

OPPOSING ARMIES MASS AT TORREON; FIGHT IS IMMINENT

Available Forces of Two Factions Concentrating for What May Be Greatest Battle in History of Mexico.

(United Press Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, March 9.—With General Orozco rushing his troops to Torreon, and the Madero government concentrating all of its available force in northern Mexico at that point, it is concluded by both sides tonight that one of the greatest battles in the history of Mexico will be fought in the city of Laguna district during the coming week.

Already Orozco has sent 2000 men to Torreon. He announced in Guahuahua today that he would follow on Tuesday with 4000 more, and there are in Juarez, and at Casas Grandes, more than 1500 other rebels, all of whom were sent to Torreon.

Forces Number 5000. The government forces at Torreon, under Colonel Emilio Madero, brother of President Madero, number more than 5000 now. It is claimed by federal officials, and 3000 more are on route from the south and west.

Orozco is having two cannons made in Chihuahua to use in the assault on Torreon. He claims to have \$500,000 on hand to finance the campaign and has gathered 300 expert Indian sharpshooters to go with him Tuesday.

Stores and Banks Looted. Juarez stores and banks are being systematically looted by rebel troops under command of General Antonio Rojas, and it is asserted in some quarters that it is being done by Rojas' order. Today there has been another exodus from Juarez in an anticipation of an uprising of the rebel troops following a quarrel between Colonel Ponce, jefe d'armas, who opposes Rojas' campaign of looting, and Rojas. Henry Seggermann, an American citizen, whose store was robbed of \$5000 worth of flour Friday, was today robbed of the remainder of his goods. He has taken up the matter with El Paso officials. He had previously filed complaints with Consul T. D. Edwards and Governor O. B. Colquitt.

In the looting of the Banco Nacional early today, 20,000 pesos were secured, according to the manager, E. F. Alonso.

REFUGEES REPORT SITUATION IN SOUTH EXTREMELY CRITICAL

(By the International News Service.) Monterey, Mexico, March 9.—The situation in the south is reported to be critical by refugees arriving here today. It is said that the anti-American feeling is rapidly spreading and that there are thousands of Americans in exposed positions without means of leaving the country. Protective organizations are being formed among those in danger. Every outgoing train is surrounded by bands of Mexicans shouting "Death to the Americans!"

In Torreon several Americans are marooned and the city is surrounded by rebels. In Guadalupe Armas Chalten, San Luis Potosi and Durango, the anti-American feeling is spreading and affairs are said to be critical.

MANY ATHLETES TO MEET AT COLUMBIA 'U.'

The Columbia indoor track and field meet, which will be held April 13, is attracting a great deal of attention in the state this year and athletes from all parts are expected to participate in the meet.

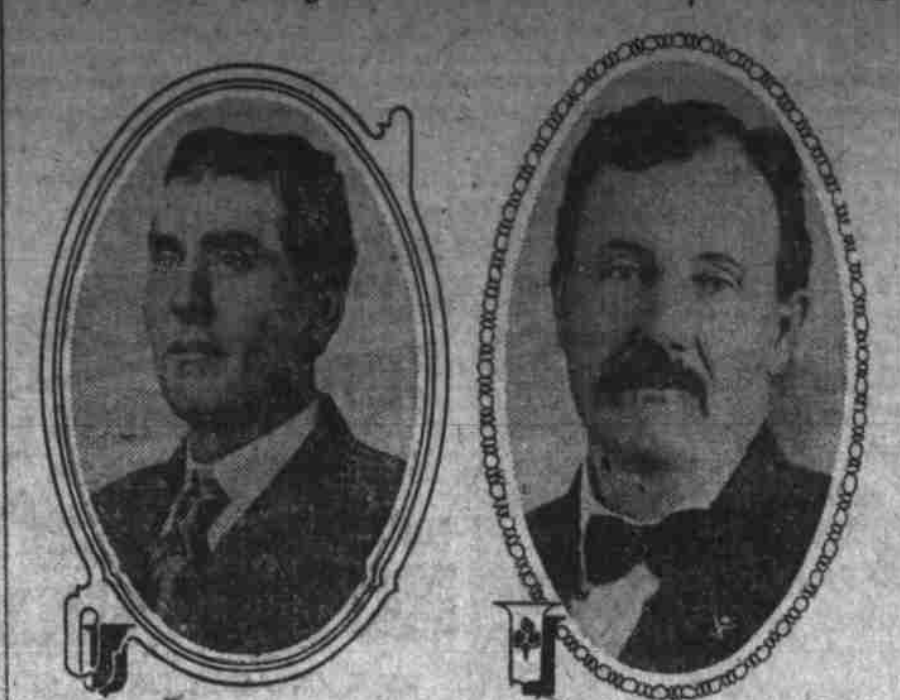
The University of Oregon has changed its plans and will be represented in the meet with a full squad. The Oregon Agricultural college is planning to send a large delegation, and the Willamette and Pacific universities will also have teams in the meet.

