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WEATHER

Unsettled today; Normal temperature; Variable winds. Max. temperature Thursday 63; Min. 28; Part cloudy; Wind south.

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TWO OPPOSING ARMIES DRAW NEAR TORREON

Atmosphere Tense as Battle for Possession of Town is Waited by Both

Crisis in Present Revolution Anticipated by Generals Who Lead Factions

JUAREZ, Chih., Mar. 14. (AP)—A tense atmosphere of waiting prevailed over the revolutionary strongholds of the international border tonight as the major armies of the government and rebellious factions continued military maneuvers in the vicinity of Torreon, preparing for the conflict which may break the revolution or place it in the ascendancy.

Declaration by General Jose Gonzalo Escobar to thousands of his followers at Torreon that the rebels were ready for a "finish fight" and a general exodus of Americans and fugitive Mexicans from the embattled industrial center of Coahuila brought tangible evidence to Juarez of the expectancy of a major battle.

Correspondents Unable To Send Out Message No official word has come from Torreon since the correspondent of the Associated Press last night sent a dispatch declaring "as this dispatch is being filed, the army of General Jose Gonzalo Escobar was expected to move at any moment." General Escobar, chief of the rebel movement, was expected to meet the advancing columns under General P. Elias Calles, but the exact movements of the revolutionists could not be learned.

In a statement to more than 3,000 citizens and agrarians in the historic public square of Torreon, General Escobar denounced "the tyrants and the double crosser that was not satisfied with cor-

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TORREON DECLARED CITY OF NEW WEST

Recent Architecture Marks Place Where 2 Armies Now Converging

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14. (AP)—Torreon, haven of Mexican revolutionists and the goal of federal forces, today was described by officials of the National Geographic society as a city of startling similarities to "many a city of the American west." The town that grew up in a mushroom after two railroads crossed on its site some forty years ago. Its growth also was speeded by the great Mexican Laguna cotton district developing at its doorstep.

"In contrast to most of the important towns of Mexico," geographic officials said, "Torreon has no evidences of age—no churches built by the padres who followed Cortez, no solid forts or dwelling houses dating back to the conquistadores."

Surrounding geographical features, according to the description, are decidedly in favor of the rebels holding the city. It is in the midst of a hilly region, the rough, hilly desert country beginning close to the south of the town—a natural barrier to the troops of General Calles, pressing northward through the state of Zacatecas.

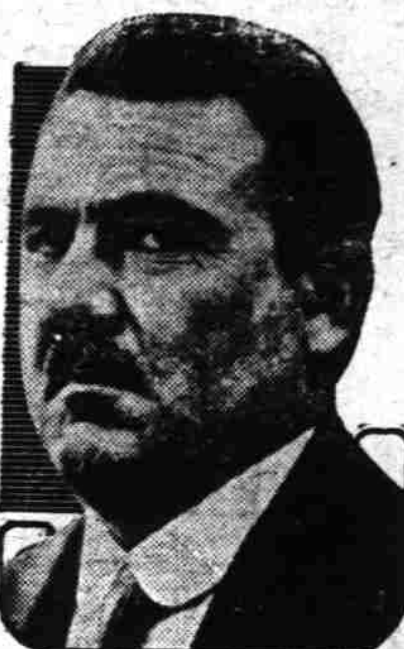
At one edge of the city flows the Mazza river, which is often a sizeable stream. Torreon is always a strategic center in Mexican revolutions, it was explained, "since it is a railway junction of consequence, and lies midway between Mexico City and important border gateways. To the northwest lie Juarez and El Paso, and to the northeast Porfirio Diaz and Eagle Pass. Through Monterrey to the east, railway lines connect with Laredo and Matamoros."

While no reports have been received here, there is no doubt that the mining industry has been hard hit in the rich northwestern states where the disturbance now is centered. Banks in cities occupied by rebels have been heavy losers through confiscation.

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Leads Army



Plutarco Elias Calles, former president of Mexico and commander in chief of the loyal federal forces during the present crisis.

NEW BORDER FIGHT IS PLANNED AT NACO

Rebels Plan Revenge Against General Loachea and His Entire Garrison

By The Associated Press The probability of a new border battle, this time south of Arizona, appeared Thursday night while the larger and more cumbersome central armies were moving nearer together in the state of Coahuila. Movement of the bulk of the rebel garrison from Nogales, Sonora, lent weight to a statement by General Francisco Borquez that the rebels were about to attack Naco.

