REBEL FORCES RETREAT FAST

Airplanes Play Large Part in Suppression of Uprising in Mexico

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principal rebel stronghold at Torreon and the federal cavalry advance guard was infesting the city. General Escobar, rebel commander-in-chief, was at Escalon, in the state of Chihuahua, at the head of his command.

A government bulletin from Mexico City described the rebel retreat as panic-stricken.

Evacuation of this great natural fortress and railroad junction, where the rebels have been strongly entrenched and concentrating their troops for ten days, is the first decisive turn in the campaign since suppression of the revolt in Vera Cruz.

Calles Moves His Headquarters Forward

The federals now are in possession of nearly all the state of Durango. General Calles himself was moving his headquarters close to Torreon from Durango City, which an Associated Press correspondent reported already resuming its normal aspect.

First news of the rebel evacuation of Torreon came from federal General Almazan, commanding the forces which had recaptured Monterey week before last. A scouting aviator from his army reported that the rebels were abandoning Torreon, apparently panic-stricken.

Airplanes have played a big part in the campaign. Torreon was repeatedly bombarded Saturday by federal planes and the first air combat in the history of Mexican revolutions took place when a lone rebel aviator went out to attack the larger federal planes. He was beaten off and the federals caused a panic in Torreon as they dropped their bombs on the city. One federal aviator was reported to have been brought down.

Rebels Admit Lines Cut by Federals

Rebel headquarters at Juarez in northern Sonora admitted early yesterday that federal raiders had torn up tracks and burned bridges on the railway line to Torreon. The line was cut at Bremejillo, a few miles north of Torreon.

Two agents of the revolution are on their way to confer with President Hoover. Francisco Sabta Maria, lawyer, and Serzian Ugarte, former secretary to President Carranza, were expected in Juarez from Torreon by train and then to fly to Washington from Juarez.

Brigadier-General Moseley and a platoon of U. S. infantry were ordered to Columbus, N. M., to investigate conditions there as a precautionary measure.

AMERICAN TROOPS RUSHED TO BORDER

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tions were that the American forces would stand by to give aid if it should be needed by immigration officials.

Secretary Good said emphatically that no orders had been issued to border troops except that nothing should be done by the army to give cause for apprehension by residents there. He said, however, that the carrying out of the American policy at the border line was entirely in the hands of the state department.

The policy of the American officials at the border has never been officially defined and while the state department believes in the Pan-American treaty, which, if in effect, would permit this government to detain rebels coming across the border, certain obstacles seem likely to arise because of the absence in international or American law of any provision to hold individuals merely because they are rebelling against a constituted government.

Authority Found For Incarcerating Refugees

The resumption, however, is that the immigration officials will be or have been instructed to employ all provisions of the immigration law it would be comparatively easy for a rebel to be deemed guilty of conducting a conspiracy against a constituted foreign government on American soil and under this provision be incarcerated.

An examination of army records discloses there are about 7,000 American troops and 500 officers in posts directly on the border while at stations within a comparatively short distance from the border there are large numbers of troops in readiness and available for use.

2,600 Men Stationed At Fort Bliss

The largest unit of troops on the border is stationed at Fort Bliss where 2,600 men are quartered. Some of these already have been sent to Naco and Columbus, both ports of entry. At Fort Huachuca Ariz., there are 950 men, at Fort Clark, Texas, 700; at Camp Marfa, Texas, 900; while another 1,000 are assembled at Fort Brown, Ringold and McIntosh, Texas. Another 800 are stationed at Camps H. J. Jones, and S. D. Little, both in Arizona, and others are stationed at posts in California.

The only report from revolutionary centers in Mexico received at the state department today was from Consul Blocker at Mazatlan. He reported that federal airplanes had determined that the rebel forces set up at Modesto, had gone northward in Sinaloa and that rebels at La Cruz were retreating northward toward Culiacan.

CLINIC AT SILVER CREEK

Dr. Vernon A. Douglas will conduct a toxin-antitoxin clinic at the Silver Creek Falls school Tuesday.

