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TWENTY REPORTED KILLED IN BATTLE IN OLD MEXICO

Large Number Are Slain in Engagement Between Rurales and Rebels.

MAY BE FIRST CLASH IN NEW REVOLUTION

Long Expected Revolution in Southern Republic About to Materialize.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 25.—Twenty are reported to have killed in a fight between the Rurales and the rebels according to advices from Colonia Dublin.

By some, this clash is believed to have been the first of the new revolution which has been threatening in Mexico for the last few months. The new revolution is alleged to have been inspired by former Vice-president Reyes who was arrested in San Antonio for violating the neutrality laws.

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JETTY WORK IS BEING URGED

Chamber of Commerce Takes Matter Up With Engineers and Congressmen.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce is leaving no stone unturned to secure early action by the government to secure the reconstruction of the North Jetty. It has the matter up with the congressmen and engineers and President McCormac is still hopeful of securing something at the present session of congress.

So far as Dr. McCormac was personally able to ascertain from Major Morrow, the Portland engineers' office at this time did not desire to recommend anything further than a new survey of the bar to ascertain just what will be necessary to secure the desired depth of water on it. Major Morrow intimated that if the people of Coos Bay would guarantee fifty per cent, or even twenty-five per cent of the cost of reconstructing the jetty, it would probably greatly facilitate the reconstruction of the jetty.

The idea of Coos Bay having to bear part of the expense of the jetty work besides aiding in the improvement of the inner harbor is not acceptable to some. It is pointed out that the government is doing all the bar and jetty work on the Columbia river without any aid from the people there and up to a few years ago when the Port of Portland was formed did the inner harbor work without assistance from the local people. Dr. McCormac laid the whole matter before the Oregon delegation in Congress. Congressman Hawley's response was the most definite of any and indicated a stronger desire to do something. He wired as follows:

"I have made inquiry in person at office of chief of engineers relative to the proposed bridging of Coos Bay and was informed that no permit to build such bridge had been granted and that before any action is taken, full hearing will be given, that all interested may be heard. When we went over the bar during my visit I understood that a map and statement were to be prepared and sent me relative to the rebuilding of the North Jetty and the movement of the currents, I need them very much. I have taken the matter up with the engineers here and if the engineers of the Portland office will recommend repair and reconstruction of the North Jetty as necessary we may be able to secure an appropriation for this purpose upon a favorable recommendation of the chief of engineers, but action must be prompt. Can you take this matter up with Major Morrow or Major McIndoe? No report from the Portland office on the repairs or reconstruction of the jetty appears to be on file here, at least no recent report. Will you immediately my expense."

Senator Bourne's Letter. Senator Chamberlain in acknowledging the letter promises to do everything he possibly can. Senator Bourne in his letter says: "I am in receipt of your letter of December 12th informing me of your conversation with Major Morrow regarding additional appropriations for Coos Bay, particularly for the preservation of the north jetty and for

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DROPS THREE STORIES; CALLS "TAKE A DRINK" (By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 25.—After falling from the third story window last night, Edward Futrell, who styles himself the light-weight champion Hawaiian, arose and invited the witnesses to his fall to join him in a drink.

GARDINER TO INCORPORATE

Special Election to Be Held There In February to Decide Question.

GARDINER, Ore., Dec. 25.—Plans for holding a special election here in February to arrange for incorporating the town are being made by J. E. Schilling, W. F. Jewett and other prominent residents of Gardiner. It is understood that they have the necessary petitions drafted they will probably be acted on by the Douglas county commissioners at their meeting in Roseburg early in January.

The question of incorporating was submitted a year or so ago but was defeated then owing, it was understood, to the prohibition question entering into it.

With the likelihood of great railroad activities here next spring and the necessity of the many advantages accruing to an incorporated town, most of the leading citizens here are now understood to favor incorporating as soon as possible.

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CONDITION OF MURRAY IS BAD

Man Shot by Goldie Bestscott Has Not Recovered Sufficient For Operation.

There is little or no perceptible change in the condition of Chas. Murray, the bartender who was shot on North Front street a few days ago by Goldie Bestscott. He is resting fairly easy at Mercy Hospital but shows no improvement.

