

BESIEGERS OF NAGO ORDERED TO RETIRE

Abandonment of Attack Is Ordered by Government at Mexico City.

MORE STUDY IS DECISION

Solution May Develop at Conference Between Villa and United States Army Chief of Staff—Americans Are Released.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The Gutierrez government in Mexico, in a note to the State Department transmitted today by the Brazilian Minister, announced that the government has decided to make no attack and to withdraw his forces from the border, pending a closer study of the situation in its military and political aspect.

Bridge Meeting Is Near.

This course will be followed because the Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs is very much occupied with the work of reorganizing the office force and giving attention to other important affairs of an international nature.

The general understanding in official circles tonight was that the closer study referred to probably would develop in the conference to be held tomorrow or Thursday on the international bridge at El Paso and Juarez, between Brigadier-General Scott, chief of staff of the United States Army, and General Francisco Villa, commander-in-chief of the forces of the Gutierrez government.

Civilians Are Considered.

The session of the convention yesterday was devoted to a discussion as to whether it could admit civilians as delegates in representation of military principals, and if permitted, the extent to which such representation of civilians could be allowed.

The following announcement of the release of Charles C. Lockhart, of Douglas, Ariz., was also made by the Department: "In response to an inquiry from the Department, Consul Simpich reports, in a telegram dated January 4, from Nogales, that Lockhart and another American were arrested and held by Maytorena for some days; that the arrest took place on December 27; that Lockhart was taken up by telegram with the American Consul agent at Cananea, and that he telegraphed from Naco on December 30, saying both men had been released and returned safely to Douglas, Ariz., with their automobile. Maytorena released them as soon as their case was fully explained to him."

TWO VILLA FORCES ROUTED

Carranza Generals Take Puebla, With 1000 Prisoners, 90 Cannon. WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Despatches to the Carranza agency here from Laredo, Tex., announced tonight that General Obregon captured the city of Laredo, O'Clock defeating a force under General Angeles and taking 1000 prisoners and 90 cannon. At Labina Station, the message added, Villa forces were routed with a loss of two trains, six machine guns and many prisoners.

According to the Carranza agency, Obregon's attack on Villa is the first step toward a general campaign on Mexico City, which is expected to re-establish General Carranza and his government in the capital.

GIRL'S LOCKS CLIPPED

FAIR SLEEPER AT TUALATIN IS VICTIM OF INTRUDER. Window Pried Open With Ax and Fumes of Chloroform Hint at Method Used—Hair Alone Taken.

TUALATIN, Or., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Miss Dorena Andrews, the 17-year-old daughter of James Andrews, of Tualatin, last night was the victim of an intruder, who clipped off her hair.

Miss Andrews, who retired at about 8 o'clock, first learned of her loss when awakened by her father on his return from a meeting at the Oddfellows' Hall. The doors of the house were locked, and her stepsister and grandfather were sleeping upstairs at the time. An examination showed that the window had been raised with an ax.

Fumes of chloroform gave evidence of the method used by the assailant, who otherwise offered the young woman no attentions. Miss Andrews was not awakened by the act, and is at a loss as to a motive for the deed or as to the identity of the perpetrator.

Investigation showed the ax still in the room, that machine pushed aside the window partly open and a bench beneath it on the outside. Nothing but the hair was taken.

CHILD LABOR LAWS URGED

Plea to Employers Are Useless, Says Senator Kenyon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Delegates attending the eleventh annual conference on child labor here were urged tonight by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, to reverse their policy of pleading with the captains of industry and invoke a rigid application of law to keep little children out of "sweatshops."

It is his use to argue with the manufacturer who employs little children," the Senator said. "It is time to bring down the strong hands of the law, to reverse their policy of pleading with the captains of industry and invoke a rigid application of law to keep little children out of 'sweatshops.'"

SENATE MAY QUESTION WOMAN SENATOR'S RIGHT

Governor's Power to Name Successor to District Attorney George Neuner, Jr., Likely to Be Settled in Review of Action.



Mrs. Kathryn Clark.

OREGON will have two women in the 28th legislative assembly, which convenes at Salem next week—one in the House and the other in the Senate.

The Senate member will be Miss Kathryn Clark, of Glendale, Douglas County, who was appointed to that office last week by Governor West to succeed George Neuner, Jr., who was named District Attorney for Douglas County to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of George M. Brown, who was elected Attorney-General.

Senator Clark conducts a hotel at Glendale and is well known in the southern part of the state. She is well educated and has taken an active interest in social and civic affairs for many years. She has no particular political affiliations, but is understood to be registered as a Republican.

