BESIEGED PROMISES

General Hill Makes Offer, if Maytorena Will Withdraw From Naco.

"HONOR" MAY PROVE BAR

Chief of United States Army Staff Is on Ground to Investigate Trouble, but Bad Weather Prevents Conference.

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 21.—If General Jose Maytorena will withdraw his Vil-lista forces from the siege of Naco, Mexico, General Benjamin Hill's Car-ranzista forces will not chase him, according to a tentative agreement be-tween Hill and the United States Army

officers announced here today.
Whether Maytorena will consider it
honorable and profitable to withdraw
under these conditions, if they are established, remains to be seen. Brigadier-General Hugh L. Scott was to have had a conference with him today, but

weather compelled its postponement.

A further conference between General Scott and General Hill is set for tomorrow in the buillet-punctured United States Custom-House, recently abandoned by customs officials.

General Hugh L Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army, resumed today his investigation of the border trouble here. He is seeking information from those in touch with Mexican affairs, which may ald in composing the situation here, where for 10 weeks Governor Jose Maytorens, of Sonora, the Villa leader, has besieged the Carranza forces of General Benjamin Hill, entrenched in Naco, Sonora.

The British took no part in the negotiations for surrender, and on occupation hoisted their flag only over their own quarters.

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The reinforced United States Army forces here under command of Brigadier-General Tasker H. Blss now total 4700 men.

Rain fell during the forenoon, causing a practical cessation of the Mexican fire.

VILLA FOES PUT TO DEATH

Two Convention Leaders Reported Executed in Mexico City.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 21.-General Aragon, a member of the Aguas Calientes convention, and Colonel David Berlanga, secretary of the convention of the military chiefs, were executed in Mexico City December 8, according to private advices received here today. It was reported that Berlanga had assailed the actions of Provisional President Gutierrez, General Villa and President Gutierrez, General Villa and other leaders at a meeting of the con-

cused of complicity in a plot to destroy telegraph and railroad lines in Northern Mexico to hamper the movements of General Villa's troops.

In their villages along the railway posed to the war time, with true Chinese thrift, inviting the troops to pay well for what they took.

An incident illustrative of the deep three controls.

SLAYERS OF BRITONS SHOT

Mexican Outlaws Pay Penalty Before Guns of Firing Squad.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 21.-Jose Es-DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 21.—Jose Escalante and Esteban Cruz, Mexicans arrested at Nacozari on charges of having murdered Thomas R. Francis and R. E. Dunn, British subjects, confessed the crime today and were promptly executed, according to a message received by J. T. T. Paxton, British Vice-Consul here. Consul here,
A firing squad detailed by Carranzaists officers at Nacozari closed the

careers of Cruz and Escalante, who were charged also with several other crimes. Dunn and Francis were robbed and then killed two weeks ago at a mine near Nacozari.

Great Britain Thanks America.

(Continued From First Page.) strength to stretch their lines across the peninsula at a distance from the city and therefore were compelled to concentrate on a narrow span from the Bay of Kiau-Chau to the sea. This left their last line so close to the city that a battery had to be placed in the

In guns, the garrison mounted 40 pieces, of all patterns, calibers and makes, and the allies 140 slege guns, with a preponderance of heavy 28 and With a preponderance of heavy 28 and 21-centimeter mortars. Four of the German 24-centimeter cannon were captured from the Chinese at the time of the Boxer uprising, and six 12-centimeter pieces had been used against the Franch at the slave of Paris more the French at the siege of Paris, more than 40 years ago. Then there was a scattering of field pieces and light naval guns carried ashore from dis-mantled gunboats in the harbor.

Japan's Moves Save Men. In short, Tsing-Tau was nothing near so strong as the Japanese supposed it,

so strong as the Japanese supposed it, and in no wise merited its reputation of a second Port Arthur. Had the Japanese but known, they might have carried the defenses by storm much earlier than they did. Their methodical, cautious operations however, undoubtedly saved their men.

On the morning of October 21, the anniversary of the Mikado's birthday, the besiegers began their final bombardment. The artillery fire was con-

bardment. The artillery fire was con-tinuous and overwhelming, and until the capitulation on November 7 there was a constant roaring from the batteries and an unceasing crackle of and machine fire from the

trenches. Meanwhile, under cover of a hall of shot and shell, Japanese sappers shortly were pushing forward their trench heads until, when the big guns were slienced to permit the infantry to take the open field, the Germans evacuating redoubt No. 3 found Japanese rifles and machine guns plready covering the

exit of their bomb-proof.

