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TWO GARRISONS ONLY BARRIERS TO REBEL ARMY

VILLA NOW HAS SITUATION
WELL IN HAND AROUND
SAN LUIS POTOSI.

WOUNDED AND DEAD IN RECENT BATTLES MANY

Believed That Rebels Are Not Anxious to Enter into the Mediation Scheme Since Their Cause Has Had Such Splendid Success the Past Few Days in Mexico.

Torreon, June 25.—Rebels under General Torres have captured San Luis Potosi, according to a telegram received today. It is stated that the federal garrison lost heavily and the men are retreating toward Aguas Calientes. The rebel capture of Acatecas and San Luis Potosi, leaves Aguas Calientes and Queretaro the only federal strongholds between the constitutionalists and Mexico City.

Villa Captures Arms.
Juarez, June 25.—As against 2,000 federalists killed and 4,000 wounded when the rebels captured Zacatecas Tuesday night, there were 500 constitutionalists slain and 300 wounded according to a message from Villa. Besides the federalists killed and wounded, Villa is reported to have captured 5,000 prisoners and 6,000 rifles, 12 cannon and three carloads of shrapnel and other ammunition. There were also nine trainloads of provisions and other supplies. Before the evacuation of Zacatecas he said that the federalists dynamited the principal buildings.

Niagara Protocol Signed.
Niagara Falls, June 25.—Despite the reports of the emissaries that Carranza is on his way to Niagara Falls, there is a growing feeling that the latest developments in Mexico are the result of the refusal of the constitutionalists to negotiate with Huerta. Villa having taken Zacatecas, it is argued that the rebels are extremely likely to consider the cause won and that it is better to continue the campaign and take everything than make the slightest concessions. The mediators, Americans and Huertista envoys last night signed the protocol composing the international differences between the United States and Mexico.

Rebel General Dead.
Zacatecas, June 25.—General Trinidad Rodriguez, one of the rebel leaders was wounded Tuesday and died of his hurts. He was one of Villa's most trusted lieutenants.

Baker Boy Badly Hurt.
Armand Fuchs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isador Fuchs, was badly hurt yesterday afternoon in the bottling works of the Sam-O Natural Mineral Water company. The boy was assisting in packing some cases of soda water and as he leaned over the case one of the bottles exploded. A piece of glass, driven with great force, hit his cheek, cutting a very deep gash and barely missing his eye. The victim was given medical attention and will probably suffer no permanent ill effects, but his escape from losing the sight of one of his eyes was by a very narrow margin.—Baker Democrat.

Mr. Fuchs has many friends in this city who hope that his son's recovery will be a speedy one, and that no permanent marks will result.

CLIMATIC STATISTICS.

(Readings taken from Government instruments by Observer Benham, and cover the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. yesterday.)

Maximum, 61; Minimum 50.
Temperature at 1 p. m. today 61.

Moran Confident Of Winning Belt

VELODROME D'HIVER BATTLE
SATURDAY.

JOHNSON'S STAKE SMALL

Colored King Has Nothing to Lose and Nothing to Gain.

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.
(Paris Correspondent of the United Press.)

Paris, June 25.—Jack Johnson and Frank Moran, black and white, meet here Saturday night at the Velodrome d'Hiver. If the white man wins, the lucky punch will be worth a fortune to him. If his punch lacks the necessary ginger, good night Mr. Moran!

That is the way the betting man sizes up the fight. For Moran it means everything. Either he will open his eyes on Sunday morning a famous fighter, with a golden sunrise and a golden day in front of him, or he will regain consciousness only to realize that his sun has set and that it is not even a has-been; that he has had his chance and not made good; that he is an almost-was yet a never-was.

For Jack Johnson the fight doesn't mean so much. If he defeats Moran he will do more than is expected of him here. He will not gain a particle in popularity despite the fact that his need of public adoration is now a negligible quantity. Should he take the count he would lose nothing since he has nothing to lose. Win, lose or draw, he gets only his \$30,000 plus \$5,000 training expenses which he has now drawn. Lose or win he will become a professional automobile driver, having already signed a contract with certain Belgium car and a French firm of tire-makers, and made his plans for taking part in the French Grand Prix and the Russian Circuit this summer.

In his own words: He has "got his." A black satellite of Johnson's told the United Press correspondent: "Jack don't care how the fight comes out, he's got his already and the way his future business is mapped out, it isn't going to hurt him much win or lose." There is only one hitch in this statement; Johnson hates the white man and unless circumstances have altered since the wise ones had a look-in, he will try to put Moran to sleep.

