

# GARRISON KILLED, TOWN DESTROYED

## Mexican Rebels Annihilate Two Detachments Sent to Relieve Ayotcingo.

## MORE TROOPS ARE ON WAY

## Force Operating Within 25 Miles of Capital Declared to Be Numerically Strong—Trains Are Run Under Escort.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 10.—After destroying the little garrison of Ayotcingo and razing the town of Ayotcingo, 25 miles from Mexico City, a body of rebels without yesterday the attacks of two detachments of federal reinforcements, virtually annihilating them. This information was brought here last night by passengers arriving from that district and was confirmed officially. Three other groups of reinforcements were sent to the scene of the fighting have not reported. The sack of the town was admitted early by the government officials, who attempted to minimize the incident by announcing that the rebels numbered only 150. Those who brought the story to the capital estimate that the rebels numbered between 500 and 1000.

### Federal Reinforcements Destroyed.

The attack on Ayotcingo began in the morning. Of the garrison of 18 only two escaped, and the remainder were killed. A force of 200 federal reinforcements to reinforce the garrison was wiped out after a fight. One hundred federal reinforcements were dispatched to meet the same fate. Fifty federal reinforcements from Chalco, a small detachment from Milpa Alta, in the federal district, and 100 home-guard volunteers from Mexico City left for Ayotcingo this afternoon. More troops are being sent to the front, but the rebels are expected to retreat, possibly attacking Chalco.

### Colonel in Command Asks Aid.

Colonel Vasconcelos, at Chalco, who is directing operations, twice has telegraphed to the war department for reinforcements. He said that the rebels, who, in the beginning numbered 1000, have since been reinforced by a large band.

The hacienda Cerro Gordo, in the state of San Luis Potosi, has been sacked by rebels under Francisco Vasquez, a nephew of Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez, and a quantity of arms and ammunition captured.

### Bridges on the Mexican Southern Railway between Puebla and Oaxaca have been burned.

Owing to the presence of General Higinio Aguilar between the Mexican and Inter-oceanic Railways near Paso del Macho, the Governor of Vera Cruz had ordered military escorts for the trains on the Inter-oceanic traversing that district. Bridges have been burned on the International Railway between Monterey and Torreón.

## VOTES CAST FOR WOMEN

### Newberg Men Pay Compliment to, but Do Not Nominate Sisters.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special).—An unusual scene was presented last night at the caucus held here for the nomination of candidates for various offices. Early in the evening women voters came in force, many of them meeting at the Imperial Hotel by agreement and coming in a body. Complimentary votes were cast for Mrs. Bowerman, prominent as a W. C. T. U. woman; Mrs. Clarence Brett, and Miss Anna Fogle for Mayor. Without opposition W. W. Nelson was nominated for Recorder, an office he has held for ten years.

S. E. Launer, a Socialist in politics, one of the High School professors, was Mayor J. D. Gordon's opponent, and lacked only 14 of making it a vote. It was not generally known that Mr. Launer was to be a candidate, and the result of the vote was a surprise. The two will be pitted against each other at the election next Monday.

Nominations for Councilmen were George Kelly and H. Crow, First Ward; John Hutzen and Aaron Bray, Second Ward; Henry R. Morrison, Third Ward; For Treasurer, W. S. Wharton was nominated.

## CLATSOP LEVY IS FIXED

### Total County, School and State Is Placed at 25 Mills.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special).—The County Court today fixed the tax levies on the 1912 assessment roll at 21.2 mills for county and state purposes and 2.8 mills for county school, making a total of 25 mills. Last year the levies for those purposes totalled 26.4 mills. In making its estimate of the county expenses for the ensuing year the court provided for the erection of a new jail and construction of a building at the poor farm. The total levies on property lying

## COLLEGE BILL INDORSED

### Provision for Extension of Agricultural College Work Wanted.

Resolutions were adopted by the Portland Oregon Agricultural College Club at a meeting held at the Commercial Club Thursday night endorsing the proposed bill, which provides for the extension of the agricultural college work to every county in the state by means of experiment stations and traveling demonstrators. The measure carries a \$25,000 appropriation, which will bring a like amount from the Government for educational purposes in the stock and dairy fields. Another provision is that the state contribute \$2 to every \$1 raised by the separate counties for the work, within a certain fixed limit.

### Permanent organization of the club was effected last night by the election of the following officers: President, W. Y. Masters; first vice-president, Miss Gladys Moore; second vice-president, D. M. MacClair; secretary-treasurer, M. E. Smead; board of trustees, E. C. Calloway, S. A. Wilson, R. R.

