

BESIEGERS WILL SALLY FROM NACO

Leaves City at Noon With 300 Men and Attacks Calles' Forces in the Hills Three Miles Southeast of Town.

REBELS UNPREPARED, FALL AT FIRST VOLLEY

Deputy U. S. Marshall Wounded While Watching Engagement.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Naco, Ariz., March 15.—Astounding his rebel besiegers, General Ojida, at the head of 800 federals, sallied from Naco at noon today and assaulted the rebels in their position in the hills three miles southeast of the town.

The division of rebels under Colonel Calles, 350 strong, was driven from its position by a determined federal infantry attack supported by a machine gun fire. A score are reported killed or wounded on both sides.

Ojida's strategy caught the rebels absolutely unprepared. The federal line was almost upon their position before they could be assembled.

The federal advance was marked by a volley from the rifles of sharpshooters posted on the roofs of buildings in Naco, Sonora, and was covered by the machine gun fire. Ojida withheld his fire until within 400 yards of Calles' front.

On the first volley of the federals a dozen rebels fell. The attacking party suffered heavily when their fire was returned.

Calles, retreating slowly, finally came to rest in Agua Fria canyon, a mile from his original position. Colonel Bracamonte, with 400 rebel infantry and 160 mounted men, encamped five miles to the south, started at once to his aid.

Deputy United States Marshal A. A. Hopkins, watching the engagement from the American side, was shot through the leg by a rebel bullet. He was brought to the American hospital here.

Three troops of the Fifth United States Cavalry are patrolling the border. They are in command of Captain White. Two additional troops from Fort Huachuca are within a few miles of Naco, to reinforce the American command.

CROCKER WOULD MAKE GOOD \$197,000 THEFT TO STOP PROSECUTION

Head of Mulcted Frisco Bank Anxious to Shield Baker—Federal Trial Probable.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, March 15.—That the United States government will press prosecution of Charles F. Baker, defaulting cashier of the Crocker National bank, despite any attitude of the bank officials that they would rather cover the shortage and let the matter rest; that investigation now shows at least \$197,000 taken by Baker, and that National Bank Examiner H. N. Morris is now conducting an investigation to ascertain the exact amount, were assertions made today by United States District Attorney McNab.

McNab's assertions as to what would be done followed a statement of J. J. Fagan, vice president of the Crocker bank, in which he declared that the estimates of a shortage of almost \$200,000 were false and gave intimation that the bank officials, because of Baker's long service would be more than willing not to prosecute.

"Baker is going to be prosecuted," declared McNab. "If he were a poor man there would be no question as to his prosecution, and because his powerful friends would like to drop the matter, is no reason why the government should not press the case. Besides, there is a question as to responsibility of maintaining the integrity of national banks."

SENATE TUMBLES OFF HIGH HORSE, GROWS DEMOCRATIC

"Steering Committee" Announces Reforms That Place Upper House in Close Touch With Will of the People; Aristocratic Rule of Old Order Displaced.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 14.—Senator John W. Kern, of Indiana, majority leader in the senate, and the Democratic caucus committee today were presented with the reform proposals of the Democratic "steering" committee. Among the reforms suggested are the following:

That Democratic members of all conference committees and sub-committees hereafter be chosen by the Democratic members of the respective committees affected; that the Democratic caucus, instead of the caucus chairman, hereafter choose the steering committee;

TURKS AT SCUTARI ARE FALLING LIKE LEAVES BEFORE ENEMIES' GUNS

Terrific Artillery Duel Continues Along Entire Line; 42,000 Servians in Attack.

Bruda, March 15.—Dispatches received late today say that a terrific artillery duel is proceeding along the whole front before Scutari between its Turkish defenders and the Balkan besiegers. The allies' machine guns, it was said, are mowing down the Turks by the hundreds and the surrender of the fortress is expected hourly.

The Servian army in front of Scutari now numbers 42,000 men and this number will be augmented by troops who have just embarked from Servian transports at San Giovanni Di Medua.

TRIES REVOLVER IN PAWNSHOP, KILLS SELF

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Cal., March 15.—The body of a well dressed young foreigner who shot and killed himself in a pawnshop with a revolver he sought to purchase today was identified today at the morgue.

"I think I'll take this one," the youth said to O. Feinsteln, proprietor of the pawnshop, "but will those cartridges fit?"

BISHOP OF LONDON PRAYS GIRL'S DEATH IS HALTED

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, March 15.—Brought out of a delirium which bordered on death, apparently through the prayers of Right Rev. Arthur Peley Winnington Ingram, bishop of London, Mary Ross, 19 years old, a beautiful London girl, is recovering. Before her delirium the girl requested relatives to ask the bishop to pray that her death be halted. The bishop came to the house and after a few prayers and an oil ointment of the girl she rapidly became rational.

