

## "I WILL ACCEPT," IS ROOSEVELT REPLY

### Colonel in Fight "Until the Convention."

#### DIRECT PRIMARY PREFERRED

#### Answer to Governors Brief but Definite.

#### NO HASTE IS MANIFESTED

#### Explanation of Remark, "My Hat Is in Ring," Is Made Officially.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—"I will accept the nomination for the Presidency if it is tendered me and will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference," is Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's reply to the letter of seven Republican governors asking him to stand for a nomination. The eagerly-awaited reply was given out tonight at Colonel Roosevelt's offices here. He is absent on a trip to Boston. It was unexpectedly brief, but definite. It follows:

"New York, Feb. 25, 1912.—Gentlemen: I deeply appreciate your letter and I realize to the full the heavy responsibility it puts upon me, expressing as it does the carefully considered convictions of the men elected by popular vote to stand as the heads of government in their several states.

**Question One for People.**

I absolutely agree with you that this matter is not one to be decided with any reference to the personal preferences or interests of any man, but purely from the standpoint of the interests of the people as a whole. I will accept the nomination for President if it is tendered to me and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference. One of the chief principles for which I have stood and for which I now stand and which I have always endeavored and always shall endeavor to reduce to action, is the genuine rule of the people. As far as possible the people should be given the chance to express their preference as to who shall be the nominee of the Republican Presidential convention. Very truly,

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"Hon. William E. Glasscock, Governor of the State of West Virginia, Charleston, W. Va.

"Hon. Chester A. Michig, Governor of the State of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

"Hon. Robert P. Bass, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, Concord, N. H.

"Hon. Joseph M. Carey, Governor of the State of Wyoming, Cheyenne, Wyo.

"Hon. Charles E. Osborne, Governor of the State of Michigan, Lansing, Mich.

"Hon. W. R. Stubbs, Governor of the State of Kansas, Topeka, Kan.

"Hon. Herbert S. Hadley, Governor of the State of Missouri, Jefferson City, Mo."

**Governors Assert Popular Demand.**

The aforementioned governors assembled at Chicago two weeks ago and drafted a letter to Colonel Roosevelt, asserting there was a popular demand for him to be President again and urging him to declare himself as to whether he would accept the Republican nomination. "If it came unsolicited and unsought."

For two weeks Colonel Roosevelt considered the letter, indicating plainly that he had no intention of making a hasty reply. The Governors' letter follows:

"Chicago, Feb. 10, 1912.—We, the undersigned Republican Governors, assembled for the purpose of considering what will best insure the continuation of the Republican party as a useful agency of good government, declare if our belief, after a careful investigation of the facts, that a large majority of the Republican voters of the country favor your nomination and a large majority of the people favor your election as the next President of the United States.

**Declaration Formally Requested.**

"We believe that your candidacy will insure success in the next campaign. We believe that you represent, as no other man represents, those principles and policies upon which we must appeal for a majority of the votes of the American people, and which, in our opinion, are necessary for the happiness and prosperity of the country.

"We believe that in view of this public demand you soon should declare whether, if the nomination for the Presidency comes to you unsolicited and unsought, you will accept it.

"In submitting this request we are not considering your personal interests. We do not regard it as proper to consider either the interests or the preference of any man as regards the nomination for the Presidency.

"We are expressing our sincere belief and best judgment as to what is demanded of you in the interests of the people as a whole. And we feel that you would be unresponsive to a plain public duty if you should decline to accept the nomination as the voluntary expression of the wishes of a majority of the Republican voters of the United States.

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## PRAYERS OFFERED FOR NEEDED RAIN

### SPECIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD IN CALIFORNIA.

#### Archbishop Riordan Asks Priests of Catholic Diocese to Intercede for Breaking of Drouth.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Archbishop P. W. Riordan today issued a communication to the Catholic pastors of the diocese requesting that an hour be set, according to the convenience of the priests and parishioner celebrants, to be devoted to the saying of mass, beginning Monday interceding for the blessing of rain which, he points out, is needed all over the State of California.

Many of the priests made immediate response and arranged for the special service to be held at 7 A. M. daily until relief is gained.

A further request that the following supplication be made after the mass was made by the archbishop:

"O God, in whom we live and are, grant us seasonable rain that we, well enjoying a sufficiency of support in this life, may with more confidence strive after the things which are eternal."

