SHRAPNEL FIRE TEARS STREETS **OFMEXICO CIT**

Hundreds Killed in Battle Conducted Partly From Skyscrapers.

AMERICAN CONSULATE HIT

Steel and Concrete Building of Y. M. C. A. Used as Screen by Fighting Men.

FLOYD OSBORNE IS WOUNDED

Author One of Three Americans to Suffer Injury.

STILL UNDECIDED

Shells Fall Throughout City and Pavements Are Converted Into Fortifications. - Blanquet Says He Is Loyal.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11 .- A pitched battle was fought today among the on the outside of the gottle was that skyscrapers and homes of one of the awful word. great cities of the world between adand the revolutionary forces of General

Felix Diaz. lets spattered against the walls that plot of a fanatic was being perpetrated housed thousands of foreigners as well to blow up the building. as the countrymen of the combatants.
When darkness put an end to the battle, after seven hours' fighting, neither

side appeared to have gained any marked advantage. Dead Numbered in Hundreds.

Estimates of casualties run as high as 1000, although accurate information cannot be obtained at this time. dead certainly will be counted by hun-

Three Americans are known to have are Lloyd Osborne, the author, who was shot in the thigh; Dr. R. H. McCrosson, of Lincoln, Neb., and Mark Johnson, a

negro, of Madison, III. rtillery played the chief part in the day's fighting.

Y. M. C. A. Building Battle Center. Under the red flag of Diaz the Young Men's Christian Association building was made the screen of a machine gun battery which sprayed a rain of bullets through the streets upon the soldiers of Madero, while the return fire sought every crack and cranny of the building. occupants were driven from the reading-rooms and dormitories and

Sharpshooters and maches gun bat-teries took up their positions on the tops of skyscrapers and picked off any enemy that broke cover. Office build ings and residences were loopholed for rifle fire and the rattle of musketry replaced the click of typewriters and telegraph instruments.

Pavements Made Into Barricades.

Under a heavy shrappel fire streets were torn up and the pavements formed into barricades by the Diaz soldiers against the assaults of the Time after time the adherents of Madero swept forward in an attempt to carry the Diaz positions by assault and four times they were repulsed by the fire that poured from matters at the State House, the swinging muzzles of machine guna and from the modern rifles with which the Diaz infantry was armed.

At a late hour in the afternoon neither side had gained a decisive advantage, although the Diaz forces had Ellot. maintained and even extended their positions.

The assault on the Diaz positions was ordered by Madero, in spite of the friendly offer of Francisco de la Barra. tem. the former provisional President, to get as mediator, and over the protest of powers, even though he knew that this would entail a terrific bombardment of the capital.

The federal assault on the rebels fortified in and around the arsenal began at 10:15 in the morning.

Diaz' Fing Waves Definnee. All through the day the federal com-

manders were placing their men in Twenty cannon, some of heavy callber, had been brought in from the outlying districts. Rurales engaged in transporting am-

From above the captured arsenal (Concluded on Page 5.)

SKIRTS TO BE OF LONG NARROW TYPE

ARBITERS OF FASHION SET STYLES FOR SPRING.

Coats Will Be From 24 to 27 Inches Long-Blouses Are Adopted as "Leader for Season."

NEW YORK, Feb. 11,-Arbiters of ashion set toony for the Nation and Canada Spring styles and length of

omen's outer garments. After arguing hotly at night and liscussing the matter more calmly today representatives of the National Ladies' Tailors' and Dressmakers' As-sociation from 21 states, the District of Columbia and Canada, announced to-night that coats are to be 24 to 27 inches long, skirts from one to three and one half inches from the ground, and the train skirts from 4-to 12 inches

in length. California, Illinois and Canada all had suggestions for coat lengths, scaling from 22 inches to 32 inches, while California radically demanded that skirts range from two to five and one- In Executive Session Draft Curbing half inches from the floor. The measures adopted, however, were those proposed by New York, With New York voted Massachusetts, Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and the District of Columbia.

According to the announcement, New Tork's proposal of "blouses as the leader of the season" was accepted, together with the following styles:

"Fancy cuts for tailor-made garlines in tallors' skirts; top coats, box front; sleeveless coats for three-piece suits; skirts not wider than one and one-half yards around the bottom."

"BOMB" FOUND IN CAPITOL

Janitor Finds Bottle of Nitro-Glycerine and Burles It.

(Special.)-Lying in a little grave somewhere on the State Capitol grounds, just where Head Janitor George Dunsford, refuses to state, is a mysterious bottle, supposed to con-torney Erskine Wood. Present also tain nitro-glycerine. At least written

Dunsford found it lying in the lobby, herents of President Francisco Madero in the rotunda of the Capitol on the byists surging on every side.

