

ATTACK ON TAMPICO FEARED BY FEDERALS; WARSHIPS ARE READY

Navy Department Will Keep Fleet There on Rumors of Return of Rebel Forces.

(By the International News Service.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The navy department has determined to keep all the warships at Tampico for the protection of foreigners in that city.

The American vessel Chester and the British cruiser Suffolk, which went to Vera Cruz, have been ordered back to Tampico by their respective governments.

What navy officials say privately is that it is not to be expected that the strong forces of the constitutionalists which recently attacked Tampico will give up the struggle and that on the contrary, Tampico, so far as Huerta and his rivals are concerned, is the key of the situation.

Rumors of New Attack.
Admiral Fletcher, it is true, reported in a dispatch dated 5 o'clock yesterday at Tampico, that conditions were normal. The state department, however, admits that it has "rumors" of the renewal of the attack on Tampico and that these "rumors" are not confined to newspaper reports.

The action of the navy department in sending back the Chester instead of withdrawing one-half of the ships from Tampico, as intended a day or two ago, shows that another and perhaps a more serious situation is to develop.

One of the officials in fact says that the world would not tolerate a repetition in Tampico of what was done by Villa, evidently with the approval of Carranza, at Chihuahua.

Conspiracy Is Denied.
The Spanish ambassador in Washington claims to have clearly proven that Villa had no justification for his deportation of Spanish subjects on the ground that they were conspiring against the Mexicans.

It is pointed out that General Villa told perhaps more than he intended to tell when he said that the Spanish were removed because of the fear of a "massacre." This shows, it is claimed, to department officials as well as to officers that the army of Villa and Carranza can not be controlled by their leaders.

Both the White House and the state department agree that no representations were made to this government by Huerta that he would resign within 10 days under certain conditions. It is also denied that President Wilson or the state department declined to consider the offers of General Huerta. Most officials here construe the original suggestion to Huerta by John Lind as being one requiring Huerta to eliminate himself entirely from the Mexican government unconditionally.

Rebels Get Dynamite.
Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 20.—The government is still without definite news from Tampico. The rebels are reported to have obtained an additional carload of rifles, two cars of dynamite, two cars of powder and eight locomotives. The oil companies at Tampico have emptied their tanks, in order to

LOSS OF RECORDS OF WESTERN FUEL CO. IS PUZZLE TO COUNSEL

Unless Balance Sheet Can Be Found Government's Figures Cannot Be Verified.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—An important balance sheet has been lost from the records of the Western Fuel Co., and both the officers of the concern and the government prosecutors, Matt T. Sullivan and Theodore Roche, are searching the records to find the coveted page.

The sheet missing is for 1906, and records all the details of the company's business for that year, as well as showing the amount of coal on hand at the beginning of the year. Without this record one group of figures important to the government's case cannot be verified.

David C. Norcross, secretary of the company, said today he has not seen the paper since the books were sent to W. H. Tidwell, special treasury agent, several months ago. He did not know whether the lost balance sheet was in the documents sent to the federal grand jury upon the recent court order. The government has the sheet during its preliminary work.

Prosecutor Roche said that since the documents were brought to the court room they had been under lock and guard constantly.

minimize danger from the spread of fire should the rebels bombard the city.

A fight to a finish is expected, as it is believed that Admiral Fletcher will not interfere in any way this time, nearly all the foreign residents having been removed by the warships and auxiliaries.

Confiscation of the property of men connected with the revolution is contemplated by Huerta, as a final means of raising funds. The plan is opposed by Minister of Justice Gorostiza, on legal grounds.

Runs on the banks have been checked by the publication of a threat to have recruiting officers impress into the army either men or women found standing around the banks.

The federal garrison at Guaymas is reported to be absolutely demoralized, over 600 men already having deserted. Even the commandant, General Pedro Ojeda, is said to have made advances for an amnesty. There are two gunboats at Guaymas. These have held the rebels in check.

Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister, today held in his hands the life of Julian Reel, a Jalisco rebel, who captured and held for ransom Louis Baird, an Englishman. Carden decided to let him die. Business men of Ameca paid the ransom demanded for Baird by Reel, and then the federal captured the rebel with his wife and four children. They were all brought to Mexico City and jailed. General Huerta ordered Reel's execution and then asked Carden if he desired to interfere. The minister declined.

"Such crimes against foreigners are too grave to go unpunished," Carden said.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

NORTHERN MEXICO TO BE DEVASTATED IS THE REPORT FROM EL PASO

Huerta Said to Have Given Orders for Destruction of All Property in North.

