

STORM SIGNED IN TIME, SAYS BUREAU

Weather Chief Replies to Critics' Charges, Denying Warnings Were Inadequate.

EVERY MEANS EMPLOYED

Cleveland Forecaster Absolved by Department of Any Blame for Heavy Loss of Life on Great Lakes in Disturbance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—In reply to published charges that the Weather Bureau had given inadequate warning to shipping on the Great Lakes of the approach of last week's terrific storm, resulting in a known loss of 254 lives, and to the announcement by Representative Gordon of Ohio that he would seek an investigation of the matter, the bureau today issued a statement declaring that "the storm throughout its course was heralded in as complete a manner as possible."

Full responsibility for the forecasts was taken by the bureau, the local forecaster at Cleveland being absolved from any possible blame.

"All forecasts relating to this atmospheric disturbance were sent out from Washington," the statement said.

Warnings Precede Storm.

"On Thursday, when this storm was over the Canadian Northwest, small craft warnings were displayed at every station over the Great Lakes."

"Friday at 10 A. M., as the storm advanced and increased in intensity, signals were changed to storm warnings and displayed at every point on the Great Lakes as far east as Oswego. During the passage of the storm eastward warnings continued throughout the whole lake region and were accompanied by forecast of lower temperature and snow."

"On Sunday morning, owing to an approaching secondary storm, moving northward in an abnormal manner, the added precaution was taken to repeat the storm warnings on the Great Lakes from Detroit eastward, those on the northern lakes being continued under existing rules. Finally, Sunday evening, storm warnings were displayed again on the upper lakes, except Upper Lake Michigan and Western Superior."

Every Means Employed.

"The records show that every Weather Bureau means for disseminating news of such storms was used. Displays were made at 13 points along the lake shores, including 19 Weather Bureau stations, from any one of which special information could have been had upon request. The severity of the storm was fully recognized by the officials in Washington, and no information concerning it was concealed or withheld."

"In the last 21 years 23 cases have occurred at Cleveland in which the wind has equaled or exceeded that in the present storm. Casualties in the present case doubtless were increased on account of the blinding snow accompanying the wind. Information at hand in that division of the Weather Bureau indicate that a large number of vessels heeded the warnings and sought safety by remaining in port or by seeking shelter. From the foregoing facts, it seems that it would have been impossible for the Weather Bureau to have given more adequate or more timely warnings of the approaching and dangerous character of these storms."

REBELS HOLD HALE IN NET

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at cemetery while firing graves for dead comrades. Kennedy was shot by musket and executed while unconscious.

Pablo y Bave, Juarez policeman.

Unknown civilian, employed in Juarez Customhouse before the rebels captured it.

Only four men were executed Sunday.

These were Captain Contreras, who was military instructor of the federal garrison in Juarez under the Huerta regime; Jose Cordova, who has been in charge of the Huerta Secret Service in Juarez; Pablo y Bave, a Juarez policeman, who had assisted Cordova in his work, and the federal soldier grave digger. He ran and was overtaken by a rebel, who broke his rifle in the terrific blow which he struck. The fleeing soldier fell unconscious and was then shot. An American railroad man was an eye witness of the affair.

General Francisco Castro, who commanded the federal garrison, said the rebels attacked, has not been located.

REBELS' COUP IS EFFECTIVE

Federal Leader Fooled by Villa's Man at Telegraph Key.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Nov. 17.—It was on the orders of General Castro, commander of the federal garrison at Juarez, that the train carrying Pancho Villa's 1500 Constitutionalists proceeded from Terrazas station into Juarez early Saturday morning, according to Francisco Elias, a border representative of the Constitutionalists who returned here tonight from a conference with Villa.

"Villa," said Elias, "with 3000 men, comprising both infantry and cavalry, made a wide detour around Chihuahua City, reaching Terrazas Friday."

"A small detachment of soldiers captured the telegraph office before the operator had an opportunity to warn the Federals at Juarez."

"A train, bound for Chihuahua, arrived shortly afterwards. It was captured by 60 of Villa's men."

"Then one of the Constitutionalists, who was a telegraph operator, took the key. Calling Juarez, he reported that the train's engine had gone through a trestle and asked that another engine be sent south."

"That was refused and orders were sent to 'get busy' and put the engine back on the tracks."

"An hour later Villa ordered the man to call Juarez and to tell Castro that the engine had been placed on the track again, but that two culverts to the south had been burned and that it was feared the train might fall into the hands of the rebels. The suggestion was made that the train return to Juarez."

