

HEAVY FIGHTING IS IN PROGRESS

Mexican Regulars and Insurrectos Clash—Wires Are Cut, Stopping News.

BARBARITY STORY RETOLD

Gustav Madero, Brother of Rebel Leader, Declares in Washington That Wounded and Prisoners Were Slain by Diaz Men.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Dec. 15.—Heavy fighting is reported today near San Andres, about 20 miles east of Sunday's battle at Cerro Prieto, between insurrectos and regulars.

No statement of the result or loss of life is obtained. Tonight's train, due at 6 o'clock, has not arrived and the last report was that it will not be in until morning.

At this point in the dispatch the wires were cut. Ordinarily this train carries numbers of American mining men. According to reports here, the train was annulled near Rosario, just east of Ferrelles.

Women Aides to Rebels.

A great number of arrests of rebel sympathizers are reported from various parts. This is taken to indicate that Madero's proclamation has been given wide circulation, and that while the insurgent sympathizers are not strong enough to break out in open rebellion, they are secretly at work to aid the Madero movement. Many of the prominent Mexicans who have been arrested have been sent to the City of Mexico.

Women continue to play an important role for the rebels in the transmission of information, because of their being less liable to suspicion by the Federal officials.

REBEL PRISONERS KILLED

Revolutionists' Envoy Offers Proofs to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Gustave A. Madero, the representative in Washington of the Mexican revolutionists, today made the following statement:

Telegraphic advices received last night from the home of Sunday's battle near Cerro Prieto confirm in every detail the account of the special correspondent of the Associated Press, even to the killing of the wounded and prisoners by Navarro's men. We are led to believe that certain railroad men who are on the spot will testify to this outrage, proofs of which shortly will reach Washington.

Lynching Inquiry Begun.

ROCK SPRING, Tex., Dec. 15.—In his charge to the grand jury Judge Puryear instructed that the recent burning of Antonio Rodriguez be investigated. Rodriguez was burned at the stake after he had confessed to the killing of Mrs. Lem Henderson, wife of a ranch owner. Following the lynching, anti-American demonstrations occurred at Guadalupe and other points in Mexico, the first information being that Rodriguez was a Mexican. Since it has been discovered that the man was a native of New Mexico.

Guerrero Not Captured.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Arrivals from Mexico this morning from Madero beyond Guerrero, do not credit reports from Mexico City that Mexican troops took that town. They do not think the Mexican troops have even penetrated that far unless they might have come across from Sonora, but all are certain that General Navarro's column did not take the town, as reported.

SALE OF FORT IS PROPOSED

Senator Jones Would Use Money to Educate Indian Children.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Jones has introduced a bill authorizing the sale of the old Fort Stevens, the funds to be derived from the sale to be applied to the establishment of schools for the education of Colville and Spokane Indian children.

Mary E. James and Alma Flexner, of Portland, have been appointed clerks in the forest service.

The First Savings Bank of Albany has applied for deposits for the postal savings bank funds.

BALLINGER AIDS SETTLER

New Rules of Practice in Land Cases Will Avoid Delay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—New rules of practice governing cases before the United States land offices, the General Land Office and the Department of the Interior were today approved by Secretary Ballinger.

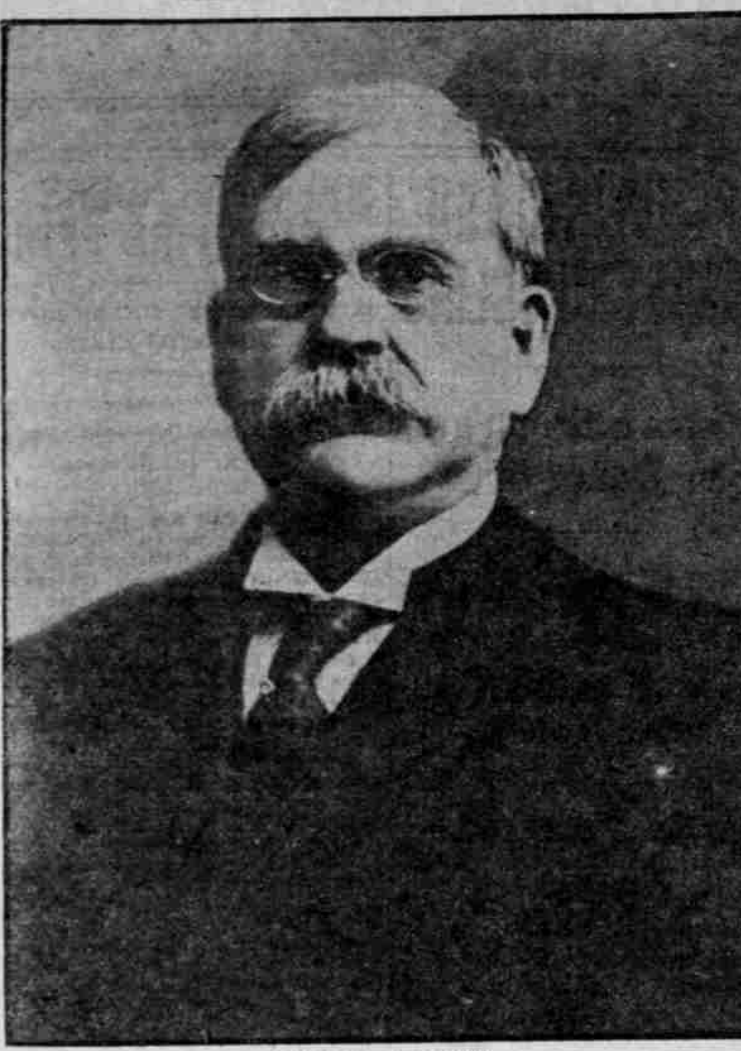
The new rules, which will go into effect February 1, are intended to simplify practice, to avoid delay and to reduce the number of appeals.

