

TROOPS IN ALL-DAY CLASH ON BORDER

Utah Cavalry Goes to Aid of Cowboys.

FIRE OPENED ON AMERICANS

Further Reinforcements Said to Have Been Sent.

VILLA IS BEHIND PERSHING

Bandit Forces Said to Have Occupied Abandoned Outposts; Smugglers Prepare to Veil Operations in Withdrawal.

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 26.—According to telephonic advices from Justice of the Peace Hogan at Arivaca, Ariz., about 40 miles south of Tucson on the border, fighting has been in progress all day at a place called Stonehouse between Mexican troopers and American cowboys.

According to the report, the trouble started when the cowboys attempted to drive their cattle away from the boundary line and the Mexicans opened fire. The Americans retreated and were reinforced by a part of E troop, Utah cavalry, who at once returned the fire of the Mexicans.

No Americans Reported Killed. All Americans have assembled at Ned Hogan's house on the Arivaca Land & Cattle Company's ranch, it was reported tonight.

Eighteen American troopers, with plenty of ammunition, were dispatched at 5 o'clock to aid the troops already there.

The fighting was started by the Mexicans, according to the American version of the affair. The cowboys, retreating, kept up a running fire as they turned northward, and the Utah cavalrymen went to the aid of the cowboys.

Mexican Troopers Are Scattered. Advices received tonight said no further trouble was expected, and that ample forces were at hand to protect the border. The Mexican cavalrymen, numbering 20, attacked in open formation, and toward the end of the melee had been pretty well scattered.

The small mining camps in that part of the county are protected by employees. It was not ascertained whether or not there were any casualties among the Mexicans. The original force consisted of 14 troopers, reinforced by cowboys. At 7 o'clock it was reported that no Americans had been killed. The scene of the fighting is three miles from the Montana mine at Ruby, Ariz.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 25.—Forces of Francisco Villa have occupied El Valle, Chihuahua, abandoned by General Pershing's outposts, according to apparently reliable information received in Army circles.

Villa Establishes Headquarters. It was said Villa had established headquarters at Madera and was preparing to occupy Casas Viejas, a small town on the Rio Grande, and Colonia Dublan. Smugglers are planning to use the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico as an excuse to smuggle quantities of goods across the border without the payment of the export duty to the Carranza government, according to a Carranza official here.

The plan is to use the troop movements to veil the illicit exportation of cattle, hides and other goods upon which export duties are levied. Major General Pershing has no knowledge of these smuggling operations, it was said today. No duty is levied on the property of the expeditionary forces.

Refugees Coming Out. A passenger train was expected to leave Casas Grandes tomorrow for Juarez and will bring the remaining refugees from the El Valle and Colonia Dublan districts. After the departure of this refugee train, it is expected that the American troops will begin moving north from field headquarters.

JUAREZ, Mex., Jan. 26.—Fifteen hundred Carranza troops have been ordered from Chihuahua City to the Western District of Chihuahua to occupy El Valle (San Buena Ventura) and the other outposts vacated by American expeditionary forces.

A general movement of American troops from Colonia Dublan toward the border was predicted for tomorrow or Sunday by officers of General Murguia's staff late today.

FALL KILLS AUTO THIEVES

Two Youths Plunge Into Ravine in Stolen Seattle Car.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 26.—Andrew Bechtel and Lee R. Erland, each about 22 years old, who, according to the police, had been repeatedly accused of stealing automobiles, were found dead in a 30-foot ravine this side of the town of Bothell, 15 miles north of Seattle. Their bodies were plucked down by an overturned automobile, which had been stolen during the night from in front of a downtown hotel in Seattle.

The police said that Bechtel and Erland had been in Police Court often in the last few years. Bechtel recently completed serving six months in jail for stealing a motor car.

STRANGE HORSE IS OREGON PRODUCT

DISCOVERY OF SINGLE TOOTH ENLIGHTENS SCIENCE.

Malheur County Man Finds Clue to Life of Miocene or Pliocene Periods of Antiquity. BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 26.—The discovery of a single tooth of an extinct ancestor of the horse, of a species never before known, has furnished a clue toward solving the geological history and time relations of Oregon, Idaho and a vast area of the Great Basin region. Announcement of the discovery is made by Dr. John C. Merriam, of the University of California.