WHITE SALMON'S HEARSE HAS CROSSED THE RIVER

(Special to The Journal.) White Salmon, Wash., March 15.—White Salmon's hearse has crossed the river. Discouraged by the fact that no one dies in this place, coupled with the imposition of a tax said to be as high again on funeral vehicles as in Hood River county, the undertaker is storing his hearse on that side of the Columbia. Not only does White Salmon now have no hearse, but no undertaker.

Olney Declines Ambassadorship.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 15.—Richard Olney of Massachusetts declined the post of ambassador to Great Britain in a letter received by President Wilson today.

Limited Wrecked, Six Hurt.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, March 15.—A dozen persons are suffering today from painful cuts and bruises, received when the Salt Lake railroad's Los Angeles limited train went upon an open siding and crashed into a switch engine while entering the train yards. Six of the more seriously hurt were taken to a hospital. None was fatally injured. A sliding left open by a negligent switchman, the railroad officials claim, caused the accident.

Stun Man, Bind Him on Track.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, March 15.—Stopping his train because of the absence of a signal light, an engineer on a Pennsylvania limited train found Patrick Dugan, the signalman, bound to the track 10 feet in front of the engine, while the train was approaching this city. Dugan's skull was fractured. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

CHAMBERLAIN TO HEAD COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS

Oregon Senators Are Awarded Membership on Important Committees, Chamberlain Receiving Six, Lane Nine.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 15.—There will not be many appointments before April 1, it is now believed here. The president and his cabinet find it is safer to run along for a time with the old hands on deck than to change them all for men quite new to their duties.

JUNIOR SENATOR DRAWS SEAT ON RECLAMATION

Other Chairmanships Are Announced by "Steering Committee."

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, March 15.—The assignment of committees to Oregon senators is as follows:

Chamberlain: Chairman public lands; member of appropriations, commerce, military affairs, national banks, territories.

Senator Lane: Forest reservations and protection of game, claims, coast defenses, expenditures in the war department, fisheries, Indian affairs, irrigation and reclamation of arid lands, Philippines, public buildings and grounds.

The Democratic caucus approved of the steering committee's recommendations for committee chairmanships. The appointments follow:

Committee Chairmanships. Chairman of the appropriations committee, Senator Martin of Virginia; chairman of agriculture committee, Senator Gore of Oklahoma, chairman of banking, Senator Owens; Canadian relations, Shields of Tennessee; census, Chilton; commerce, Clarke of Arkansas; conservation, Smith of Arizona; education and labor, Smith of Georgia; foreign relations, Bacon of Georgia; immigration, Smith of South Carolina; Indian affairs, Stone of Missouri; industrial exhibitions, Ashurst; inter-oceanic canals, O'Gorman; interstate commerce, Newlands; judiciary, Cullerson; manufacture, Reed of Missouri; military, Johnston of Alabama; naval, Tillman; Pacific islands, Shaforth; pensions, Shively; Philippine islands, Hitchcock.

TWO EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN MEDFORD

(United Press Leased Wire.) Medford, Or., March 15.—The weather bureau here, which is located in the tallest building in town, reports recording two distinct, but slight shocks of earthquakes at 12:40 today. The shocks each lasted about five seconds.

MUNSEY — "COME, PETS, LET'S HOLD A LOVE FEAST"



FEW OF THE BIG POSITIONS TO BE FILLED BEFORE APRIL

Meanwhile Washington's Waiting Army Will Gloomily Stick Around, Where Living Costs Real Money, Watching Its Funds Run Low.

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Then there is a great deal of embarrassment over making selections from among the vast number of applicants. Almost any state in the union could furnish a full quota of officials to run the government with ease and then have enough good men and true to keep things from going to smash at home. Indeed, many of the states are offering to do just about that.

Solemn delegations headed by United States senators are daily proceeding to the White House and thence to the various departments of the government with the names of men who would be ornaments in such places as those of United States marshal, United States attorney, collector of custom, and many many others. Oregon has done her share in showing a willingness to help run the country, but other states have done as well or better. From the south comes up a splendid phalanx which would serve in almost any capacity where a salary is attached. Its members want office, not alone for the dignity of the place, which is something, but for the

GIVES LIFE TO SAVE WOMEN; FLASHLIGHT EXPLODES TOO SOON

Raymond Kahn, Press Photographer, Is Dying in Olympia as Result of Heroism.

(Special to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., March 15.—Raymond Kahn, a press photographer, is dying at St. Peter's hospital here as a result of his successful efforts to save scores of persons at the legislative house chambers from harm, when about ten days ago, powder he was using in taking a photograph exploded prematurely.

The chamber was packed with people, when he started to take a picture from the gallery just below where he had fixed the powder so that it could not fall on others. His hands were frightfully burned. Today it is reported blood poison has set in and has progressed so far the attending physicians say there is no hope of recovery. He is a bachelor about 30 years old and is from Seattle.