It is possible that Miss Clark's appointment will be reviewed by the Senate itself as there is some question of the Governor's power to fill the office by appointment.

ACRE COST FIGURED

Estimate for Deschutes Work Placed at \$11,583,000.

200,000 ACRES INCLUDED

Irrigable Land Is Divided Into Four Units to Receive Water From Two Reservoirs Filled by Diversion Dams at Falls.

The proposed irrigation development project in the Upper Deschutes River basin will involve an expenditure of approximately \$11,583,000, according to plans and estimates of cost just completed by the state and Federal authorities, acting in co-operation.

The area of irrigable lands which would be benefited by this proposed project covers more than 200,000 acres. A summary of the plans formulated, prepared by John H. Lewis, State Engineer, has been forwarded to E. G. Hopson, of Portland, district supervising engineer of the United States Reclamation Service.

The irrigable land lies in four separate units, classified as the north, south, west and east units, respectively. These tracts are dependent almost exclusively upon storage for a water supply and in consequence two reservoirs are proposed. One of these would be on the Deschutes River, at Benham Falls, 15 miles south of Bend, and the other at Crane Prairie, on the west fork of the Deschutes.

A rock fill and earth dam raising the water 24.5 feet is proposed for the Benham Falls reservoir. This will back the water up 18 miles, flooding 19,000 acres of land and storing 400,000 acre-feet of water. The estimated cost of this reservoir is \$2,971,000, including \$605,000 for the purchase of lands.

A 26-foot dam of the same type at Crane Prairie will flood 6200 acres and store approximately 110,000 acre-feet of water, at a cost of \$152,000. The cost of stored water thus is estimated at \$2.45 per acre-foot, which is said to be relatively low.

The north unit comprises 95,300 acres in the vicinity of Gateway, Marist, Meador and Carey act, but recently of this land is in the vicinity of Prineville, and the estimated cost is, because of natural obstacles, relatively high and is estimated at \$1,225,000, or \$50.44 per acre.

If the work is carried out ultimately as planned, all of the surplus waters of the Deschutes River above Bend will be utilized. From the standpoint of engineering and construction difficulties, reports John T. Whistler, civil engineer in the Reclamation Service, John H. Lewis and Mr. Hopson, all projects are considered feasible.

Yakima Funds Favored. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 5.—Secretary of the Interior

WATERPOWER BILL IS MUCH MODIFIED

Senate Committee Decides on Provisions to Encourage Investment.

SECRETARY IS RESTRICTED

Notice of Government's Intention to Acquire Plant at Expiration Required—Opposition of Pinchot Is Expected.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 5.—Radical amendments were made today by the Senate public lands committee in the Ferris waterpower bill in accordance with suggestions advanced by practical waterpower men, who recently were heard by the committee, and in its amended form the bill probably will be reported to the Senate tomorrow.

The bill will encourage capital to invest in waterpower projects on the public domain, but it is expected that the conservationists, headed by Gifford Pinchot, will make a fight to kill the bill rather than permit it to pass as amended.

The bill now directs the Secretary of the Interior to lease power sites on public domain for 50 years, unless the lessee desires a shorter lease. As passed by the House, the Secretary had discretionary power as to issuing leases and could issue them for any period up to 50 years. The committee has restricted the Secretary so that the lessee shall at no time contract to deliver to any one consumer more than 50 per cent of his output.

Federal Acquisition Guarded.

The committee also struck out the section which prohibited the sale of power to distributing companies and rewrote the section under which the Government may take over any plant at the expiration of the 50-year lease. The Government must give three years' notice of its intention to acquire any power plant and must pay the fair value of the property, as taken. If the Government does not take over the plant after 50 years, the original lessee shall have a preference right to re-contract with any others desiring to lease his plant.

Charges imposed by Government for use of power sites are to be measured by the amount of power developed, half of the receipts accruing annually to the states in which power development takes place and half to the reclamation fund. Rates, under the amended bill, will be regulated by the public service commissions of the states in which the power is developed, if the system lies within a state, and the project is operated by a private company. If given to the Interstate Commerce Commission and taken away from the Secretary of the Interior.

Secretary's Control Circumscribed.

Where not more than 5 per cent of the land used by the power system is in private hands, the Secretary of the Interior may impose a fair rental of such lands and shall have no further jurisdiction over the power company which owns or leases from a private owner at least 95 per cent of its land.

A new provision was inserted in the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior until the power company has secured from the state the right to generate, transmit and distribute electricity to its full contemplated capacity.