Whether he will improve sufficiently to permit an operation which affords the only chance of his escaping paralysis, if his life should be spared, is very doubtful. The chances are against his recovery.

C. F. McKnight, who is to defend the Bestscott woman, has been advised that Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist will be here from Coquille Wednesday to look into the case. Whether she will have her preliminary hearing Wednesday probably depends on the developments in Murray's condition.

It is not likely that another effort will be made to have Murray make an ante-mortem statement of the shooting. Friday, he would not give Coroner Wilson any statement relative to the shooting or the causes that lead up to it although willingly gave all other information desired about himself. A peculiar sense of loyalty to the woman probably caused him to seal his lips so far as any accusation against her. The absence of such a statement, in case of Murray's death, would have a tendency to weaken the prosecution of the woman for the crime.

GIVEN LIBERTY.

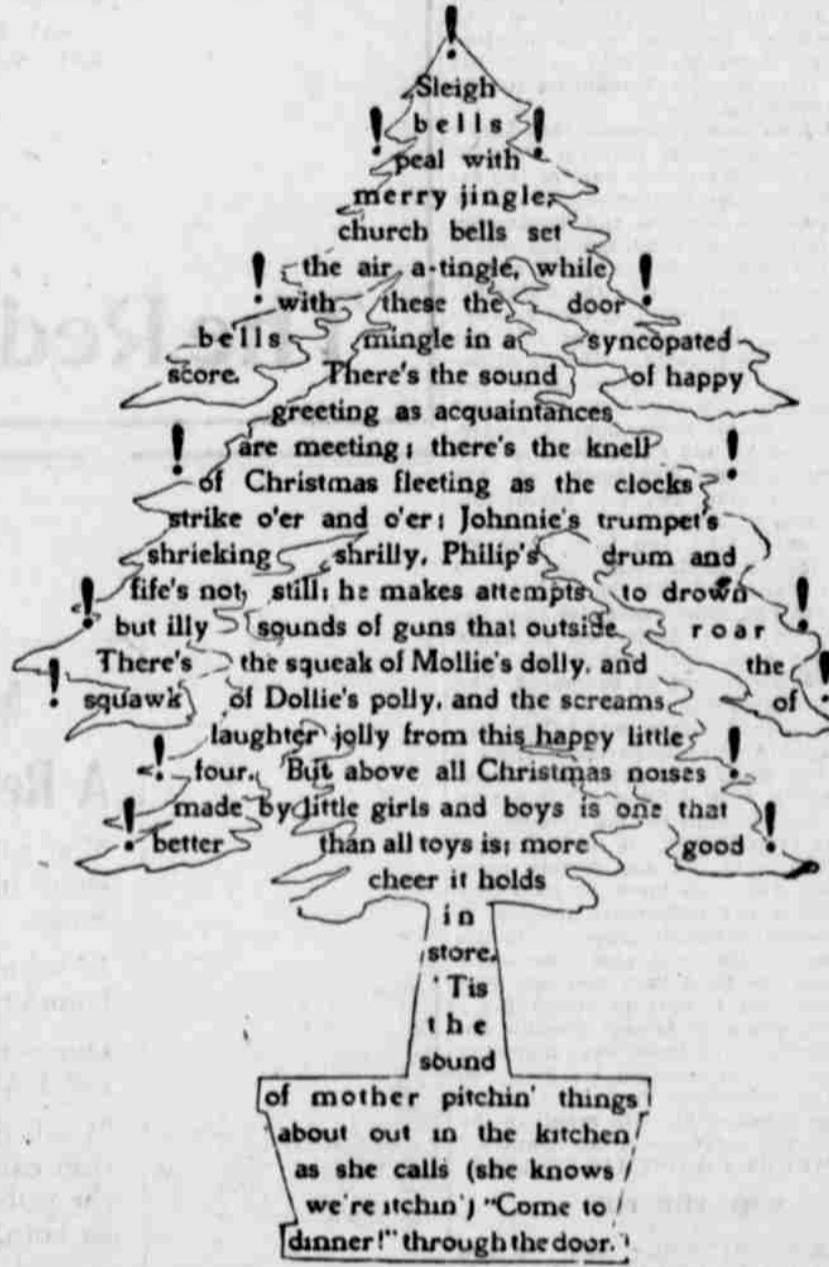
Owing to the delay in filing charges against Goldie Bestscott, who has been given partial liberty. She is no longer confined in the city jail but is now occupying a room at the Coos hotel. No special officer is guarding her but close watch is kept over her. She has given her promise not to make an effort to get away.

