

NINE PERSONS SLAIN BY TORNADO

By FRANK JENKINS
"THE main body of the Mexican revolution was smashed in one of the bloodiest battles in revolutionary history when a pursuing federal army caught up with the insurgent troop trains at La Reforma, state of Chihuahua." Thus reads a dispatch of yesterday.

Mexican war news is notably unreliable, but we shall all hope that this dispatch tells the truth. The more quickly the current Mexican revolution is crushed, the more quickly Mexico will return to stability.

The sooner Mexico returns to stability, the sooner she will furnish a market for American products—including lumber from the Pacific Coast. War is a great disturber of business.

THERE have been revolutions and revolutions. Some of them have provided outstanding landmarks in human history. One of these was the revolution of the American colonies. Another was the French revolution.

There is nothing to indicate that the latest Mexican revolution has any of the elements of a real struggle for greater human freedom. It is apparently nothing more than a demonstration on the part of the out against the in, coupled with a certain measure of craving for excitement and loot.

Mexico has had too much excitement and far too much looting. What she needs, most of all, is a reasonable measure of peace and security.

ONE learns from a bulletin just issued by the department of the interior that the Alaska railroad, which is owned by the government, is planning a specially conducted tour for government employees this coming fall.

The Bulletin adds that "much will be done on this trip to show interesting sections of western United States to the excursionists. An entire day, for example, will be given to the Columbia river gorge region in the state of Washington."

It is just possible, of course, that these government junketers will spend their entire day in the Columbia river gorge on the Washington side. But this writer doubts it.

There is a beautiful paved highway along the Columbia on the Oregon side, one of the most magnificent in the United States, whereas the Washington side is traversed by a plain gravel road. Government employees are just as fond of pavement as anyone else.

What has happened, of course, is that the department of the interior, which of all the government departments ought to be most familiar with the geography of the West, has assumed that the Columbia river gorge is all in Washington.

So bring on your junkets. If we can have enough of them, perhaps we can convince the people of the East, including government employees, that there is such a place as Oregon and that it has some of the most marvelous scenery in the world.

THOMAS J. Pillion went to a Chicago movie the other day. It was a sad movie—duly advertised as such. But Mr. Pillion laughed. Perhaps he reasoned that in Chicago no mere movie, which merely simulates death, could be sad, in contrast with all the genuine and bloody death in Chicago.

But Mr. Pillion's laughter jarred upon the theatre manager, and the bouncer was instructed to throw the laughter out. Whereupon Mr. Pillion sued for damages and in the course of time a jury awarded him \$300 in settlement of his claim.

So if you want to laugh at a sad movie, go ahead and laugh. You will have the precedent of court decisions back of you.

THE biological survey of the department of agriculture reports that beavers captured in northern Wisconsin and liberated in Minnesota are apparently doing well and multiplying in numbers.

Of course they are. Beavers formerly ranged this entire region, and thrived and multiplied. But for the coming of the fur hunters and the later coming of the settlers, they would still be thriving and multiplying.

They disappeared because they

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Burning Hotel Claims Five Lives

CORPSES OF MORE MAY BE IN WRECKAGE

Des Moines Hostelry Loss Near \$250,000.

Twelve of Injured Treated at Hospitals—Firemen Rescue Many.

STRUCTURE VERY OLD

Group of Men and Women Holding Party in One of the Rooms Not Accounted For.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DES MOINES, Iowa, April 6.—At least five persons are dead and scores are suffering from injuries, burns and cuts received in a fire which broke out at the Kirkwood hotel, shortly after 3 o'clock this morning.

Fire Chief Burnett, after inspecting the wreckage, expressed the belief that several additional bodies might be found. He said a group of men and women had been reported holding a party in one of the rooms, and had not been found since. Firemen were almost unanimous in believing that more victims were buried in the debris.

The dead:
Mrs. Red Watson,
"Red" Jarrup,
W. F. Raider.
Two unidentified persons.

Twelve persons were taken to hospitals and many others injured and burned were given first aid treatment. Between 125 and 150 persons were in the building when the fire broke out.

Two policemen, attracted by the screaming of women, and a negro porter noticed the fire about the same time and turned in alarms. All fire companies in the city responded to the call, and all available ambulances were called to take the injured to hospitals.