He did not stop to ascertain whether Cannon reared in the streets of the some jokester was responsible for densely populated city and rifle bul- leaving the bettle or whether some

Gingerly he carried the bottle to a remote point on the grounds. Placing it gently on the sod he stepped several feet away and dug a deep hole. The bottle was laid as gingerly into the hole and the sod was dropped, a few handfuls at a time, on the bottle. "I will take no chances," said Duns-

BIG ELECTRIC DEAL IS ON

Milwaukee Railway Would Buy W. P." System at Spokane.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 11 .- (Special.)-The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. The rifle fire was kept Paul Railway plans to purchase the Washington Water Power Company, Scarcely four blocks separated the using the four power plants of the latheavy guns of the opposing forces, but ter to furnish power for the electrifica-the shells fell throughout the entire tion of the Milwaukee main line be-In no section were the inhabi-tween Avery, Idaho, and the Columbia safe. Office buildings, devoted River and for the development of an until now to the battles of busniess, extensive system of interurban feeders radiating from Spokane.

This is the project which is being worked out in connection with the electrification of the main line between Harlowtown, Mont., and the coast.

The plin contemplates the consolldation of the city lines of the Wash ington Water Power Company and the Spokane Traction Company, to be taken over by a holding company, and a distinct and separate corporation which will be friendly to both the Rockefeller and Hill lines. The interurban system of the Spokane & Inland will remain with the Hills.

ELIOT CRITICISES TAFT Fourth-Class Postmaster Order Held

Blow at True Civil Service.

BOSTON, Feb. 11.-President Taft was criticised today by President Emeritus Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, for having placed fourthclass postmasters of the country under service rules. The criticism was contained in a hearing on civil service

"I greatly regret to criticise a President of the United States, and I regret that a President of the United States should issue such an order as that issued just after the election," said Dr.

"The fourth-class postmasters were patronage appointees. They are to be continued in office now simply because of the application of the spoils sys-tem. The blow has been struck from the capital at true civil service."

lomatic representatives of other foreign \$1 BILL SENT BY POST

Albany Man Malls Paper Money to Son in Colorado.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 11 .- (Special.)-One of the most unique packages ever sent by parcel post was a dollar bill mailed out of the Albany postoffice today. A small card bearing the address and a 2-cent stamp was pinned to the center of the bill, which was not enclosed at all.

The bill was sent by H. S. Logan ticket agent at the Oregon Electric depot here, to his son at Fort Morgan,

POWER BILL MADE MORE DRASTIC YET

Northwestern Electric

Is Open Target.

Northwestern Electric

Super Target.

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TWO PROJECTS ARE ASSAILED

At White Salmon and Klickitat Plants Measure Is Aimed.

SENATE COMMITTEE ACTS

Interstate Electric Traffic Is Indorsed-Officers of Corporstion Are Heard.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 11 .- (Spe cial.)-In executive session here tonight the Senate committee on irrigation and arid lands voted, 4 to 1, in National favor of a drastic bill aimed to oust the Northwestern Electric Company from the White Salmon and Klickitat Mulinomah Club elects directors. Page 42. ments; habit effects for skirts; bias the Northwestern Electric Company effects and small drapings on back and rivers, where power for Portland is to

be generated.

The bill, if enacted into law, will prohibit the use of water within this state in generating power to be sold outside the state except by companies which are actually supplying such interstate power on or before March of this year.

mittee was held after a joint open STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Feb. 11. lands committees of the House and Senate, at which representatives of the Northwestern Company were given an opportunity to defend their rights. The company was represented by Genwas W. S. Yearsley, from whom the company secured the riparian rights on the Klickitat River.

Drastic Is Measure

The bill as it has been indorsed is more drastic than the original measure considered by the Senate judiciary committee and the House irrigation itat River part of the company's new plant and that to be situated on the White Salmon.

The original bill was so worded that it would have affected also the rights the knee. of the Washington Water Power Company, of Spokane, to transmit power Idaho, which prohibition was not destred by the members of the committee or the originators of the scheme to oust the Northwestern Company. Back-(Concluded on Page 3,

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Sentence Injured by Trolley. SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 11 .-- (Spe-

cial.)-When Ernest M. Dobbs failed committee last Saturday. The original to appear in Justice of the Peace Fred was aimed primarily at the Klick- C. Brown's court yesterday to be sentenced to six months for petty larceny generating system, while the new an investigation was started which dis-measure is simed at both the Klickitat closed that Dobbs was fallen under a an investigation was started which disofficers were looking for him undergoing amputation of his right leg below

electric light goods, valued at \$19.20, rom this state to mines and towns of from his former employes, but when up for sentence January 27 obtained a stay, pleading his wife was destitute and would starve unless he could earn enough to support her while he was in

ANTARCTIC HEROES SURVIVE ICY DEATH

Northern Party Passes Terrible Winter.