Under the present system, it is said, the multitude of appeals gives advantage to a contestant of wealth over one who is poor.

Whitney to Seek South Pole.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 15.—Definite assurance that Harry Whitney, of this city, intends to start next year, if possible, in search of the South Pole is contained in a telegram sent by Mr. Whitney from New Orleans to the Journal-Courier. Captain Bartlett, who commanded the Roosevelt on its North Pole expedition, under command of Commander Peary, will accompany Mr.

SHORT-TERM SENATOR FROM IOWA WHO IN MAIDEN SPEECH ATTACKS INSURGENTS.



LAFAYETTE YOUNG.

YOUNG GIVES TALK

Rule for Piecemeal Revision of Tariff Opposed.

IOWAN QUAIN IN SPEECH

Country Would Feel Relieved if Congress Would Adjourn Two Solid Years, He Declares.

Producer Is Defended.

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tended, the law protects the farmer. He had great fear, he said, that ultimately the adoption of the Cummins resolution would prove injurious to the great agricultural interests.

"The principal complaint against the tariff as regards prices," he said, "has had reference to the products of the farm. Therefore we might anticipate that the first schedule that would come from the other house would be the agricultural schedule. I would be afraid for Secretary Wilson or any number of great farmers to be caught alone with that schedule with no means of defense.

"The weapons of offense and defense in legislation are the right of amendment and the privilege of offering substitutes. My colleague would take away from himself and myself the right of introducing the woolen schedule as a substitute for a proposed amendment which might put agricultural products on the free list. If the proposed rule should become the law of the two houses, we would be denied the privileges of fighting for our interests by the arraignment of the interests of others."

Middlemen to Blame.

The Iowa Senator challenged any member to state his belief that the farmer was receiving too much for his products. He declared it had been intimated that the middleman was getting too great a share of the value of farm products.

"If this be true," he demanded, "why strike at the producer? Why not go after the middleman direct? The tariff of 1909, in attempting to strike at monopoly, put petroleum on the free list. The refiners immediately reduced the purchasing price of crude oil and counted the high price to the consumer on refined oil. Thus the consumer was not benefited. Why repeat the performance in the case of the farmer and his products?"

"The tariff ought to be revised as the President has suggested, in a scientific way, one schedule at a time. I might not be willing to object to the rule proposed by my colleague, which would prohibit the offering of amendments to a scheme which might be pending, were I not afraid that the first schedule to be pending would be the schedule covering farm products."

Farmers Are Helpless.

Such being the case, Mr. Young continued, the great farming states would be attacked by the South, the Rocky Mountain States and New England. Under these combined attacks of the great manufacturing and mining regions, the agricultural states would be practically helpless. Because of this condition, he said he hoped the Cummins rule would not be adopted, and at this juncture indulged in a fling at his colleague.

"I am surprised," he declared, "that my colleague, who has been fighting bravely and gallantly to unshackle the members of the House from the tyranny of the rules, should undertake to bring the same shackles into the Senate."

Mr. Young spoke from Senator Tillman's seat in the center of the chamber and attracted general attention from the beginning.

Under the McKinley tariff law, he declared, Iowa and Massachusetts had entered into a co-partnership which had proved unsatisfactory to the New England state when Iowa had begun to reap her share of the benefit. This opposition had culminated when Governor Foss won his election on a platform declaring for free food products by reciprocity with Canada.

"I wish he would come to Iowa and present that contention," said the speaker, "I'd be elected to the Senate. Otherwise the possibilities are very remote. Hence the hurry-up character of this speech."

He contended that the adoption of

the Foss platform would place Massachusetts on the same plane as Japan and China, for if the farmers were to receive no protection they would go to the cheapest market for what they buy. He thought the tariff debate should be shut off.

Mr. Young contended that the use of the word "progressive" was inadmissible.

"It's an apology for being caught with the gang," he said. Addressing the insurgents directly, he added:

"You've got to come back to your father's house. I'm the keeper of the ark of the covenant, and I tell you that when Democrats are elected to the seats of William McKinley and James A. Garfield the circumstances should give you pause. Now, if any progressive here wishes to recant, I'll see him after the meeting is out."