C. F. McKnight and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist had quite a tilt over the long distance phone over her detention Saturday night. Murray had a bad day at the hospital yesterday.

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A Christmas Tree Talk.



MERRY CHRISTMAS ON COOS BAY

Business Practically Suspended Here For Christmas Holiday Today—Many Celebrations.

Seldom if ever has there been a more marked celebration of Christmas on Coos Bay than this year. Besides the special services in the churches, special Christmas exercises were held by many other organizations and family gatherings brought merriness unbounded to all.

The special services in the churches this morning were largely attended as were the services yesterday which savored of the great anniversary of Christendom.

The High Mass at midnight at the Marshfield Catholic church last evening brought forth an attendance that crowded even standing room in the church. The edifice was handsomely and appropriately decorated for the service. Besides this, the special musical program attracted many non-Catholics.

Early Morning Service. Christmas Day was celebrated in the old, accustomed way in the Swedish Lutheran church this morning at an early service known as "Jul otan". Rev. Bengtson conducted the service, which was quite well-attended.

Swedish-Finnish Celebration. Practically the whole Swedish-Finn population of Marshfield assembled in the Finnish hall on Central avenue last evening for a general Christmas celebration in true old country style.

The celebration, which has become an annual institution all its own, was held by general consent, in the preparation of which everybody entered with vim and alacrity, and which everybody therefore could unreservedly enjoy. Mr. Alex Johnson acted as master of ceremonies. A varied program of singing, music, recitation and speech-making occupied the better part of the evening.

When, finally interest centered around the huge Christmas tree. Presents were now distributed to all. The amusement, the spirit of joy and festiveness became altogether general and the evening was a most pleasant one throughout.

Just as the presents were being distributed right and left, word was passed around at shortly before 1 o'clock in the morning, that the wife of the janitor of the Hall, Mr. Edward Johnson, had given birth to a girl baby. So naturally, Mr. Johnson considered that he received the best present of all.

Socialists' Xmas Tree. The Finnish Socialist Society of Marshfield celebrated Xmas eve with a festival and Christmas tree at the Socialist Hall on Front street last evening. A lengthy and varied program of music, singing and recitation was rendered, all in the Finnish language, except some remarks towards the end of the program by some English speaking socialist members who arrived late. The feature of the evening was the distribution of presents to the numerous children and nearly all the adults present.

The most enjoyed number of the program was probably the reading of a comic annual paper, written for the occasion. The address of the evening was made by Chas. Hoffman. It was a thoroughly enjoyed celebration and as nearly like one in the old country as circumstances would permit, and lasting from eight till after twelve o'clock.

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MARYLAND MOB HACKS NEGRO TO DEATH WITH HATCHETS

Take Prisoner From Jail and Execute Him Without Officers' Knowledge.

NO CLUE LEFT BY PERPETRATORS OF DEED

Trivial Quarrel Over Pool Game Leads to Shooting and Lynching.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BALTIMORE, Dec. 25.—King Davis, the negro, who Saturday night shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab at Fairfield, was taken from the Brooklyn, Md., jail early today by a mob and was chopped to death with a hatchet.

The lynching was conducted with secrecy, the town authorities having no inkling of it until Chief of Police Irwin was notified by a newspaper carrier who found the body as he delivered his papers. No guard was kept at the jail at night and there is no clue to the perpetrators of the deed. The front door of the jail was found to have been burst open and the lock had been cut off the door of the cell in which Dav's was confined.

The trouble which caused the shooting starting in a saloon in Fairfield over a game of pool between Frank Schwab, a brother of the dead man, and Davis. Schwab claimed the negro called him vile names. After the party left the saloon, Frederick Schwab took up the brother's quarrel with Davis who drew a pistol and sent a bullet through Schwab's heart. Davis fired two bullets at Frank Schwab but missed. The negro was arrested and claimed self defense.

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