Year on Month's Supplies.

SNOWDRIFT USED AS HOME

Burrowing Down, Explorers Build Igloo 13 by 9 Feet and Line It With Seaweed-Seal and Blubber Are Eaten.

were the experiences of Lieutenant Campbell's party, which formed the Mr. and Mrs. Montague will return to Page .2 Northern expedition of Captain Scott's Portland about February 22.

> tions from hunger and sickness and constantly were face to companions hope that their

resources, began to be exhausted. Atkinson, after finding the bodies of Captain Scott, Dr. Wilson and Licutenant Bowers, and vainly searching for the body of Captain Oates, brought quarters and there received the wel-Campbell, Surgeon G. M. Levick, Mr. Priestly, the geologist, Petty Officers G. P. Abbot and F. V. Browning and Seaman H. Dickason, had returned in safety to the expedition's base at Cape to honor the brave men. Evans on November 7.

Ice Bars Way to Coast.

Campbell and Men Live Half

cut off from the rest of the exploring body suffered the greatest of priva- White Mourning May Be Worn on death. The fortitude of the men in bearing their hardships uncomplainingly was at all times admirable and the bring relief sustained them when their

On November 5, 1912, Surgeon E. L. his party to the Hut Point Winter come news that the entire Northern party, consisting of Lieutenant V. L. A

Lieutenant Campbell's party, which had been picked up at Cape Adare and landed for a short sledge journey in streetcar and was at the time court January, 1912, returned to Terra Nova Bay on February 17, expecting to be picked up by the Terra Nova. The ship, as detailed in last year's dispatches, met with ice conditions in approaching miles away.

The journey could not be attempted Manufacturers vigorously complained conference was beg until the sea was properly frozen over. that just as they had perfected chew-(Concluded on Page 5.)

MRS. LAMSON NOW MRS. MONTAGUE

PORTLAND COUPLE WED WHILE VISITING IN EAST.

Pair Arc Cousins and Prominent in Society Here-Announcement of Marriage Surprise. News of the marriage at New Ro

helle, N. Y., last Saturday of S. Montague and Mrs. R. B. Lamson, 1 prominent residents of Portland, was received by friends in this city yesterday. While it was known that Mr. Montague had been attentive for some time to his present bride, he announce-ment was made of the plans for the wedding and consequently the announcement yesterday came as a complete surprise. Mrs. Montague was the widow of R.

B. Lamson, a leading lawyer and capitalist of Portland, who was killed by a fall from a horse while racing at St Helens, July 3, 1911. She is the sister of R. W. Montague, of Portland, who was her husband's law partner, and of ames Montague, at whose home in New Rochelle the wedding took place S. S. Montague and his cousins. He is vice-president of the Montague-O'Reflly Company and president of the St. Helens Quarry Com-Both Mr. and Mrs. Montague

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CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z., Feb. 11.—

(Special.)—Terrible in the Company of th until yesterday did his friends know that his mission was a romantic one.

For more than six months the men CITIZENS TO HONOR SCOTT Friday for Late Explorer.

White mourning will be displayed or 'riday by men and women 'who will oin in honoring the explorer, Captain Robert F. Scott, and his men, who perished from exposure after having attained the South Pole. The men will wear a white flower in the lapel of their coats and the women will wear corsage bouquets. White roses, white carnations, lilies - of - the - valley and

other flowers will be seen On that day there will be a special nemorial service in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, and Dr. David Walker. of Portland, a member of the McClintock expedition of nearly 50 years ago which learned of the tragic outcome of the Sir John Franklin expedition, has suggested that white flowers be

Slot Machine Interests Secure Delay in Introduction.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 .- Circulation of the proposed new nickel, scheduled the coast that were quite insuperable for February 11, was postponed indefand the party was forced to make their initely today by the Treasury Departown way back to Cape Evans, some 200 ment, because of protests of slot-machine interests.

> ing-gum and other slot machines to refuse counterfeit nickels and "slugs"

"NO FUNDS" STARTS RUN dispater Depositor Thinks Reference Is Made

to Bank, Not Check Given.

for a conference with mint officials.