AUTOIST GETS 7-DAY TERM

Union Stockyards Superintendent Drives Car While Intoxicated.

"He drove the machine like a drunken man walks," said Patrolman H. S. Raney of John Kennedy, superintendent of the North Portland Union Stockyards, and Kennedy was sentenced to 7 days in the city jail by Municipal Judge Stevenson yesterday for driving an automobile while intoxicated. The defendant was represented by Attorney John Manning and will appeal from the decision of the court. Bond was fixed at \$100.

According to the policeman's testimony, Kennedy was driving in the vicinity of Union avenue and Fremont street called his attention to the erratic driving of Kennedy on New Year's day. Of course, Kennedy was not allowed to drive to the police station. Kennedy admitted in court that possibly he had more than he should have taken in the way of liquor.

Police Captain Moore and W. H. Jacobus, 1634 Peninsula avenue, also testified to Kennedy's condition that day.

MEDFORD BUILDER DECIDED

Pioneer Stone Is Approved by Government Architect.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 5.—The Treasury Department today officially decided to award the contract for the construction of the public building at Medford to the Sound Construction Company of Seattle, that firm being the lowest bidder. The supervising architect today announced his approval of the use of Pioneer stone as rapidly as a year ago.

The Department has not yet determined on the material to be used in the building at The Dalles. R. W. Raymond, manager of the Oregon Manufacturers' Association, who is here endeavoring to induce the Department to direct the use of Pioneer stone in both Oregon buildings, says that from conferences he has had with the supervising architect he thinks Oregon stone will be used at The Dalles as well as at Medford at his suggestion the Department suspended the awarding of The Dalles contract pending negotiations now under way.

TRIAL OF MAYOR BEGUN

L. N. Ward, of Goldendale, Faces Embezzlement Charge.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—George Back, of Vancouver, Wash., is at Goldendale holding a jury session of the Superior Court. Mayor L. N. Ward, charged with embezzlement, is on trial. The Mayor was arrested last November upon a complaint returned by E. C. Ward and Judge Donald McMasters, of Vancouver. Judge A. L. Miller, of Vancouver, is assisting prosecuting attorney C. W. Ramsey.

The day was passed in getting a jury and taking the testimony of Mrs. Hughes. Ward's defense is being conducted by his brother, ex-Prosecuting Attorney E. C. Ward, and Judge Donald McMasters, of Vancouver. Judge A. L. Miller, of Vancouver, is assisting prosecuting attorney C. W. Ramsey.

Canned whale meat is used extensively in Japan.

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BEN SELLING

Morrison at Fourth

THRILL IN EXCHANGE

Everybody Buys Wheat and Prices Advance 6 Cents.

The present wholesale quotation of \$6.49 a barrel is 5 cents more than any price known here in recent years. The highest previous market was in January, 1910, when flour sold at \$6.35 a barrel. Flour prices have gone up all over the Northwest. At San Francisco bakers' flour was advanced 50 cents a barrel yesterday, but there was no change in family grades.

Oat prices also are climbing under the export demand. The sales made at the Merchants' Exchange were at advances of \$1 to \$1.50 a ton over Monday. Oat prices sold at \$1.50 a ton, the highest price of the season.

SALES REACH \$112,200

February Bluestem Brings \$1.41, Best Quotation of Session at Which 60,000 Bushels of All Grades Are Sold.

The Merchants' Exchange had the most exciting session yesterday that the grain trade here has known. Wheat prices struck a high level at the opening and continued to advance. Sixty thousand bushels were sold and the prices paid show gains over the preceding day of 2 to 6 cents. The total business at the noon session represented an actual cash value of \$112,200.

Everyone appeared to be a buyer and the demand could not be satisfied. The best price of the day was \$1.41 a bushel, paid for 5000 bushels of February bluestem. That the market is getting close to the \$1.50 mark was shown by the bids of \$1.46 for May bluestem, for which sellers asked \$1.48.

Red Feed Wheat Is Wanted as Badly

as more so than the milling grades. Ten thousand bushels of March red Russian were taken at \$1.35, then another 10,000-bushel lot at a cent better, and finally 5000 bushels were sold at \$1.37, a 6-cent advance over Monday's price.

The strongest kind of news came from the Eastern and foreign markets. Chicago prices took a jump of 2 1/2 cents a bushel, according to private cables. England is facing a serious shortage, and it is this that is causing the flurry. The visible supply of wheat in England decreased 7,264,000 bushels during the week. This shows a falling off more than four times as rapid as a year ago.

Flour Advance Expected.

Another advance in local flour prices probably will be announced today or tomorrow if wheat continues to go up.

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