The Maitson club will enter a large team and this meet will give the Portland public the first opportunity to see Sam Bellah, the crack pole vaulter, in action.

The high school teams in the state are also taking a big interest. The Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Portland Academy and Hill will all be well represented.

As soon as the French government lays a new cable there will be eight direct telephone lines between London and Paris.

Candidates at Myrtle Creek Stand for Progressive Ideas in Town Building



Myrtle Creek's mayoralty candidates, J. M. Martin (at the left) and B. A. Hunsaker.

Myrtle, Creek, Or., March 9.—The nominating caucus to name candidates for the election to be held in Myrtle Creek, March 18, was held Wednesday evening, and a great deal of interest was manifested.

For the office of mayor B. A. Hunsaker, the present incumbent, and J. M. Martin, miner and capitalist, are candidates. C. O. Nelson, cashier of the local bank, is the only candidate for recorder. For treasurer, E. J. Fairbanks, real estate dealer, and C. A. Kirby, photographer, are candidates. Five members of the council are to be elected.

WOULD MAKE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE BUSINESS AGENT NOT A PINK TEA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 9.—One thing which the Knox "dollar diplomacy" is accomplishing is reform in the personnel of Uncle Sam's diplomatic and consular service. Knox has introduced Mr. Common People and Mr. Millionaire, and they are now working side by side, each benefited by the other's advice, and with only one object in view—to "get business."

Since the days of silk stockings and continental breeches the "common people" of the United States have nursed the idea that the diplomatic service of America was a pink tea adjunct of the government, which made an excellent playground for retired millionaires. Of course, the retired millionaires have not by any means thrown over the idea that diplomatic appointments are their own little perquisites and the small salaries which the United States pays to its foreign representatives still make it necessary for the government to cast about for a millionaire wherever it has a vacancy in an European court. But, at least, in the small countries (and from the diplomatic standpoint it is the small countries that are really important for the extensions of "dollar diplomacy") Secretary Knox's plan is effecting a marked change in the character of its representatives.

The pink tea spirit does not mix well with commercialism. The state department is sending out secretaries of legations and ministers as real "business getters," and this is winning out a big majority of the citizens who look upon the government service disdainfully, and with the idea that they honor it by holding down one of its jobs.

Sulzer for Merit System. Chairman Sulzer of the house committee on foreign affairs, has just introduced a bill in the house which will put another chain around the merit system in the diplomatic service. By this bill he intends to make it certain that no one is going to get into the diplomatic service who has not passed a rigid examination, and he is going to be certain that when applicants for these positions take examinations they are going to be selected because they have the brains to pass the examination, and not because their fathers' holdings in "steel common" have given their mother a strangle hold on the 400 set in New York.