(By the International News Service.)
El Paso, Tex., Dec. 20.—Northern Mexico is to be made a wilderness. Realizing the impossibility of capturing the country from the rebels, Victoriano Huerta has ordered the remnants of his army, now at Ojinaga, to begin action of destruction that will make the states of Chihuahua and Coahuila untenable for Pancho Villa and his followers. Villages are to be laid waste and farms swept off the map. The campaign will be similar to that waged several months ago against Zapata in southern Mexico.

Particular attention is to be paid to the Mormon colonies in the vicinity of Casas Grandes. Salazar has been chosen by Huerta to command the column of destruction that will march against the Mormons. Two years ago, during the Orozco revolution, Salazar destroyed much of the Mormons' property and forced them to flee to the United States. Salazar's orders, as learned here, are to sweep a path 20 miles wide for the entire distance. Everything in this path will be destroyed.

Will Not Attack Juarez.
No attack will be made on Juarez at the present time, the idea simply being to make the northern portion of the state untenable.

While Salazar is thus engaged, Pascual Orozco will proceed up the Conchos river from Ojinaga, through Cucullio Parado, to Santa Rosalia, where a junction will be formed with General's Veto and Navarrete from Torreon. The combined armies then will attack Chihuahua. Both armies will destroy everything possible on their marches to Santa Rosalia.

General Salvador Mercado, supreme federal commander in Chihuahua, has been ignored in the new campaign and has been recalled to Mexico City. His action in evacuating Chihuahua City and fleeing to the border is responsible for the order of recall.

Will Cut Railroads.
Salazar's march to the Mormon colonies is expected to start within the next three days. He will follow the Mexican side of the Rio Grande for a short distance and then swing southward, crossing the Mexican National at Villa Huamada and the Mexican Central at Casas Grandes. Both railroads will be destroyed, cutting the rebels off from Juarez and Chihuahua.

Salazar is thoroughly familiar with the country of western Chihuahua. He is hated by the Mormons and his orders to exterminate the colonies, burn all houses, barns, stores and other buildings are said to please him. All forage, grain, food and other supplies not needed by the column is to be destroyed.

All men found in the path of the Salazar column are to be impressed into the service or shot and the women and children left to starve for themselves. All rebels found within the zone are to be killed without trial and all known rebel sympathizers are to be arrested.

MAYOR SUSTAINED IN OPERA HOUSE VETO

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 20.—The board of supervisors by a vote of 14 to 2, upheld today the veto of Mayor Ralph of the municipal opera house ordinance. Of the 17 supervisors present, only Supervisors Bancroft, Jennings and McCarthy voted to override the veto.

Supervisor Payot announced that he would vote to sustain the veto of the mayor.

"I want to see the decks cleared for action," he said, "so that a new ordinance now in preparation may be presented a week from Monday. I believe that all sides can come together and by so doing San Francisco may yet secure a municipal opera house."

**NINE HOUR DAY WANTED
BY STREET CAR MEN**

Indianapolis, Dec. 20.—The local street car employes this afternoon closed the presentation of their side in the wage arbitration hearing before the state public service commission and the traction company will begin the introduction of its evidence Monday morning.

W. D. Mahan, of Detroit, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes, was the last witness for the former strikers.

He stated that if the commission's award fixed a nine hour day, the street car employes with the aid of experts could arrange a schedule that would do away with the objectionable split runs.

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PRESIDENT'S HEALTH IS NOT SATISFACTORY; TO TRY WARM CLIMATE

He Will Spend Christmas Eve on Train, Reaching Pass Christian Thursday A. M.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Dec. 20.—President Wilson will not hang up his stocking on Christmas eve. Unless present plans go awry, he will spend that night on a train. Christmas day will be spent in a cottage in the little hamlet of Pass Christian, Miss., on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. It is the present intention of the president and his family to leave this city Tuesday night, reaching the temporary capital about 9 o'clock on Christmas day. They will stay there until Jan. 10.

The official reason assigned for the selection of Pass Christian, two days' journey from Washington, is the desire of the president's physician that he shall spend at least three weeks in a warmer climate, so that he can shake off the attack of grippe which has prostrated him.

The president is not in good health, but Dr. Grayson said tonight that rest and a change of climate will restore him.

It is expected that while in the

SINNOTT'S BILL TO AID OREGON HOMESTEADERS

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Dec. 20.—The bill which Representative Sinnott introduced today to give public land entrymen three years in which to establish a residence on land, meets the ideas of many men in Oregon, who have represented that the expense of getting established on claims is almost prohibitive. The bill is very carefully drawn and Sinnott believes it will have the approval of the committee and the interior department.

