



## VILLA CAUGHT, EL PASO HEARS

### Mexican Rebel Leader Reported Captured.

### TRAP SPRUNG IN TRIANGLE

### Three Carranza Detachments Close In on Bandits in Mountain Retreat.

### CONSUL RECEIVES NEWS

### Request Is Sent From Juarez That Prisoners Be Put to Death at Race Track.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 20.—Francisco Villa has been captured at Hacienda San Geronimo by Carranza forces under General Cavazos, according to a private telegram from Chihuahua City received here. The news is not officially confirmed, but is credited by Carranza agents here. The telegram came from the same source that first reported the massacre of Americans at Santa Ysabel. Cavazos was last reported to be bringing prisoners from Guerrero to Chihuahua.

News Confirmed by Consul. Mexican Consul Andreas Garcia late today confirmed the capture of General Villa. His advice said that the capture was effected by Maximiano Marquez, who recently also captured General Jose Rodriguez, one of Villa's Generals.

A message announcing Villa's capture also has been received at the offices of the American Smelting & Refining Company.

Messages from Chihuahua today, also confirming reports of the capture of Villa, said also that several bandits who participated in the Santa Ysabel massacre were also captured and are being brought to Chihuahua City for execution.

Information Deemed Reliable. Consul Garcia explained that his confirmation of the report of the capture of Villa was based on unofficial, but reliable, information. He telegraphed at once to Chihuahua City, asking that official confirmation on the part of General Jacinto Trevino, the military chief of the northern states, be given.

At the same time a message was prepared, to be filed in the event of a formal confirmation, requesting that Villa be sent to Juarez to be executed at the race track. This message was prepared at the office of General Gabriel Gavira, commandant at Juarez, who said that he had received nothing official concerning the capture of the outlaw chieftain.

Rebel Caught in Triangle. Hacienda San Geronimo is on the boundary of the Hearst property, named the Babicora Ranch, near the railroad station of San Tomas, south-east of Madera.

Reports received here indicated that Villa had been hemmed in a triangle formed in the mountains. Colonel Maximo Marquez was on the southwest point, marching from Madera; Colonel Jose Alexondo was closing in on the northwest, while General Cavazos advanced from the southeast.

Band Reported Slain on Capture. Military telegraphers in Juarez, in charge of all wires between that town and Chihuahua City, declare that every message which has come in so far from the south tends to confirm the report of Villa's capture. Villa, they say, still is alive.

The following telegram was received from Albert H. Davison, a prominent broker of Chihuahua City, who is one of the best informed Americans in Mexico:

"Your telegram received. Carranza officials here declare reported capture of Villa near San Geronimo absolutely confirmed. They say Villa will be brought alive to Chihuahua. His band of 50 men were executed immediately after capture."

Allies Bombard Dedeghatch. LONDON, Jan. 20.—Allied warships bombarded Dedeghatch Tuesday, according to a Saloniki dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company. The bombardment caused considerable damage. A train was destroyed and several storehouses were set afire.

## COMPULSION BILL AGAIN ADVANCED

### LOUD CHEERS GREET VICTORY FOR GOVERNMENT.

Promise Made That Measure Will Be Enforced Without Seizure. Asquith Warmly Praised.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The military service bill passed through the committee of the House of Commons at 11 o'clock tonight amid loud cheers.

Walter Hume Long, president of the local government board, in a speech closing the discussion, said he desired to remove the impression that under this bill the government was creating a great monster in the form of a military machine which would grab all coming within its scope. "There was no intention that the War Office should act with undue severity, but on the contrary it intended to maintain the present system almost identical, but giving it a statutory position it hitherto had not occupied."

Philip Snowden, the Socialist member from Blackburn, speaking as an opponent of the bill, paid a warm tribute to the generous way the bill had been piloted through the House by Andrew Bonar Law and Mr. Long.

