

MEXICAN BATTLE DUE AT MASIACA

Expected to Be Forerunner of Major Conflict At Navajoa

MEXICO CITY, Apr. 20.—(AP)—A government bulletin today predicted a battle "very, very soon" at Masiaca, southern Sonora, between 2,000 federal cavalry under General Talamantes and the rebel west coast army rear guard.

General Talamantes' cavalry was less than 25 miles south of Masiaca when last reported and moving upon the rebels, believed not to outnumber him, who were entrenched there.

The battle, it was expected here, would be the forerunner of a great conflict at Navajoa, where the principal rebel army in southern Sonora was concentrated. Here, if the rebels stand and fight, the biggest battle of revolt on the west coast may take place.

Defeat here will leave the rebel army little alternative other than dispersal since the army of General Almazan and the general Progreso, with its cannon commanding the railroad at Guaymas, will cut off retreat to the north.

General Calles was still at San Blas, northern Sinaloa, directing concentration of his troops there preparatory to the move of the army proper into Sonora toward Navajoa.

NOGALES, Sonora, Mexico, Apr. 20.—(AP)—American women were called angels of mercy today by 13 rebels who escaped from Sasabe, Sonora, yesterday after the battle in which federal soldiers killed and wounded 29 rebels and took the town. The escaping rebels said the American women, Mrs. Arthur Hardgrave, formerly of Kansas City; Mrs. James H. Jones and Mrs. A. Hardy, who live at Hacienda de la Osa, Sonora, and San Fernando, Ariz., went to Sasabe after the battle and acted as nurses, tending the wounded and cheering the injured soldiers.

The 13 rebels, commanded by Lieutenant Camelon Rojas, who crossed over the international line into the United States to escape capture by the federals, were taken into custody by members of the United States border patrol. It is expected that they will be brought to Nogales, Ariz., and turned over to United States military authorities for internment.

Surprise Party Given Mr. Cates

By Lois Witherspoon

(Observer Correspondent)
CHICKET FLAT, (Special)—A group of friends of Leonard Cates gathered at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cates, Wednesday evening and gave a surprise party in honor of his eighteenth birthday. At a late hour refreshments were served. Those present were, Misses Cora Price, Loretta Cason, Esther Witty, Frances Cates, Delphia Beem, Lois Witherspoon and Messrs. Glenn Fuller, Homer Green, Perry Witherspoon, Lowell Fuller and Edwin Beem.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller and daughter, Doris and Gladys Gallows were La Grande visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nelson, of Yakima, were visitors at the home of Mrs. John Wickens during the week.

Mrs. W. H. Miller and daughter, Doris, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witty, of Wallawa Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witherspoon, Mrs. Witherspoon's mother, Mrs. E. W. Witty and Mrs. Mary Abbot, of Elgin, were Baker visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. A. H. Parsons, returned home Sunday from Spokane where she had been visiting her son, and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parsons.

Mrs. Mary Weitz returned home Friday from Eagle Valley where she had been visiting relatives and friends for about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Weitz and daughter, Zetta and Mrs. Mary Weitz were visiting in La Grande Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Witty and daughter, Betty Jean and Wanda and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Johnson, of Wallawa, were visiting in La Grande Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Beem returned to her home Monday after visiting in San Francisco, Cal.

Going After the Big Fellow Who Always "Got Away!"



Cove's May Day Program Taking Shape At School

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin

(Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore. (Special)—The May Day program is taking shape, and is daily becoming more interesting to the school children. Miss Grace Hartley has been elected May Queen.

Mrs. L. J. Chadwick, Mrs. Roy Baker and Mrs. Harlan Koger were hostesses to the Ladies aid at the home of the former Wednesday afternoon. A large crowd was present and a delightful afternoon was spent in contests of various kinds, after which lunch was served. The women of this society are already getting ready for their annual bazaar, which is always held early in December. This year they are grouped in an unusual way with two women appointed to take charge of articles that belong to the various rooms of the house. The bazaar promises to be more attractive than ever before.

The next few weeks hold many things of interest. Friday evening the Wild Rose Rebekah lodge gave a dancing party at the I. O. O. F. hall; the proceeds from which will go toward financing their district association meeting which will be held in Cove May 3. This includes the lodges from Union, La Grande, Elgin and Summerville. Saturday evening the Fun and Joy bridge club will give a progressive luncheon. Wednesday, April 24, the seniors will give their annual school play, "Crooks For a Month." Friday evening, April 26, a banquet will be given by the Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls. This banquet is an annual event and an interesting program is anticipated. The proceeds will go toward building their log cabin. Nearly all the logs are on the ground and ready for work to begin. The cabin will be built on the Ascension Episcopal church property, between the church and the rectory.

The Ladies Guild will sponsor a dance Saturday evening, Apr. 27, for the St. Luke's hospital fund. This dance was to have been given at the French hall, and music furnished by Alice Janette and Mae Elizabeth Cooper, of La Grande, but since the hall has been burned, another place will have to be found for it.

Following the May Day program the Woman's club will give another of their series of parties. Hostesses

for this party will be Mrs. A. G. Conklin, Mrs. C. G. Springer, Mrs. W. H. Weimer, Mrs. Nellie Martin, Mrs. Wesley Smith and Mrs. Ray Baum.

Mrs. S. K. Thomas will entertain the Ladies Guild at the rectory Saturday afternoon.

Glen Roberts, of Salem, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Roberts, of Cove. Mr. Roberts came up in his car and will spend a week or ten days here in the valley. He also has relatives at Isalud City.

The Venerable S. W. Cronsey was in Cove yesterday formulating plans for the rebuilding of French hall which was recently destroyed by fire.

The Rev. P. E. Stokes and a group of his boy scouts left today for Pendleton where they will hold a conference. They expected to remain over night.

Reports from C. C. Pyle's cross-country marathon are encouraging. It was expected that he would start from New York; only 61 did. Two dropped out on the first lap and 77 arrived at Elizabeth, N. J.

Laborers Fight To Keep Ol' Mis' Within Levees

SNOWLAKE, Ark., Apr. 20.—(AP)—One hundred additional laborers, recruited in Helena, Ark., this morning were on their way to Knowlton's Landing to join a small army of workers fighting to prevent the breaking of the Mississippi river levee.

The reinforcements were at Old Town Landing, south of Helena, awaiting a government boat to take them to the scene of the threatened break.

TOWN OF RODNEY FLOODED
NATVILLES, Miss., Apr. 20.—(AP)—A strip lying in several Mississippi counties along the east bank of the Mississippi river has been inundated by the rising waters.

The water today was four feet deep in the little town of Rodney, in Jefferson county, and its three hundred inhabitants had taken to boats.

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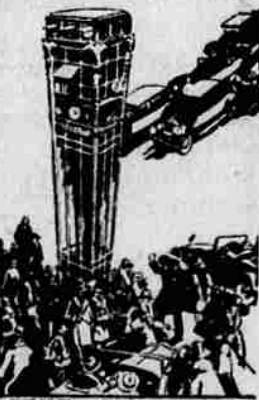


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