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COMMERCIAL MEN HOPE TO OUST HUERTA

HIS REMOVAL BY JANUARY 1,
IS THE ONLY SALVATION
FOR MEXICO.

REQUEST IS FIRM-ROOTED

Renewal of Attack on Tampico Is Expected Momentarily—Rebels Said to Have Much Improved Force Behind Them and Federals Would Be Unable to Fight Back Long.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 22.—Only Huerta's elimination by the first of the year will save Mexico's complete financial ruin. Business men, it is learned on good authority, and commercial leaders have joined the leading merchants of Mexico City in a plan to ask the dictator to resign. The ground on which they will request this, it is said, is the coming disruption of all of the banks of the republic.

Nearly Indications Bright.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Early indications were that the currency bill will pass the house and be signed by the president before night. The house is not expected to oppose the joint conference committee and the compromise measures.

The bill has been given the right of way in both houses. Adjournment will follow as soon as the president signs the bill. Some opposition is expected in the senate to the agreement of the conferees to strike from the bill some of the provisions for insurance and guarantee of deposits in national banks. Republican members of the conference committee were called in to attend the meeting of the joint meeting for the purpose of discussing the bill. They claimed that it was the first time they had been asked to participate in the deliberation since the joint committee was named and were consequently very bitter.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—Renewed rebel attack on Tampico is imminent according to private advices. The rebels are said to be stronger of force than before, and have ammunition and supplies replenished. Considerable artillery is at their command. It is said the federals could not hold out against the rebels for any material length of time.

CARTER GIVEN BASCHE'S TOGA

GOVERNOR APPOINTS A SUCCESSOR TO BAKER JUDGE.

Prominent Democrat Chosen From Among Ten Applicants for Job.

Salem, Dec. 22.—The governor today appointed R. D. Carter to fill the unexpired term of the late County Judge Basche, who died recently after a brief illness.

There were ten men in the field for the position including four Republicans and six Democrats. Some of the men were not active for the job; others circulated petitions. Carter had many prominent Democrats working for him and secured the coveted plum.

The following were in the field for the position: Republicans, John Fraser, Dow Shepherdson, J. W. Ball, and D. W. Miles; Democrats, R. D. Carter, John Baird, John Travillion, and Price Anderson.

Mrs. Dunham Wright Of Medical Springs Dead

Union, Dec. 22.—(Special.)—Death yesterday afternoon called Mrs. Dunham Wright, wife of Hon. Dunham Wright, owner of the Medical Springs sanatorium and hotel, and pioneer of Union county. Since 1867 Mr. and Mrs. Wright have lived in Union county, amassing a considerable fortune and always prominent in the principal walks of life. Mrs. Wright was the wife of a state representative, a state senator and a joint state senator respectively, her husband having held these positions at various times. His first election to the legislature came when Baker and Union counties were in the joint territory. Mrs. Wright was 67 years of age at the time of her death. The funeral was held in Medical Springs this afternoon.

Mishy Duncan Wright was the daughter of Frederick W. Duncan, and is survived by her husband, one daughter, Grace Foye of Cove, a sister, Mrs. Dell Murphy of Cove, and three brothers, Press Duncan of Union, Dick of Medical Springs, and Winn of Montana.

She was married to Dunham Wright on July 4, 1867, and since that time had worked bravely and faithfully through early hardships of pioneer life, and of late years has been able to enjoy the well-earned goods and chattels that were in the Dunham Wright name. For many years she has been one of the best-known women of eastern Oregon.

MEXICAN BANKS FAIL.

Three Big Institutions Feel Sting of Huerta Regime.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—The prediction made last Saturday that the principal banks of the country were in hard straits and would be compelled to close their doors has come true. The Banco Central, the Bank of London and Mexico, and the Banco Nacional closed their doors. On all of these banks runs have been in progress for the last three days. It is the belief that the failure of these institutions means the failure of the Huerta regime. The money stringency in the city is almost unbelievable.

VACATION TOUR PLANNED.

President Wilson to Draft Anti-Trust Message While in South.

Washington, Dec. 22.—During his three weeks vacation in Mississippi, is the time President Wilson has selected to start on the anti-trust message to congress. Several executive officers who compiled the data on trust decisions, and several stenographers, will make the trip with the president. A private telegraph line will connect the president with the White House during his absence.

Business is panic-stricken and the country is facing financial ruin.

REPUBLICANS RETARD FINAL VOTE BY HOUSE

MINORITY OBJECTIONS MAY
HOLD BILL OVER UNTIL
TOMORROW.

REPORTS EXPECTED TODAY

House Rules May Be Suspended by Republicans in Hope to Overcome the Effort to Pass Bill Tonight by Filing Objections—Senate Committee Has Removed Minor Parts.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Prospects for action on the currency bill in the house are dark this afternoon. The Republican members of the senate will block the immediate action on the measure by objecting to suspension of the rules which require that conference reports must lie over a day before they are called up. Formal reports of the conference committee are expected to reach both houses late today.

Annual Sent Across Seas

VALLEY WILL DERIVE MUCH
EXPLOITATION.

Mailed To Many States

Annual Christmas Number Goes out to the World Carrying Data.

The annual Christmas number published last Saturday evening, is already on its way to the four corners of the world. Rev. Upton H. Gibbs mailed a bundle today for points in England, and other subscribers are sending the number across waters. "Back home" folks are getting the edition from friends here and city and valley will be well exploited when the local readers have sent their copies to friends and relatives in other states and other nations.

