# NEAR MEXICO CITY

Zapata Chieftain With 4000 Men Said to Be Determined to Offer Resistance.

BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSED

Prisoner Denied by Agent of Convention Forces-Foreigners Are Not Molested.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 .- Contradic tory advices reached the State Depart-ment today as to conditions in Mexico City. One dispatch declaring that the convention government had departed south was supplemented by a consular message that General Palafox, a Zapata chieftain, and 4000 men had remained in the capital and intended to resist occupation by the approaching

The Carranga agency said it had news that Roque Genzales Garza had gone to Chernavaca as a prisoner of Zapata and not of his own volition as head of the convention government, but this was denied by Enrique C. Zapata Retirement Reported.

The following summary of conditions in Mexico was issued late today by the State Department: "Advices from Mexico City dated-Jan-

Carranga forces.

"Advices from Mexico City dated-Jan-uary 27, 9 A. M., say that the Zapatista forces evacuated the city carly in the morning, going to Cuernavaca. Busi-ness houses were closed and the streets were reported to be practically deserted. So far as is known no foreigners have been molested. It is reported that when vectors there were made for the evacpreparations were made for the evacuation the entire equipment of the federal postoffice was placed on cars for shipment north, but that, as it is understood the forces of Blanco are between Queretaro and Mexico City, rail

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ADVANCE GUARD IN SUBURB

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, when asked by the Governor if the average established would be kept up, laughingly advised Dr. Withycombe that the storm had not begun to break,

"Judging from the number of letters I am receiving from teachers and acholars all over the state," said Superintendent Churchill, "every pupil works to whake hands with our Republicable.

capital.

The forces of General Zapata have retreated without fighting.

The main body of the invading army is at Tuxapan, seven miles south of Mexico City.

The indications are that the capital will be evacuated without resistance.

EL. PASO, Tex., Jan. 28.—Neither Provisional President Roque Gonzales Garza nor the Villa army has evacuated Mexico City, according to an official statement issued today by the Villa military authorities at Juarez. It was declared that Garza in a telegram sent from the capital had denied reports of his flight or any danger that the Carranza forces might occupy the city. The official bulletin said:

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"The Provisional President of Mexico, Roque Gonzalez Garza, has informed us today that he remains in the City of Mexico, where he is continuing the government emanating from the soverign convention and that the capital is not menaced by any rebel forces, "Troops of the Division of the North (Villa's army) now occupy the following places in the State of Coahulla: "Cuatro Clenegas, Sabinas and Mon-

"Cuarro Cienegas, Sabinas and Mon-ciove, positions which were formerly oc-cupied by Carranza forces, which were utterly defeated. With the occupation of these places the government of Mexico dominates the coal region of Coahulla state and thus controls sufficient fuel to keep up traffic on all rallroads in the republic.",

### PATRONAGE POWER COSTLY

Extension of Civil Service Is Advocated by ex-President Taft.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Jan. 28.—
Curtailment of the President's power by extension of the civil service was advocated by William H. Taft tonight in the second of a series of three addresses at the University of Virginia, The ex-President called attention to "the waste of the President's time and the consumption of his nervous vitality" because of Cengressional intercession as to local appointments.

"The effect of the present power of appointment upon the President's president's president and control in Congress," Mr. Taft wid, "is shown in the gradual impairment of his influence with members of Congress as his term lengthens and the offices that he has to fill become fewer in number. This is true of the most

## PROJECT FUND SUGGESTED

Desert Land Board Makes Report on Tumalo Construction.

SALEM, Or. Jan. 25.—(Special.)—
is its third biennial report the State clesert Land Board recommends that Desert Land Board recommends that the Legislature provide that all moneys received on account of land sales, or from any other source on the Tumalo project, except maintenance fees, be placed in the Tumalo project fund, and that the Board be authorized to make disbursements from this fund. The report further urses that provision be made by the Legislature for the operation and maintenance of the Tumalo project. It says:

"Up to this date there has been expended 1418, 356,37 in connection with the construction of this project."

trials of D. S. Lehon, C. C. Tedder and Arthur Thurman, indicted for subor-nation of perjury in the Leo M. Frank

murder case.

Lehon, Tedder and Thurman are charged with procuring false affidavits from Ragsdale and R. I. Barber, saying they overheard James Conley, a negro, acknowledge the murder of Mary Phagan, a factory girl, for which Frank stands convicted. Ragsdale and Barber repudiated the affidavits Lehon is manager of a detective agency which took up Frank's defense.

Ragsdale testified on April 23 last he signed the affidavit. The only truth in it, he said, was that he had heard two negroes discussing the Frank case. "Thurman told me," the witness testified, "that this conversation could be fixed up to appear as a confession by

titled, 'that this conversation could be fixed up to appear as a confession by Conley to another negro.' Ragsdale then told of alleged meetings and negotiations with Thurman, Tedder and Lehon. The day after he algned the affidavit, Ragsdale testified, Thurman gave him \$200 and gave Rapher \$100. Barber \$100.