"Castro consented to that move and Villa's infantry boarded the train, which proceeded northward. At each station four Constitutionalists left the train, which stopped a few hundred yards south of each station, and capturing the telegraph operator, reported the train's arrival and received orders to proceed to Juarez."

"Thus," concluded Elias, "by Castro's own orders, the train proceeded into the center of Juarez before the presence of Constitutionalists soldiers was known."

Elias said that Villa had left 1500

men, mostly cavalry, at Terrazas to prevent any reprisals.

DEMAND MADE ON RAILROAD

Villa Threatens to Confiscate Mexican Northwestern.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 17.—General Francisco Villa threatened today to take over the Mexican Northwestern Railroad, a property owned by Canadian capitalists, if the officials did not begin immediate repairs and operate the line. The railroad line has been destroyed by both rebels and federals, and has not been in operation for several months.

At a conference with Villa today, the railroad officials decided to begin the repairing of the line, instead of permitting it to be confiscated by the rebels.

Loans amounting to about \$100,000 were made to General Villa at Juarez today by the two banks of that city.

GRAND KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS IS ONLY 23 YEARS OLD.

Robert Schulz.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Robert Schulz, a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College, is the youngest grand knight of Columbus in the entire State of Washington, having been inducted into office Thursday night. He is but 23 years old. He has been for the past year chancellor of Columbia Council, No. 1327, and was advanced from that office to the highest in the local assembly.

Mr. Schulz was born in Berlin, Germany, and when five years old his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Schulz, of this city, came to the United States.

Villa gave the bankers assurances that he would refund the money to them if the revolt was successful. The money is being used in paying off the rebel troops and buying uniforms and provisions.

A full report of the executions which have taken place in Juarez within the last few days at the order of General Villa was forwarded to the War Department today by United States Army officials.

Aside from United States Senator Catron's unofficial warning to Villa against the execution of federal prisoners, no representation has been made by officials of the United States Government against the continuation of the execution of federal officers.

Thomas B. Edwards, American Consul at Juarez, said he had received no advice from the State Department about the executions.

O'SHAUGHNESSY PLAYS GOLF

American Charge d'Affaires Apparently Not Disturbed.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 17.—After 4 o'clock this afternoon no development in the situation was apparent. Conditions in the capital were absolutely normal. The American Charge d'Affaires, O'Shaughnessy, played golf at the Country Club.

The German minister, Admiral von Hintze, summoned tonight the heads of the most important German consular houses and asked them to give inventories of shipments expected. He explained that he would then be in a position better to guard their interests in case of a blockade.

LANE CONDEMNS WASTE

OREGON SENATOR CENSURES FORESTRY SERVICE WAYS.

Ripe Timber, Now Allowed to Rot, Could Be Sold and Made to Bear Road Cost, Is View.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—Senator Lane today condemned the policy of the Forestry Service, which allowed \$1,000,000 worth of ripe timber to rot and go to waste each year, when, under intelligent administration, he insists, this timber could be sold and cut and made to bear a part of the cost of constructing roads through National forests and in counties where a large part of the area lies within reserves. By adopting such a policy as maintained by Germany, Senator Lane asserts, all ripe timber could be cut and removed as it matured.

"There is enough of this ripe timber going to waste every year fully to supply mills of Oregon and Washington," the Senator said, "and the revenues that could be derived from this source would provide these two states with all the roads they need and turn a surplus into the Federal treasury."

Senator Lane insists the Government owes an obligation to counties whose taxes have been reduced by the creation of National Forest reserves, and he offers this plan as a solution of the problem.

GRAYS HARBOR DRENCHED

Heavy Rain Falls With Gal That Sweeps Country Saturday.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Nov. 17.—(Special.)—A gale blowing from the south an hour swept across the Grays Harbor country Saturday night, and the rainfall for Saturday and Sunday was more than two inches. Yesterday 1.72 inches of rain fell. Saturday's downpour was the first precipitation since November 9.

Damage seems to have been confined to the tearing of a few awnings and the flooding of many cellars. The water is high in the rivers tributary to the Chalks, but there is no flood danger. Log driving is on and cut timber which has been along the banks of some streams for two years or more is being sent to tidewater. The Satsop, particularly, is sending down much timber.

There was no wind at sea Saturday night and Sunday, according to Captain Sundeman, master of the steamer G. C. Lindauer, which made port this morning. There was a heavy blow off the coast at 9 o'clock this morning, he said.