NEW LIBRARIAN ON JOB

Mrs. Virginia C. Bacon Expert in Adult Education Work

TASK AHEAD 'THRILLS'

Today the people of Oregon are served officially by a new state librarian, Mrs. Virginia C. Bacon, who succeeds Miss Cornelia Marvin, now Mrs. Walter Pierce, following her resignation January 1.

In asuming her new duties Mrs. Bacon becomes the second librarian in Oregon's history. The state library was established in 1905 and Cornelia Marvin was appointed librarian which position she held without interruption to January, 1929. During that time she built up an unusual state library.

No Easy Task Ahead

It will be no easy task for Oregon's second librarian to establish her individuality in an organization so dominated with the unusual personality of the first. But that she will establish her personality is beyond doubt after talking with her, and that she will do so without interrupting the smooth tenor of the present working of that system is just as evident.

When asked what her aims were for the future of the library the questioner was met with a charming smile from Mrs. Bacon and this answer, "AA new librarian coming to the Oregon state library finds enough aims to live up to which are already under way. The library as I find it does not lack vision, but it has lacked funds."

Mrs. Bacon is a charming woman to meet. She has a thrilling view of what well directed guidance can do for the individual in the matter of books and reading. This view is not a theory. Her work as library advisor in adult education in the department of adult education in the Portland library listens like a fairy tale. From it she has and in the vague glimpses that she was willing to give the listener, this listener was convinced, that the practically new field of adult education, perhaps best served through intelligent library service, is one of the richest lines of educational work today. That the field is new is shown by the fact that six years ago when Mrs. Bacon came to Portland the Portland department of adult education was the only such department west of Chicago, and that even today there are only 26 such departments.

Education Background Good

Mrs. Bacon has in addition to much library work an interesting background of school activities. Her A. B. was obtained at the University of Oregon, and there she taught for one year following that, then she took special library work at the Riverside, Calif., school of Library Service, and her M. A. was taken at the American University in Washington D. C.

For several years Mrs. Bacon was head of the department of English at the Humbolt Tetchers' college in California, and during this time she built up the library there from a Webster's dictionary and a few sample copies of text books to its present satisfactory condition. For several years Mrs. Bacon was assistant director of the junior department of the Federal Employment service with headquarters in Washington D. C. working out from there to all parts of the east and middle west, supervising and establishing vocational schools and placement offices.

SALEM HIGH BANNED FROM STATE LEAGUE

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Mr. Nelson said that he has been misinformed as to the reason he was called before the board of control Saturday. The statement had been that he and the other school officials concerned in the disagreement of a week before, were called to settle the matter, and not for a "trial" upon which punishment would be meted out.

Athletic coaches at the high school Monday night were of the opinion that they would organize teams as usual so that the school would not be handicapped in baseball, track and tennis next year. They will be able to schedule games with freshman teams of the larger colleges and with first teams of the smaller colleges.

At the end of the present semester the school will be restored to full standing, so that it will be able to schedule football and basketball games next autumn and winter.

Tournament Handling Praised

The state board of control in a statement given out in Portland Monday, praised the manner in which the state tournament was conducted by Willamette university this year, and indicated that its recommendation will be that the tournament be held here again next year. Receipts were $300 less than a year ago, but well above the expenses. The board praised highly the manner in which R. S. Keene, director of athletics at Willamette, and Leslie Sparks, graduate manager of athletics, conducted the event.

Agitation early last week regarding the possible last minute removal of the tournament to some other city, was due to a misunderstanding which came about through long distance telephoning, Roy Cannon, secretary of the state board, explained Monday. Mr. Cannon understood, as a result of telephone conversations, that Salem students and citizens were cancelling their reservations for the tournament, and thought it might be necessary. The board commended the support given by Salem despite the fact that its team was not entered.

Future Participation Urged

At the board's meeting Saturday, it adopted a recommendation that the high school in the city where the tournament is held, should hereafter be permitted to enter its team without the necessity of district competition. Thus if the tournament is held in Salem, the Salem high team would be certain to compete, and local support would be assured.

Another recommendation was that twelve teams be entered, in order that no team would have to play more than one game in a day.

