-trust affidavit preana. Texas is coming under the ban scribed by the Attorney General. In of this gigantic combination of capital. addition to the anti-trust affidavit, The independent millers today in they should be required to file a Texas are as dependent as a child sworn list of all stockholders of recupon its parents. .Should an independ- ord; this list to be entirely privileged, ent mill engage in business and pursue and subject only to the inspection of tactics not approved of by the trust, the Attorney General of Texas and

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such officer as has the licensing of cotton oil mills, and the enforcement invite President De La Huerta and of the law.

This seems to be the only remedy occurring to my mind at this time that will immediately relieve the independent millers of Texas from threatened ter acquainted in a personal and destruction at the hands of the trust, commercial way. Be it further which is dominated by the packing industry. I shall be only too glad to Federal Government of the United confer with you further, at your States the advisability of recognizpleasure, with reference to this mat-

Assuring you of my profound regard, I am. Yours very truly, (Signed) D. A. GREGG.

Chief Clcrk.

Assistant Enrolling Clerk Elected.

On the motion of Senator Smith. Mrs. J. T. Batson was elected Assistant Enrolling Clerk.

oath of office by Lieutenant Governor Johnson.

Bills Signed.

After their captions had been read, the Chair signed in the presence of the Senate the following bills:

H. B. No. 1, H. B. No. 2.

Simple Resolution No. 6.

Senator Strickland received unanimous consent to send up the following resolution:

Whereas. The commercial clubs of San Antonio and other Texas cities have passed resolutions requesting our Federal Government to recognize the Provisional Government of Mexica

Whereas, Conditions are now better in Mexico than at any time since the rule of President Diaz, and the lives and property rights of foreigners are being protected.

Whereas, The business men of Mexico have accepted the invitation to place an exhibit at the State Fair at Dallas, and we are informed that no expense is being spared in order to show the great resources of our sister Republic; and

Whereas, The Dallas News of September 23rd reports that Mexico's two most distinguished citizens and statesmen will visit the Dallas Fair, on or about October the 8th; therefore, be it

Resolved That the Senate of Texas General Obregon, members of their Cabinet, and the Governors of the various Mexican states to visit the Dallas Fair so that we may get bet-

Resolved, That we suggest to the ing the present Mexican Government and that the trade relations between the two countries be fostered.

> STRICKLAND. DUDLEY. McNEALUS. HERTZBERG.

The resolution was read. Senator Witt sent up the following amendment to the resolution:

Amend Resolution No. v by adding after the words of "invitation to Dal-Mrs. Batson was administered the las Fair" the words "and Texas Cotton Palace at Waco."

WITT SMITH.

The amendment was read and adopted.

On the motion of Senator Dean, the resolution as amended was sent to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Adjournment.

On the motion of Senator Dean, the Senate at 2:55 p. m. stood adjourned until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

APPENDIX

Petitions.

Senator McNealus sent up several petitions opposing the proposed shipping legislation which were referred to the Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

Committee Report.

Senate Chamber. Austin, Texas, Sept. 22, 1920. Hon, W. A. Johnson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence to which was referred Senate Bill No. 9, A Bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing cities of One

Hundred Thousand population, or Pilots, prohibiting any member of such more, situated along or upon navigable streams in the State of Texas and owning and operating municipal ness, or in any pilot boat, or in any wharves, docks or warehouses, for the other business directly or indirectly development of commerce, to appoint affected by, or connected with his dut-Pilot Boards for their respective cities as such Commissioner of Pilots. ies, and granting such cities exclusive granting such cities the right, power jurisdiction over the pilotage of boats and authority to fix rates of pilotage between the Gulf of Mexico and their respective ports; prescribing the qualifications of such Pilot Boards; grant- tions within the limits of their reing such City Councils or Boards of spective ports, and declaring an emer-Commissioners the right, power and gency; has had said bill under conauthority to retain in office, or remove sideration, and I am directed by said any Branch or Deputy Pilots in office committee to report same back to the at the time this Act takes effect, and Senate with the recommendation that to appoint, suspend or remove from of- it do pass. fice any and all Branch or Deputy

Pilot Boards from being directly or indirectly interested in the towing busiand all needful regulations thereof compatible with the Federal regula-

DEAN, Chairman.

En Mexico, D. F.

Nov. 9 de 1920.

Al Oficial Jefe de la Guardia del Castillo de Chapultepec.

Estimaré a usted se sirva recibir al portador, señor Lon Hill y acompañarlo personalmente hasta la Oficina que tengo establecida en mi esa.

Agradeceré a usted se sirva prestar atención debida al señor Hill y quedo de usted atentamente.