Four men jumped from the fifth (top) floor to the top of the court which served as the roof of the first floor. Three of them are believed dead. Police and hotel employees were busy this morning checking up the guests to see if any remained in the burning building.

The building, which is a total

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REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN, LOUISIANA, CLAIMED BY DEATH

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—Representative Whitnell P. Martin, democrat of Louisiana, died here today at Garfield hospital.

Mr. Martin underwent an operation late yesterday. About to begin his eighth term in the house, the representative was a member of the ways and means committee and had played a leading part in tariff revision deliberations. He was particularly active in consideration of the tariff levy on sugar, one of the principal products of his home state. His home was at Thibodaux, near New Orleans. He was 62.

OPEN SEASON ON SUNDAY, PLEA OF STATE ANGLERS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 6.—Petitions asking that the fishing season opening date be changed from April 15 to April 14 to allow workers a chance to take advantage of Sunday were in the hands of the state game commission today.

Action, however, is unlikely because the fish commission cannot change the date. Owing to the fact that nearby Washington streams open April 14, it is thought likely Oregon will lose a few dollars in licenses as anglers go north for the opening.

Bill Defeated Because Lady Senator Eats

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
ST. PAUL, April 6.—Sixty-five men members of the state senate fretted and fumed and went without lunch late yesterday while proceedings were tied up for an hour, all because its only woman member went downtown to eat.

The upper house had been considering a bill to open private duck preserves to the public and the vote was 33 to 32 in favor of passage with one absentee, Mrs. Laura E. Naplin of Thief River Falls. One more vote was needed to assure passage with the necessary majority of the membership and the chair ruled that the roll call could not be terminated until Senator Naplin had voted.

Sergeant at arms were sent out to look for the missing senator and she was located at a restaurant. "Do I have to vote?" she asked of the chair.

"Yes? Well, then I vote no, because I don't know what the bill is about."

And so, with a tie vote of 33 to 33 the bill was defeated.

TWO PLANES ARE FORCED DOWN BY POOR WEATHER

Snow Storms North and South of Roseburg Require Landings—Trips Are Continued.

Inclement weather forced down two planes in Douglas county late yesterday afternoon. The southbound West Coast plane, with six passengers, was landed on the emergency airport south of town late yesterday afternoon after being hemmed in by snow storms. About the same time the Associated Oil monoplane "Motormates," carrying Louise McPhetridge Thaden, holder of the world's record altitude and endurance flights for women, and prospective trans-Pacific flier from Seattle to Tokyo, was forced down on the Glendale emergency field after battling with a storm between Glendale and Medford.

The West Coast plane, flying south, came over Roseburg about 4 o'clock and went as far south as Canyonville and there ran into a heavy snowstorm, which halted further progress in that direction. Jack Parrish, the pilot, turned the plane back, intending to make Eugene, but ran into another snow storm at Cottage Grove and had to return to Roseburg. After looking over the two airports, the unimproved field north of town and the emergency field south of the city, he decided to make his landing at the latter place and experienced no trouble in landing.

The passengers, who were S. H. Schenk, Portland; Miss Katherine McNary, Pendleton; Ralph Clapp, New York City; Lee Young, Vancouver, B. C.; W. B. Crawford, Van Nuys, California, and C. B. Cook, Seattle, remained in the city over night, stopping at the Rose hotel.

Kenneth Householder, a Roseburg boy, who is serving as mechanic and relief pilot for the West Coast company, was with the plane and was able to enjoy a visit at home over night.

Following the receipt of favorable weather conditions this morning, the plane took off at 9 a. m., and continued on the way to San Francisco.

The Associated Oil company plane was forced down at Glendale on the way from Portland to Oakland. Mrs. Thaden has been on a trip to Seattle, and is now returning to California to make plans for her proposed trans-Pacific flight. She is the guest of the Associated Oil company on her coast tour.

She was accompanied by Emory Bronte, noted flier and aviation executive for the oil company; George Dixon, pilot; and D. D. Burr, special representative of the oil firm.

They ran into a heavy storm over Sexton mountain, and after trying for considerable time to get through the pass, were forced to return to Glendale, where they made an easy landing on the government emergency field. They succeeded in taking off at 9:45 o'clock this morning.