This ancestor of the horse has been named by Professor Merriam, Hipparion Anthonyi, in honor of A. W. Anthony, of Malheur County, Oregon, who discovered a single lower tooth in tertiary beds southwest of Ironside, at the base of the Blue Mountains. Professor Merriam and Dr. J. P. Buwalda, of the University of Oregon, are investigating this new fossil-bearing formation. From study of the remains of this extinct horse and from the evidence of teeth of a mastodon and an extinct rhinoceros they are led to believe this newly-found fossil-bearing region is of an age between the late Miocene period and the middle of the Pliocene period.

That a single tooth of an extinct horse should prove the animal of a distinct species and tell the age in which it lived is a surprise to the layman. It is due to the fact that the folds and crinklings of the enamel between the deposits of cement in the tooth of a horse are of much complexity. They differ to a highly marked degree as between one species and another. This has enabled science to work out the evolution of the horse from a tiny donkey no larger than the present day fox.

BRITISH TRADE INCREASED

Exports as Well as Imports Show Big Growth.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The United Kingdom increased both its sales and purchases abroad in 1916. A Department of Commerce tabulation today puts imports for the year at \$4,619,000,000 and exports at \$2,940,000,000. This shows an increase of 11.4 per cent in purchases and of 21.5 per cent in sales abroad.

Imports of food, drink and tobacco during the year were valued at \$2,641,000,000, against \$1,920,000,000 in 1915; raw materials, \$1,629,000,000, against \$1,394,000,000, and manufactured articles, \$921,000,000. Exports during the year were largely of manufactured articles.

DEPOT TAXI RATES FIXED

Council to Pass Ordinance for Protection of Visitors.

For the protection of tourists and other visitors to the city, an ordinance is to be passed by the City Council fixing the maximum rates for taxi service from one depot to another. The measure has been prepared by Commissioner Daly.

The maximum rate would be 25 cents for each passenger traveling in either direction between the Union and North Bank stations, and 50 cents for each passenger traveling in either direction between these depots and the Jefferson-street station. No extra charge will be permitted for carrying hand baggage.

SITTING BULL'S WIFE DEAD

Small Woman Fatally Burned Saving Her Shawl.

FARGO, N. D., Jan. 26.—Small Woman, former wife of Sitting Bull, is dead at the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in Western North Dakota from burns sustained when fire destroyed her shack at Lucky Mound. According to the report, Small Woman escaped from her burning dwelling uninjured but returned to rescue an old shawl which she prized highly and her clothing caught fire.

She was a native Mandan, 80 years old. At the time of her death she was the wife of a United States Indian scout.

MRS. AXTELL TAKES POST

Bellingham Member of Compensation Commission in Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Jan. 26.—Mrs. F. C. Axton, nominated by the President as a member of the Federal employees' compensation commission, is in Washington attending the National Security League Conference.

Mrs. Axton will remain and take up her new official duties as soon as her nomination is confirmed by the senate. She has formally accepted the appointment.

BULGARIA ALL FOR PEACE

Minister Says Nation Is Not Waging War of Conquest.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—(By wireless to Saville, N. Y.)—Dr. Wadef, Bulgarian Minister to Switzerland, is quoted in a Berne dispatch to the Overseas News Agency to the effect that Bulgaria approves absolutely President Wilson's note to the belligerents.

Dr. Wadef declared Bulgaria was not waging war of conquest, and claimed merely territories which belonged to her in accordance with the principle of nationalism.

SHIPYARD SITE ON EAST SIDE LEASED

Four Blocks Taken by Supple Concern.

TWO BOATS UNDER CONTRACT

Land Bounded by East Oak, Ash, First Streets and River.

ORIGINAL PLAN ABANDONED

Motor-Driven Wooden Vessels of 4000 Tons Each to Be Built for New York Concern and Work to Be Commenced at Once.

It became known yesterday that terms of a lease had been agreed on whereby four blocks, bounded by East Oak and East Ash streets, East First street and the river, are to be utilized for a shipyard site in connection with the construction of deep-water vessels. The first of which are to be two cars for the Gaston, Williams, Wigmore Steamship Corporation of New York, which were contracted for at New York Tuesday to be built by Joseph Supple, Fred A. Ballin and J. B. C. Lockwood, of this city.

Involved in the transaction are said to be two blocks on the waterfront owned by the Standard Lumber Company, another in which the Ladd estate has title and the fourth is owned by the Standard Lumber Company, interests and Page & Son, each having an undivided half.

Street Vacation Needed. To prepare the property for shipbuilding purposes, which means the building of ways on the waterfront with shops and assembling space in the rear, temporary vacation of streets now dividing the blocks will be necessary and it is understood that matter will be placed before the Council. In view of the fact that the same action was taken to favor the Albina Engine & Machine Works a few months ago, when its site extending back from the old Montgomery dock property was selected, it is regarded as certain that no difficulty will be experienced.

