

AMERICANS HANGED TO OAXACA TREES

Returning Mining Man Says Ransoms Are Exactd From Every Foreigner.

BANDITS ARE EVERYWHERE

General Aguilar, ex-Federal, Holds Fortified Stronghold—Consular Agent Knows of Outrages, but Cannot Report.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Jan. 22.—The state of Oaxaca, Mexico, is overrun with bandits who have been carrying on a campaign of murder and plunder, despite every effort of the Carranza authorities to preserve order, according to an affidavit made by Andrew J. Trumbo, of Los Angeles, who arrived here early today from Oaxaca, the capital of that state.

At El Paso yesterday Trumbo mounted an account of the blowing up recently of a passenger train near Puebla, with the loss of 23 lives. "Twenty miles southwest of Elutia I saw the bodies of six men hanging to trees. I was told by Mexicans that they were Americans," Trumbo said in his affidavit. "No one knew their names." "About a quarter of a mile farther on I saw two more bodies hanging to a tree. I was told they also were Americans, but I could not find out their names."

Conditions Are Unbearable.

Conditions became so unbearable that he could not remain in the Mexican state with his family, Trumbo declared in his statement, in explaining his departure from Mexico. He and his wife were mistreated and insulted, he said. The affidavit of Trumbo, to which was appended his passports, letters and receipts to show that he had been in localities mentioned in the statement, which follows in part: "My name is A. J. Trumbo and for 11 months I have been employed by the Indiana-Oaxaca Mining Company, with headquarters at Mina El Carmine. While the government of that state affords all possible protection to foreigners, the country is overrun by bandits and dominated on the north by General Aguilar, a former federal commander, who exacts ransom from every foreigner passing through his stronghold at Tepepa.

Ex-Federal Joins Bandit.

"He is fortified there by 300 ex-federal soldiers armed with cannon and machine guns. Their position is such that they entirely dominate that section of the country, and they can easily stand off an army of 20,000 Carranza soldiers.

"Zapata bandits are everywhere within a half mile of the railroad. They frequently dynamite trains and are robbing and killing foreigners at will.

"U. R. Burton, an American mining man, was forced to pay \$1000 gold and was then put in jail under penalty of death to extort more money.

"Tom West, an American, was shot through the head by bandits at Tepepa, but he recovered. S. Pittier, a Frenchman, owner of the principal mercantile establishment in Oaxaca, while en route to Mexico City to purchase supplies, was held by General Aguilar and robbed of all his money, about 400,000 pesos, which is equivalent to \$200,000 gold.

"Trumbo said Clifford Robinson, American consular agent at Oaxaca, knew of the outrages, but was unable to report them because Aguilar censored his mail.

SWEDISH FEELING BITTER

Retaliation for Britain's Seizure of Cargo Advocated by Press.

STOCKHOLM, via London, Jan. 22.—The Swedish newspapers comment extensively on the seizure of the cargo in the Swedish-American line steamer Stockholm.

The general opinion is that it will be impossible to keep up the sailings of the newly-formed Swedish-American line. As this has been regarded as a sort of national undertaking any interference with it, the newspapers say, will cause bitter feeling. The papers urge retaliatory measures against Great Britain.

EASTERN OREGON IS HIT

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portals of the tunnel, 17 inches of snow fell last night, making a total of 146 inches now on the ground, and a record of 289 inches for the winter.

A warm wind would cause floods in Western Washington, but the temperature at high altitudes continues low. Streams are below their usual level for this time of year, the rainfall since January 1 having been less than the average.

DANCE PARTY IS SNOWBOUND

18 Baker Young People Remain at Clubhouse Over Night.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Eighteen young men and women of Baker who attended the Farmers' Union dance in the clubhouse in the Pokesburg district last night, were held all night by high drifting snow blocking the roads.

This party kept up the dance all night in order to keep warm. This morning the men made their way through the drifts to the nearby ranchhouse of B. S. Crabbil, where they secured breakfast for the morning.

They all left the clubhouse at 11 o'clock this morning, and arrived back here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Reports from many sections of Baker and Grant counties say that the snow is the deepest in years. Mail stages are way behind their schedules. Travel is practically at a standstill.

SNOWFLOWS ARE BLOCKED

Washington Central Line Service Interrupted, Fuel Rushed to Engines.

water for the boilers is being secured by melting huge cakes of snow. Rotary plows have been sent to clear the drifts but have made little headway.

ROTARY PLOW BURIED IN SLIDE

Milwaukee Tied Up by Snow; Men Clearing Track Escape.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway's transcontinental line was tied up in the Cascade Mountains today when an avalanche covering a section of track 129 feet long, buried a rotary snow-plow near Local Keelchelus on the east slope of the mountains.

According to reports received at the general offices tonight no lives were lost in the snowslide.

The west-bound Columbia train No. 17, from Chicago, found the track blocked by snow and was sidetracked while a rotary cleared the track. The rotary crew had just emerged from a tunnel when a huge avalanche swept down the mountain, burying the snow-plow and a locomotive under several feet of snow. The passenger train was not touched and was sent back to Ellensburg, where it was transferred to Northern Pacific tracks, over which it continued its journey to Seattle.