Barber \$1.00.

"Thurman and Tedder both told me they each got \$100 out of the deal." said the witness. "The same night a man with a voice like Lehon's cailed me on the telephone and said:

"Ragsdale, you sit steady in the beat. We can give bond for any amount and there's \$10,000 waiting for you if this thing goes through."

Under cross-examination, Ragsdale said that on the day he made his original affidavit his "mind was in a whirl," and that he "was practically unconscious" of what he did.

ABOUT 400 INVADE EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE IN COURSE OF DAY.

Students From Monmouth Normal Begin Incursion and Corvailis, Montavilla and Salem Send More.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28. -(Special.)-This was "school day" in the Governor's office. The invading scholars totaled close to 400. After he had shaken hands with all or said a word of greeting the Governor admitted that this continuous reception business was strenuous, to say the least.

The first to come were the members of the Monmouth Normal School, under the leadership of President Ackerman. They enlivened the 9 o'clock calm of the Statehouse by singing in the ro-

derstood the forces of Blanco are between Queretaro and Mexico City, rall communication north is uncertain.

Alarm is Deprecated.

"A telegram from Mexico City dated January 27, 5 P.M., says that General Palafox, Minister Comez and several members of the convention remained in Mexico City after the evacuation. The provisional President and staff are said to have left later in the course of the day.

"Palafox and Gomez have issued a manifesto deprecating the alarm shown by people in the city, saying that they

officer. State Superintendent of Public In-

guage of Early Period NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 28 .-- / Babylonian tablet, believed to have been buried in the earth more than 4000 years ago and containing the earliest law code, recently has been unearthed and is now in possession of Yale University, it became known to-day. The tablet is heavily encrusted, but part of it has been cleaned and de-

ciphered.

The laws are written in the Sumerian The laws are written in the Sumerian language, the language of Southern Babylonia prior to its conquest by the Semites or Accadians in the time of Hammarabl. Owing to imperfect knowledge of the language the work of deciphering is extremely difficult, but the university expects to have perfect translations made and published. The laws that have been translated refer to legislation concerning injury to women, the repudiation of children who have been adopted, elopement, the

who have been adopted, elopement, the hire of boats and cattle and provision for the killing of a hired ox by a lion. These laws are believed to have been written about 2500 B. C.

in number. This is true of the most popular of Presidents." Constantinople. This does not entire y satisfy either the Italian govern ment or public opinion in connection with the recent demands by Italy on

These demands were the outcome of the forcible seizure by the Turks of the British Consul. Mr. Richardson, who had taken refuge in the Italian consulate. Italy requires that the Consul shall be set at liberty and that the Mallan flar shall be selled.

## Only 2 More Days of the January White Sale

Special List of Important Sales For Friday's Selling

MAIL ORDERS FILLED BY EXPERT SHOPE TO Sipman Wolfe of J"Merchandise of Merit Only

The Fashion Book of the Pictorial Review

and Spring Patterns are now on sale. What is coming next? What is the very newest mode? They are all answered in the Spring -Second Floor

## Extra Special Offerings of Fine Undermuslins

\$1.00 and \$1.25 Envelope Chemises Special 73c and 79c

-Of soft longcloth and crepe, attractively trimmed.

75c Separate Drawers 44c Of longcloth and crepe in knickerbocker and straight-leg styles. Combination Suits, Selling to \$3.50

Special \$1.59 —In waisted style, with straight legs. Trimmed with lace and embroid-ery in various styles. Some with cap sleeves.

Longcloth Gowns, Selling to \$1.50 Very Special 98c -In slip-over style, with round and square necks.

Skirts Selling to \$1.50, Now 98c

Of longcloth, with deep ruffles of embroidery or lace. Fourth Floor

All Goods Purchased Friday and Saturday Charged on Your March 1st Bill

Continuation of the Great Sale of

> Shirts For Men

At \$1.19 or 3 for \$3.00

All new Spring shirts, which sell regularly at \$2.00 and \$1.50.

-Soft bosom, soft French cuff style. Of finest woven madras, light-weight flannels, fine percales, granite cloths and soisette.

Women's Coats at \$18.50 to \$35.00 Of cheviot, broadcloth, boucle, zibeline and plaid

Now \$8.45

\$5 to \$8 Tailored Walking Skirts Of serge and plaids, in white, black, tan and navy.

Now \$2.48

Blouses Selling Regularly to \$3.00 Of voile, linon, crepe and lingerie, plain and novelty

Now \$1.50

\$5.00 Jersey Silk Petticoats -In black, emerald, hunters' greens, navy, plum and

Now \$3.95

Third Pleas

### Last Opportunity for Buying Whittall Rugs AT SPECIAL PRICES

-This season's discontinued patterns-the best American - made rugs that can be had. Every rug is new and absolutely perfect-every pattern most attractive.