COUNCIL PICKS NEW MAN FOR VACANCY

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South Church street bridge, on a bid of $40,170. Other bids were: Rigdon Bros., Woodburn, $49,225; Holdener Construction company, Sacramento, $41,545; P. L. Frasier, Salem, $45,678.70; Randolph K. Krausse, Portland, $47,805; Lindstrom & Fegenson, Portland, $44,375; Erixon & Engstrom, Salem, $47,321; Kuckenberg-Witteman, $47,600.

The Capital City Transfer company appeared to be the low bidder on hauling cement with an offer of 38 cents a ton, although these bids have not yet been acted upon.

Building Code Appeal Board Appointed

Mayor Livesley's appointment of W. H. Hamilton, Cuyler Van Patten and Frank H. Struble on the building code appeal board, was read by Acting Mayor Dancy.

The Southern Pacific company was awarded a franchise for a spur track on Trade street.

The American Rubber company and the Howard Cooper corporation were awarded contracts to supply fire department supplies not previously purchased. These included one and one-half inch hose, chemical hose, suction hose and sirens.

Dissension in the council over the purchase of manholes is not yet at an end, it was indicated when Alderman Vandevort insisted that the committee report on this matter be brought before the council. Alderman Dancy as chairman of the street improvement committee, said this part of the report did not have enough signatures, and was awaiting the mayor's return. The report awarding a contract for catch basins to the Western Foundary company of Portland, was adopted. The manhole bids are being held up, it is understood, because some members of the committee claim the low bid is that of a member of the council, although not entered in his name.

Turkeys Bought By Penitentiary To Start Flocks

The start of a turkey flock for the Oregon State penitentiary was begun last week with the purchase by Superintendent Meyers of 18 turkey hens and two toms. Charles F. Simon, well-known turkey raiser on route eight, made the sale. The turkeys will be raised at the auxiliary penitentiary which will be both at the site of the old boys' training school.

A description of Mr. Simon's flock was recently given in the Statesman. Mr. Simon is enthusiastic about turkey raising in this district. He believes that within a short time a turkey canning factory will be built here.

Hicks Building On Chemeketa Street To Be Done Soon

Completion of the T. M. Hicks building on Chemeketa street is expected this month in time to permit occupancy of the rooms early in April. Henry Lee, sign painter, is to be tenant of one of the rooms while the other will be occupied by the B. & W. Parts Co. Mr. Lee now has quarters on Front street while the auto parts firm is at 410 Ferry street.

PIONEER SUICIDES

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 18. — (AP)—James A. Steward, 69, was found in a gas filled room in a downtown hotel today. The coroner's office said it was suicide. Steward was a pioneer of Yamhill county.

FLOOD WATERS 10 MILES WIDE

Famous Black Belt Area Hit by Worst Disaster of Present Floods

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flat country with cotton the principal agricultural product. The lowland sections which will receive the brunt of the flood water is inhabited principally by negro farm tenants.

The governor's decision to make a flight himself came after Maxwell field army fliers had reported that the Alabama had forced Lowndes county residents to the tree tops in a new flood sector adjacent to Montgomery county.

Elba Residents To Return If Inoculated

The governor, a veteran military executive, with 18 months overseas service, earlier issued an order that would permit inoculated property owners and housewives to return to devastated Elba in the southeastern corner of the state.

Meanwhile Adjutant-General F. H. Butler, director of relief work at headquarters here said the situation at Brewton, Flomaton, Garland, Keego, Pollard and nearby communities in the Alabama-Tombigbee basin was well in hand. Army fliers dropped a 24 hours food supply to Brewton an nearby towns today, but reported that much of the town was still under water.

Children Under 16 Retained At Camps

At Enterprise and Troy, the adjutant-general said, conditions were so improved that about 1,000 Elba residents will be permitted to return. All children under 16 will be detained at refugee camps however. The Elba water supply has been chlorinated, and national guardsmen were today removing carcasses and debris from the streets. Geneva residents probably will be permitted to return gradually beginning tomorrow, the adjutant-general said, provided sanitary conditions permit.

The Alabama death list stood at 16 today, with indications still apparent to authorities that the death toll would mount higher when a check of outlaying districts and isolated communities has been completed.

