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## Huerta Barricades Capitol With Heavy Guns Expecting Rebel Attack Momentarily

Police Department Of Mexico City Is Ready To Aid  
Rebels When Invaders Strike Capital

Mexico City, Feb. 7.—A crisis seems near in this city. Two thousand soldiers surround the national palace inside of which Huerta and his chief advisers were in conference during the forenoon. It is reported Felix Diaz is behind the new revolt which has started in dead earnest. Several of the state houses have been cleared of occupants and many guns have been mounted on the roofs of federal buildings. The

soldiers slept beside their guns last night. A courier from Gaudaloupe confirmed reports that the garrison there had revolted and that the rebels are in control. Federal troops have been rushed to the scene on armored automobiles. Batteries are being mounted on the hills surrounding the capital. Evidently Huerta expects a speedy attack, but new dangers have cropped

out through the report that the local police are ready to join the rebels the moment they enter the city. **Rebel Skirmishers Routed.** Mexico City, Feb. 7.—That Huerta had gained the upperhand in the suburbs of Gaudaloupe became known through an announcement that thirty conspirators had been arrested, and that a quantity of arms and ammunition had been seized in Santa Clara by the Federal soldiers. **Diaz May Not Return.** Havana, Feb. 7.—Friends of Felix Diaz did not put him behind the movement that was to come to a focus against both Huerta and Carranza. They had designed to put him in the presidential chair and believed he could win, but he has made no definite plans to return to Mexico.

## GRAND JURY CONTINUES IN SESSION, INDICATING BIG BATCHES OF INDICTMENTS

That the February grand jury is going to grind out a huge batch of true bills is apparent from the fact that it is still in session with no evidences of adjournment in sight. No reports were made today. This morning's session of circuit court busied itself with the case of Becker vs. McKenzie, in which the plaintiff sues for damages alleged to have grown out of the sale of timothy seed. The facts seem to be that the latter became a mortgagee, in a transaction in which timothy seed was given as security for the debt. The defendant is said to have sold the seed on the day before the mortgage fell due, and then for a sum less than the seed should have brought. Dave Clark testified as to the demand and price paid for seed at that time of the year and declared that there was not much market for the same. The case

went to the jury this afternoon and no verdict had been rendered by this body at the time of going to press. **Huddelson Wins Case.** After consuming considerable time in the taking of evidence, the North Powder bank case vs. Huddelson & Son, for recovery of \$1000 on a note, was given to the jury about 9 o'clock last night. It said the first ballot brought the verdict which was in favor of the defendant's counter claim. The defendants claimed that, although they owed the bank \$1000 on a note, they also claimed that a third party was to deposit \$1000 at the bank and apply it on the Huddelson note, while the Huddelsons claim the bank applied the third party payment on a note which the bank held on the same party. The bank sued for recovery of the Huddelson note and the counter claim followed.

## Intrepid Flora Citizen Passes

MRS. FRANK JOHNSON HAD UNIQUE HARDY CAREER.

### Was Early Flora Settler

With Mrs. Austin of Flora, Lead the White Women Into Flora District.

One of the first women to penetrate the north end of Wallowa county and undergo the hardships of a remote, pioneer struggle for a foothold in what is now one of the richest—although still remote—sections of Oregon passed away yesterday at Island City, when Mrs. Frank S. Johnson of Flora, died after a prolonged illness. She was brought to Island City by stage and train last August for treatment, and has made Island City her home since then. Twenty-five years ago Mrs. Johnson went to Flora and at that time deer, antelope and elk roamed what has since been converted into teeming fields, notwithstanding the district is a half hundred and more miles from a railroad. Mrs. Austin, the first white woman in Flora, preceded her by a year, and the two women lived a quarter century far from commerce and absolutely hemmed in by forest and for 20 of the 25 years, Mrs. Johnson and her kind had to stage to Enterprise, some 50 miles, and then to La Grande, about 75 miles more. Mrs. Austin and Mrs. Johnson saw the north end develop from a wilderness to an age of the combine harvester, and telephone, and lacks only a railroad to be up to the minute in every respect.