\$91.50 Anglo-Persian Rugs \$69.50

Size 10 feet 6 inches by 13 feet

\$101.50 Anglo-Persian Rugs \$81.50

-Size 11 feet 3 inches by 15 feet. \$69.50 Royal Worcester Rugs

\$55,00 -Size 10 feet 6 inches by 13 feet \$78.00 Royal Worcester Rugs

\$65.00 -Size 11 feet 3 inches by 15 feet.



## A Manufacturer's Delay in Delivery Makes Possible This Greatest Sale of Women's High-Grade Shoes

Thousands of New Shoes as Well as Shoes Taken From Our Regular Stock - All at the Most Extraordinary Reductions. Best Styles

\$6.00 Shoes

Button boots with fawn, gray and black toppings, with patent leather vamps.

-Patent colt and dull calf shoes, full foxed button style with mat kid toppings.

-Bronze vamp button boots with cloth quarters and covered wooden

\$5.00 Shoes

-Patent colt shoes with plain toe, Cuban-Louis heels and cloth quarters, in black.

-Gunmetal vamps, Cuban heels, toes with tips.

heels.

-Vici kid button shoes with cloth or kid tops, with inch-and-a-half

with cloth tops, button style and patent leather vamps. -Also walking boots in but-

\$3.50 Shoes

-Including plain toe shoes

ton style with mat kid tops and patent leather or gunmetal

## Regular \$3.00 to \$3.50 Lace Curtains

in white and Arabian color. 21/2 yards long and 36 inches

-Of net with Irish point or braided designs.

\$1.29 Pair

Special **Engraving News** \$1.80 Card

Engraving for 99c -We will engrave you a new

copper plate. -We will let you select from four styles of the best script type. We will furnish from plate 100 cards in any finish and any

-And we make this off for one day only. New Stationery Shop,

75c and 85c Children's Flannelette Gowns Sizes 2 to 14 Years

49c White and fancy striped extra quality flannelette.

Boys' Felt Hats

New Black Sateen Petticoats

Just Received by Express

Go on Sale Friday for the First Time

At 89c

At 59c

At 69c

-Petticoats with pin-tucked flounce, accordion-plaited ruffle, dust

-Jersey top petticoats with 18-inch accordion-pleated flounces.

-Sateen moire petticoats with deep pleated flounces.

Regular \$1.00 Special 35c

Blankets

Fleeced Cotton \$1.00 Blankets 77c \$1.25 Blankets 83c Heavily fleeced, best \$1 Welsbach Gas

Inverted style, full brass burner, full or half-frosted

Lights 65c

Revol Dress Snaps Regularly 5c 1c Dozen Black and White

New Coverall Aprons Of Extra Quality Gingham

> 25c Reg. Price Would Be 50c

> -In small and medium plain and navy blue and white checks, made with belted back and pocket.

Women's Cotton Hosiery (Seconds) Regular Price 25e Sale 17c Three Pairs for 50c -Fast color, mercerized black

cotton, seamless, double soles.

25c CHILDREN'S SCHOOL HOSE 17c Fine ribbed, cotton stockings for boys and girls. All sizes.

All Sizes Women's

Waists Voile, Crepe, Lingerie \$1.35 to \$1.50 Waists 98c

69c All styles, including tailored and dress models.

\$1.00 to \$1.25 Waists

AGENTS FOR FREE SEWING MACHINES

## WAGES ARE COMPARED

RAILROADS CONTEND ENGINEERS IN WEST ARE BETTER PAID.

Productive Efficiency in East Declared

Higher-Locomotives and Train-

loads Are Smaller.

clency of the Eastern enginemen, measured by tonnage hauled, was 40 per cent greater than in the West. In addition to having a higher rate of pay in the West, Keefe said, there were railroad divisions in the West of. 80 miles or less where engineers and firemen were paid for 100 miles. The firemen were paid for 100 miles. The excess payments, in a year, he said, aggregated \$1,500,000. Other testimony by Keefe was to the effect that locomotives average smaller in the West than in the East, train loads are smaller and rallroad building has increased faster in the West than in the East, despite lesser density of population.

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ROOSEVELT WOULD EXPEND NOBEL FUND HIMSELF.

Failure of Others to Add to Nucleus

Held to Have Hidden Talent Un-

der Napkin for Eight Years.

ARMY CABLE RATES LOWER Reduction of 25 Per Cent on Mes-

sages to Alaska Announced.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 28 .- A 25 per cent reduction in Alaska cable rates for night commercial messages will

some of it used this Winter, when there is so much suffering."

The bills were drafted by Chief Justice White, Seth Low and John Mitchell.

ADANY CARLE PATES LOWED exploded successfully, while two others at that distance failed.