Great Northern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul transcontinental trains between Seattle and Northern Pacific tracks tonight between Seattle and junction points east of the mountains. The Milwaukee road expects to clear its line tonight. The Northern Pacific reported its mountain line open, with trains moving subject to delay.

HOOD RIVER IS ON LOOKOUT

Mount Hood Railroad Company Has Crews Ready for Snowslides.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—The umbrella has usurped the popularity of the fur coat and cap today in Hood River. A chinook wind has melted more than a half of the snow on the lower levels. The sudden thaw has caused the flooding of a number of local buildings, the drain pipes of which were frozen.

Crews of men line the track of the Mount Hood Railroad company between One and Parkdale to clear away the debris of possible slides.

Condon Train Snowbound.

CONDON, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—The Condon train was snowbound on the return trip from Arlington Thursday. No mail has reached Condon since Wednesday. Snow drifts on the railroad are 10 to 12 feet high, caused by heavy winds on Wednesday. A snow-plow and a large crew of men make slow progress. Arrival of the train is uncertain.

FIVE CHILDREN RESCUED

RAID DISCLOSES CONDITIONS DISADVANTAGEOUS TO OFFSPRING.

Woman Tells Pitious Tale of Succumbing to Temptation After Honest Effort Fails.

Police raided early yesterday rescued four children whose mother once had struggled honestly to support them, and a fifth girl who is an orphan.

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The banks on the California side of the Colorado River were seen to cave in today by persons at the 11-mile post on the Yuma side of the river.

FORCE HELD NECESSARY

WAR COLLEGE HEAD SAYS POLICIES DEMAND PREPARATION.

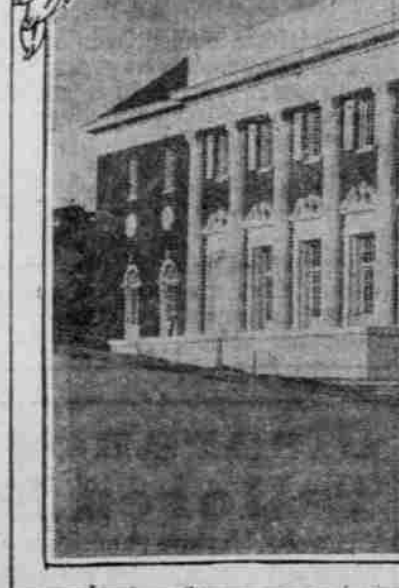
General McComb Suggests That Monroe Doctrine Is Tending Toward Pan-American Entente.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—National policies of the United States, particularly maintenance of the Monroe Doctrine, an open door in the Orient, supremacy in the Pacific and Asiatic exclusion can be upheld only if backed by force, Brigadier-General Montgomery A. McComb, president of the Army War College, told the Senate military committee today. The tradition that entangling alliances should be avoided, he declared, further emphasized the necessity that the United States be prepared to fight alone for its ideals.

"Unless there is force behind these policies," he said, "they will not play an important part in the history of the world."

General McComb, who appeared at a hearing on the work of the Y. M. C. A. lodging and railroad camps, sawmill towns, etc. All men are invited.—Adv.

HANDSOME NEW ELKS' TEMPLE AT KLAMATH FALLS.



GENERAL VIEW OF BUILDING JUST COMPLETED.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Klamath Falls Lodge of Elks has now completed its handsome new home. The building is one of the most particularly creditable for a city of the size of Klamath Falls.

The building is heated by hot water from a Fess rotary system of crude oil burners, and in the basement, two bowling alleys are provided, in addition to the department equipped with flying rings, bars, billiard tables and four showers are also located in the basement. The main floor consists of the ladies' reception room, lavatories and card room, buffet and pool room, in addition to the large lounge room or lobby, in which there is a great fireplace. The second-story floor has the banquet room and the large lodge room.

YUMA FLOOD GOES; VALLEY IS FLOODED

Water Covers Valley, City's Supply Is Cut Off, Buildings Are Destroyed.

EXCITEMENT KILLS MAYOR

Citizens Organize Committee to Keep Order in Town and Congress Will Be Asked for Speedy Appropriation for Repairs.

YUMA, Ariz., Jan. 22.—Yuma Valley was covered to a depth of from one to four feet of flood water from the Colorado River tonight as a result of the breaking of the Government levees near here today. The city of Yuma was in darkness and without a supply of water, as the plants supplying gas, electricity and water were flooded.

A citizens' committee is maintaining order here, Major Moore having died of heart failure in the excitement that prevailed shortly after the levees gave way.

Business houses in the main street here were flooded to a depth of four feet by the water and many of the older buildings were washed away or badly damaged. Residents were sent to the hills back from the river.

Thousands of acres of agricultural land both on the Arizona and the California sides of the Colorado, were inundated.

The river appeared to be falling here today, but it was thought that was caused by the breaks in the levees and that the volume of water flowing by here really had not diminished.

Many of the older buildings in Yuma have disappeared beneath the swirling flood waters. It was estimated early tonight that at least 100 houses had been destroyed.