Once the besiegers had broken through at this point, the city was theirs, for there was nothing left to oppose them. At 6 o'clock in the white Many Lifesaving Apparatus Work oppose them. At 6 o'clock in the morning of the 7th, as the white flag went up over the forts, the stocky men with the red shoulder straps already were marching through the streets, torn and dirty, with their in-trenching spades on their shoulders, shouting "Banzal."

siege operations themselves were conducted by the Japanese in accordance with the best standards of civilized warfare. In one particular they went to an extreme that even caused some German amusement. As position after position became untenable, the Germans on withdrawal would destroy the works and blow up the guns. Before surrendering they wrecked the government buildings, waterworks, docks, railway and sank all warships in the harbor.

Hearing that this was on the cards, a Japanese aeroplane was sent over the city to drop a message, in bad German, of which the following is a literal translation into English:

"To the officers and men in fortress:
"We deem it to be contrary to the
will of god and to humanity if one
should destroy the still useful weapons, warships and other materials which no longer have tactical value, and only from the jealous intention that they should not fall into the hands of the

"Although we believe that with German officers and men who appreciate the honor of knighthood such thought-lessness has not been carried out, we take liberty in expressing our opinion regarding the matter, (Signed.) "The Siege Army Command."

German Hatred Bitter. Toward the British the Germans showed hatred even more bitter than was spoken against Japan in Berlin when it first became known that she

would enter the war.

The striking of the British battleship Triumph by a shell from one of the forts caused greater rejoicing than would have been accorded the sinking of a Japanese cruiser. The lone German aviator in the fortress, after spotting the British camp by its white tents, aimed almost all his bombs at it. When the British entered the city with the Japanese every execration concelvable was showered on them by the German prisoners. One officer spat such a Scandinavian union, similar to would enter the war. the German prisoners. One officer spat such a Scandinavian union, similar to the face of General Bernardiston as the German Empire, in which Swede

On the contrary, the Japanese commander got little good from his air scouts. General Kamio expressed much disappointment with their work. They returned with reports of damage done, he said, but he was always skeptical, and, as those knew within the lines, rightly so. Their bombs did little damage and it was always possible to dodge them before they landed, after their whistling approach had been heard.

There were many reports in Tsing-Tau of ill treatment received by the Chinese at the hands of the Japanese, but such personal investigation as was

but such personal investigation as was possible showed that the two races got on very well. During the carly days of the bombardment something like 100 coolies were killed by shells directed at the German earthworks which their huts adjoined, but this was due to the national stolid unwillingness to their huts adjoined, but this was due to the national stolid unwillingness to leave their dwellings even when in the zone of fire. When the Chinese found they were fairly treated they sometimes posted proclamations of welcome in their villages along the railway select by the Jamese at the sema

Japanese sentiment for the beautiful the corresp Japanese sentiment for the beautiful was found in one of the first acts of Major-General Yamanashi, second in command. The correspondent discovered him, a little man with formidable drooping mustachios, sitting wrapped in furs beside a bank of flower pots. He had found them drooping and withered in the abandoned German quarters taken over by him and it had been his first care to tend and revive them.

Certificates by Consuls Suggested

however, have resulted in no positive agreement or understanding between the two countries.

The Foreign Office is eager to prevent unnecessary delays and is willing that American shippers have their cargoes examined by authorized agents designated by British Consuls, provided they desire to do so and America ap-

copper and other contraband were egg crop at \$500,000,000.

The witness said that not more than six out of ten eggs laid reach the conficult and necessitating virtually a sumer. Of the \$200,000,000 waste, he compulse shifting of the samual egg crop at \$500,000,000 waste, he complete shifting of the cargo. Where bulky articles of contraband are trans-ferred at sea, from one ship to another, it is impossible to conceal them be-neath the entire cargo, and consequent-ly it would be an easy matter to make a supplemental examination in the cases of vessels in which the original cargoes contained no contraband.

AMERICANS REACH BERLIN Army Officers Hope for Permit to

Visit Battle-Front.

BERLIN, via The Hague, to London, Dec. 21.—Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph E. Kuhn, Major D. E. Aultman, Major Clarence C. William, Captain Wilson D. Burt, Captain Samuel G. Shartle and Captain Samuel D. Rockenbach, United States Army, have arrived here from Washington by way of Munich. These American officers hope to ob-tain the permission of the German gov-

Many Lifesaving Apparatus Work

ernment to observe the operations at

of Edward S. Copeman. LOWESTOFT, England, Dec. 11 .-

BACK BALTIC UNION

Leadership and Promises Are Offered to Sweden for Aid, Petrograd Says.

candinavian Kingdoms Urged to Unite, Kaiser Holding Out Finland, Estnovia, Livonia and Courland as Prize, It Is Said.

PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 21 .-

mion would be to fortify neutrality.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Copenhagen says he learns from a high diplomatic source that Germany proposed that Sweden should help her in the war, offering as compensation the Baltic islands and a protectorate over Sweden Ignores Offer.

"As Sweden did not deign to reply," the correspondent adds, "Germany inti-mated that if Sweden refused the offer

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Another Standard Oil Company melon was cut today, making a fine Christmas present for stockholders of the Ohlo Oil Company, one of the Standard subsidiaries. It took the form of a distribution of stock of the Illinois Pipe WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British Ambassador, called at the State Department today to present the thanks of his government for the action of American Consuls Simple and Hostetter in Mexico in obtaining the release of H. Percy Meaker, the British subject who was imprisoned recently in Sonora by General Maytorena's troops on the charge of having aided the enemy.

Measure to Prevent Unnecessary Constitution of Ships.

Line Company among the noncest equivalent to 1331-3 per cent dividend. The Ohio company is both an oil producing and pipe line company, operating in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Its capital stock is \$15,000,000 par to leave American ports with statements from English Consuls that they are carrying no contraband. England is willing to accept such statements in cases in which there is no reason to believe that the cargoes may have been believe that the cargoes may have been parcelled out on a basis equaling 1331-3 per cent.

EGG WASTE \$200,000,000 Two-Fifths of Crop Reach

Consumer, Is Testimony.

proves such examinations. But England makes no guarantee that under such circumstances cargoes will be exempt from further inspection, if deemed necessary by the Admiralty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Between the hen and the consumer there is an estimated waste in eggs of \$200,000,000 annually in this country, declares William Mann, attorney for the New York. NEW YORK, Dec. 21 .- Between the deemed necessary by the Admiralty.

It is declared authoritatively that consular inspections in most cases would expedite salpments merely, as the number of suspected cargoes is comparatively small. Earlier in the war conner and other contral and

sumer. Of the \$200,000,000 waste, he added, \$50,000,000 is due to needless breakage of eggs in transit from the nest to the retailer. The balance of the loss represents unnecessary addling, spoiling and deterioration of good eggs due to poor handling.

VANCOUVER PIONEER DIES Mrs. Elizabeth Electa Hathaway, 87, City Resident Since 1852.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Mrs. Elizabeth Electa Hathaway, 87 years old, who crossed the plains in 1852 and who was the last charter member of the First Methodist Church here, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. E. King. The funeral will be held from the Mathodist Church tomerow morning.

The funeral will be held from the Methodist Church tomorrow morning, Rev. W. T. Randolph officiating.

Mrs Hathaway is survived by 15 great grandchildren, 35 grandchildren, two daughters, Mrs. King and Mrs. H. R. Caples, of this city, and four sons, A. O. Hathaway, of Washougal; O. B. Hathaway, near Woodlawn, Or.; A. B. Hathaway, of Crabtree, Or., and H. B. Hathaway, of Felida.

WOMAN IS CAUSE OF DUEL

one Rival Receives Four Wounds and Innocent Bystander Is Hit.

streets, torn and dirty, with their interenching spades on their shoulders, shouting "Banzal."

In the assault the Japanese charged with as much dash and fury as they had shown caution in the siege. The most terrible incident of the capture was the slaughter with spades and picks of 13 German soldiers and one officer caught in Fort Bismarck.

Germans generally testified that the negotiations for surrender and the standard in the British army.

LOWESTOFT, England, Dec. 11.—
(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Edward S. Copeman, inventor of lifesaving apparatus, is dead at his home here, aged.

The best known of his inventions is a raft for saving life at sea. This was a teach other tonight on Center street from a distance of 15 feet. Murphy was hit four times and a fifth bullet slightness and decorations. He invented is way. Farias was not hit and gave himself up.

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Decision in Oregon Case May Prove Epochal.

Statutes of Many States Depend on Outcome and if Minimum Wage Legislation Is Upheld Movement Will Gain Impetus.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 21 .- Wide significance will States Supreme Court in what is known as the Oregon minimum wage case recently argued before that tribunal and because of the great interest and the general effect of this decision the court probably will weigh the subject at length before deciding it.

The Oregon case is the first one of the kind ever to reach the United States Supreme Court, there having been no previous decision affecting the constitutionality of minimum wage laws, but the decision of the court in this case will affect similar laws in all other states which have made such State Courts Rule Variously.