#### OLD BELL TO RING AGAIN

##### Silent for 40 Years, Now It Will Clang College Triumphs.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The contract for moving the old five-ton bell from its resting place on the third floor of the chapel building, where it has reposed unringing for 40 years, and erecting it over the student entrance gate to the athletic field, has been let to A. F. Moffitt.

The bell will be placed in a tower 34 feet high framed out of heavy timbers and sloping from a width of 29 feet at the base to ten at the top. This structure will be inclosed, with a passageway into the athletic field. Over the bell will be placed a roof in the center of which a flagpole will be erected.

Work will start this week and the structure will be dedicated this month. The bell will be used in the student celebrations before and after athletic contests.

#### GHOST BURGLAR ESCAPES

##### Medford Has Mystery In Operations of Remarkably Elusive Thief.

MEDFORD, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—This city has a ghost burglar. At least that is what the police call him. For weeks an unknown thief has been pilfering the money tills of merchants and all efforts to capture the fellow have been unsuccessful.

Olmstead & Hubbard, local grocers, becoming tired of charging the thief's depredations up to profit and loss every week, decided to set a trap. A special deputy was secreted in the store at night and the shifty burglar soon made an appearance and began operations. The deputy gave the signal agreed upon and officers nearby rushed in, but the burglar had disappeared. Where he had gone no one could explain and a vigorous search brought no clue.

J. H. Lamport, who runs a harness shop, made uneasy by the reports of the mysterious crackman had a premonition Thursday night that something was wrong at his establishment. So about 9 o'clock at night he and his wife went to the place and found the front window broken. Upon entering from a rear window.

## AMERICAN TROOPS MAY CROSS BORDER

### Five Senators Confer With President.

#### RESOLUTION EXPECTED NOW

#### Congress Expected to Give Authority to Taft.

#### ACT IS NOT ONE OF WAR

#### Administration Determined to Prevent Fighting on International Boundary—More Americans to Be Ordered to Texas.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—President Taft may be clothed soon with authority to send American troops across the Mexican border to quell conditions of anarchy or fighting that might threaten lives or property on this side of the line.

A resolution probably will be introduced in the Senate, with the knowledge of the Administration, which will be similar to Senator Stone's resolution of last May, which directed the foreign relations committee to ascertain the duty of this government in connection with the killing of Americans by firing from the Mexican side, or it may propose to delegate to President Taft authority to take whatever steps he deems necessary in an emergency.

**Conference Held at White House.**

The proposed resolution is assumed to be the direct outcome of the conference last night at the White House between the President and Senators Lodge, Bacon and Stone, of the foreign relations committee, and Senators Bailey and Culberson, of Texas.

The President discussed the situation with these Senators. Being without power to send troops out of the country without authority from Congress, he is believed to have explained that a situation might arise wherein it might be necessary to cross into Mexico to compel the combatants to remove their battleground to a point safely beyond the American border.

Such an act, it is said, would not be considered an invasion, or an act of war, as there was precedent for the landing of marines on foreign territory, in the absence of troops from the constituted government, to protect foreign residents.

#### Contingency Believed Unlikely.

An encouraging development of the day was the receipt of dispatches reporting peaceful conditions at points hitherto doubtful. State department officials tonight said it did not appear as if any rebellious force would menace Juarez and bring about the contingency for which precaution now is being taken.

From Consul-General Hanna at Monterey came a telegram saying that the arrival of Federal troops there and at Torreon had relieved the situation at those cities, as well as surrounding towns. From Durango and Hermosillo the consuls reported quiet, the only

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## AVIATORS DARING IN WIND

### Glenn Martin Reaches Altitude of 9100 Feet at Oakland.

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 25.—Despite the hazardous conditions imposed by a treacherous wind today, all of the aviators except Miss Blanche Scott went aloft to please the large crowd assembled for the closing day's programme and thrilled the spectators with figure eights, spectacular races and long glides from great altitudes.

The aviators will go to Sacramento, where a meet is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

## KNOX IS NEARING PANAMA

### Secretary to Speak on Good of Canal Tomorrow or Next Day.

ON BOARD UNITED STATES CRUISER WASHINGTON AT SEA, by wireless to Key West, Feb. 25.—Secretary of State Knox will make his first set speech in Panama on Tuesday or Wednesday. It is expected the cruiser Washington will reach Colon early Tuesday morning and that the Secretary will go ashore and proceed to Panama as quickly as possible.