The Red Cross today ordered disaster relief workers to Troy in the Elba area, Geneva, and Brewton and others were en route for service at River Falls, and other towns. The Red Cross also learned that Phenix City, Ala., on the Georgia-Alabama line was in need of help, with 300 families homeless.

WATERS RECEDING IN MANY FLOOD AREAS

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ed the area by airplane.

Rehabilitation work went on rapidly as the flood waters drained from Alabama and Georgia through northwest Florida into the Gulf of Mexico. It was expected that Geneva inhabitants, who were also removed when water overran their town, would begin to go back tomorrow.

Typhoid anti-toxin and another disease preventative were sent to the flood territory to guard the health of those affected by the waters. Red Cross officials cooperated with state authorities in administering relief and starting the work of rehabilitation. The facilities of the public health service were offered by Surgeon General Cumming to the Red Cross. The national medical director of the Red Cross, William de Kleine, was directing sanitation measures in relief camps.

Supplies of food, clothing and other necessities were dispatched to the centers affected while Red Cross chapters received contributions for the flood sufferers.

Naval Airplanes Carry Needed Supplies

Airplanes from the Pensacola naval air station carried food, mail and other supplies to southern Alabama. Until the emergency is over Flomation and Brewton, Ala., will be sent food daily by twenty land and seaplanes, while five will deliver food to Geneva, Ala. Sufferers along the Choctawhatchee river will be given Red Cross and medical supplies by five coast guard vessels which were ascending that stream. A picketboat, four outboard motors and three 75-foot patrol boats were ordered to proceed as far as possible and leave supplies at needy places.

The business district of River Junction, Fla., at the confluence of the Chatahootchee and Flint rivers was under water, but the population in the affected region was safe in the homes of friends on higher grounds. This was the second time during the month that the Apalachicola river had inundated the town. The river this morning was 33 feet and was expected to go two feet higher before the crest was reached.

Red Cross Work Proceeds Rapidly

Red Cross officials directed emergency work west of the Apalachicola and they were assisted by state authorities under the direction of Governor Doyle E. Carlton, who kept in close touch with the situation.

The governor said he had heard that 32 homes of Milligan were destroyed by the Yellow river flood.

Water was receding at Caryville which was badly damaged by the inundation.

Conditions at Newton, Ga., on the Flint river, were described as critical. This is the second time within two weeks that the town has been under water. Inhabitants have already fled in many cases taking their household goods with them.

West Bainbridge, farther south, reported the river rising at the rate of an inch an hour. Huge dykes have been built there to protect industrial plants and most of the inhabitants have been moved.

The river at Albany was rising slowly. A two-mile dyke built by city workers in the southern portion of the city, appeared amply adequate to hold back the predicted 35 feet stage.

The small portion of eastern Mississippi affected by the flood waters was back to normal conditions.

Printing Business One of Cities Best Industries is Revealed in Chamber Talks

A basic industry of Salem—the printing and publishing business—was given effective description Monday noon before the chamber of commerce when a program sponsored by the printing craft was made the feature of the day.

Support for the trade was urged throughout the meeting not only because Salem's industries needed strengthening but because superior work could be obtained locally.

Annual Product Over Million

Printed products of a selling value of $1,167,000 are produced annually in the community, the chamber was told, if the total output of newspapers, job plants, state printing department and the Western Converting Co. are included. At least $60,000 could be added to this output, speakers contended, if all printed products were purchased at home.

C. A. Sprague of the Statesman declared that patronage of local printing establishments would relieve in a measure a situation of unemployment noticeable in Salem because many people like to reside here although employment is not sufficient to meet all needs.

Mr. Sprague said newspaper publishing was closely allied to the printing trade and was dependent, fundamentally, on the same processes as were employed by the printing craftsman. Cities are known by the newspaper they publish, he averred, and compared newspapers they publish, he averred, and compared newspapers to the display windows of a city mirroring the activities both business and social, of that community. In a similar way advertising in a newspaper is a mirror of an individual business, projecting the news of that store to the community where it is located.

