

DIAS TROOPS ARE TRAPPED IN HILLS

Insurrectos Halt Train in Mountain Gap—Regulars Are Crushed.

COMMANDER IS WOUNDED

Rebels Swarm Rocks and Crags When Loyal Soldiers Attempt to Pass—Navarro Unable to Send Reinforcements.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Dec. 20.—Forty-two wounded soldiers were brought in today, thus confirming reports that the troop train which left here Saturday was shot to pieces in the mountainous region known as Mal Paso, a few miles east of Piedras and about 130 miles west of here. The official report says that the federalists lost 21 killed, 39 missing and 42 wounded. The latter includes Col. Guzman, who was in command of the expedition. The insurrectos' loss is not known here.

The train left here Saturday, traveling in two sections, carrying three field pieces on a cattle car, and 500 soldiers. They halted at the mountain gap, while operating independently, still regarding the government as his enemy, fired on the second section as it was passing through the Andraya Canyon, but did no damage.

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No Assistance Given.

Although General Navarro was at Piedras or near there, he was unable to lend assistance.

REINFORCEMENTS HURRIED ON

Infantry and Artillery Go to Assistance of Guzman.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—The tenth battalion of infantry, a battery of light artillery and one rapid-fire gun, left here today in two special trains for the scene of insurrecto activity in Chihuahua.

Official Reports Received.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—The fighting at Mal Paso, described in dispatches from Chihuahua, was said officially to be not an attack upon the troop train, but upon a small force under Colonel Guzman, which was ahead of the train to reconnoiter. Official dispatches, describing the affair, reached here tonight, having been delayed by the cutting of telegraph wires by revolutionaries in the Mal Paso district. The official report is that 19 were killed and 23 wounded. Colonel Guzman was not seriously wounded, but he was unable to continue with his command and was ordered to Chihuahua.

MAILS USED TO DEFRAUD

Chico Youth Charged With Defrauding Oregon Nursery Company.

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—A. L. Williams, 18 years old, was arrested here today by Postoffice Inspector W. G. Swan, of San Francisco, charged with using the mails to defraud the Oregon Nursery Company, of Albany, Or., out of several hundred dollars.

ASHLAND ELECTS OFFICERS

Woman Named Member of Park Commission.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—At the city election held today, E. P. Neil, independent candidate for Mayor, was elected without opposition. Joseph G. Hurt was elected City Recorder over W. M. Gillis and C. D. Schell by nearly 300 votes, and U. G. Kuzanek, incumbent, was elected City Treasurer over H. F. Fehland.

INLAND RATES AFFECTED

Commerce Commission Gives Views on Long and Short Haul.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Views of the Interstate Commerce Commission

ENGINEERS' CHIEF SUMMONS AIDES

Warlike Move Follows Failure of Mediators and Strike May Result.

CRITICAL STAGE REACHED

35,000 Men Involved Look Askance at Firemen, Who Are Said to Be Eager to Grasp Throttle for Wages Now Offered.

SCRAP IRON VALUABLE

ILLINOIS CENTRAL SAVING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.

Company's Engineer Says Re-Rolled Iron Is Superior to Commercial Bar in Making Bolts.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—How the Illinois Central Company is resorting to the "branding" process, with the result that many thousands of dollars are being saved, was described this evening by T. S. Sheaffer, the company's engineer of tests, in an address before the Western Railway Club.

Scrap that formerly was sold for almost anything it would bring, and paint and waste that in the old days were carried to the dump pile, are now transmuted into usable material by processes that have been evolved after many months of experiments.

"There is every indication," said the speaker, "that this re-rolled iron is superior to the commercial bar iron, due to the further refining during rolling. It is used for bolts principally, as the bolt header and cutter operators prefer it to new iron. In fact, it also good second-hand iron is straightened for use in the blacksmith shop."

In regard to a saving on old journal bearings, the speaker made the following comment.

"Formerly all journal bearings removed from cars and locomotives were scrapped, but for the last six months this scrap has been carefully sorted, and all that were suitable have been re-lined and returned to service thereby saving over \$2000 a month."

NEPOTISM IS TO BLAME

CHINESE INTERPRETERS KEEP JOB IN FAMILY.

Suspended Collector at Vancouver

Trusted Employes Fully and Canada Loses Millions.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—That the customs service here has almost totally failed in its duty of preventing illegal Chinese immigration into Canada, is the gist of the evidence adduced at the second day's inquiry of the Royal Commission today.

EXTRADITION IS REFUSED

Governor Holds Alleged Kidnaper Has Right to One Child.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Sheriff Dallas of Frio, Texas County, Oklahoma, who arrived here yesterday seeking the extradition of Richard Martin, of San Diego, on a charge of having illegally spirited his 2-year-old daughter away when he left home and having come to this state, was denied the necessary writ today by Lieutenant-Governor Porter.

WAGON DRIVER SHOT DOWN

Garment-Factory Employee in Chicago Not Expected to Live.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—John Donnelly, a driver for a garment factory, was shot here today and his wagon riddled with bullets. He lay dying in his wagon while his horse, undirected, wandered away. The police discovered his plight. He is not expected to live.

Notice

Take Oregon City, Gresham, Casadara or Oaks cars for Oaks Risk. Direct to Oaks Risk, 12 minutes from 1st and Alder streets.

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- SUSPENDERS 50c to \$4.00
- BATH ROBES \$5.00 to \$12.50
- NECKWEAR 50c to \$2.50
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BOGUS PEERS ON TRIAL

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KING SUMMONS ASQUITH

Elections End With Coalition Majority of 126 in Commons.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The King tonight unexpectedly summoned the Prime Minister to London from Edinburgh. The nature of the conference which His Majesty is to have with Mr. Asquith is not known, but it is likely the general political aspect will be gone into thoroughly.

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HEIRS OF VICTIMS PAID \$76,430.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—The joint committee in charge of the distribution of the relief fund contributed to the aid of the relatives of the victims of the destruction of the building of the Los Angeles Times, on the morning of October 1, made a final report to the Mayor yesterday, showing the disbursement of \$76,430.19.

ROAD DECLARES EXTRA DIVIDEND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Directors of the Central Railroad of New Jersey today declared a Christmas dividend in the shape of an extra dividend of 2 per cent in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. The extra dividend is payable out of the earnings of the Lohigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company.

POSTAL CARRIERS APPOINTED.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 20.—Rural carriers appointed today: Eugene, Route 2, Harry G. Miller, carrier, no substitute; Sheridan, Route 2, Peter H. Bell, carrier, Charles McGhie, substitute.

FATHER GIVES \$500, Dies.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 20.—I. S. Hassebrook, 77 years old, fell dead on the sidewalk here today just after giving his daughter \$500 as a Christmas gift. Death was due to paralysis.

NEWTON TO INSTRUCT MILITIA.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Captain H. W. Newton, of the Coast Artillery, has been ordered to Puget Sound to take up the duty of instructor of the Washington militia in coast artillery practice.

DISFRANCHISING THE WOMEN PROPERTY OWNERS.

Willamette Beats Mt. Angel.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Willamette University defeated Mount Angel 38 to 13 in basketball last night.

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