Sulzer proposes, moreover, after he gets them into the service to see that they are ranked and paid according to their efficiency. He wants to eliminate the scheme of having the president send down a list of names of men to be made secretaries of the legations for the senate's ratification, when that body does not know these men, and probably does not care. Sulzer wants to have all the men classified and to have each class draw a certain salary. Every man will have to start in low, and when he receives promotion he will do so by

CHICAGO POINTER WEARS GOLD GLASSES

Chicago, March 9.—Bosco, an Irish pointer with a more or less distinguished ancestry, has been presented with a pair of gold bowed spectacles for a birthday gift. Bosco's eyesight became bad three years ago as a result of too close application to business and his master, Philip Franklin, an optician at 1-14 West Madison street, fitted him with a pair of goggles. Every day Bosco has been going about the neighborhood wearing a bright red blanket on which was printed an advertisement of his master's business. There are little pockets in the blanket carrying cards, to which the public is invited to help itself. His pay is 18 bones a week.

When Bosco's own eyesight got bad his master fitted him out with a pair of goggles, but constant use had put them in bad repair. When Franklin put the present on the dog's nose, Bosco was delighted beyond measure. He ran out of doors the very first thing to his next dearest friend, Grace Irene Goslip, 6 years old, 1244 Monroe street. Together they raced around and showed all their other friends the new spectacles with gleaming gold rims. Even Mike, a small black kitten whom Bosco brought home one night a few weeks ago, enjoyed the occasion. She leaped of her own accord on Bosco's back and rode until Bosco brought her home again. Bosco went out without his glasses one day last fall and was struck by a street car which he failed to see. Only the timely arrival of his master saved him from a policeman's bullet, as he was supposed to be fatally injured.

ASYLUM PLUMBING JOB LET TO INELIGIBLE FIRM

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 9.—A short time ago when the members of the eastern Oregon asylum board visited the new asylum buildings at Pendleton and let a contract for the plumbing, the Appling-Griggs company of Tacoma was awarded the contract on a bid of \$2588. It now develops this company has never qualified as a foreign corporation to do business within this state. The company has no standing in the courts of the state, could not collect the amount of its contract if the state should decline to pay it, and is subject to a fine of \$100 for doing business in Oregon.

INJURED SAWMILL MAN GETS \$2250 DAMAGES

(Special to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., March 9.—A jury in the case of William H. Handy vs. J. H. Chambers gave a verdict this afternoon for the plaintiff of \$2250. Suit was brought for \$50,000 on account of peculiar injuries sustained in the defendant's sawmill near Cottage Grove. Owing to the nature of the injuries, the same attracted much attention. The trial lasted three days.

LINN OIL SPECULATORS PROMISE TO BORE SOON

Albany, Or., March 9.—The Halley Oil company, which was recently organized here to try to locate oil in this county, has been securing land leases, and according to a report at a meeting last night has secured leases on 3000 acres. The committee has promised an over 10,000 acres, it says. Where first work will start has not been decided, but boring for oil in Linn county is to start in a short time.

Warehouse for Rent

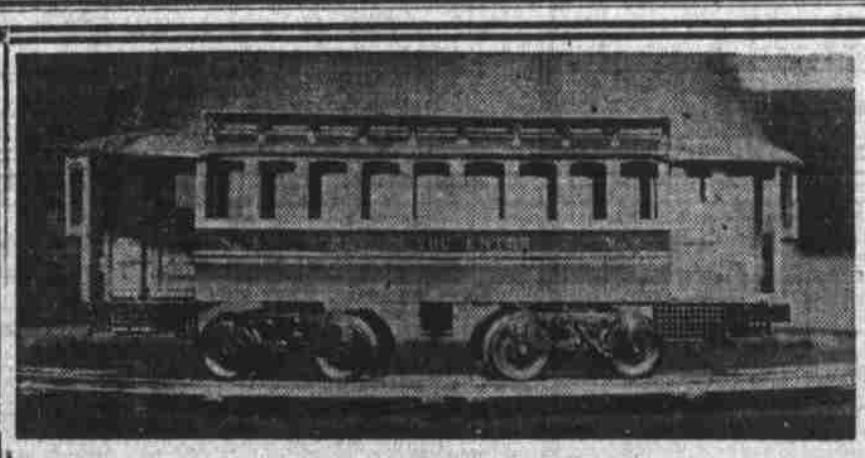
Low rental. In new brick building, 35x100, just being completed at Hood and Baker streets. This is the best proposition in South Portland from a rental standpoint. A. I. Fish, care The Journal.