The two ships arranged for are to be the largest wooden carriers yet constructed for on the Coast, being of 4000 tons deadweight capacity. While of wood, considerable steel will be used in strengthening them, including all-steel bulkheads. They will be motor-driven, having twin screws with each engine being of 300 horsepower.

FIRST PLAN ABANDONED

The first plan was to occupy a block at the foot of East Madison street, which Mr. Supple holds under lease from the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Company, but the four blocks concerned in the new transaction are regarded as much more desirable because of added space. The north limit (Concluded on Page 5, Column 4.)

DETECTIVE BURNS IS FOUND GUILTY

COURT DENOUNCES ACT OF ENTERING PRIVATE OFFICE.

Sleuth Employed by J. P. Morgan to Trace "Leak" Is Fined \$100 and Pays Under Protest.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—William J. Burns, private detective, was found guilty here today of surreptitiously entering the law offices of Seymour & Seymour, making copies of private papers and then publishing them. Burns was employed by J. P. Morgan & Co. to trace a "leak" of information about contracts for war supplies for the entente allies from the Morgan offices. In finding Burns guilty, the justices of the Court of Special Sessions laid down the legal principle that no private detective has the right to enter a man's office or dwelling and examine his private correspondence and papers. "It would be giving a private detective more power than a policeman," said Justice Collins. "The law puts protection around a man's home. It would be a deplorable thing if in America a private house were not safe from being entered by private detectives."

A fine of \$100 with an alternative of 30 days in jail was imposed on Burns, who paid the fine at once under protest.

Martin Egan, publicity manager for J. P. Morgan & Co., at whose request Burns began his investigation, was acquitted on a similar charge and exonerated of any attempt to publish the correspondence obtained by Burns.

NOISY SESSION IS FEARED

Austria Puts Off Calling Parliament, on Hint From Army.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The agitation for an early summoning of the Austrian Parliament, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Vienna by way of Amsterdam, has been unsuccessful and it has been decided not to convene the chambers "owing to unforeseen difficulties" until May.

The government's reluctance to summon Parliament, the dispatch adds, is due to hints from army headquarters, which fears a noisy session.

MEXICAN REFORMS LOST

Revenue Argument Kills Move to Bar Liquor and Bullfights.

QUERETARO, Mexico, Jan. 26.—The proposal to prohibit in the constitution the manufacture and sale of pulque and alcoholic beverages, and that to prohibit bullfights and cockfights, was defeated today by the constitutional assembly.

The main argument in opposition was the loss of revenue, it being stated that pulque alone produced \$5,000,000 revenue annually.

QUAKE ROCKS MONTREAL

Shock Lasts 15 Seconds and Causes Alarm in Tall Buildings.

MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—An earth shock, which continued for 15 seconds, rocked this district today.

Buildings shook throughout the city, causing considerable alarm among office tenants in the business sections where high structures stand.

LAKE HAS BENIGN INFLUENCE

Lake Michigan so far this year has not frozen beyond the still water of the lagoons and breakwaters and the great body of water is a moderating influence on extremes of heat and cold. Lakes Superior and Erie are said to be frozen practically across, which means a long siege of cold in that region.

COLD WAVE MAKES ALL CHICAGO SHIVER

Mercury Drops to Below Zero in Night.

REST OF STATE IS COLDER

Two Men Lose Feet, Another's Hand and Ear Frozen.

TRAINS IN WEST BLOCKED

Union Pacific Lines in Wyoming Temporarily Opened Early in Day, but Heavy Wind Fills Cuts With Drifts Again.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—(Special).—A fresh cold wave came to Chicago in the night and citizens arose with shivering limbs and blue noses this morning to find an official temperature of 4 degrees below zero. In the suburbs, away from the influence of the lake, temperatures ranged from 9 to 12 below zero. At one point the Government thermometer registered 13 below and all Northern Illinois shows an average of 10 below.

Official forecasters say there is no warm weather in sight and point to Minnesota, where 22 below zero is the prevailing figure, and Ontario points, where 46 below indicates no relief from that direction. Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska and Michigan all show below zero weather and the only hope for moderation lies in strong steady winds for many hours from the south.

Wave Confined to North. Professor Mitchell, in charge of the weather bureau here, says the present cold wave is confined to points north of the Missouri River. West and south of that direction the temperature is mild for this time of year.