**POLYGAMY AMENDMENT
TO CONSTITUTION ASKED**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—At the request of citizens of Massachusetts, Senator Weeks today introduced a joint resolution for a constitutional amendment prohibiting polygamy in the United States and giving congress power to enforce its provisions. The resolution was referred to the committee on the judiciary, which will be asked to grant public hearings.

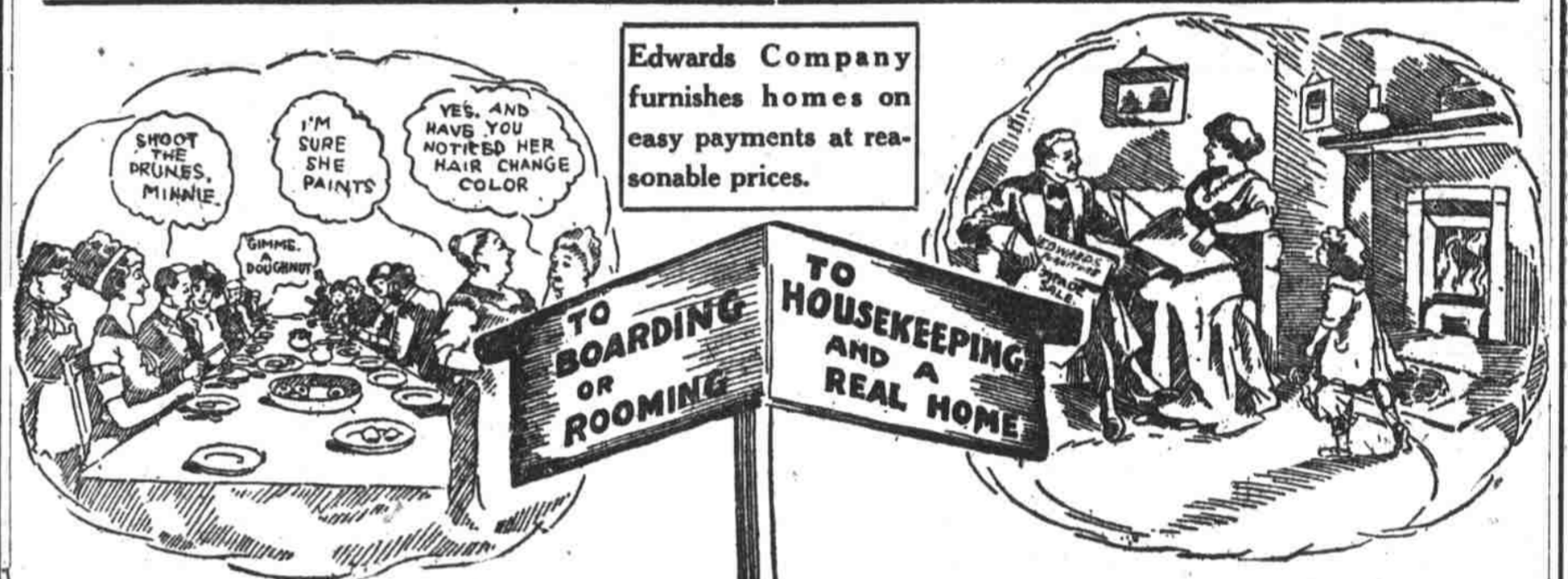
Watson Is After Them.
(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Dec. 20.—Corporation Commissioner Watson has requested District Attorney Upton of Polk county to prosecute the Adjustable Electric Socket company for violating the blue sky law by selling stock without a license.

WALL STREET BROKERS SEE SILVER LINING

Dark, Dark World Rosy Again With Resumption of Trading in Shares.

New York, Dec. 20.—Wall street did its Christmas shopping today. A dark blue world took on a rosy hue and there were smiles in brokers' offices where it had almost been forgotten that smiles grew before. On the strength of the passage of the currency bill by the senate and the amicable settlement between the government and the telephone trust, Wall street witnessed a come-back for the day. There was more trading today than had been known for months. The total for the day was \$15,000 shares, an excellent showing for a Saturday. Prices started going up by fractions at the opening. American Telegraph & Telephone stock advanced seven points over last night's close within the first four minutes, reaching 12 1/4. Last week it was as low as 110. Western Union rose two points to 62, but later dropped to 57. Speculators declared this company would not be as strong without the A. T. & T. though Theodore N. Yale, head of the combine, declared neither company would be weakened by the dissolution of their interests. All leading stocks, including the best speculative issues followed the advance of A. T. & T.

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