## 7 LIVES LOST IN ARKANSAS TORNAO

### More Than Score Hurt in Cyclone's Sweep.

#### BLIZZARD'S FURY IS GROWING

#### Storm Area Widens Until All Middle West Shivers.

#### 4 CHILDREN AMONG DEAD

#### Several States Are Covered With Deep Snow Drifts—Many Railroads Barred—Train Service Is Abandoned.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 25.—Seven persons are known to have been killed and more than a score injured in a tornado which swept portions of Lincoln, Jefferson and Arkansas counties late today. The greatest destruction was reported near Almyria in the prairie and rice lands of Arkansas County.

Mrs. Ed Johnson, her three children, a hired man named McClain, and an unidentified stranger who was at the Johnson home, were killed. The husband and an infant child were injured severely. A score or more persons were injured when their homes were destroyed.

A child by the name of Hamilton is known to have been killed near Swan Lake, Ark. Seven injured were placed on a relief train to be taken to a hospital at Pine Bluff.

**Couple Caught in Wreck.**

At Terry, in the northern part of Lincoln County, several residences were destroyed, and Dr. Williams and his wife were caught in the wreckage of their home, both being injured seriously.

All wires are down in the storm-swept section. Neager reports place properly lost by the Almyria neighborhood at 100,000.

A ten-inch fall of snow covers Missouri, Kansas and portion of Oklahoma and Arkansas tonight. The snow began about noon. A high wind from the north swept snow and sleet before it most of the day, piling it in huge drifts and demoralizing train service and other traffic. Temperatures are not low, 30 degrees being reported from various places in all directions from here.

**Railroads Are Suffering.**

At Kansas City thunder and lightning accompanied the snow storm today. All railroads leading into the city are having trouble keeping their trains moving. Streetcar service is being kept up only by the constant use of snowplows. Several sections of the city are without electricity tonight.

Athol, Topeka & Santa Fe trains are stalled at Dodge City, Kan., unable to move on account of the cuts along the tracks being filled with snow. Railroad traffic in many parts of Colorado is demoralized as a result of continued snow. All trains between Trinidad, Colo., and Fedline, Tex., on the Colorado & Southern today were

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## POOR BOYS PROVE BEST AT COLLEGE

### EDUCATIONAL EXPERT POINTS TO HARVARD AND YALE.

#### Editor Declares Graduates of Public Schools Are More Ambitious Than "Prep" Products.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—That the poor man's son has an equal if not a better chance for scholastic honors than the son of wealthy parents and that figures in Harvard and Yale prove that he takes advantage of such opportunities, is the statement by Albert E. Winship, editor of the Journal of Education.

"The best scholars at Harvard and Yale, according to tests just made," says Mr. Winship, "are comparatively poor men who come from public schools and not from fitting academies. It is certainly a great achievement when these figures show that the man of wealth can find nothing better for his boys than can be had by the sons of the toilers."

In public schools only the best scholars and personally ambitious go to college. From fitting schools practically all of them go, many because of family tradition. The boy's taste plays no part in it. The above demonstrates some of the reasons why public school boys rank higher than boys from private institutions. Then, too, fraternity life plays a great part in preparatory schools, whereas it has little or no place in high schools."

#### MAN WOULD DIE AMERICAN

##### Frenchman of Spokane Takes Out Papers of Citizenship.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—"I have lived the life of a Frenchman, but I want to die an American citizen," said Eugene Edmund Sorbin, 75 years old, in Federal Court Saturday in applying for citizenship papers. He was granted citizenship. Sorbin came to America in 1856 and in 1898 took out his first papers.

William Frank Sartor, a young Italian, had a difficult time convincing Examiner John Speed Smith that he did not leave Italy because he had committed a crime, until he explained the reason for the profession of names by which he had been known in Italy, en route to the United States and in Washington.

## BRYAN NAMES SHAFROTH

### Commoner Prefers Colorado Governor to Any Other Democrat.

GREELEY, Colo., Feb. 25.—Governor Shafroth, of Colorado, was projected into the political ring as a Democratic Presidential possibility last night by William J. Bryan, who, in discussing the subject at a public meeting, said: "I would rather see Governor Shafroth nominated for President than any Democrat yet mentioned."

Mr. Bryan added that he did not want to be understood as criticising any Democratic candidate.