MASKED CLERKS; ROBS MAIL

Highwayman Loots Southern Pacific Car Between San Jose and San Francisco.

WORKER'S POCKET SPARED

Robbery Duplicate in Detail of One on Same Line One Month Before.

Passengers, Train and Engine Crew Ignorant of Theft.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—For more than an hour tonight a masked highwayman was in complete charge of the mail car on the Southern Pacific's Shore Line Limited No. 77 from Los Angeles, between San Jose and this city, while three mail clerks lay on the floor, bound with ropes, and their heads covered with sacks.

The robber carefully helped himself to all the registered mail, going through the letters and packages and discarding the money orders and other articles which he did not want.

He entered the side door of the mail car as the train was leaving San Jose for San Francisco. The train, due here at 9:50 P. M., was ten minutes late, it passed through without a stop. Until the train reached the outskirts of the city the man was engaged in rifling the mail and keeping up a running conversation and warnings to the three helpless clerks.

As the train reduced its speed on entering the yards, the robber pocketed the booty, hid the clerks good night, jumped from the car and escaped.

The robber man asked Bruce Colton, chief mail clerk, if he had any money in his clothing. Colton said he had \$5.

"You work pretty hard on this run, don't you?" the robber asked.

Colton said he did.

"Well, keep the money," replied the man.

Several hundred passengers in the parlor cars, the engineers and the train crew were in absolute ignorance of the robbery until the train reached San Francisco. The value of the booty is not known. The robbery duplicates in every detail the one on the same line about a month ago.

NAVAL STORY IS THRILLING

Burial of Battleship Maine Shown in Movie Play at Majestic.

"Victory," the United States Navy drama which opened at the Majestic Theater yesterday, thrilled the big crowds to the point of generous applause.

One of the striking features of this big five-reel subject is a close view of the burial of the ill-starred battleship Maine.

Combined with a plot to destroy the United States steamship Utah there is a clever love story.

This picture was produced with the aid and permission of the United States Navy, and includes in the cast Secretary Daniels, Rear-Admiral Badger, commander of the Atlantic fleet, Captain Benson, of the United States steamship Utah, and Lieutenant Tower, a naval aviator.

Battleships, gunboats and monitors, all in action, amid exploding harbor mines, stir the hearts of the spectators to the actual realization of the wonderful fighting power of our Navy. Lieutenant Towers during warfare from an aeroplane while land and sea battles are in progress.

The Navy officials having aided in the production of this great spectacular drama made it possible to film many thrilling scenes never taken heretofore.

The final scenes of the great naval battle show the surrender and destruction of the opposing fleet, which was left a mass of twisted steel.

"Victory" has been classed among the greatest spectacular productions of today, and will continue to be shown at the Majestic Theater today and Wednesday.

\$2400 INCREASE IS \$600

City Attorney Really Gets Additional Job at \$1800.

Although the City Commission has granted an increase of \$2400 a year in the salary of City Attorney LaRoche, the actual increase is only \$600 a year, according to figures presented to the Commission yesterday.

In the reorganization of municipal affairs, Mr. LaRoche will handle the legal work of the Public Docks Commission, which, up to a short time ago, was handled by a special agent.

Mr. LaRoche received a salary of \$1800 a year. Granting Mr. LaRoche this \$1800, the actual increase is only \$600 a year. Attorney's services is only \$600 a year.

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STOLEN AUTO IS WRECKED

Machine Taken by Youths While Owner Is in Theater.

Stealing an automobile belonging to J. V. Beach from in front of the Orpheum Theater late last night, two young men ran the machine to the corner of Third and Grant streets, where it was badly wrecked when it skidded against a telephone pole.

The machine was missed by Mr. Beach, who resides at Alexandra Court, 53 Ella street, when he left the theater and it was found by the police shortly after, where it had been wrecked.

SAND ISLAND IDEA OPPOSED

Secretary of War Does Not Coincide With West's Hope.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 17.—The Secretary of War does not approve the suggestion of Governor West that Sand Island be leased to the State of Oregon for a nominal sum in order that the state may lease the fishing privileges thereon, and he is informed Senators Chambliss and Lane and Representative

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Art Department
DOUBLE STAMPS all this week in the Art Department. This will be the opportunity of making your selection in this department now, also filling your stamp book. This department is offering some exceptionally fine bargains in Framed and Unframed Pictures.

Bring, or let us send for, that Unframed Picture or Diploma you have. Let us frame it this week so you will get the benefit of the DOUBLE STAMPS.

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