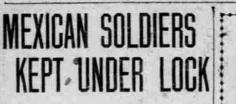
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Huerta Recruits Troops From Lowest Class, Calling on Jails for Share.

# ARMY STRENGTH QUESTION

Outcome of Struggle in South Still Problematical-Native Not Reliable Fighter and Rebel 1s No More Dependable.

BY PHILIP H. PATCHIN. (Published by special arrangement between the New York Tribune and The Oregonian.) MEXICO CITY, March 2.—(Special Correspondence.)—It would be a wise

man who would say what the outcome of this revolution is to be. It would be an equally sage person who would tell with definiteness or confidence just what Huerta's army amounts to.

No better illustration of the futlility of doing these things can be shown than the fact that Huerta himself is not entirely sure what will be the outcome or as to the number of men in the ranks of the federal army. Officiais the rational state of the federal army. Officials of the government will glibly tell you that there are 150,000 men in the fed-eral army, that is, 150,000 regulars, with a number of irregulars which will bring the total of fighting men up to 200,000. This estimate, like many other things in Mexico, should be di-vided by two. After that is done sub-tract a few thousands and you will have a reasonable approximation of the fighting men under the control of Huerts. Some follow the rule of di-viding by two and taking off one-third of the remainder in considering all things Mexican. Soldiers Recruited in Jalia.

### Soldlers Recruited in Jalla,

The Mexican federal soldier is a man of low class. He comes from the jails and the streets and he is forced to light. When Huerta needs troops he institutes the "leva" and around the city after dark has descended his sol-diers march, picking up men singly and in groups. They are "sent to the army," often weeping and walling. Most of these men are of the lowest types, loafers, robhers, beggars. Some-times men of higher class get caught in the dragnet and then there is a wild scramble to get released. This is often a difficult thing to do. It is a significant thing about the Mexican soldiers on liberty, with the general exception of bandsmen, who have special privileges. The reason is that the soldiers are kept locked in their barracks and have little freedom. The Mexican federal soldier is a man

is that the soldiers are kept locked in their barracks and have little freedom. If they were turned loose, as are Amer-ican soldiers, they would disappear for-ever, as far as the army is concerned. Americans hore have seen soldiers go-ing to the front to fight for their coun-try locked up in box cars. When they ride in ordinary day coaches officers are stationed at the doors.

Train Does Not Slacken. Train Does Not Slacken. "I these soldiers ever win victory; yet these soldiers ever win victory means versaries are no better than they. The robel of the North has more incentive to fight. He knows that victory means steal and plunder. The rebel of the North is also hardier than the federal from the South and oftentimes he knows a great deal more about shoot-Ing. These sould are about shoot-Ing. These sould are about shoot-





Photo Copyright by Mutual Film Company TOP, VILLA AND, AT HIS RIGHT, MAJOR RODOLFO, ALLEGED SLAYER OF BENTON - BELOW, REFUGEES ON THE MARCH.

trestle over the creek a woman and man standing. The woman's foot appeared to be caught in the ties and the

man was trying to release her. "Just as I looked she turned about and saw the train. Her body fell over

the man's shoulder and I think slid must have fainted. He looked up, saw

the train and began working harder at

the foot to get it released. He looked

up only once.

Strenuous efforts were needed to street, who was in the first car, said that she saw the accident clearly. She described it as follows: "I heard the train gathering speed

on the straightaway and looked out to see how fast we were going. As i looked I noticed just across the small Mme. Caillaux in Prison. Mme. Caillaux in Prison.

> HELD SPECIAL MASS IS

Slayer of Figaro Editor Attends to Correspondence in Cell That Is Fitted as Writing Room-Hus-Among Callers. band

PARIS, March 22 .- The killing last week of Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro, by Mme. Caillaux, wife of the former Minister of Finance, continues to absorb public interest.



WASHINGTON, March 22.—Believing that their cause is gradually gaining ground in Congress, opponents of the proposed repeal of the exemption pro-vision of the Panama Canal act ex-pressed satisfaction today over repeated delays in getting the controversy directly before Congress. They are carnestly at work in the meantime on Senators and Representatives are still wavering.

are still wavering. As the fight against repeal pro-gresses, those directing the opposi-tion maintain their propaganda is pro-ducing results and that some surprises are in store for the Administration be-fore the controversy is settled. On the other hand, Administration champions, while aware that the fight is the mo

stubborn and unyielding that has de-veloped since the Democratic party came into power, insist that repeal of toll exemption will triumph and that final action cannot be delayed many weeks.