## JULIA MARLOWE RECOVERS

### Noted Actress Leaves Hospital After Operation on Throat.

W. HINGTON, Feb. 25.—Miss Julia Marlowe, Mrs. E. H. Southern in private life, today a local hospital where she had an operation performed on her throat and departed for New York. She was stricken more than a week ago and was forced to retire temporarily from the stage.

## BULLION THIEF TO BARE ALL SECRETS

### Five Others Implicated in Gold Robbery.

#### SENSATIONS ARE PROMISED

#### Two of Men Involved by Barrett Now in Prison.

#### ARRESTS IN SEATTLE NIGHT

#### San Quentin Prisoner, Begging for Opium, Lets Officers Have Facts Which Induce Salem Convict to Make Revelations.

SEATTLE EX-POLICE OFFICIALS MAY BE ARRESTED.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 25.—The arrest of a Seattle saloonkeeper in whose place the Humboldt gold robbery was planned is momentarily expected, according to private detectives who have been connected with the case since the discovery of the theft. On the same authority it was asserted tonight that the arrest of former officials of the Seattle police force who are alleged to have profited by the robbery will occur soon.

The detectives say the plot was financed by the saloonkeeper. The major portion of the gold was once buried near Seattle.

SALIENT, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Five arrests are expected to result from the sensational confession of Charles A. Barrett, convict at the State Penitentiary, yesterday, whose story of his connection with the looting of the steamer Humboldt of gold bullion valued at \$57,000 resulted in the recovery Saturday of a cache of 25 pounds of the stolen metal at Lyons.

Through the statements of Barrett, five men are implicated in the conspiracy. These are Orville Caviness, through whom the first clue was obtained, now serving a term in San Quentin Penitentiary; his brother, Frank, serving a sentence of a year at McNeill's Island for smuggling opium; James E. Wheelan, former proprietor of a saloon in Portland and under indictment as a "fence" for the thieves; Jay N. ("Pop") Saylor, a Portland youth and ex-convict, now living at the home of his parents in the St. Johns district, Portland, and one Thomas, otherwise unknown, said by Barrett to be the man who conveyed the gold from his hiding place in Portland to the Methana farm.

**Gold Is Uncertain.**

Barrett, in company with Frank H. Curtis, warden of the State Penitentiary, and Steve Connel, former secret service agent, on Saturday went to a point somewhere near Lyons, a station on the Corvallis & Eastern, and there unearthed the cache of 25 pounds of bullion, a part of that taken from the Humboldt in September, 1910.

Coming back under the cover of darkness, the bullion was taken to the office of Governor West. There it was exhibited to the Chief Executive, and in the presence of Warden Curtis and the Governor it was turned over to Connel and Representative Taylor, of the Firemen's Fund Insurance Company, which carried a risk on the loss.

Just the extent of Barrett's confession is only known to the Governor, Warden Curtis and a few others. That it will make interesting reading when it is made public is certain.

**No Doubt as to Identity.**

The fact of Barrett's past alleged connection, taken in connection with the visit of Barrett, Connel and Curtis through Stayton and up the Santiam yesterday, and the sudden appearance of the gold last night removes any vestige of a doubt as to Barrett being the man.

"I am obviously in a position where I can furnish no further details of the case for the present, and just how soon they will be forthcoming I am unable to say," said Governor West today. It is probable that in a short time the whole inside of the job will be made known to the public, however, and probably from the executive offices here.

Barrett was sent to the penitentiary from Multnomah County for forgery, after he had been arrested on a charge of complicity in the Humboldt robbery and had been released.

#### Barrett Closely Watched.

Barrett married a daughter of George Sims, who owns a farm about two miles from Lyons. On his return to Salem late in the year of 1910 Barrett passed some time in that vicinity and his actions there were closely watched by the officers.