Success in this maneuver would not only remove a federal thorn which has weakened the rebel advance forces by holding reserves in the extreme north, but would exact vengeance for the recent defeat from their cause of General Loachea. This general, whom they had believed one of them, had seized Naco in the name of the federal government with the 1,000 Indians of his command.

Four of the ranking officers of 85 former members of the forces of the rebel General Jesus M. Aguirre were executed after a court-martial at Vera Cruz. The others were given prison sentences. All had surrendered to federal forces at Acholot.

LINDBERGH IN U. S. WITHOUT HIS BRIDE

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., March 14. (AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh returned to the United States today from his visit in Mexico City with his fiancée, Miss Anne Morrow, thus apparently ending any prospect of an immediate marriage.

Piloting the regular air mail plane over the international route he formally opened last Saturday, Lindbergh reached here at 2:35 p. m., after taking off from Mexico City at 9:37 o'clock this morning. An eight minute stop was made at Tampico.

The noted flier found his personal plane awaiting him here and it was understood he planned to make an eastern air trip to New York. He made an announcement as to when he would leave Browns-ville.

Four Mexican military aviators were among the group of passengers aboard the big air mail plane. They came to the border to accept delivery of four new planes purchased by the Mexican government from a Troy, Ohio, factory for use in fighting the rebels. The craft will be flown to Mexico City, probably tomorrow.

It was understood that Colonel Lindbergh returned to this country to dispose of various matters awaiting his attention in connection with his work for various commercial air lines. He was silent about plans for his coming marriage.

Massachusetts Man Appointed By Mr. Hoover

BOSTON, Mar. 14. (AP)—The Boston Herald will say tomorrow morning that Benjamin Loring Young, former speaker of the Massachusetts house of representatives has been offered the post of first assistant United States attorney general by President Hoover. It is understood he will accept, the paper will say.

Aimee is Missing As Revival Begins

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 14. (AP)—Although an interstate convention of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho of the Four-Square Gospel Light-house, will be held here for three days, Aimee Semple McPherson, famous Los Angeles evangelist and leader of the sect, will not come to Portland. The convention opens tomorrow night.

TOURNEY RACE NARROWS DOWN TO 4 LEADERS

The Dalles, Medford, Washington and Astoria Still in Running

Eugene Forces Fishermen to Hard Battle; Colonials Beat Chemawa

THURSDAY SCORES The Dalles 46, Tillamook 20. Medford 36, MacLaughlin 24. Wallowa 19, Myrtle Point 14. (consolation). MacLaughlin 33, Tillamook 26. (consolation). Astoria 41, Eugene 25. Washington 36, Chemawa 18.

SCHEDULE TODAY 9:30 a.m. Medford vs. The Dalles. (Championship semi-final). 10:30 a.m. Eugene vs. Chemawa. (consolation). 2:30 p.m. Coaches vs. College Profs. 4 p.m. Wallowa vs. MacLaughlin (consolation semi-final). 7:30 p.m. consolation semi-final. 8:30 p.m. Washington vs. Astoria. (championship semi-final).

By RALPH CURTIS The race for state basketball honors narrowed down to four high schools—The Dalles, Medford, Washington and Astoria—as a result of Thursday's games, with only the two semi-final games today and the final for the state championship Saturday night remaining in the championship series.

Astoria ran up an impressive score on Eugene Thursday night, winning 41 to 25, but Eugene showed unexpected strength and made it a terrific battle through-out the first half. Displaying the fastest offense that has been seen in the tournament so far, the Eugene team overcame Astoria's early lead and was ahead throughout the second quarter. Moffitt and Near charged down the floor repeatedly and outran their guards to score in spectacular style, but Larsen of Astoria was just as effective and kept his team in the race all the time. Eugene was ahead at half time 18 to 17.

But on the first play from center when the second half opened, Astoria scored and took the lead, and kept increasing it throughout the two remaining periods. Eugene's two flashy forwards had burned themselves out, but the Fishermen kept going at the same rate.