Mr. Bonar Law then expressed the grateful thanks of himself and Mr. Long to all sections for the restraint shown in committee.

John Dillon, Nationalist, added that he had never seen a measure that might have so easily led to passionate, heated debate pass through the House with greater skill or a more conciliatory manner. He thought that Premier Asquith never had shown greater skill than in leaving its conduct to Mr. Long and Mr. Bonar Law.

## GIRL, 16, RATED BEST JUDGE

### Lone Tree Lass Wins Corn Contest Held at Caldwell.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Sixteen-year-old Nora Mitchell, of Lone Tree, was declared the best judge of corn in Idaho, winning first prize from a field of 40 at the Idaho Seed Show.

The Lone Tree team, captained by Miss Mitchell, won first in judging and Boise second.

The afternoon convention session was largely attended. Addresses on the seed industry were delivered by J. A. Watters, of Twin Falls; J. H. Lowell, of Roswell; William Wagner, of Jerome; A. J. Snyder, of Springfield, and H. P. Ashby, of Boise. At the evening session Justice William M. Morgan, of the Idaho Supreme Court, addressed the delegates on legislative matters.

Judging of the exhibits will be concluded Friday.

## LIEUTENANT MALONE DEAD

### Army Officer, Husband of Portland Woman, Is Pneumonia Victim.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Lieutenant Harry S. Malone, Company H, Sixteenth Infantry, died at the Fort Bliss General Hospital today of pneumonia after an illness of a week. He had been here only two weeks, coming from Honolulu, where he had been stationed with the First Infantry.

His wife lives in Portland, Or., and has been making her home there since her husband has been on foreign and border service. There will be a military funeral, probably Friday, and the body will either be sent to Portland or to Arlington Cemetery at Washington. He was to have been made a Captain soon.

## MAN KILLED IN BRAWL

### Clare O'Neil Is Victim of Shooting Fray at Riverside.

VALE, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—D. M. McFadden has been arrested here charged with the murder of Clare O'Neil at Riverside, Malheur County, last Tuesday.

McFadden formerly was a bartender, but has been operating a soft-drink house at Riverside since the first of the year.

It is alleged he shot O'Neil in the head with a rifle, killing him instantly. O'Neil was intoxicated and had attacked McFadden with rocks, according to information given out. The trouble arose over a boarding-house.

## INSECT FEEDERS STARVE

### Bluebirds on Farm Cannot Eat Grain and Die in Snow Storm.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Last Spring E. R. Ostrom, a farmer living near Monmouth, erected several birdhouses on his farm, and in two of these houses 12 bluebirds were hatched and raised. During the snow storm of the past week all of these bluebirds starved and froze to death. As the bluebird feeds entirely on insect life, they cannot be fed grain.

Hundreds of China pheasants have been found frozen stiff, and also several bunches of quail.

## OREGON REPUBLICAN CLUB IS LAUNCHED

### Library Hall Filled by Enthusiastic Party.

Permanent Officers of Body Bent on Success in Presidential Contest to Be Named at Future Session at Armory.

## PROGRESSIVES HAVE BIG PART

### Many Stand Throughout Meeting Lasting Long.

## WOMEN AID ORGANIZATION

The new Oregon Republican Club was launched formally at an enthusiastic gathering of men and women interested in Republican success, held in the assembly hall of the Central Library, last night.

The meeting was the response to a call for organization and party harmony signed by nearly 500 Republicans of Portland last week. The big room was jammed to the rear walls with one of the largest crowds that has ever gathered at the Library.

Progressives "Take Part." Numbers, unable to get seats, stood through the meeting, which lasted 2½ hours.

Charles A. Johns was elected temporary chairman; John Y. Richardson, temporary secretary, and a constitution and by-laws were adopted in the course of a lively and interesting session.

Progressives, just coming back or already returned and considering themselves members again of the good old party, took just as active a part in the proceedings as did those who have been Republicans all the time.