HUMPHREYS, SEEMING DAZED BY FEAR, NOW DENY ALL CONFESSIONS

Condemned Pair Make Rambling Statements Charging Officers With Trickery.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 15.—George and Charles Humphrey, condemned to hang next Saturday for the murder of Mrs. Eliza Griffith near Philomath in Benton county, stoutly declared their innocence today. Charles said he was so "tangled" by the third degree tactics applied to him that he didn't know what he did sign, and George declared he never did confess.

It is known, however, that the two men, who show their very low degree of sanity, alternated between confessions and denials of their guilt. About two weeks after they were taken to Benton county and sentenced for execution George confessed his part in the murder to the warden of the penitentiary.

POWERS CANNOT AGREE TO ALLIES' DEMANDS

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, March 15.—Ambassadors representing the several European powers, met here today to consider informally the reply of the Balkan allies regarding the terms on which they would negotiate with Turkey for peace.

It was admitted by several of the ambassadors that the powers cannot accede to the allies' demands. The indemnity demand is regarded as exorbitant, and the powers probably will refuse to agree to the extension of the Bulgarian frontier to Rodosto or give Greece the Aegean islands.

OLD GRAVE GIVES UP HUDSON BAY RELICS

(Special to The Journal.) Oregon City, March 15.—Workmen who are digging a drain ditch on the west bank of the Willamette river today uncovered a grave in which they found, among other things, an old bear trap and a flintlock rifle, both of which bore the marks of the Hudson Bay company. Some 50 feet of copper and brass beads, used in trading with the Indians in those days, also were discovered in the grave. These relics were turned over to George Young, who is accounted an authority on Indian relics and is a persistent collector of such things.

PROSPERITY WAVE HEADING TOWARD THE PACIFIC COAST

This Is Message Brought by C. M. Clark, Chairman of Executive Board of P. R., L. & P. Company.

C. M. Clark of Philadelphia, chairman of the executive board of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, arrived in Portland last night to attend the annual stockholders' meeting here next Wednesday and to consider plans for the coming year. He will remain two or three weeks and in that time the annual budget will be completed. It is expected about \$4,000,000 will be required to carry out projects planned for the next 12 months.

ROAD MAY EXPEND \$4,000,000 THIS YEAR

Commission Form Good if the Right Man Heads It, He Declares.

Mr. Clark brings a message of good news from the east. He says business in the Atlantic states and the middle west is picking up in splendid shape with excellent prospects for continued improvement. The Pacific coast, he says, should feel this change for the better within a few months, if it has not begun to make itself felt already.

Looking Up in East.

"Conditions look fine in the east and in the middle states," said Mr. Clark this morning, "and I speak from personal observations, for I have visited a number of states during the past several weeks. Everything is booming along nicely, excepting in Wall Street. I don't know why the situation in Wall Street should be viewed with much alarm, for the railroads are doing a big business and that should prove satisfying."

"In the middle states I found all lines of business prosperous and the wave of activity and prosperity is rolling westward."

"It is a fact that the entire country does not respond simultaneously to conditions in finance and commerce, and I noted last year when out here that while the east was dull there was considerable activity out here. But gradually the wave moved westward and business began to lag. Now I look for the wave

P. E. & E. ENGINE CUTS CORDON OF FLAGS AND JOINS VALLEY SYSTEMS

Little Miss West Scatters Carnations From Pilot While Thousands Cheer.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., March 15.—A little Helen West, a picture of sweetness, against the black background of engine 1906, showering carnations from her position on the front of the engine, and with President Strahorn of the Portland, Eugene and Astoria Railway company and other officials and newspaper men beside her, the first train crossed the new steel bridge today connecting the Harriman lines on the west side of the Willamette river with those on the east side and formally opened the new structure for traffic. It was loaded with persons from Salem and all the neighboring towns.

The little daughter of Governor and Mrs. West, dressed in white, stood on the front of the engine. With her were President Strahorn, P. W. Hill, general manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company; Mayor B. L. Stevens, President P. H. D'Arcy of the board of trade, S. G. Bargent, chairman of the executive committee of the board of trade, and a half dozen newspaper men.

Other officials who were in the train of five cars, which was loaded with celebrants, were L. R. Fields, division superintendent of the Southern Pacific; R. T. Guppy, chief engineer of the P. E. & E.; C. E. Woods, general right of way agent; Mr. Nelson, auditor; Mr. Sheldon, traveling freight agent; Mr. Seers, superintendent of the equipment.

GOVERNOR BURKE TO BE U. S. TREASURER

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, March 15.—President Wilson today appointed Governor Burke of North Dakota treasurer of the United States. His nomination was sent to the senate this afternoon.

PASSENGER AERIAL LINE TO RUN FROM PASADENA

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pasadena, Cal., March 15.—Pasadena will be the home of the first passenger carrying dirigible service in America in about two weeks. This announcement was made today by Roy Knabenshue, who is just completing a big aerodrome for his headquarters. His airship is expected to make several round trips daily to the beach at Long Beach. In addition to the pilot, it will be capable of a speed of 40 miles an hour and will carry fuel sufficient for 24 hours to be ready for any emergency.