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Jail Population Even Dozen; Low Mark is Reached

Population of the Marion county jail is now down to an even dozen men, the lowest total that has been registered there since April 6 of last year, when there were exactly the same number. P. N. "Red" Eskew, local bootlegger, was released after having been confined since April 17 of last year. He served a three months' sentence and all of a \$500 fine except two dollars. A friend loaned him two dollars to pay on his fine.

Caldwell Rests Well After Bad Auto Collision

Ed Caldwell, 2575 Brooks avenue, who was badly hurt in an automobile collision Thursday morning, was reported as resting comfortably at the Salem general hospital last night. One side of Caldwell's head was hurt, his back partially fractured and several ribs badly injured, an X-ray examination showed.

The accident occurred when Caldwell's machine collided with one driven by W. P. Ringle, 2473 Hazel avenue and an employe of the local postoffice, at the corner of Capitol and South streets. Police investigated the accident, but no responsibility was placed on Ringle. Fog was said to be largely the cause.

Championship Series in Annual Tournament

Table showing tournament results: Tillamook (Thurs. 9:30 A. M.), The Dalles (Thurs. 9:30 A. M.), MacLaughlin (Thurs. 10:30 A. M.), Medford, Washington (Wed. 7:30 P. M.), Wallowa, Myrtle Point (Wed. 8:30 P. M.), Chemawa, Eugene (Thurs. 7:30 P. M.), Astoria. Results include scores like 'The Dalles 46-29' and 'Medford 36-24'.

LID BLOWN OFF STOCK MARKET BY BULL DRIVE

50 Leading Stocks Advance to New High Records in Financial History

Radio Corporation Leads in Sensational Movement on Wall Street

By STANLEY W. PRENSOIL, Associated Press Financial Editor NEW YORK, March 14.—(AP)—The lid which federal reserve authorities have been trying to clamp down on the stock market in order to force a reduction in brokers' loans was blown off today in a spectacular series of bullish outbursts led by the new and old stock of the Radio Corporation of America.

Radio Corporation old stock recently ordered split up on a five for one basis, soared \$33.75 a share to a new high record at \$501 and closed at the top. The stock, which has never paid a dividend, sold as low as \$85.25 last year and as low as \$368 last week. The new stock, which is to be outstanding after the split-up becomes effective advanced nearly \$7 a share to \$100.87 1/2, closing just below that level on a turnover of more than half a million shares. Many Other Issues Follow Radio Lead

More than a score of other issues including such favorites as Bethlehem Steel, Paramount-Famous-Lasky, Underwood-Elliott Fisher and Commercial Solvents, were pushed into new high ground on gains running as high as \$12.50 a share. Associated Press index of 50 leading industrial stocks advanced 5 points to a new high record for all time. Trading, which has been hovering around the 3,000,000 share level for the last fortnight, ran above 4,500,000 shares.

Retention of the five per cent discount rate by the Boston Federal Reserve bank and the 5 1/2 per cent rate by the Bank of England which was correctly interpreted as forecasting the maintenance of the five per cent Federal Reserve rate by the New York Federal Reserve.

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Pair Who Tried Suicide Hoax to Face Jury Trial

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 14.—(AP)—Courtney Eaton, 44, and Thelma H. Eaton, 19, his daughter, were brought to Portland today from Klamath Falls by a deputy United States marshal from Medford. Eaton faces a federal charge. He and his daughter were discovered at Klamath Falls last week after they wrote suicide notes to Mrs. Eaton in Woodland, Wash., and then disappeared.

Late today he was bound over to the federal grand jury by the United States commissioner at Klamath Falls under bond of \$2500. The daughter is held as a material witness under \$500 bond.

P. C. Patterson Is Progressing Well, Message

Cable messages from Rome received by Governor Patterson indicate that his brother, P. C. Patterson, who is in a hospital in that city is progressing favorably and will soon be discharged. Mr. Patterson's home is in Portland. With his wife he was traveling in Europe when he became ill. He underwent an operation for a stomach ailment soon after reaching Rome.

Plane Hoax Is Effected By Stranger

CHICO, Cal., March 14.—(AP)—Newspapermen here who accepted a stranger's story of having been forced down in an airplane when a bird flew into the propeller and shattered it, have been forced to an unpleasant conclusion. The bird was a bat from the stranger's belfry.