Moran, just emerging from his training camp on the banks of the River Oise—this stream is pronounced "was" in French, whatever, if any, significance that may have—is quite the most cheerful, not to say nonchalant person hereabouts. Self-confidence bubbles over the top. And when anybody asks him if he expects to

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Posse Still Missing.

Baker, Ore., June 25.—The only word received late yesterday from Sheriff Rand and posse, who are in the wilds of the Imnaha region in their search for Ed Fisher, believed to have been the assailant of Henry Stewart at Copperfield, was a brief message from the forest ranger station at Deer Lick, that a party thought to be the sheriff and party was in that vicinity. There was no certainty that the party was that of the sheriff, however. The only other phone in that section is at Fish Lake and somewhere in the wilds the officer and his men are on the trail of the fugitive and perhaps no word from them may be had for several days.

Stewart, in the hospital, seems to be improving nicely, although it can not be said that he is past the danger point. However, the attending physicians have no reason to believe that he will not pull through, as he has held his own from the start.

N. Y. Y. C. Holds Regatta.

New York, June 25.—Sailing yachts and steam yachts without number and to the value, all told, of something over a million dollars gathered off Glen Cove, Long Island today to participate in the annual regatta of the New York Yacht Club.

CLAFLIN & CO. FAILS; BRANCH HOUSES SAVED

TWENTY-FIVE MILLION DOLLAR
CONCERN GOES INTO RE-
CEIVERSHIP.

TWO THOUSAND BANKS INDIRECTLY INVOLVED

Said That All Subsidiary Companies Will Be Taken Care Of—Thirty New York Banks Hold Biggest Bulk of Firm's Paper—Bonds Required of Receivers Is Half Million.

New York, June 25.—Receivers were today appointed for H. B. Claflin & Co., one of the biggest dry goods firms in the world. A petition in equity was filed before United States Judge Hand. While no figure had been announced it is reported that the receivership involves about \$25,000,000. Judge Hand named Joseph Martindale and F. A. Julliard as receivers and fixed the bonds at half a million. It is asserted that all retail subsidiary companies will be taken care of. Thirty New York banks hold the firm's paper, and probably 2,000 banks in other parts of the world handled business for the concern. Involuntarily a petition in bankruptcy was also filed in addition to the one in equity. This evidently is the result of prearrangement. It is understood that the United Dry Goods company, Associated Merchants and other companies controlled by Claflin are not involved directly in the receivership.

W. P. O'Dell has also filed a petition declaring that a subsidiary manufacturing company of the Claflin concern owed him half a million and asked that the Claflin company be declared involuntarily bankrupt.

President James Alexander of the indorsement committee, said the Claflin company's liabilities would exceed \$30,000,000. He added that the stores including the United Dry Goods and Associated Merchants' corporations, were in good condition and would not be involved in the failure. But that other Claflin allies throughout the country will be closed, at least temporarily, pending the reorganization.

Birth Record.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Folk Warren, on June 19, a boy.

ONE DAMAGE CASE NEAR END BUT ANOTHER STARTS AT ONCE

By tomorrow and possibly late tonight, C. N. Coleman and the City of La Grande will know something about what the jury believes is just and right in the \$25,000 damage suit Coleman brought against the city. This afternoon it appeared the case would go to the jury during the day. The case came up for consideration early Monday morning and has occupied the attention of the court up to the present time.

As soon as this case is out of the way, Elizabeth Rider's suit for \$15,000 damages against the city will come up for consideration it being the next case on the docket. The plaintiff alleges serious injuries from a fall on a sidewalk.

Two were arraigned this morning as the second chapter in a robbery at Cove and one at Imbler. The Forsstrom store at Cove and the Witly store at Imbler were robbed some little time ago, and Dan McKenna and J. C. Boone were indicted in

GROVER CLEVELAND'S DAUGHTER PRESENTED AT COURT OF ST. JAMES.



MISS ESTHER CLEVELAND.

Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of the late President Cleveland, was presented to King George and Queen Mary the other day. She made one of the brilliant figures in the display of fashionable women at the court. The accounts which have come by cable say she wore a white satin gown with a tulle train bordered with silver and chiffon.

CHIEFS CONFER THROUGH NIGHT

CONFERENCE STARTED YESTERDAY ENDS TODAY.

Perkins and Roosevelt Go Over Political Field Together.