Speaking of the success of the Democracy, he predicted that that party would encounter much difficulty.

"But, then," he said, "they are used to it."

Mr. Young spoke of the recent elections, and, plainly referring to the arguments made by men within the Republican party had produced Democratic votes.

In discussing attacks made by insurgents upon the principle of protection, Young told of meeting Col. William J. Bryan recently, and saying to him that just as the latter had progressed in fitness for the Presidency, his chances had diminished, and that as he had now become a conservative, his party would not prefer him for that high office.

EFFECT IS WIDESPREAD

CONTINUING OFFENSE DECISION INTERESTS LAWYERS.

Standard Oil and Tobacco Trust Rehearings May Turn on Point in Conspiracy Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Coming on the eve of the reargument of the dissolution suits against the Standard Oil and the tobacco corporations, the decision last Monday by the Supreme Court of the United States that a conspiracy under the Sherman anti-trust law may be a "continuing offense," has aroused new interest in the forthcoming legal contest.

The court delivered this decision in the Kiesel case. While the "continuing" law being "continuing" did not become the leading issue in either the Standard Oil or the tobacco corporations, it figured in the argument in both cases. It was more prominent in the Standard Oil suit.

Just what effect the Kiesel decision will have on the presentation of the cases to the court is a matter of much speculation among corporation lawyers in the capital. It is known that the attorneys on both sides are preparing to give close study to the principles in regard to the "continuing character of a conspiracy."

In the first arguments of the Standard Oil case, counsel contended that the alleged rebates and alleged unlawful exclusion of competitors from trade were not to be considered at all, because they could not be violations of a law not in existence.

On the other hand, the representatives of the Government argued that these allegations were very material; that they showed the "continuation" of the alleged conspiracy formed in 1870 and brought it down to the time of the operation of the act.

It has been suggested that the court may have completed its consideration of the Kiesel case with more than ordinary speed in order to get the holding before the country for the guidance of counsel in arguing the big corporation cases immediately after New Year's. This applies particularly to the statement in the opinion that a conspiracy is constituted by an agreement; to be sure, but the "conspiracy" is the result of the agreement, rather than the agreement itself, just as a partnership, although constituted by a contract, is not the contract, but is a result of it.

JUSTICES ARE CONFIRMED

Senate Acts on Names of Vandevanter and Lamar.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The appointments of Judge Willis Vandevanter, of Wyoming, and Joseph Rucker Lamar, of Georgia, to be Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, were concurred in by the Senate today.

The appointments sent to the Senate Monday by President Taft had been

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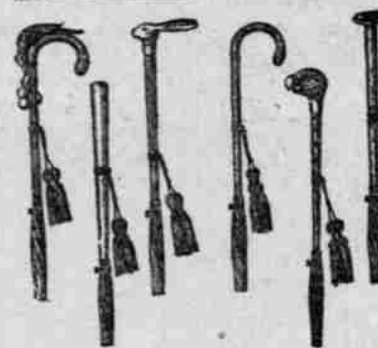
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SAFETY APPLIANCE MADE

Army Man Invents Instrument to Prevent Premature Rifle Firing.

ARMY MAN INVENTS INSTRUMENT TO PREVENT PREMATURE RIFLE FIRING.

FORT STEVENS, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Mechanic Loyd, of the One-Hundred and Sixtieth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, stationed here, has perfected and submitted to the War Department for approval an instrument designed to prevent premature firing of all large rifles.

The necessity for such a device was made apparent by the recent serious catastrophe at Fort Monroe, Virginia, when an entire gun detachment were killed or injured through lack of a proper safety device.

General Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, has sent to Colonel Foote, commanding officer at Fort Stevens, a special in-

dorsement of Mechanic Loyd's invention. During the Philippine insurrection this same soldier attracted official attention by constructing an improvised

boat out of a regulation army poncho, a plain rubber cape. With this makeshift craft he demonstrated the fact that he could pass over rivers, etc., in heavy marching order.

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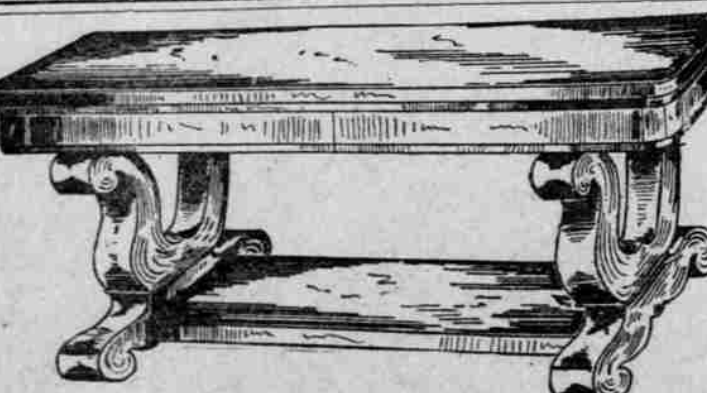
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