Future Meeting Is Set. After a warm debate, led by John F. Logan, who urged that permanent organization, by all means, should be postponed to another meeting, that there might not be the slightest ground for suspicion that a "slate" had been rushed through of proceedings "out and dried," the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chair without having chosen permanent officers.

This meeting probably will be held at the Armory, and the date next Thursday night. If not within one week, the meeting will undoubtedly be held within two weeks.

## BRITISH USE SMOKE BOMBS

### Berlin Says Attack Was Beaten Off With Heavy Loss.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 20.—An attack by the British with the use of smoke bombs on the German positions north of Pralinghien, in Northern France, is announced in today's official statement by the German army headquarters.

It is declared the attack was beaten off with heavy loss to the British.

## DEAL FOR OREGON HOPS IS REPORTED

### SALE OF 3000 BALES TO EXPORTERS IS RUMORED.

E. Clemens Horst, of San Francisco, Said to Be Purchaser of Most of Block Offered.

Reports were in circulation in local hop offices yesterday that the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association had disposed of a large block of hops, variously estimated at from 3000 to 5000 bales, to E. Clemens Horst, of San Francisco, and to other exporters.

The association is holding about 25,000 bales of the 1915 crop, and it is understood that negotiations for the sale of a part of the lot have been under way for some time.

Mr. Horst, who is now in the city, declined yesterday to make any statement regarding the reported deal.

J. L. Clark, vice-president of the Oregon Hopgrowers' Association, who is said to have had a number of conferences with Mr. Horst in this city in the past few days, positively denied last night that any deal had been closed.

## WOMEN BID FOR SALOON

### State Fair Bar to Be Closed if Mothers' Council Gets Privilege.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Mothers' Council of Dallas voted today to submit bids for the bar privileges of the State Fair of Texas. Half a million persons visit the fair annually and the saloon man who gets the liquor selling right pays from \$2000 to \$5000. The Mothers' Council will raise a fund to buy the saloon right and publicly burn the contract, if their plans succeed.

The fair is owned by the people of Dallas. The directors are not favorable to liquor selling, but they say the fair needs the money.

"If money is what you want, we will give it to you," said an officer of the Mothers' Council today.

## RAIN STARTS UP MILLS

### Salt Is Placed in Ponds to Prevent Accumulation of Ice.

ELMA, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Vance Brothers' shingle and lumber mills and logging camps resumed operations today after being closed since the last snow fall. The company purchased two tons of rock salt to place in the mill pond to keep it free of ice.

Schaefer Brothers' logging camps are running full capacity. Lytle Brothers at Porter and the Saginaw and Western logging camps are getting ready to start tomorrow should the rain keep up.

## COPPERFIELD ECHO HEARD

### Wife Asks Divorce From Witness Who Aided Governor West.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—E. A. Fitch, one of Governor West's witnesses at the time of the visit of Fern Hobbs to Copperfield, appeared today as defendant in divorce proceedings.

Mrs. Fitch testified that Mr. Fitch had left her destitute and that he had, in the presence of their children, accused her of undue familiarity with other men.

The Fitch's son was said to have received liquor from Copperfield saloons, which was reported to Governor West.

## WAR ISSUES AROUSE SENATORS IN DEBATE

### Belligerents on Both Sides Accused

CONTROVERSY SUPREMACY COURT, U. S. SUPREME COURT Began

## Hoke Smith Demands Embargo Against Britain.

## BORAH INDORSES STAND

Idahoan Willing to Take Responsibility, Not of Speech but Action. Mississippian Says "Murder" Merits First Attention.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Issues arising from the European war were discussed without restraint in the Senate today in the warmest debate on international questions since Congress convened.

Great Britain's interference with American trade was characterized as "perpetual robbery." Germany was branded as "guilty of murder," pleas were made for an embargo on munitions and foodstuffs to England; charges were made and denied that British censors intercepted American mail to take advantage of trade secrets.