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They Lead in Big Grocery Operations



The executive board of the United Purity Stores of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana now in session here. Left to right: E. P. Kohl, Tacoma; Fred Broer, Salem; E. H. Johnson, Spokane; O. B. Guffler, Tacoma; R. F. Cunningham, Yakima; W. F. Sandgren, Spokane; Theodore Roth, Salem; H. Stanley Steel, Tacoma; G. C. MacCallum, Spokane; C. M. Lee, Salem.

GROCERY GROUP IS IN CONFERENCE HERE

Leaders From Two States at Purity Store Meet; Plans Formulated Arrangements for grocery purchases on a large scale through the combined buying power of the United Purity stores were given much attention Thursday at a meeting here of the executive board of the organization which operates in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. The Willamette Grocery Co., a member of the group, is acting as host to executives from Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma in the meeting here. The conference continues today.

WYOMING STORM IS SLOWLY SUBSIDING

Combined Drive of Elements Gradually Weakens and Mercury Goes Up CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 14.—(AP)—A combined offensive of the elements—heavy snows and floods from ice gorged rivers—was slowly diminishing in intensity in Wyoming tonight as a half dozen or more cities began to emerge from the trail of desolation left by one of winter's most bitter thrusts of the season.

Minority mountains of snow drifts buried small towns in northern Wyoming and at Lusk caused a suspension of school. The storm paralyzed highway transportation, heaping snow drifts several feet in depth over many roads and the city of Laramie, reported its streets were under a covering of several feet of snow. The storm interrupted the machinery of the law in the isolated city of Lusk when venereal cases summoned for court were unable to buck the drifts which blocked highways.

Train service near Caspar was hampered. Rivers in some parts of the state swelled to flood proportions. The ice jammed Platte wrecked a bridge on a highway near McKinley. Chris Lorenson, a trapper, and his family were surrounded in their camp near Shoshone by a flood from the Big Wind river and saved themselves only after Lorenson forded the stream, holding his infant child in his arms above his head. Mrs. Lorenson gripped his coat and clung to it until safety was reached.

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LIVES OF 4,000 THREATENED IN FLOOD SECTION

Entire Population of Elba, Alabama, May be Lost as Waters Rise

Quick Rescue Urged by State Governor; Other Areas Also Affected

By the Associated Press Four thousand persons, the entire population of Elba, at the confluence of the Pea river and White creek, Alabama, are threatened with death by the sudden inundation of their town.

Broadcasting a radio appeal last night Governor Bibb Graves of Alabama, expressed fear that failure of speedy rescue would mean "all will be dead."

From the Mississippi eastward to the sea rain and warm weather of the past few days have caused rivers to overflow their banks, inundating some sections and threatening others with flood unless a falling temperature should bring relief.

The Mississippi itself was not yet at the danger point, but its tributaries were boiling with swollen waters and precautionary measures were in force. Other States Are Seriously Affected

Damage by flood was suffered in Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska, with hundreds of acres of farm land inundated and hundreds of men working on dikes.

In the south Alabama and Georgia were the principal sufferers. There were two train wrecks caused by flood and four communities were isolated. The Black Warrior river rose 3.16 feet in 24 hours.

In New England the Connecticut river was rising and flood-gates were opened in readiness for high water. The Mohawk river in New York state was rising at the rate of four feet an hour Thursday afternoon and high water cut off communication by road between Schenectady and Amsterdam.

Tornado Accompanies Floods in Some Areas ATLANTA, Mar. 14.—(AP)—South of Alabama was virtually isolated today by a half dozen fast passenger trains were derailed after a delay of several hours. Highway traffic in south Alabama was paralyzed. Troy, Ala. a town of 4000 population was reported entirely flooded, and several other Alabama towns, including Bolling, Garland and Chapman, between Montgomery and Evergreen, were covered by a foot or more of water from small nearby streams. Townsend, Ga., was still under water about waist deep.

New Education Board Meeting Is Next Month

Governor Patterson said Thursday that he expects to call the first meeting of the new state board of higher education within a month or six weeks. The purpose of the meeting will be for organization. The board will not be able to function officially until the law creating it becomes effective on June 4, this year. That date is the date on which all laws enacted by the 1929 legislature become effective unless otherwise provided in the act or unless they carry the emergency clause.

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