### Harbors Fillibuster Charged.

Charges that some of the Demo the best, the longest and the guarratic and Republican opponents of the anteed service. He is willin, to take repeal in the House are fillbustering on the rivers and harbors appropriahis modest profit on Certain-teed tion bill to prevent action on exemp-tion repeal as long as possible con-tinue to be heard. Failure to com-plete the bill yesterday made it im-Roofing in preference to an inflated profit on any other brand, because he knows there are many more roofing possible to take up, as originally planned, the Sims bill, and it was an possible buyers just like you who know and nounced tonight that the repeal can-not be taken up tomorrow, Monday being reserved for District of Columhave faith in Certain-teed Roofing and in him.

being reserved for District of Colum-bia legislation. Consideration of the rivers and harbors bill will be re-sumed Tuesday and it is possible that the proponents of the repeal bill will not get an opportunity to open their general debate this week. With this prospect of further delay in the House, Democratic Senators who are supporting President Wilson in the toils fight expect to make another of-When you buy roofing of such a dealer as this, you know it is the best roofing service you can buy for your buildings because it is Certain-teed

tolls fight expect to make another ef-fort to have the Owen repeal bill taken up for consideration by the interopeanic canals committee. Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the commit-tee, who is leading the opposition to the repeal, has said he would not call the committee together until Senator Crawford returns from South Dakots, which will be late next work which will be late next week.

which will be late next weak. Jones Resolution Opposed. The foreign relations committee of the Senate will have before it Wednes-day the resolution introduced by Sen-ator Jones, of Washington, requesting the President for information as to what foreign nations are oposed to toll exemition for American considuring the prosted adversely. In that case,

be reported adversely. In that case, Senator O'Gorman is expected to make a minority report. This will precipi-tate discussion in the Senate again and furnish the opportunity for an-other preliminary skirmish on the im-

Democrat of Third District Is Second Aspirant of That Party to Enter

The Judiciary



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was one of the rganizers of the Ora-gon Fire Relief Association, the plo-neer of mutual fire insurance compa-nies in Oregon, and is an ex-president of the Oragon plonger Association and

are offset by better organization of the part of the federals. There is a nu-cleus of the federal army which is fair-ly well trained and there are a few of-ficers in it who are highly efficient. ly well trained and there are are ficient. ficers in it who are highly efficient. A Mexican soldier is not a vicious

fighting man. His one mission in life seems to be to expend as much ammu-nition as possible. He fires at will and also at random. If he can possi-bly do so he will get behind some building and push his gun around the corner and then, with hands extended as far a possible. loosely holding his rife, he blindly fires down the street. Huerta's army probably numbers something more than 80,000 men, but not much more. The best estimate obfighting man. His one mission in life week just passed took place when Gen-

not much more. The best estimate ob- ance of the enemy.

the total there is doubtless less than that of the federal government to be fully impossible for the federal government to be fully aware of the seact number of men in aware of the exact number of men in distant posts. Desertions are many, the dust kicked up by their mounts, distant posts. Descritions are many, deaths not a few, and these are often not reported. Officers will report full companies and battalions and call for money to pay them. If this is sent the men who have actually survived may be paid, while the pay of those who have descrited or died goes into the pockets of officers. here is was that the most of the fed-

of officers.

Huerta's Regulars Good Soldiers. In Mexico City Huerta has a force of 106 were picked up by Villa's men. In Mexico City Huerta has a force of 5000 regulars who seem to be splendid soldiers. They are well equipped, well trained and paid with regularity. They are well paid, too, the ordinary soldier getting \$1.50 a day. With exchange at three for one, i.e., three pesos for one peso gold, which is more than is usual, that means \$16 a month, which is about as much as an American soldier, who is one of the best-paid soldiers in the world, receives at the end of each month. month

The Mexican government has plenty of rifles and apparently an abundance of ammunition. The equipment, however, is all old. The government, how- came upon a federal force which he esever, has large shipments of modern rifles coming from Japan. In all consideration of the military situation it should be remembered that

els and the rebels are no better soldiers than the federals. One of the greatest dangers to a Mexican General's success seems to seems to have been far in advance of struck. There is one notable instance support, and the town of Tlahualilo is panic. side retreated after the day': work was garrisoned by a rebel squad with-Either might have won a great out resistance. OVEL.

victory, but each thought that it was Meanwhile General Herrera occupied defeated. Santa Clara and sent a force to bridge

SENATOR BRADY IS CHOSEN Idaho Member to Help Redraft Army

### Appropriation Bill.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 22-Notwithstanding he has been a member of the committee on military affairs only a short time, Senator Brady, of Idaho, was chosen one of a subcommittee of five to re-draft the Army appropriation bill, re-cently passed by the House, prepara-tory to laying it before the Senate for consideration COUPLE KILLED BY TRAIN

cently passed by the House, prepara-tory to laying it before the Senate for consideration. It is customary to intrust the big appropriation bills to Senators of long experience, but Senator Brady's inti-mate connection with business affairs made it apparent to the chairman of the contuities that his judgment would be valuable. The Army appropriation bill carries in the neighborhood of si00,000,000.

North is also hardler than the federal from the South and offentimes he knows a great deal more about shoot. Ing. These rebel advantages, however, are offset by better organization on the nort of the federals. There is a number of the federals have let the water to impede the rebel and the rebel advantages is a number of the federals have let the water to impede the rebel that a controller burned out, and the the discher with out on the branch of the the discher is a number of the federals have let the water to impede the rebel that a controller burned out, and the riflemen and rapid-fire guns. The first important move of the

eral losses occurred. The bodies of

Dead Left on Field.

