

STRONGHOLDS OF HUERA ATTACKED SIMULTANEOUSLY Tampico, Torreon, Pachuca and Mazatlan Object of Rebel Advances; Mexico City Itself Mutters.

United Press (Special Wire). Mexico City, Feb. 9.—President Huerta's position seemed more desperate today than at any time since he seized control of the Mexican government.

An attack was in progress on Tampico, Torreon was menaced, Vicente Segura, insurgent millionaire and ex-bank fighter, was reported preparing to attempt the capture of Pachuca.

Final dispatch continued to simmer inside Mexico City. Huerta was watching those he suspected like a hawk. There were too many to arrest, including among others practically the entire police department.

It was learned today that when Villa confiscated the Terrazas estates in Chihuahua recently, Huerta called the rich local Mexican attention to what had been done, advising: "These rebels are socialists. They believe in such distribution of wealth."

Relatives of the dictator have also obtained Mexico City gambling house concessions from which have been netting 200,000 pesos monthly.

ROADS APPROPRIATION CHAMBERLAN'S PLAN Washington, Feb. 9.—The fact that the government has already exhausted the appropriation of \$500,000 for the purpose of extending and improving rural roads by cooperation between the government and the various states, and in view of the information that it would be agreeable to the department in view of the work to have a larger fund provided.

Senator Chamberlain introduced an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill for the coming fiscal year providing as follows: "That there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$500,000 out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the secretary of agriculture in cooperation with the postmaster general in improving the condition of rural roads by cooperation between the government and the various states, and in view of the information that it would be agreeable to the department in view of the work to have a larger fund provided."

Shriners Have Fine Time. E. J. Jaeger, the well known jeweler who is with the Shriners on their pilgrimage to Manila, has written friends in Portland from Yokohama stating that the port is a most interesting voyage as far as Yokohama and that all are having a fine time. "Portland is well represented and we are losing no opportunity to let everybody know Portland is on the map," he states. The card was written January 18.

Bankruptcy Petitions. Bankruptcy petitions were filed this morning with the federal court as follows: C. W. Trautman, owner of Portland Butter & Trade company; debts, \$5033.50; assets, \$1047.00; debts, \$1136.38; assets, \$618. J. B. Wood, Medford, realty broker; debts, \$7432; no assets. E. Newcomb, laborer, Portland; debts, \$4175; assets, \$1750. All claimed exempt.

CELESTINE'S VICHY Natural Alkaline Water For 50 years the standard Mineral Water for the relief of Sour Stomach, Indigestion and Urlic Acid.

EXPRESS CONCERNS' KA-STATE RATES BEING CONSIDERED Conference Being Held Between Railroad Commissioners and Companies.

A conference is being held today between representatives of express companies doing business in Oregon and Washington, and the state railroad commission. The purpose of the meeting is to arrive at an equitable system of intrastate rates.

On February 1 the rates ordered by the interstate commerce commission for interstate business went into effect. These rates are based on a block system. On intrastate business it is found that there are discriminations in some places, and it is with a view of removing these that no state commissions are contemplating what is practically a mileage basis.

Position Is Outlined. Another peculiarity of the block system is that the rates on Portland are figured with Yacolt, Wash., as a basis of starting.

Revenues Are Reduced. The companies, however, were willing, they said, to give them a fair trial where it could be done to develop whether or not they were confiscatory. It was hoped to make up for loss of revenue by an increased efficiency and economy in management.

498 MILE FLIGHT IN DAY IS ATTEMPTED San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Aviator Silas Christofferson started from here at 10:25 a. m. today in an attempt to fly to San Diego, Cal., before 7:30 o'clock this evening.

N. P. VICE PRESIDENT ON AN OFFICIAL TRIP J. G. Woodworth, vice president of the Northern Pacific railway in charge of traffic, arrived in Portland today in his private car, for a visit of several days.

MURDER TRIAL JURY IS UNABLE TO AGREE After spending Sunday deliberating over the evidence in the Mossi murder case, the members of jury reported this morning that they were hopelessly disagreed and Circuit Judge Kavanaugh dismissed them.

Would Succeed Judge Jones. E. O. Stadter this morning filed a petition with County Clerk Coffey stating that he desired to become a candidate for the Republican nomination for district judge at large, district 2, now presided over by Judge Joseph H. Jones. Judge Jones is expected to enter the race for reelection and other candidates are expected to be named before the filing time ends. Stadter is the first to file for a judicial office in the county.

PRINCE DISAPPEARS, QUEEN OF MONTENEGRO PAYS HIS GAMBLING DEBTS Mirko of Montenegro Loses Heavily While Countrymen Are Dying of Starvation.

United Press (Special Wire). Rome, Feb. 9.—No one was much worried today concerning Prince Mirko of Montenegro, for it was considered certain he was away, but the fact remained that it was not known exactly where he was.

The prince was in deep disgrace. With a country prostrated by the recent war with Turkey and the subjects of his father, King Nicholas, literally dying of starvation, Mirko played for such high stakes and so unskillfully at Nice and Monte Carlo that he was unable to pay the debt he incurred.

Queen Helena of Italy rushed to Bordighera with a bag of gold to pay off the debts contracted by Prince Mirko. The family council was summoned by the queen to devise means of curtailing Mirko's prodigality. The council, which was attended by Grand Duke Constantine and Prince and Princess Danilo, was surrounded by grief and the question of proceedings for divorce by Mirko's wife was also on the state, but no decision was reached on this point.