ELYRIA, O., Feb. 11 .- Several hundred savings depositors in the First National Bank formed in line and began a run on the bank when the doors opened today. The run was started, It is said, by a story circulated by the payee of a check who did not understand that the words "no funds," accompanying a check which was rebalance of the check-giver.

The run cessed shortly after noon after about \$15,000 had been withdrawn. The bank was examined about a month ago by a Federal bank examiner and pronounced in excellent con

cuse" and Remits \$6 Fine.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11,- "Speed If you Cruz. like if you have new twins at home," is the rule Judge Fry put into force in the "speeders' " court today. honor," Albert Ponger said

when arraigned on a charge of speeding, "someone phoned me that a boy and a girl had arrived at my home. I forgot all speed regulations right then." Secretary of War except to put two Judge Fry responded. "The costs, amounting to \$6, are remitted. Take the \$6 and start a \$3 bank account for

Idaho Senate Opposes Legislative Control of Supreme Bench.

tion offered by Senator Dow Dunning, time which would commit us to such a to amend the State Constitution so as policy and to take only the reasonable to place the Supreme Court under the precautions to meet an exigency jurisdiction of the Legislature, was it is earnestly hoped and believed will killed in the Idaho Senate today. The not arise." Senate also defeated a bank deposit

passed in the House.

TROOPS READY; 3 WARSHIPS GO

Army Transports to Be Put in Commission at Once to Go to Mexico.

CABINET SITS AT 2 A. M.

Three Additional Battleships to Go to East Coast Today to Pretect Americans.

ARMY MEN AT CONFERENCE

Troops to Be Held Ready to Rush to Trouble Zone.

WOOD AT DESK ALL NIGHT

President's Anxiety Increased by Rumor That American Ambassador Wilson Had Been Forced to Flee From Embassy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 .- As a result of an early morning conference at the White House, three additional battleships will be sent to the east coast of Mexico today and orders will be issued at once for the immediate placing in commission of two Army transports for the transport of troops to Mexico City for the protection of the lives of Americans and foreigners should the

situation there grow any worse. Recognizing that a crisis in the Mexican situation had been reached, President Taft summoned to House Secretary of State Knox, Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of the Navy Meyer, together with several Army and Navy officers shortly after midnight. At 1:39 o'clock this morning the last of those summoned had arrived and with Secretary Hilles a conference was begun in the library

Officers at Conference

The officers in the conference are: designed for fraud, the Government Major-General Wood, Chief of Staff of was about to place in circulation a the Army; Brigadier-General William five-cent plece, the design of which crozier, president of the war college; practically would nullify their inventions. Mint officials agreed to delay chief of the Quartermaster's corps of circulation to consider the protests. the Army, and Rear-Admiral Bradley George E. Roberts, director of the A. Fisk, of the inspection department left Washington for Philadelphia of the Navy.

> bility of troops and marines for instant dispatch was begun as soon as all had President Taft's anxiety was said to ceived from Mexico City that American

to flee from the embassy. At an early

A general discussion of the advisa

no confirmation of this report could be obtained through official sources. Immediately on leaving the White House Major-General Wood went directly to the War Department, where he remained at his desk until nearly daylight working out details for the turned to him, referred to the bank quick movement of troops, should the occasion arise. These troops probably

> and prepared to embark as soon as the transports had reached that point from Newport News, Va.

would be mobilized at Galveston, Tex-

Hilles Issues Statement. Shortly before 2 o'clock Secretary Hilles issued the following statement: TWINS MITIGATE SPEEDING President with the Secretaries of State, of War and of the Navy, it was not Judge Says They Are "Grand Ex. believed that the news from the City of Mexico required any action of an affirmative character other than to order three more battleships to Vera These, including the one or dered to Tampico, will make four battieships on the gulf side of Mexico, or one division of the fleet, under the

"The War Department will hold ltself in readiness, but no affirmative ac-"It's a grand excuse, and I like ft," transports now at Newport News in

mmand of an Admiral.

commission.

These transports will receive troops should further action be deemed nee-The purpose merely is to take essary. BILL TO CURB COURT DEAD Mexico should conditions of violence

continue and anarchy succeed. Precautions Are Taken.

"The attitude of the Government still is strong against intervention and it BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 11.-A resolu- was determined to take no step at this

The battleships to be sent to Mexican waters will be determined upon to-A public utilities commission bill, day as soon as Secretary Meyer reaches modeled after the California faw, was his office. Orders were sent promptly

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NOT GETTING ANYWHERE.