Advertisement for Ben Selling, a leading clothier at Morrison at Fourth Street. The ad features three main sections: 'Tailored Suits For Spring Wear' priced at \$25 to \$65, 'Tailored Coats For Spring Wear' priced at \$15 to \$40, and 'Tailored Dresses' priced at \$22.50 and \$25. The ad also includes the text 'YOUR INSPECTION OF THESE BEAUTIFUL GARMENTS IS COURTEOUSLY DESIRED' and 'Ben Selling LEADING CLOTHIER MORRISON AT FOURTH STREET'. A large illustration of a woman in a dress is on the right side of the ad.

CECILIAN LADIES' ORCHESTRA



These young ladies, each a soloist, will dispense melody of the classic and popular composers during the dinner hour at the Hotel Bowers. Beginning tonight, from 8 to 9 p. m., the management will inaugurate a French table d'hôte dinner with wine for \$1.00 per plate. One of the best dinners ever served in Portland. After the theatre supper served in the Tea Room from 10 to 12 p. m.



HERE'S AN INVENTION THAT WILL SAVE HUNDREDS OF LIVES The Gilstrap & Van Groos Step-Safety Device. Absolutely impossible for street cars fitted with this device to start while people are boarding or alighting. Think what this means! With this in operation hundreds of street car accidents that occur in Portland each year would be avoided. It means safety for you and your family! No matter if the conductor gives the signal to go ahead, the car cannot start until the passenger has left the step. With this device in operation there is no wrong way to alight—there's no danger of being thrown to the ground, safety is guaranteed. It needs your approval and moral support. See the Working Model on Exhibition at MEIER & FRANK'S (Fifth Floor)

Advertisement for Oregon First Excursion Special to San Francisco on Tuesday, March 12, 1912. The ad includes the Southern Pacific logo and details about the Panama Pacific Exposition 1915. It lists departure times for various cities: Portland (12:00 noon), Eugene (3:45 p.m.), Salem (5:00 p.m.), Roseburg (8:45 p.m.), and San Francisco (5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, 1912). It also lists return trip times: San Francisco (11:00 a.m.), Eugene (1:00 p.m.), Salem (2:25 p.m.), Roseburg (3:15 p.m.), and Portland (5:00 p.m.). The agent is John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

WHILE EXPRESS AGENT ARGUES WITH WOMAN OVER DOG, CANINE DIES

(Special to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Wash., March 9.—While Mrs. Carrie Vanderpool and the local Northern Express company agent were arguing over 25 cents difference on the charges on a valuable bulldog, Mrs. Vanderpool had just received the dog broke away and dashing through an open doorway onto the street, was the next instant run over and killed by a passing auto. The express agent is out 25 cents, Mrs. Vanderpool is out her dog, and just where the auto driver stands is a mystery. Mrs. Vanderpool threatens to sue and the auto driver says her suit will fail because the dog had no right to the street. The dog was worth \$100, says Mrs. Vanderpool, who became hysterical over the loss of her pet and attempted to have the automobile chauffeur and also the express agent arrested.

Logging Train Tears Up Track.

(Special to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., March 9.—A long logging train on the Southern Pacific's Mohawk branch jumped the track between Donna and Marcola today, delaying traffic all day. A wrecking train came up from Portland late this afternoon to remove the cars and logs from the track, which was badly torn up. No one was injured.

De La Barra to Return.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Paris, March 9.—Declaring that patriotism alone prompted his decision, Francisco De La Barra, former provisional president of Mexico, today reiterated his intention soon to return to Mexico and aid in bringing peace to the republic.