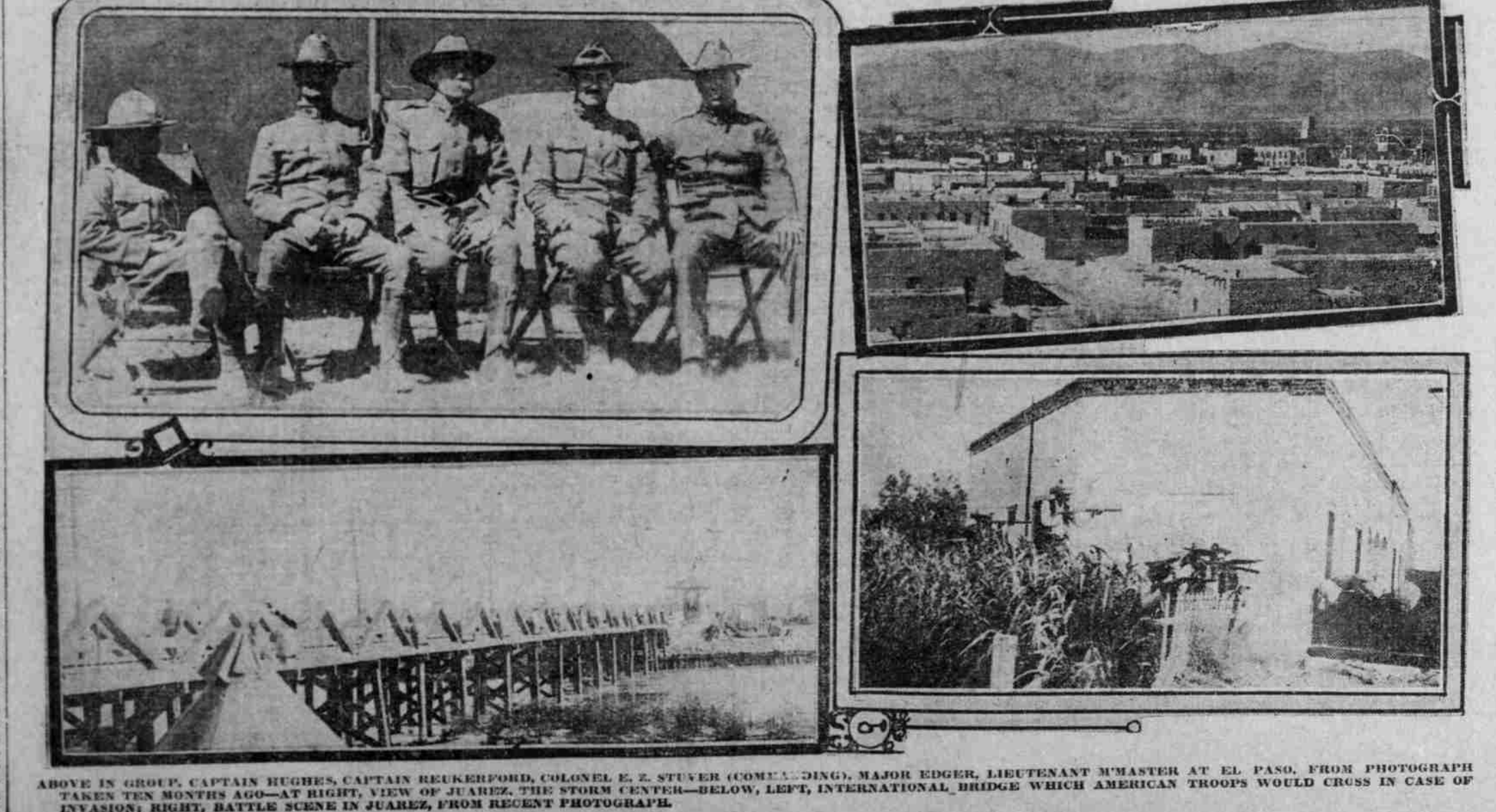
Suspicion was definitely aroused when word was received that there had been a shipment of gold bullion out of Lyons.

Later it was reported that Barrett had spent money freely and this information was coupled with the fact that clerks in Barr's jewelry store here and proprietors of the place reported that Barrett had endeavored to enter into arrangements with the store to handle a quantity of gold bullion for him.

In this connection a watch was put

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## AMERICAN COMMANDER, WHOSE FORCES MAY CROSS INTO MEXICO, WITH OTHER AMERICAN OFFICERS, AND SCENES IN DISORDERED DISTRICT.



ABOVE IN GROUP, CAPTAIN HUGHES, CAPTAIN REUKERFORD, COLONEL E. Z. STUFER (COMMANDING), MAJOR EGGER, LIEUTENANT M'MASTER AT EL PASO. FROM PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN TEN MONTHS AGO—AT RIGHT, VIEW OF JUAREZ, THE TOWN CENTER—BELOW, LEFT, INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE WHICH AMERICAN TROOPS WOULD CROSS IN CASE OF INVASION; RIGHT, BATTLE SCENE IN JUAREZ, FROM RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.