The deceased was 51 years of age and is survived by her husband, her father and several brothers and sisters. They include, D. W. and Chas. Kuhn of Paradise, Wm. Kuhn of Lostine, Mrs. W. W. Wade of Island City, Mrs. F. D. Fikland and D. E. and J. I. Kuhn of Summerville. The body will be laid to rest tomorrow from the Island City church and interment is to take place in Summerville, with Henry & Carr as undertakers.

### Loses Month's Salary.

How would you like to draw down your month's salary of \$85 and then discover on the way home that through some elusive process the whole sum had taken to the winds, or at any rate, was no longer in your possession? And if the number 13 were connected with it would you not begin to believe that number have some kind of mysticism about them, either good or bad as the case happened to be? Such is the story of Chief of Police Howard Avant, who is today bewailing the loss of his last month's salary, together with all of his Eagle papers and a bill book that is worth a dollar or two itself.

## ZERO WEATHER BELT SWINGING TOWARD SOUTH

MIDDLEWESTERN STATES LEFT SHIVERING WHILE STORM SPREADS OUT.

MODERATION NOTED IN EASTERN OREGON TODAY

Ice Industry Thrives During the Cold Snap, the Backbone of Which Is Apparently Broken Since Last Night—Little or No Severe Weather in Eastern Oregon.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—Freezing weather prevailed in all of the central and middlewestern states today and zero temperatures have extended as far south as the Texas border. The storm is moving eastward.

Considerable moderation in climatic conditions prevail today and the backbone of the cold snap in Eastern Oregon seems to have been broken.

Official records show a record of 15 degrees above as being the minimum drop and 18 the maximum increase last night in La Grande.

### Storm Hurts Traffic.

Owing to the severe cold weather in Nebraska and the delay of trains in that part of the middle west No. 17 passed through this morning in two sections, the first being made up at Pocatello. It arrived at 9:20 a. m. The second passed through about 4:00 p. m. this afternoon.

The storm has had its desirable phases, especially to ice makers.

Ice making is in full blast. For some time there was fear that ice would not form and the men who have been engaged in the business, together with the railroad company began to speculate on the summer's supply. But the recent cold snap has done away with this fear and already tons of the summer cooler have been stored in ice houses. Ice on Dutch pond has reached a thickness of eight or nine inches and bids fair to become even thicker still. Boring made in the ice yesterday disclosed this thickness and it is likely that it will continue to become thicker as the weather continues cold.

The Roesch ice house has a capacity of 800 tons and this much will be put up in the next few days. The railroad ice house has a similar capacity and the company is busy cutting its summer supply for passenger coaches and refrigerator cars, from a pond at North Powder.

For some time this will give employment to a pretty large force of men. This, in addition to the four or five tons daily manufactured by the Roesch machines, will supply the city with an abundance of ice for all purposes.

The Pacific Fruit Express are harvesting the 1914 crop of ice at North Powder and Andrew Lun, one of the oldest men in the ice business is shipping 150 cars, ten of which are coming to the valley creamery.

About 50 men are employed in the cutting and loading of this great quantity of ice and it will last two weeks or ten days. This gives work to about 25 or 30 men shipping ice and icing cars.

### Flora Cold Snap Severe.

Wallowa, Feb. 7.—(Special).—A telephone message was received from Flora yesterday at 8:30 p. m., inquiring how cold it was in this city and the depth of the snow, the answer being, zero and from six to ten inches of snow in and about this vicinity. The answer sent back from that vicinity was, three feet of snow and 22 below. Although there is a difference in altitude, this is quite a remarkable contrast to be noted.

LOUISITA WOOD



Little Louisita Wood, the ten-year-old daughter of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, accompanied her father and Colonel Heistand on their 90-mile test ride and said at the finish that she felt "bully." She is shown here holding her thoroughbred, Fort Hunter, which she rides almost as well as any officer under her distinguished father. General Wood is very proud of the little girl.