The Catholic rectory was in danger of being carried away at any time and a squad of men were bracing it with pumps and sandbags.

Wells-Fargo Express Company was compelled to move from its building adjoining the office of the Yuma Examiner, which was flooded to a depth of four feet. The building in which the Morning Sun was situated was a complete loss, being one of the first to be undermined by the water.

At least four miles of the Government levee was washed out just below here.

No estimate of the damage, either to the city or the surrounding country, could be made tonight. Citizens said that an appeal probably would be made to Congress for an immediate appropriation to repair the damage.

The irrigation project, as serious injury would be done the farms of settlers if prompt steps were not taken.

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SATURDAY'S WAR MOVES

IN none of the major fronts of the field of war in Europe are notable military operations in progress so far as the official reports show. Not even from little Montenegro have there come additional reports of fighting, following the indirect advice on Friday declaring that hostilities had been resumed after rejection of peace terms offered by Austria.

The Montenegrin situation remains somewhat clouded, in view of conflicting statements from Teutonic and entente allied quarters. Vienna declares that the Montenegrins have capitulated, one official statement from Rome even declaring that no negotiations preliminary to peace with Austria were ever entered into.

From the northern front in Russia to Bessarabia there are no changes in positions of the various forces, according to official reports. Indications are that the Russians have again ceased, for a time at least, their attacks on the Austrians near the southern end of the line, while Berlin mentions only artillery activity in sectors where German troops are holding the front. Even the artillery duels which are reported near Smoronsk and in the vicinity of Deivinsk, however, are manifestations of activity such as have not been reported along the Russian front for some time by the German War Office.

The Franco-Belgian front is undergoing a period of comparative calm, which probably is to be explained by the seasonable conditions. There are frequent outbreaks by the artillery on both sides, however, several such being mentioned in the current official statements. Berlin mentions the shelling of German positions and villages behind the lines between the Moselle and the Vosges, while Paris apparently describes the same series of operations as directed against provision trains and groups of hostile troops.

of a pan-American entente, which "might or might not be a good thing," but did not alter, in his opinion, the urgent necessity of military preparedness.

General McComb said the War College had taken the policies he mentioned as a basis of its study to formulate a definite military policy. With these obligations in mind, he added, the college had produced the plan already made public for a regular army of 500,000 men with the colors or reserve within eight years and a continental army of a million men in the same time.

Brigadier-General Albert Mills, chief of the War Department Division of Military Affairs, said inherent difficulties in the way of using the organized militia in place of a continental army seemed insurmountable, and outlined many objections to the National Guard system from a National point of view. Among these were lack of proper reserves to supply war wastage, lack of auxiliary arms, inadequate training, constantly changing personnel and lack of uniformity of state military codes.

TOURISTS ARE NOT HELD

ATTITUDE OF RESIDENTS CRITICIZED BY HOTELMAN.

Gus Rosenblatt Says Few Are Informed of Nearby Attractions, and Tickets Prevent Stay.

Tourists visiting Portland are not properly enlightened as to the many attractions that should detain them here, according to Gus Rosenblatt, owner of the Seward Hotel, who has expressed these views in a letter to a member of the Portland Transportation Club.

Mr. Rosenblatt says that the majority of the tourists stay in Portland only a day, and says that if the scenery to be seen in and around the city were only explained to them properly many of them would take the extended trips that are offered here. He says in part that it is to be seen here in the city of Portland during the past year, and I venture to say that probably 90 per cent arrive on the morning trains and leave the same day. Nearly all those remaining over during the day use sightseeing and electric cars, after which they believe they have seen all that is to be seen here.

"Other tourists have told me that they would like to remain longer in Portland had their itinerary been arranged to give more time to Portland, it appearing that the Eastern railroad ticket selling agents impressed them that there would be no chance of remaining in this city any longer than one day.

"Many tourists would remain in Portland longer if they were told while here of the many attractions offered in the vicinity of Portland, and all there is for us to do is to make the suggestion and it would have a very decided effect in keeping tourists here longer."

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The law requires that the County Clerks report the registrations every week to the Secretary of State.

Of the registrations so far about every five are Republicans. The total state Republican registration for the two weeks is 6661, while the Democrats on the books are 2665. Provided the present ratio of party registration is maintained, the Progressive party registration will be a negligible quantity. So far but 54 Progressives have registered, and 26 of these were in Multnomah County.

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\$500 GIVEN TO WILLAMETTE More Funds for Memorial Alcove in University Library Sought.

WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, Salem, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—A gift of \$500 recently was received by President Doney from Henry Clews, a prominent New York financier, to be used in the erection of a memorial alcove in the University library to the late Dr. John H. Coleman, a former president of Willamette.

Dr. Coleman will be remembered as president of the institution from 1903 to 1907, and his work will long be remembered by those connected with the university. After an deliberation it has been decided to lend the \$500 out on good securities and continue the campaign till \$2500 has been raised for a suitable alcove to the memory of Willamette's former president.

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Advertisement for Allico Plasters, featuring a portrait of a woman.