Possibility of war to enforce American rights did not escape attention, but the suggestion of war was counterbalanced with appeal for calm deliberation to await justice from cooler heads after belligerents had recovered from war madness.

Hoke Smith Proposes Embargo. Debate was precipitated by Hoke Smith, of Georgia, who delivered a long prepared speech denouncing Great Britain's course in holding up neutral commerce, and particularly her interference with cotton shipments to Germany.

He proposed an embargo against England, who, he said, could not continue the war without munitions from this country nor feed her people without food from the United States and other neutrals. His vigorous assaults on England's attitude was endorsed by Senator Borah, of Idaho, who said he was willing to take responsibility for "action, not speech," to protect American rights, but feared embargo legislation could not be passed by Congress.

From Senator Williams, the Georgia Senator's utterances drew a stirring reply, with a declaration he was not willing to go to war for mere dollars, nor to have the people of "Dixie" placed in an attitude of holding property on a plane with human life.

Williams Makes Murder Charge. Senator Williams said until the issue of murdered American women and children on the high seas was settled he could not nag the President of the United States about property, nor to attempt to force settlement for monetary loss of property from war-maddened people until he could appeal to their calmer judgment when war had ceased.

For several hours the Senate was (Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

## FAMILY IS HELD CAPTIVE BY YAQUIS

### AMERICAN ADMIRAL ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN RELEASE.

Woman, 2 Daughters and 2 Sons Are Prisoners—Mexican Authorities Preparing Campaign.

GUAYMAS, Mexico, Jan. 20.—(By radio to San Diego, Cal.)—Admiral Cameron McR. Winslow, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, is making every effort to secure the release from Yaqui captivity of the family of John Lehr, an American citizen, of Suague Grande, Sonora.

The Indians carried off Mrs. Lehr, who is a Mexican, her two daughters, aged 14 and 23, and her two boys, 5 and 7 years old, and have held them captives since November 11. A son, 17, was killed attempting to save his mother and sisters. The Lehrs own and were operating a 14,000-acre ranch in the Upper Caqui Valley, about 75 miles northeast from here.

Troops continue to arrive here for the campaign against the Indians.

The exact strength of the Yaqui force is not known, and the estimates by those in authority here vary from 1500 to 4000. To prevent the Indians from caching their arms and seeking employment in the villages and outlying ranches, a census of all Yaquias has been taken throughout the settlements, and the Governor of Sonora has issued a decree requiring all who employ Indians to submit a monthly report showing the names of all employed and the date of employment. Failure to observe the edict is punishable by imprisonment for one year.

## HOUSE ON WAY TO BERLIN

### Wilson's Emissary Expected to Remain Week in German Capital.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 21.—Lancelotti B. Winslow, secretary of the American Legation at Berlin, leaves on Friday for Switzerland to meet Colonel Edward M. House, President Wilson's emissary, and escort him to Berlin.

Colonel House, it is expected, will remain here about a week.

According to Mr. Winslow, Colonel House is coming to Berlin merely to transmit verbally President Wilson's views and receive verbal report from Ambassador Gerard.

## ELK SENT TO COLORADO

### Animals Bought by Citizens to Be Turned Loose in Mountains.

BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 20.—One hundred selected elk from Yellowstone National Park went through here tonight en route to Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Idaho Springs, Colo., which raised about \$2500 by public subscription to obtain them.

Fifty of the animals will be turned loose on Pike's Peak and 25 each in the mountains near Pueblo and Idaho Springs.

## Weather Twists Albany Car Track.

### ALBANY, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—As a result of the recent low temperature and sudden changes, damage to the extent of several hundred dollars has been done to the brick pavement along the Albany streetcar line.

It may be necessary to relay the entire track because of the shrinking and swelling resulting from the freeze.