STATE ORATORY CONTESTANTS COMPETE HERE

District Elimination Meet at Senior High School Auditorium Tuesday, April 9.

Winner Will Be Matched for Higher Honors at Portland—S. American Tour Offered.

Finals for district No. 8, embracing Douglas, Coos, Jackson, Josephine and Curry counties, of the national oratorical contest, will be held at the senior high school auditorium at 8 p. m. Tuesday, April 9. This contest, which is nation wide, is attracting a great deal of attention in this state, having the backing of the state department of public instruction, the University of Oregon extension bureau, the Oregon Bar association, the Sons of the American Revolution, The Morning Oregonian and local newspapers throughout the state.

The National Oratorical Contest has now been held each year for the past six years, and the international contest is four years old. The state of Oregon has been divided into eight districts, and eight orators are selected from each district. An elimination contest is then held in each of the districts, and these eight winners will go to Portland to select a state winner. The state winner goes to the West Coast finals where a contestant will be selected for the national match at Washington, D. C. There are seven zones in the United States, Oregon being in the West Coast zone, and these seven winners will be offered a three-months tour of South America with all expenses paid. The tour will cover 12,000 miles.

Selected by Manuscripts
The eight representatives from each district are chosen on manuscripts, which are judged by experts at the University of Oregon. All themes must be upon some phase of the United States Constitution.

For the Roseburg district the contestants have been selected

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PEARY'S NEGRO AIDE IN DASH TO POLE IS HONORED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, April 6.—Matthew A. Henson, who as Commander Peary's negro aide saw the stars and stripes over the pole, north pole 29 years ago today, will receive his first formal recognition for his part in the exploit tonight.

The Bronx Chamber of Commerce has had a silver cup inscribed with a tribute to Henson's service which will be presented to him.

Henson, who never received a congressional award for his part in the dash to the pole, is a clerk in the custom house. He lives with his wife in the Bronx where many of his neighbors are unaware that he and four Eskimos were the only companions of Peary at the pole.

He said two of the Eskimos died on the trip and he heard later of the death of the other two. The death of Commander Peary left Henson the only surviving member of the party. He is 62 years old.

MISSING RANCHER FOUND MURDERED

NELSON, B. C., April 6.—The body of Thomas Midgley, pioneer Kootenai Flat rancher, who disappeared mysteriously Wednesday, was found sunk in 30 feet of water near his home, provincial officers reported today.

He had apparently been murdered in his bed and the body carried from his home and sunk, officers said. His chest was pierced with a bullet and the body weighted down with a bucket of sand.

PERSHING TO BE AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE, REPORT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—The possibility that General John J. Pershing may become the next ambassador to France has been injected into the unofficial speculation which always thrives in Washington when an appointment of such importance is pending.

His name has been added mysteriously to the list of distinguished public men already mentioned for the post, which includes such figures as Frank B. Kellogg, until recently secretary of state; Dwight P. Davis, former secretary of war, and Henry P. Fletcher, ambassador at Rome.

The point emphasized in the discussion of General Pershing is that, as a World War hero of both America and France, he occupies a position in the affections of the two peoples similar to that of the late Ambassador Myron T. Herrick.

Furthermore, it is reasoned, if former Vice President Taft were to accept the ambassadorship to Great Britain, selection of another important World War figure to go to France would provide the kind of balance for the two appointments which the administration is supposed to desire.

LEGISLATURE OF LOUISIANA VOTES TO TRY GOVERNOR

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
BATON ROUGE, La., April 6.—The house of representatives of the Louisiana legislature voted today to send Huey P. Long, governor, to trial before the state senate.

The vote was 58 to 40. The impeachment was voted on a resolution by George K. Perreault, St. Landry, charging the governor with attempting to intimidate Charles P. Manship, publisher of the State Times and Morning Advocate of Baton Rouge, by threatening to publish the intimacies of his brother, Douglas Manship, an inmate in the state insane asylum.

Representative Hamiter moved the appointment of managers from the house to conduct the impeachment trial before the senate.

The vote was taken in a tense atmosphere with members shouting and disputing the recording of the voting machines. Some of the members changed their votes and the clerk refused to announce the vote until he had polled the house.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. McKellar and two sons leave today by auto for Portland. Mr. McKellar will return here Sunday and his family will remain in that city for a fortnight.