Old-timers found some consolation and food for conversation in recalling the weather of 20 years ago, when the thermometer showed 18 below at about this season. However, there was scant comfort in this, for two men were picked up so badly frozen today they must undergo amputation of feet and one man will also lose one hand and an ear.

Numerous and persistent calls came all day to various charitable societies for fuel and food. Chicago, so far, has been able to take better care than ever before of its poor. One reason is that there are few idle men. There is also plenty of work for all women and girls and the ranks of dependents are appreciably thinned as a result.

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SOUTHERN PACIFIC OFFICES TO MOVE

QUARTERS IN YEON BUILDING LEASED FOR 10 YEARS.

Removal From Wells Fargo Location Will Be on March 1—Legal Department Joins Other Staff.

General offices of the Southern Pacific Company in Portland are to be removed on March 1 from the Wells-Fargo building to the Yeon building, at Fifth and Alder streets. They will occupy the entire seventh and eighth floors of the Yeon building, which the railway company has taken under a ten-year lease. The legal department, now in the Fenton building, will also remove to the new quarters.

Although the news comes from an authoritative source, the official announcement probably will not be made until the return to Portland of J. H. Dyer, assistant general manager, who left last night for San Francisco. In his absence other Southern Pacific officials declined to discuss the change.

The new quarters are regarded as particularly advantageous, since the building is only 100 feet from the fine new ticket office of the Southern Pacific at 131 Fourth street. This office is to have its formal opening tonight.

The departure of the Southern Pacific Company from the Wells-Fargo building marks the final step in the divorce of its offices from those of the O. W. R. & N. The two railroads have occupied the greater portion of the Wells-Fargo structure since it was completed in 1907. At that time the two lines were affiliated. Since their separation each system has maintained its own offices, but their presence in the same building has led to confusion, it is said.

MENU SENT TO MRS. WILSON

President's Wife Asked to Try 25-Cent Diet for One Day.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A special menu for the White House was sent to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson today by Mrs. Eula Clara, publicity manager of the policemen's diet squad here, with the request that the food selected for three meals be tried for one day, as follows:

- BREAKFAST: Oatmeal, milk, toast and butter, Cost 2 cents. LUNCHEON: Salmon croquettes with peas, Bread and butter, Cost 8 cents. DINNER: Baked split pea, Stuffed green peppers, Whole wheat bread and butter, Blueberries and bananas, Tea, Cost 10 cents.

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SURVEY PROPOSES REFORM IN PRISON

Report Declares New Penitentiary Needed.

FLAT TERMS ALSO FAVORED

Sale of Products on Open Market Is Suggested.

MORE STUDY IS ADVISED

Separation of Management From That of Other Institutions, Diet That Is Better Balanced and Segregation Favored.

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF PRISON SURVEY COMMISSION. An entirely new Penitentiary building, to be built of six units, the cost payable by six annual levies. Repeal of the indeterminate-sentence law and fixed sentences for all classes of crime. Removal of the warden and parole officers from the State Parole Board. The prison to be under supervision of a prison board of three members, named by the Governor. Experimentation with the Mutual Welfare League plan as used at Sing Sing Prison. Sale of prison-made goods on the open market in competition with free labor to solve the problem of prison idleness. Competent stewards in charge to do away with sameness of diet now afflicting the convicts with gastritis. Segregation of first offenders on a basis of the high per cent of factors contributing to their delinquency. Establishment of a new medical department, with laboratories for blood tests. Extension of penal farm work to make the institution nearer self-supporting. Re-establishment of common school work under control of State Superintendent or Superintendent of Marion County schools. Use of one-man-to-the-cell system for vice, with sterilization for the feeble-minded and castration for the incorrigible.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 26.—(Special).—Approximately 30 major recommendations, covering the criminal problem in all of its leading phases, were made in the report of the Penitentiary Survey Board, filed with the State Board of Control today. The report offers suggestions which, if carried out, would result in practically revamping the entire present system of dealing with crime and criminals. Members of the Penitentiary Survey Commission signing the report are F. W. Mulkey, chairman, Portland; E. E. Brodie, Oregon City, and L. J. Wentworth, Portland.

New Prison Recommended. The substance of the committee's recommendations is as follows: That plans and specifications for a new prison of reinforced concrete, fire-proof construction be prepared; that it be built by prison labor; that it have the outside cell system; that it be built by units within six years and that it be financed by six annual tax levies. That cells be provided for all but trustees; that there be only one man to the cell and that trustees have dormitory sleeping accommodations.

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