## CHASE IS THRILLING

### Police Pursue Suspect While Real Thieves Take Gems.

## MESSAGE FOOLS OFFICERS

### While Authorities Have Running Fight With Chauffeur Automobile Robbers Hurl Brick Through Window and Rob Store.

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—While a squad of heavily-armed policemen was pursuing and firing at Albert Almbast, a chauffeur whom the officers mistook for an automobile desperado, last night, two real motor car thieves threw a brick through a South Side jewelry window and escaped with jewelry valued at \$800.

### The chase after Almbast was thrilling.

An anonymous telephone message informed the police that a chauffeur was acting suspiciously and appeared to be a desperado. The car, loaded with officers carrying rifles, started after Almbast. He had a speedy machine and soon began to distance them. They warned him to stop and which he failed to do so fired at him eight times. Finally his gasoline gave out and he stopped. He was arrested and charged with being intoxicated. Two clerks were in the jewelry store when the desperados robbed the window. The thieves escaped before the police appeared.

### Hubert Sancier, who is held on the suspicion that he is a motor car desperado, attempted tonight to escape from his cell at the central station.

When the door was opened to admit a keeper carrying a tray of food Sancier tried to rush out. The prisoner was overpowered.



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but made good the check. This time his ball was set at \$500, which he did not furnish last night.

## JACK COFFMAN IS SUED

### CONFECTIONER'S WIFE WANTS \$500 MONTHLY ALIMONY.

### Mrs. Coffman Says, in Complaint, She Has Been Cruelly Treated Since Wedding Day.

Allegations of gross cruelty are made in a divorce complaint filed in Circuit Court Thursday by Mabel Inez Coffman, formerly Mabel Inez Wells, of Minneapolis, against A. J. Coffman, proprietor of five confectionery stores, whose business was taken over by creditors about a month ago and later incorporated as a going concern, with the use of his name. Mrs. Coffman charges that her husband often cursed and abused her, and even went so far as to injure her physically.

From the beginning, she states, he seemed to be dissatisfied with the alliance, which was contracted in Minneapolis October 2, 1911, and did everything in his power to drive her away and get rid of her. Another charge is that he kicked her violently.

It is alleged that it was the defendant's habit to set the alarm clock for 7 o'clock in the morning and force her to get up at that time. If she demurred she was kicked out of bed, she says.

Her husband would lie in bed till 10 o'clock and then get up, and would refuse to eat or speak to her.

She asserts that he often threatened to kill himself and her and that she was forced one day to get down on her knees and beg for her life, believing that he had a razor in his hand. She declares he said he would spare her life but would kill her some time when she wasn't expecting it, suggesting that to lock her in a folding bed and let her suffocate would be the best and easiest way.

Shortly before the birth of their child he himself stayed out all night, she complains, and when she was ill he refused to provide care for her. When the baby would cry he would fly into a rage and abuse it and throw things at it, she further complains. She declares he also suggested that they chloroform the child. His desertion of her on December 1, when he left for California without saying goodbye, letting her know anything about it, was the final straw.

Mrs. Coffman wants the custody of the child, asserting that her husband does not love, but hates it, and she wants \$500 a month alimony, declaring that her husband is a clever business man, capable of paying such an amount. She also asks \$500 attorney fees and \$150 court costs.

### Hood River Docket Light.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special).—Wells A. Bell, the newly elected Prosecuting Attorney for this district, is making preparations for the Circuit Court term, which will convene Monday with Judge W. L. Bradshaw on the bench. The criminal docket is light, Jake Horn, charged with perjury; Sam Wintsted, accused of horse theft, and Frank Lacey, accused of giving liquor to a minor, will be tried at the coming term.

### Where He Gets Them.

Judge. Frost—Where do you get your hats, old man? Snow—At cafes usually. But once or twice I've been lucky enough to exchange at church.

## SURVIVORS OF ROSECRANS' CREW WHO WERE RESCUED BY LIFESAVERING CREW.



LEFT, JOE SLENNING, SECOND QUARTERMASTER OF ILL-FATED VESSEL; RIGHT, ERIC LINDMARK, CARPENTER OF SHIP.—IT WAS THESE MEN WHO HELD TO THE MAST FOR FIVE AND A HALF HOURS.

Clark, John G. Schroeder, J. H. Gallagher, H. C. Getz.