## GOVERNMENT PUSHES SUIT

GOVERNOR WEST'S APPEAL FOR S. P. UNAVAILING.

McReynolds Assures Governor Suit Will Be Prosecuted Now.

Salem, Feb. 7.—Attorney General McReynolds advised the governor that the decision on the part of the federal government to bring suit to dissolve the Southern Pacific and the Central Pacific had been reached after mature deliberation. He states that suit will be instituted without delay, but that further hearings, as requested by the governor would be held.

Governor West requested the department of justice to withhold suit at this time, on the ground that the suit would materially interfere with development work throughout the state. Just why the governor made the request is not known, but the request is somewhat at variance with the governor's known hostility to the Southern Pacific, on account of the large tract of land held by the company which, according to its agreement with the government, should have been sold for settlement.

## BIG AMERICAN FISHING FLEET JAMMED IN ICE

DESTRUCTION OF FLEET IS ADMITTED INEVITABLE AT WASHINGTON.

SEVERAL HUNDRED ARE CAUGHT IN BAY'S ICE

State Department Sends Relief to Suffering Americans Between Canadian Mainland and New Foundland—Destruction Seems to Be Certain and Number of Men Not Known.

Washington, Feb. 7.—Destruction of an American fishing fleet jammed in ice in the Bay of Island, seemed inevitable, it is stated by the state department. The Potomac has been dispatched with relief. The bay is between the west coast of New Foundland and the east coast of the Canadian mainland. Little detail as to the number of men in the fleet is available, but they number several hundred and it is greatly feared they will perish before help arrives.

### Tramp Steamer Stranded.

Manasquan, N. J., Feb. 7.—A Manasquan life saving crew is standing by to save the crew of the English tramp steamer Queen Louise, ashore on Squan Beach, in case the vessel begins to break up.

With her rudder disabled the Louise drifted most of the night and finally stranded in a heavy gale at 4:30. Captain McDonough reported the crew of 20 in good condition and would stand by the ship as long as there was a chance to save her.

### COMPETING WITH VENGEANCE

Small Package Shipments Increase Rapidly, It Is Said.

That the American Express company is meeting parcel post competition with a vengeance is indicated by the increase in small package shipments by express since the lower rate of a few days ago.

While, in many instances the government still does business at a little less rate than the express company the added assurance of personal attention by company's employees, the calling for and prompt delivery of packages and the possibility to trace packages that might be lost all combine toward turning a great deal of business back over to the old carrier that has for so many years handled the small package business.

The local office at La Grande is showing considerable increase in business volume, and while there is ample room for both the government and express company in the handling of parcels, it looks like the company would reclaim a great deal of the business at first lost to the government.

## 41 EMPLOYEES ASPHYXIATED

London, Feb. 7.—Illuminating gas leaking from a broken pipe was the cause of the death of 41 employees of the Moscow Insurance company. How this should become possible in a building in which men and women were at work is a mystery. According to a Central news dispatch it is said a porter in the building found the leak after nearly all of the employees had succumbed to the poisonous fumes. All of the means of ingress and egress

to the rooms were unlocked and escape could have been made. Then too, the building had many windows which could have been opened before the gas could have become effective. The police are investigating the case and may develop some startling facts. Much commotion surrounded the building when the bodies were found. The gas was turned off at the stop cock and most of the employees were found dead in their seats.



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TWO NOTABLE PIECES OF STATUARY AT THE PANAMA-PACIFIC EXPOSITION, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915.

STRIKING examples of the decorative sculpture at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition are shown in these two illustrations. At the left is "Rain," by Albert Jaegers, a figure that will be a companion to "Sunshine," by the same sculptor, ornamenting the Court of the Four Seasons in the main group of exhibit palaces. The camel with its Mohammedan rider is by Frederick G. B. Roth.