BULLETS WHIZ ACROSS MAIN STREET OF NACO, ARIZONA, AS FACTIONS IN MEXICO STRUGGLE FOR BORDER CITY

American Patrolmen Forced to Seek Shelter as Furious Engagement Is Carried on Across Line, With Tanks, Bombing Planes and Cavalry Conspicuously in Action; Outnumbered Federals Hold Ground.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NACO, Ariz., April 6.—Hot combat for possession of Naco, Sonora, was being waged in a wide semi-circle around the federal trenches today. Bullets sizzled and ricocheted across the main street of Naco, Ariz., as firing from both flanks became intense.

Shortly concerted firing opened, a long column of rebel troops with a red rebel flag in the lead marched down an open road from General Panato Topete's troops train.

The troops were deployed right and left and moved rapidly behind the advancing cavalry. As soon as the federal outposts had been driven back, the infantry and tank advanced because general, to the accompaniment of vicious rifle and machine gun fire from both sides.

Rebel tanks waddled and dodged about the mosquito grown plain, spitting machine gun bullets from their armored sides. Rebel cavalry closed in and drove federal outposts back to the main trenches.

MEXICANS FIRE ON U. S. PATROL; SOLDIER SHOT

Incident Attends Seizure of Bombs Near Border and Arouses Anger at Washington.

Explosion During Warfare Shakes Twin Cities of Naco—S. P. Trains Are Attacked.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, April 6.—War and state department officials were incensed today over reports of the shooting of an American cavalryman, and the firing on American troops by Mexicans from across the international border early today.

Energetic measures to curb the activities of the rebel forces which endanger the lives and property of Americans on the United States side of the line are expected to be promptly taken by the military authorities in charge of the situation in Arizona.

Secretaries Stimson and Good have decided that the time has come to put a stop to the indiscriminate endangering of Americans and instructions have been sent to Major General Lanier at San Antonio to take steps at once to impress the rebel leaders in Sonora that the United States will not tolerate recurrence of the incident.

Mexicans Fire First
NACO, Ariz., April 6.—Mexicans this morning fired upon United States troops patrolling the border and the Americans returned the fire.

Border patrolmen of troop E, tenth U. S. cavalry, reported to Major Hazeltine, in command of American soldiers stationed here, that early this morning they discovered 15 sacks each filled with five bombs between the Southern Pacific railroad tracks and the international line. Near the tunnel of the railroad, eight miles east of Naco, they reported that as they approached the cache of explosives a patrol of Mexicans approached from the Mexican side and that the Mexicans opened fire.

The American soldiers said that they then returned the fire and that the Mexicans fled.

A private in the American pa-

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Bagshaw May Take 3 Years' Pay And Quit

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SEATTLE, April 6.—Enoch Bagshaw, storm center of prolonged dissension between athletes and student leaders at the University of Washington, was today considering an invitation to resign as head football coach and receive in return the \$24,000 due him under the remaining three years of his contract.

He was urged to leave his post by the student board of control last night after its second attempt to remove him had been declared illegal by a special committee of deans acting in behalf of President Lyle Spencer.

Three months ago when the first attempt was made Bagshaw declined a similar offer, although it was not officially made.

Last night, with Bagshaw present, the student leaders passed a resolution and presented it to him urging him to resign as "a loyal alumnus of the university."

His continuance, the resolution said, "will cause dissension among the students and attempt will create a feeling of instability which cannot but be a weakening influence upon the spirit of those who turn out for football, will tend to cause controversies which will embarrass the administration of the university, will cause unfavorable comment upon the part of the general public and will invite criticism of himself for insisting on remaining in a position where his services are no longer desired."

Bagshaw, who was once a star halfback under Gil Dobie, has coached Husky teams for eight years.

GEDDES RESIGNS AS SCHOOL CLERK; WIFE APPOINTED

At a special meeting of the district school board last night, A. J. Geddes, school clerk and city recorder, tendered his resignation and the board appointed Mrs. Geddes to fill out his unexpired term.