## ROBBERS RIDE CYCLE

### EXPRESSMAN FORCED TO PART WITH \$60 BY PAIR.

### Men Escape on Motorcycle—City and County Officers in Pursuit Nearly Shoot Each Other.

Robbers on a motorcycle made a \$60 haul Thursday night, in the latest, up-to-date method of highway robbery so far practiced in Portland, when they held up M. A. Rule, an expressman of 1665 East Yamhill street, at East Fifty-second and Division street. In the pursuit which the police and county authorities immediately began, two motorcycle officers, one for the county, and the other for the city, came near shooting each other on the Sandy road when they met.

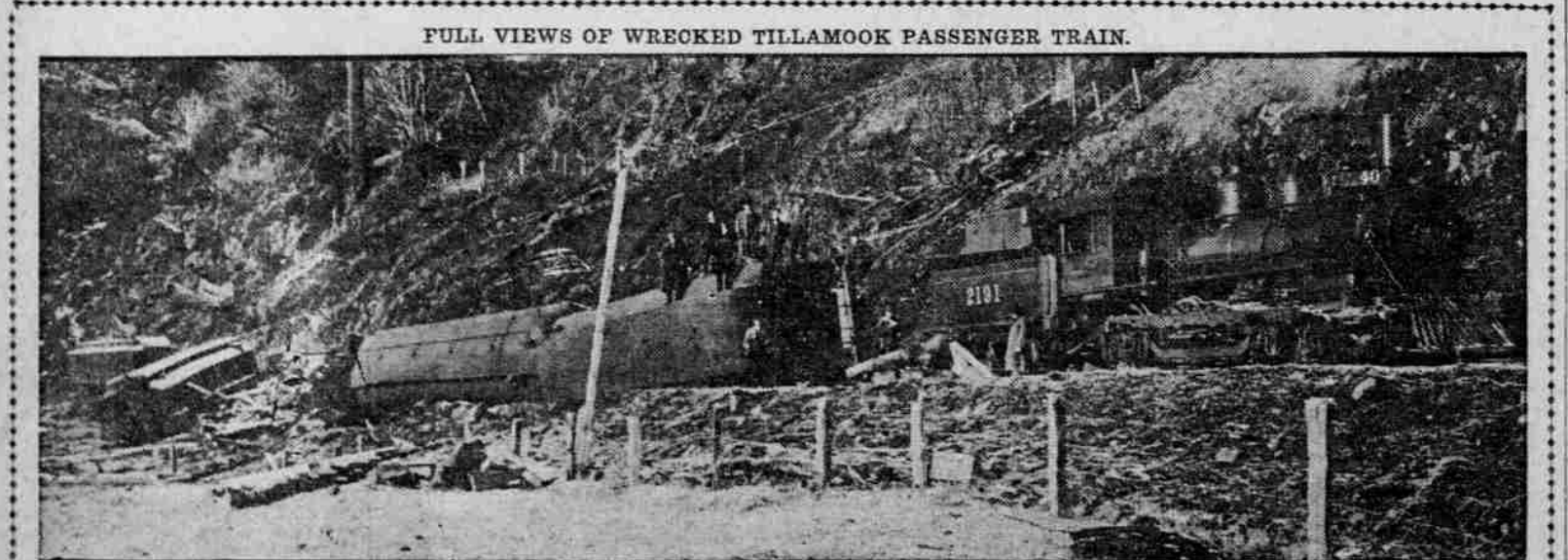
Rule, after making express deliveries in Mount Scott, was driving slowly along East Fifty-second street, near Division, when two men accosted him in a dark spot. He halted, and one held a revolver pointed at him while the other climbed on the wagon and went through his pockets. Then, while the dumazed expressman looked after them, they jumped on their machine and sped away.

Motorcycle Patrolman Schirmer, on their trail out the Sandy road, saw a motorcycle coming toward him and into Portland. He doused his lights, drew his machine to the side of the road, and waited. When the machine came close he sprang out and threw light and revolver toward the rider. "Hello, Schirmer," came the unexpected reply, and Officer Truesdale for the county jumped off the motorcycle.

The same two men are supposed to be responsible for the scaring of A. S. Schaffer, a farmer, at East Seventy-fifth street and Base Line road somewhat later—about 10 o'clock. But one man appeared, and as Schaffer had no money, the robber gave him scant attention.

### Dr. Boyd Starts Series of Talks.

Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, commenced the first of a series of weekly lectures on the services of Christ last night. The chapel was so crowded that the next lecture will be given in the main auditorium next Thursday night. His subject will be "Christ's Entrance Upon His Public Ministry."