Oyster Bay, June 25.—Colonel Roosevelt, who returned yesterday from Europe, Perkins, Douglas Robinson, the colonel's brother-in-law, concluded a conference early today at Sagamore hill, which had continued uninterrupted from late Wednesday. It is considered a foregone conclusion that politics was the sole topic of discussion. The colonel professed to feel well, and is looking much better than when he left to attend Kermit's wedding at Madrid.

FIVE DIE IN AUTO WRECK

SAN PEDRO CLIFF DEATH SCENE LAST NIGHT.

One Other May Die From Result of Accident to Automobile.

San Pedro, Calif., June 25.—Five were killed, one seriously and perhaps fatally injured, last night when an automobile plunged over a bluff into the surf at White's Point near San Pedro. The bodies were found by a Japanese fisherman early this morning.

The dead are: Lorna Townsend, Wilmington; Mrs. Laura Townsend, San Pedro; Harry Baker, wireless operator, San Pedro; an unidentified boy, aged 14. The injured are Percy Townsend, wireless operator, San Pedro. Miss Townsend and Mrs. Townsend were sister and mother of the injured man.

NEW LICENSE GRANTED

J. D. Kerr Granted Saloon License at Morning Commission Session.

A new saloon license, supplanting that denied the former applicants, was granted at a morning session of the city commission today. J. D. Kerr's bonds were accepted and the new license was issued.

There was no session last evening because of the banquet, and the session this morning was not a long one, adjourning to meet tomorrow night.

Sigma Gamma Pi Meets.

Chicago, June 25.—Delegates to the annual convention of Sigma Gamma Pi gathered here today from many sections of the United States to attend the opening tomorrow of the yearly sessions, which will be held at the La Salle Hotel. The first business tomorrow will be a meeting of the grand and supreme council. New chapters will be initiated and degrees conferred on candidates tomorrow. The delegates will spend Sunday sight-seeing. The annual banquet is to be held Monday night. The convention closes Tuesday.

CONVENTION CLOSES WITH DINNER TO 400

FUNCTION GETS AWAY WITH
JOLLY SWING, ENDING AT
TRAIN TIME.

SPEAKERS LAUD CITY AND HER FAIR LADIES

Eighth Annual Convention Closed With Big Dinner at Zuber Hall—Merchants Leaving on Each Train—Some Go to Hot Lake to Spend Twenty-four Hours.

A dinner at which were seated more than 400 people, was served with all the embellishments of a well-managed banquet at Zuber hall—handsomely decorated for the occasion—last evening by the Neighborhood club under auspices of the La Grande merchants, as a final and fitting bit of courtesy to the eighth annual convention of the Oregon Merchants' association. With the conclusion of the banquet, some of the visitors left for their homes, about 30 took the morning train today, and ten went to Hot Lake where they will spend 24 hours before returning. The banquet was in harmonious tune with the whole convention, and lusty cheers went up and kind words were spoken for those who served the large number of diners in such grace and alacrity. The banquet went by with a jingery pace.

The banquet started promptly on time—just like everything else with the convention, did. A. B. Cherry a local florist presented, at his own expense, a beautiful carnation to each guest. His firm was inadvertently dropped from the list of donors to the banquet, announced on the menu.

During the course of the after-dinner speeches and music program, over a dozen people were called upon, and there was considerable singing of parodies that were not on the after-dinner speech list. The Haines orchestra, the La Grande quartet, and three popular local sopranos supplied the music for the occasion. Mrs. J. J. Carr, Mrs. Jay Van Buren and Mrs. A. L. Richardson each sang in a most pleasing manner and each was called back to answer encore calls. Mrs. W. W. Berry accompanied the singers.

J. L. Stockton, president of the association, was the first upon whom Master of Ceremonies F. J. Holmes called, and the much-revered gentlemen from Salem took occasion to compliment the Neighborhood club for the clever and satisfactory manner in which the tremendous crowd was served.

Walter M. Pierce, a local rancher, followed with words of praise for the association's purposes.

J. W. Knowles, circuit judge, was called on for extemporaneous utterances and spoke from the view-point of the lawyer about the retail business.

Chas. Dick, now of Salem, but once a resident of La Grande, recalled in a brief speech his pleasure in meeting former school mates and playmates.

A. G. Clark, Portland Ad club representative, who has been in the center of the fun path since he came to town, brought down the house with a speech consisting of 15 words. Calls for more brought 10 words in addition.

Dan Kellaheer—Honorable Dan—gave especial emphasis to the loud praises of hospitality and entertainment as he had found it in La Grande. The ex-senator is a jovial fellow and carried his characteristics into his speech.

A. Keller of Portland recited a

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