REPRIMAND ISSUED.

Wilson Formally Resents Skits and Take-Offs at Club Dinner.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The president has issued a memorial reprimanding those responsible for the program of songs and skits at the annual Carabao dinner, in which he considered his insular policy satirized and members of the cabinet ridiculed.

The society is composed of officers who served in the Philippines from the time of American occupation to the present time. Many of the songs have been sung at all of the annual functions of the society but none of the presidents have heretofore taken exception to the tenor of them or the goodnatured raillery poked at the cabinet members. It was feared the news of the incident would reach the Philippines and make the policy of turning the government to the Philippines doubly difficult.

RABBITS FOR POOR.

Sportsmen Bring Home Big Heap of Fleetfoots Yesterday.

Seventy-eight rabbits were brought home yesterday by Frank Bay, Claude Mackey, Walt and Nate Zweifel from the rabbit haunts of Haines. They went out principally for the sport there was in it and the rabbits will be given to the poor of the city.

The rabbits are unusually fat for this time of the year and will afford a dainty morsel for those who wish to take them home. Not more than five rabbits will be given to each family. These rabbits are now at the shop of Bay & Zweifel, plumbers on Depot street. They may be had for asking.

VACATION STARTS WEDNESDAY

From Wednesday at Noon Until January 5, Is Period.

La Grande schools close for the holidays Wednesday noon. School will take up again on January 5. Many of the teachers contemplate holiday trips to their homes and out of town students are to leave La Grande for that period.

City Superintendent John Girdler may spend a few days of his vacation in Portland, and other members of the faculty will hie them east and west, north and south as their particular homes may call.

TRAINS STUCK IN SNOW EAST OF SHORT LINE

WORST STORM OF THE YEAR
STRIKES LA GRANDE
WITH FURY.

LOCAL ROAD IS CLEAR

All Trains From the East Delayed—Blue Mountains Swept By Severe Wind Storm, But Mercury Stays at 25 and Higher During the Day—Moderate Again.

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◆ TODAY'S SCHEDULE OF ◆
◆ WEST-BOUND TRAINS. ◆
◆ Stub No. 17, arrive 4 P. M. ◆
◆ No. 9, due last night, 24 hours ◆
◆ late. ◆
◆ No. 5 due last night, arrive 8 ◆
◆ P. M. today. ◆
◆ Regular No. 17 today, due at ◆
◆ midnight. ◆
◆ No. 5 due tonight, two hours ◆
◆ late. ◆
◆ No. 9 due tonight, three hours ◆
◆ late. ◆
◆ All trains from Portland on ◆
◆ time. ◆
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La Grande, along with the county in general and much of the state as well, got its worst blizzard of the winter yesterday and last night. The storm was general sweeping from east to west, after blocking overland traffic east of Granger. Trains from the east are in the neighborhood of 24 hours late today.

Commencing yesterday morning, the storm raged with great fury over eastern Oregon. The mercury didn't get below 25 yesterday but the wind was blowing at gale pace and was exceedingly cold. Last evening was no better but during the night the wind moderated and today predictions for a protracted snowfall are in order.

O.W. Prepares Itself.

Precautionary measures to prevent delays on the O.W. were taken last evening. With only a light snowfall, but a terrific wind prevailing, the local officials feared drifts and sent locomotives over the hills equipped with snowplows. The rotary was not out, and, in fact, there was no need it developed, for the precaution taken. The wind went down shortly after midnight.

Trouble on the overland traffic lines lies east of Granger. Trains received at Granger yesterday and today come on westward without difficulty and the trouble is east of Granger.

Mountains Storm Swept.

One of the worst storms that Ed Propeck has had to "buck" coming down from the Beaver Creek intake, blew across Goodnough and the other ridges. Mr. Propeck came down to do his Christmas shopping and had plenty of difficulty getting through.

CHRISTMAS CLOSING RULE IS GENERALLY ADOPTED LOCALLY

Grocers and meat dealers are laying their plans to keep closed their places of business on Christmas Day so far as possible. The meat markets will probably be open for an hour or so, but there will be no deliveries that day. All the downtown grocery stores will be closed all day and no deliveries made. To offset this arrangement most of them will be open tomorrow and Wednesday evening for a short time—along with most of the dry goods stores.

GLACIER PARK INDIANS GIVE NOTED ACTRESS PAIR OF EXQUISITELY BEADED MOCCASINS



CHICAGO.—A band of Glacier National Park Indians sent to Chicago by Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railway to attend the land show, sprung a surprise on Mary Garden, the noted actress, by serenading her with their weird music and songs as she stepped from her private car. These Montana Indians from the Roof of the Rockies are great admirers of the distinguished stage star, who appears in the role of Natamah, an Indian maid, in the opera of that name. The real object of the Indians' reception to Mary Garden was the presentation by them of a pair of exquisitely beaded moccasins which the best beadworkers of the Glacier Park reservation made for her. More than 200,000 beads of twenty-five shades of color were used in decorating this buckskin footwear. It took ten squaws six months to complete their work. When the squaws had finished their labor the medicine men of the tribe went through the mystical rites of making "good medicine," so if the wearer of the artistically beaded moccasins does not find herself becoming more nimble as Natamah it is no fault of Chiefs Lazy Boy, Medicine Owl, Bird Rattle, Wolf Plume, Fish Wolf Robe and Eagle Calf. The actress was delighted with the gift as well as the unique reception tendered her by her red friends, whom she promised to visit in Glacier National Park next summer.