COUNTY FIRE PATROL ASSOCIATIONS MEET The Western Lane County Fire Patrol association met this morning at the Imperial hotel, elected directors and decided to devise means of curtailing Mirko's prodigality.

ME NEFFEE DENIES HIS FIRM IS INSOLVENT Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 9.—According to private telegraphic advice received here today in financial circles, Frank Me Neffee, president of the United States Cashier company of Portland, Or., indignantly denies the charge made at Portland in the courts that his concern is insolvent.

RETURN FROM BEND WITH NEW THRILL Portland's delegation to Bend, attending the annual banquet of the Emblem club, returned yesterday with a new thrill. William McMurray, W. H. Oliver, L. M. Foss, Dr. E. A. Pierce and C. H. Moore were honor guests at dinner Saturday night which was unique.

WASCO-BIGGS CONTRACT SIGNED THIS MORNING Salem, Or., Feb. 9.—The contract for the construction of the Wasco-Biggs branch of the state highway was signed today by the state highway commission and Akesson & Bloomquist.

OREGON CAT CLUB, INC., WINS LEGAL BATTLE The Oregon Cat Club, Inc., today won a legal victory over its rival, the Oregon Cat Club, so-called, when Circuit Judge Gaiens made permanent the temporary injunction granted the incorporation.

Heavy Fine Affirmed. Ah Lee, Chinese, was fined \$200 when Circuit Judge Morrow affirmed his conviction in the municipal court which had been appealed. He was convicted of setting lottery tickets and the same fine was imposed by Judge Stevenson.

CASHIER COMPANY IS ASKED "HEESY" IS SUBJECT OF SERMONS SCORE OF PULPITS Frisco Ministers of Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Faiths Preach of Him

United Press (Special Wire). San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The Rev. Dr. Charles F. Aked's expression of disbelief in Jesus' miraculous birth and some of the miracles was the topic of discussion in many local pulpits yesterday. The most prominent of the clergymen who commented on it did so, in brief, as follows:

Rev. W. Horn, Fitzgerald Methodist church.—To deny the divinity of Christ is infidelity pure and simple. Rev. W. K. Howe, Trinity Presbyterian church.—The virgin birth of Christ is amply attested by the gospel and early church history.

Rev. Dr. William D. Simons, First Baptist church.—Despite the work of doubters and critics and skeptics through the long centuries of the Christian era, Jesus Christ, abides in the pages of the New Testament as God manifest in the flesh. Rev. George D. White, First Methodist church, Oakland.—The conclusions of a man who starts with an assumption that miracles are impossible on a question like this are of no value whatever.

COURT HOLDS AGAINST PROEBSTEL COMPANY Circuit Judge McGinn this morning decided the suit against the Proebstel Land & Adjustment company brought by Albina property owners to quiet title to many lots in that section of the city.

WIFE OF WHEAT GROWER GIVEN HEAVY ALIMONY Cash alimony of \$10,000, title to two lots in Peninsula addition and a quit claim deed to a Seaside lot were awarded to Mrs. E. J. McLenahan in a divorce decree signed by Circuit Judge Davis this morning against Ewen McLenahan, a Wasco county wheatgrower.

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LOCAL LABOR MUST BE USED IN BUILDING PUBLIC DOCK NO. 1 Commissioner Makes Proviso in Specifications; Outsiders Not Wanted at This Time.

Local labor at the prevailing wages paid to other persons in similar employment must be employed on the construction of public dock No. 1, and failure of the contractors to employ local labor without showing a sufficient reason may mean the forfeiture of the contract and all rights in the structure, according to a ruling made by the Portland dock commission this morning.

The provision for this was inserted in the specifications for the dock by Chairman F. W. Mulkey and accepted by other members of the commission. "We are having too much trouble taking care of the unemployed of Portland to allow outsiders to be brought in here for employment on a public job," commented Chairman Mulkey.

3 GIRLS CLAIM DOLL; PROVES A REAL BABY New York, Feb. 9.—Patrolman Keegan came upon three little girls engaged in a spirited quarrel in East New York today.

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STREETCAR COMPANY IS FOUND TO HAVE NO PERMIT OVER BRIDGE Since July, 1912, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, has been operating street cars across the O-W, R. & N. bridge without a franchise or permit from the city, although monthly rental was paid to the city till July 28, 1913.

Street Improvements Planned. Plans are now being made by City Engineer Dater and Assistant Hanson for the improving of 150 streets in various sections of the city, proceedings to be commenced as soon as possible.

Annual Meeting Tomorrow. The annual meeting of the directors of The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Steamship company will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in the general offices of the North Bank road in the Railway Exchange building.

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MEDICAL SPRINGS MAIL BIDS ARE TO BE OPENED (Washington Bureau of The Journal). Washington, Feb. 7.—The postoffice department is about to open the bids received in answer to advertisements for the mail supply of Medical Springs, Oregon, and in this connection will give careful consideration to the showing made by the people of Baker and Union, Oregon, in regard to whether the route should commence at one or the other of these cities. If it is found necessary a representative of the department will be sent on the ground to report upon the matter.

Transfer Held Illegal. United States District Judge Bean this morning adjudged that the Pacific Coast Door company must return two claims of \$10,150.10 and \$2300 respectively to W. J. Demsey, trustee in bankruptcy of the estate of Johannesen & Co., because the latter, a 25 percent partner in the company, had company a preferred creditor by turning over a large quantity of lumber and other property. Judge Bean said the transfer was illegal and that either the property or the cash equivalent mentioned must be returned to Demsey.

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