The Oregon law, which is attacked in the Stettler-Simpson cases is similar to the minimum wage law of Minnesota, with the difference that the Oregon courts have upheld the constitutionality of the law of their state, while the Minnesota courts have held

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Was out today. the ruling which the Supreme Court may make. On the other hand, if the Supreme Court holds the Oregon law to be unconstitutional the minimum wage laws of other states will be attacked.

State of the supreme Court holds the Oregon law Manufacturers in resolutions recognizing him as the ploneer in the automobile business.

Court Expected to Take Jurisdiction the Oregon case without deciding it, to reappoint Henry Clay Hall, of Colothemselves with the record in the case rather expect the court will take jurisdiction and will hand down an opinion in accord with the views of its members.

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A decision by the Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of the Oregon law would not only result in appeals from other states where the degrees below zero.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A call for f30,
Judge Newman today declined to grant a condest place in Nevada today, the ofthe United States Supreme Court in the habeas corpy's proceedings instituted by

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state courts have held the law to be unconstitutional, but it would result in the redrafting of the laws of states where there is a radical difference from the Oregon statute. Furthermore, if minimum wage legislation is held to minimum wage legislation is held to be constitutional. Legislatures of states that have not yet passed mini-mum wage laws will be called on to enact such legislation and strong labor support will be given to the move-ment to force through bills of this character patterned closely after the character, patterned closely after the Oregon law.

COURTS ARE AT VARIANCE SNOW GIVES CHICAGO WORK UNFAIRNESS IS CHARGED

Railroads, Trolley Lines and City Employ Thousands. CHICAGO, Dec. 21. - Thousands of

men who sought shelter in municipal lodging-houses last night were given employment today by railroads, trolley lines and the city, clearing the streets and railway tracks of the heaviest snowfall of the Winter. There were 3800 jobless men shel-tered in two municipal lodging-houses and the Rufus Dawes Hotel. All of them were ready for work. They were paid \$2 per day.

REPENTANCE DAY IS SET wage arbitration board by Warren S

German Prelates Order January 10 to Be Observed by Soldiers.

Olympia Sails for West February 15

Wilson to Reappoint H. C. Hall.

Enginemen Say Some Efficiency Test Features Must Go.

Firemen Continue Citing to Arbitration Board Cases of Alleged Overworking, Volations of 16-Hour Law, Etc.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 .- Threats that the nginemen would strike unless certain features of the efficiency tests in the raflways "safety first" campaign were eliminated were made today before the Stone and William S. Carten, representing the men.

The witnesses today were: O. F. Mo The witnesses today were: 0. F. Modenback, Elreno, Okla., of the Rock Island road; C. B. Vance, running between Courant learns from Cologne that the archbishops and bishops of Germany have ordered that January 10 be kept as a general repentance day by the Catholics in the army.

The priests in the field are charged to encourage the soldiers to participate as much as possible.

The witnesses today were: 0. F. Modenback, Elreno, Okla., of the Rock Island road; C. B. Vance, running between Centralla and Cairo, Ill., on the Illinois Central; N. T. Hicks, Trinidad, Colo., of the Colorado & Southern; E. O. Livesay, Denison, Tex., of the Moberly division of the Wabash; Carpolics in the field are charged to encourage the soldiers to participate as much as possible. The witnesses told generally of men laid off and promotion deferred by the advent of heavy engines, of long hours

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 21.—Orders and scant pay, the latter impaired by expenses when away from home. It appeared from the testimony that on the heaviest engines one fireman cannot do all the work required, and is assisted by the engineer. The men asserted that on such engines an assistant fireman should be provided. It appeared also that violations of the 16-hour law are frequent.

The strike threat came when Stone and Carter both declared that they had received promises time and again that unfair tests would be eliminated, but that the promises were disregarded.
"If the courts cannot protect us and the board cannot, the united strength of the men will," declared Carter. "The practices of which we complain are conlemned by the rules of the railroads themselves, but they continue."

The men complain that the tests are made in such a way that they frighten the engine crew to a degree inimical to health, and sometimes result in their leaping from their engines.

Frank's Writ of Appeal Denied. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21 .- Federal

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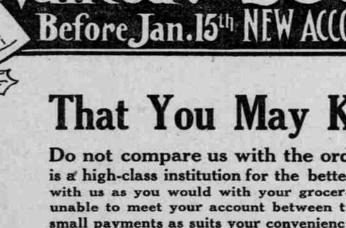
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