Marshall Asks for Loyalty

Hugh Marshall of the Elliott Printing house, urged business men to give the local printer first opportunity to do their work. Fully two-thirds of the business now done out of town could readily be handled here without additional equipment, he stated.

Mr. Marshall declared that in every $10 printing order, $3 went for stock, $4 for labor, $2 for overhead and $1 for profit although the average profit the nation over did not exceed seven per cent in the printing business.

The practice of using factory printed business forms containing advertising in part from that of the dealer was condemned as one which destroyed firm individuality. Government printing of envelopes was likewise scored by the speaker who declared the product of the government shops inferior.

Printing Business Barometer

"The printing business of a city is a barometer of general business conditions," Marshall urged. "Show me a good printing town and I will show you a good business town. Wide awake merchants use printing."

Charles Knowland introduced the members of the printing trade and allied industries who occupied a special table at the meeting. Mr. Knowland prefaced his introduction by calling upon Judge D'Arcy for a few remarks. The judge, now 75 years of age, said he was the oldest lawyer in point of service in the city and the same fact applied to his experience in the printing trade. Fred Thielsen, president of the Rogers Paper Co. presided at the meeting.

MR. BONNER VISITS

Joe Bonner was in Salem Monday from the Bridge Creek district.

SALEM CORPS HAS PROMINENT PLACE

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The dedication program took place at 1:30 o'clock. Father Joseph Lonergan of Rockford, Ill., past national chaplain of the American Legion, was the principal speaker. Governor Patterson was one of the speakers.

The hospital consists of 13 brick buildings accommodating 400 disabled and injured veterans, and is the most complete establishment of its kind west of the Mississippi.

Lloyd Williamson, drum major of the Salem corps, directed the organization in several appearances, all of them being accorded the attention of large crowds. They gave several numbers at the hospital, played over radio KEX at 7 p. m., appeared at the Masonic temple, and were special guests at the 40 et 8 banquet at the Multnomah hotel.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 18. — (AP)—Two hundred representatives of 65 American Legion posts throughout the state were in Portland today to attend the dedication of the United States veterans bureau hospital on Marquam Hill and to hear state officials of the organization outline the "Oregon plan" in hospitalization and rehabilitation.

The "Oregon Plan" is expected to be a model for other departments of the Legion throughout the nation.

Ben S. Fisher, Marshfield, department commander of the Legion, said the plan contemplates the immediate establishment of a full-time service officer and American Legion auxiliary representatives at the Veterans hospital whose duties it will be to investigate every individual case as it arrives at the hospital.

Funds will be provided to furnish small luxuries and those necessities not taken care of by the government; American Legion posts in the home towns of the patients will be notified of the presence of "buddies" in the hospital and instructed to see that the families are provided for furnish the attendance prize.

should this be necessary; needed clothing will be furnished discharged patients, and assistant in providing employment for those agencies of the Legion.

H. G. Maison of Salem, announced the offer of a trophy cup in the American Legion's safety campaign, to be given the county having the least percentage of automobile accidents in 1929.

Charles Reynolds of Silverton, membership chairman, reported that the Oregon department of the Legion had 10,071 paid-up members to date and needed only 11,500 by April 7 to go over the top in national quota and 12,000 by April 24 to beat California.

While able-bodied veterans marched bed-ridden veterans listened in on the program that resulted in the dedication of the new $1,500,000 hospital.

Father Joseph Lonergan, Rockford, Ill., national chaplain of the American Legion and speaker at the dedication spoke on war.

Improvements In Plant Being Put In by New Owners

Improvements are being put into the cleaning plant at 565 Highland avenue by Merritt Hart and Floyd Seamster who recently obtained it from the McDonald Cleaners. The new name of the business is Electric Cleaners.

Included in the new equipment being installed is an extractor, F. W. Mateer washer, Glover gas system and Speedee dryer. Additions to the building are planned for this summer.

Surprise Program On This Noon For Kiwanis Members

Kiwanians this noon may listen to some of the talent of this week's Fanchon and Marco shows if the plans of the program committee headed by W. W. Chadwick are carried out. At all events the program will be in the nature of a "surprise," members being kept in ignorance of the exact program until this noon. Karl Becke is to furnish the attendance prize.