Mr. Geddes' resignation was caused by the opinion of the attorney general that he could not hold two lucrative official positions, the opinion declaring that both offices could be claimed as lucrative and that, therefore, Mr. Geddes could not legally hold both positions.

While attorneys disagreed over the opinion Mr. Geddes decided to resign from the school board rather than cause any controversy, and as he is familiar with the books and has the records at hand the board decided to appoint Mrs. Geddes officially to the office, to fill the unexpired term. Mr. Geddes can help her with the work until she becomes acquainted with it, thereby saving the necessity of breaking in a new clerk for a short period of time.

The regular school election will be held in June at which time two new directors will be elected and the board reorganized, affording an opportunity to appoint a new clerk if the board desires.

FLOWER AND SHRUB SALE IS SUCCESS

The flower and shrub show held at the Chamber of Commerce office today was a decided success, there being an abundance of plant and shrub sales, roots and bulbs on hand for sale, and a great many purchasers present during the day, so that the event was successful from every standpoint, and will doubtless be an important factor in city beautification. A wonderful showing of spring flowers was held in connection. The show and sale were sponsored by the Roseburg Garden Club.

GASOLINE PRICE IN PORTLAND NOW AT 20-CENT LEVEL

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6.—While some filling stations still flaunted 17 and 18 cents a gallon signs, the ruling price of gasoline in Portland today was 20 cents a gallon, the price established Thursday night by the retail gasoline dealers protection association.

The price is a 3-cent reduction from the quotation which has prevailed here since the end of the gas war two weeks ago.

A. V. Vashura, legal representative of the association, said last night that although most of the stations were selling at a loss, the 20-cent price probably would be maintained.

MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN, IOWA TORN

Scores In Hospitals; Some May Not Live.

Property Damage Will Run Into Thousands; North Minneapolis Hit.

FARM AREAS SUFFER

Homes Are Wrecked, Trees Uprooted—Huge Hail Stones Take Toll of Windows.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MINNEAPOLIS, April 6.—Spring storms of tornado violence whipped through parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa late yesterday, killing nine persons. Three others were missing early today and were believed dead. More than 100 men, women and children were in hospitals, and some of them were so severely hurt that they may not live.

The property damage can hardly be accurately estimated, so wide was the storm's path and so incomplete were reports from the several storm centers; but it was certain to run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In North Minneapolis alone the damage was fixed at \$100,000, while the storm's wake in country sections was strewn with wrecked farm buildings.

The most destructive of the storms formed over Lake Minnesota, a summer resort near Minneapolis. It struck with increasing velocity on the north side of the city, wrecking many homes, damaging communication lines and uprooting trees. It tore its way through two Minnesota counties and three in Wisconsin before it blew itself out. In this city where the population is heaviest only one man, Andrew Hanson, was killed. George Lundgren was killed at Forest Lake when his house

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COLORADO, UTAH TRAFFIC IS HALTED BY RAIN AND SNOW

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DENVER, Colo., April 6.—Travel by rail, automobile and air has been virtually paralyzed in parts of Colorado and Utah, as a result of heavy rain in Colorado and six inches of snow in Utah.

The snow, combined with a 20-mile an hour wind, kept airplanes in their hangars at the Salt Lake airport yesterday and Milford, Utah, was blanketed under six inches of snow.

Landslides, snowslides and a n d floods followed a two-day rain in the San Juan basin in Colorado. Railroad bridges, tracks, and automobile roads in the district were washed out by the floods, and roads and tracks were covered by the snow and landslides. Two bridges and 350 feet of track on the Denver and Rio Grande Western, Alamosa to Durango branch line were washed away near Arboles.

The flood waters were receding early today throughout the district.

THREE GUILTY OF MINE SWINDLE, JURY AT PORTLAND SAYS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., April 6.—A federal jury today returned a verdict of guilty in the case of H. P. Collins, Phoenix, Ariz.; E. H. Anderson, Vancouver, Wash.; A. E. Downing and W. C. Gunther, Portland, charged with using the mails to defraud in connection with the promotion of the Portland Silver Lead association, Las Cruces, N. M.

Collins and Downing were sentenced to 12 months at McNeil island and fined \$500 each. Anderson and Gunther were given six months in the county jail and fined \$500 each. Thousands of dollars of stock was sold in Washington, Idaho, California and Oregon.