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## SEATTLE VICTIMS TURN ON SHERIFF

### Bondsmen May Be Sued as Result of Raids.

OTHER OFFICIALS CALL HALT

## Bob Hodge Defies Governor and Prosecutor.

POLICE TO PASS UP HOMES

District Attorney Lundin Says He Wants to Clean Up Disreputable Places and Does Not Want Law Put Into Disrepute.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Enraged millionaires, whose homes were raided yesterday under the dry law forbidding possession of more than two quarts of spirituous liquors or 24 pints of malt drinks, today went after the scalp of Sheriff Bob Hodge, threatening to oust the doughty "coal miner of Newcastle," by attacking his official status.

Mayor H. Gill joined the forces of Hodge's enemies by announcing he had forbidden the police to raid any private homes, and Prosecutor Lundin, generally considered a member of the reform element and himself prominent in King County Sunday school workers' circles, announced he would refuse to issue any more informations for raids on private homes.

Hodge is Defiant. Hodge defies them all, asserting that he is going to enforce the law and that those prosecutors and Mayors were elected to enforce the law, not to decide themselves what sections of the people's mandate should be obeyed.

Hodge declares if search warrants are refused him by the Prosecuting Attorney's office, he will make arrests and prosecute the cases himself.

Legal Battle Promised. Such are today's developments resulting from raids on the residences of W. E. Boeing, The Highlands, president of the Greenwood Timber Company, and president of the Northwest Aero Club, and D. E. Skinner, 735 Fourth-street avenue North, president of the Skinner-Bddy Shipbuilding Corporation and millionaire lumberman, in which thousands of dollars' worth of liquor was confiscated by deputy sheriffs.

Attorneys representing both of the aggrieved citizens conferred today and it is promised a hot legal battle will be started.

Bondsmen May Be Sued. There also is possibility that civil action may be brought against Sheriff Hodge and his bondsmen, as the assertion is made that the fight, once begun, no stone will be left unturned in an effort to punish the Sheriff for what yesterday's raid victims declare to be illegal interference with their rights in their homes.

Prosecuting Attorney Lundin, while refusing to comment on yesterday's raids, is firm in his declaration that his office will not issue further search warrants for private homes on application of Sheriff Hodge.

Mr. Lundin Explains Stand. Mr. Lundin says he wants to clean up former saloons, hotels and blind tigers, and doesn't want to get the law into disrepute by invading homes. He explains, however, as follows:

"The law leaves us little choice in the matter, for if we refuse a complaint may go before any Justice of the Peace or Superior Judge and demand a search warrant. I will, however, put Hodge to that trouble."

Sheriff Issues Defi. Commenting on this statement, Mr. Hodge says:

"I don't care what Prosecuting Attorney Lundin, Mayor Gill or Governor Lister say about enforcing the dry law. As chief executive officer of the county of King, I recognize only the provisions of the law and not instructions from these worthless officials. I shall continue to recognize and investigate any deputy's complaint that may come to me, even if I am compelled to search the homes of the rich and the exclusive aristocratic clubs. I was informed this morning that Lundin, Gill and Lister had issued orders that no more residences be entered. I'll take care of that part of enforcing the law, and if Lundin doesn't assist, I will swear out the warrants and prosecute the cases myself."

Last Year's Work Cited. "There were, I am told, about 340 search warrants for liquor issued last year directed against people in moderate circumstances. The Governor, the Mayor or the Prosecuting Attorney never felt called upon to interfere until men of wealth and members of exclusive social organizations were associated to themselves the rights denied by law to the common people.

"The poor man has not the means to test out the law. The rich man has. Now he will have his opportunity; let him have the Supreme Court settle all contentions forever."

Grangers at Junction City. JUNCTION CITY, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Seventy-five Grangers met in Oddfellows Hall today for routine business. R. B. Cogdon, county agriculturist, and E. A. Keys, of the United States Department of Agriculture, discussed "Government Farm Survey."

Out-of-town visitors were J. M. Deyers and Walter Jones.

## WHEN GREEK MEETS GREEK!