At a great irrigation ditch shortly

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Irrigation Ditches Being Uti-

lized as Entrenchments.

MEN FIGHT ON HORSEBACK

Engagement North of City Become

Steeplechase as Rebels Hotly

Divorce Is Plan.

The Michells have not lived together



George L. Michell, Who Was Killed by Train at Estacada

timated to number 400. An hour's en-gagement ensued, as a result of which of Dunning & McEntee. In spite of the advice of attendants, she demande to see her husband's body, and viewed it with no show of emotion. She was situation it should be remembered that this Mexican army should not be judged by American or European standards. Its mission in life is to defeat the reb-els and the rebeis are no better soldiers than the federals. One of the greatest the solution of t eral Villa the rout of the enemy, leav-

### Widow to Take Body.

She said she did not know of his trip into the country, but believed him on duty at the hotel. She announced that she would take charge of the funeral, and arranged to make prelim-

inary plans today. Difficulty was found in identifying the ditch where Benavides had vanquished opposition. Another force of rebels under General Urbana, in the midst of these exciting events, had been Mrs. Ellis, until attaches of the hotel located Mrs. Clover and sent her in a taxicab to the undertaking establishment. She made identification, and moving on Mapimi, one of the most important cities in the Torreon district, said that she had known Mrs. Ellis for and occupied it without a fight. Ur-bana was reported ill today, but his troops were said to be moving south under Colonel Borunda. several years and also knows Mrs. Ellis' mother, who lives in Ogden, Utah, and her grandmother. She said Mrs. Ellis' sister, Mrs. Arthur Froye, of 259 Edith avenue, Salt Lake, would

be notified. Cathlamet Creamery Opens. CATHLAMET. Wash., March 22.

The interest in the case, which has portant issue. Besides appropriation bills which are been diverted from Mine. Caillaux by the investigation into the reasons for postponement of the trial of M. Ro-and House will have up several other chette, charged with extensive swinimportant questions. dling operations, was focused today on

Mme, Califaux's prison life. The protest that Mme. Califaux is the recipient of excessive favors in prison today assumed formidable pro-

Transa and Smelter Said to Be Tramway and Smelter Said to Be burled in her hands.

Cell Fitted as Writing-room

After mass Mme. Calilaux attended to her bulky correspondence in the cell fitted up as a writing-room. Her 19-year-old daughter. Germaine Claretic, MEDFORD, Or., March 22.-(Special.) The Blue Ledge mine, which has been

 fitted up as a writing-room. Her 19-year-old daughter. Germaine Claretic, accompanied by her governess, visited her mother.
M. Caillaux called in the afternoon and remained about an hour.
The opinion is gaining ground that the government will postpone the elections for a fortnight.
FROSTS MAY NP SOUTH FROSTS MAY NIP SOUTH

It is said 12 months will be devoted construction; then the actual work mining will begin. By that time it hoped either an electric or steam road will be running to the property.

Contemplated at Blue Ledge.



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Contest for High Tribunal. SALEM, Or., March 22 .-- (Special.) --Society.

committee of the House must consider William Galloway, Circuit Judge in this impeachment charges made by Rep-impeachment charges made by Rep-resentative Park, of Georgia, against Judge Daniel Thew Wright, of the an aspirant for the Democratic nomina-tion for Justice of the Supreme Court. portions. The chief of the pentientiary department of the Minister of the Integration in the pending Nicaraguan treaty on Colendar.
Superial Mass fe Sale.
Mae, Calliaux passed a bad night, following the lengthy examination since with the prisoners are up at 5. She said she was suffering from a seture date of suffering form a seture for suffering form a seture and went into the chapel, where a special mass was said for her and a special mass was said for h District of Columbia Supreme Court, tion for Justice of the Supreme Court,

of the Oregon Ploneer Association and a life member of the Oregon Historica

## Hungarian Politician Coming.

VIENNA, March 22 .- Count Michsel

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While Endenvoting to Save Another.

WASHINGTON, March 22 .-- A gradual Washington, march s.-A gradual return to the normal Spring tempera-tures, with generally fair skies during the coming week, was predicted by the Weather Bureau tonight for all sec-tions of the country east of the Rocky

Mountains. "There will be frosts the first part "There will be frosts the first part of the week, however," the bulletin said, "In the East Gulf and South At-lantic states, except Southern Florida. West of the Rocky Mountains fair weather and normal temperatures are probable this week. "There is nothing to indicate storm activities. A disturbance of moderate

"There is nothing to indicate storm, activities. A disturbance of moderate intensity will appear in the Northwest Wednesday or Thursday, cross the Mid-dle West about Friday and the Eastern States near the end the week. This disturbance will be attended by local areas of precipitation and be followed by a change to cooler weather in the Northern States east of the Rocky Mountains."