### PULL VIEWS OF WRECKED TILLAMOOK PASSENGER TRAIN.

LANDSLIDE STRIKING CARS WHILE MOVING ON PACIFIC RAILWAY & NAVIGATION COMPANY'S LINE CAUSED THIS DAMAGE. TILLAMOOK, Or., Jan. 9.—(Special).—The accompanying views were taken at the scene of the wreck of December 29, on the Tillamook-Portland line of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company. The cars were struck and overturned by a landslide while the train was speeding along. Several passengers were injured, though none seriously. Passengers on the train were Swenson, Daley Allender, W. S. Ruel, of Tillamook; Charles Ray, of Cloverdale; John O. Bozarth, Thomas Edwards, of Bay City; J. R. Lamb, E. M. Patterson, Nohalem; J. H. Smith, Bar View; Grover Hendrickson, Harry Hart, Vancouver, Wash.; Mrs. W. M. Barker, Regina Willett, Joe Hendrick, Portland; Frank Howard, Seattle; E. M. Garbell, Dallas; F. J. Gatrell, Manhattan Beach.

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## ORANGE RATE IS SOUGHT

### GROWERS WOULD RUSH FRUIT TO EASTERN MARKET.

### Railway Representatives Doubt Ability to Obtain Desired Reduction of 50 Per Cent.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—At a conference today between representatives of the citrus fruitgrowers of Southern California and the transcontinental railroads entering Los Angeles, the growers asked for a special 30 days' rate on oranges and lemons destined to Eastern markets, in order that they may rush the fruit affected by the recent cold wave to the East at the rate of 12 1/2 cents a bushel.

As there is no way of determining the extent of the damage done to the fruit, all of the shipments will be labeled merely as "California oranges" and sold for whatever price can be obtained.

The railroad representatives, while expressing a desire to aid growers, were doubtful if they could secure the 50 per cent reduction requested. Another conference will be held tomorrow afternoon, when it is expected that definite word will have been received from the Eastern railroads and the Interstate Commerce Commission, the sanction of which body must be obtained.

Orange growers declared today that there was more uncertainty than ever regarding the damage done by the cold spell since rain began falling throughout the citrus belt. It is believed that the rain has done a great amount of good and that a much larger percentage of the citrus crop than first estimated will be saved, but citrus experts declare it may be three weeks before the extent of the loss will be definitely determined.

### Recount of Votes Begins.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special).—Actual recount of votes cast November 5 for joint Senator of Union and Wallawa counties commenced today before Judge Knowles as the outcome of action brought for a recount by John Hodgkin, Democrat, defeated by Ed E. Kiddie, Republican, by four votes.

The recount followed a denial by the court of the right of appeal by Kiddie of the decision by Knowles, assuming jurisdiction.

In the first precinct recounted Hodgkin lost one vote, several in two others, but stands to regain more than he lost, when votes for him were found in a pile of 25 ballots held faulty by the canvassers because of slight irregularities. The court will not be compiled until the middle of next week.

## MISS STEEB WINS OVATION

### Farewell Recital Brings Cheers From Enthusiastic Audience.

BY JOSEPH M. QUENTIN. Portland had the opportunity last night, in the Masonic Temple auditorium to listen to Olga Steeb's farewell piano recital before her tour of Europe and the occasion, musically, was a distinguished one. Miss Steeb won an ovation, and was not only applauded for her artistic work in rendering piano gems by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and other celebrated composers, but she was even cheered—quite an honor in this conservative city, so far as concerts are concerned.

It is not too much to say that Miss Steeb is now an equal terms as a concert attraction with the really big pianists of the day, search where you will. She has the requisite art and beautiful finish, to which can be added piano genius. Those who will dispute the correctness of this opinion, have either not heard Miss Steeb play in recital or they are hopelessly biased or deficient in the spirit of fair play. During her brief residence in this city, Miss Steeb has won enthusiastic approbation at her piano recitals, but has not attracted the crowd.

Last night she made a graceful, modest figure at the piano, but when once she touched the keys, her whole being was transformed to action and the piano sang. Like other big artists, she played her difficult and finely-arranged programme from memory and stamped every phrase of it with her glowing personality.

The Bach-Busoni "Prelude and Fugue in E Flat" is gigantic in execution alone, and so is the Beethoven "Sonata op. 53," but Miss Steeb made light of the technical difficulties, playing every phrase with dash, finish and regard for the niceties of expression. Her chopin was superb and two of the many encores she accepted were the Schullz-Evler transcription of the famous "Blue Danube" waltz by Strauss and the Mendelssohn-Liszt setting of the former's "Wedding March."

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