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GREAT VICTORY WON BY REBELS

General Estrada Sends News to Washington of Three Days' Battle

FIGHTING DESPERATE AND TWO GENERALS KILLED

Insurgent Leader Sends Official Denial of Report That Government Won Victory—Message Says Losses of Madriz Heavy—Two Generals Included in List—Managua Will Soon Be Captured, According to Estrada.

Bluefields, Feb. 24.—Although conflicting advices of success and failure by contending armies in the vicinity of Nicaragua have been received here, it is believed today that the insurgent victory over the forces of President Madriz has completed the overthrow of the administration. All that now remains to insure the establishment of the provisional government is the formal occupation of Managua. According to telegrams received from General Estrada, the revolutionists will occupy the capital tomorrow.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Complete denial of the report of a government victory in Nicaragua was given out here last night in the shape of dispatches from General Estrada commanding the revolutionists, and addressed to Senor Salvador Castriello, representative of the provisional government.

The dispatches announce an overwhelming victory after a battle lasting three days, in which two generals on the government side were killed. A significant feature of the cablegram was found in the statement that General Chamorro is within striking distance of the capital and, in the opinion of Central American diplomats here, practically holds its fate in his hands.

The cablegram, as translated follows: "Following three days of fierce fighting, Generals Mena and Zeledon absolutely destroyed the army of Madriz in Chontales, which was under the commands of General Vasquez, Godoy, Mata and Gonzales. The latter were killed. One hundred of the enemy were killed and 200 wounded. Scored complete victory. We know that Chamorro is in the immediate vicinity of Managua."

Bluefields Rejoices Much, Nicaragua, Feb. 24.—Telegrams from the front reporting victory threw Bluefields into the throes of jubilation last night. In one telegram General Mena reports the complete route of the government forces at San Vicente. The other said the important city of Granada was in the hands of the revolutionists, that the steamer Victoria, which piles Lake Nicaragua, had been captured and that General Ureila Estrada, with 1,000 men has formed a junction with General Chamorro and that their combined force was now marching northward and on to Nicaragua. The only disappointing feature of the day's news was the failure definitely to locate the whereabouts of Chamorro.

THEVES CHLOROFORM PIGS AND TAKE THEM TO MARKET

Aurora, Ill., Feb. 24.—"There is considerable trouble about picking up a pig in his snails and we figured the best way to do it was to chloroform him first," said Frank Raymer, who is under arrest today with Frank Baxter, charged with hog stealing. Three others have been arrested on the same charge. All of the men went about the farming country chloroforming hogs. Officers say they threw the porkers into wagons and hauled them to market.

PRESIDENT'S SLUMBERS TIES UP ALL TRAFFIC

Washington, Feb. 24.—All traffic was tied up for an hour today at the union station because President Taft wanted to sleep. The train bearing the president arrived at seven thirty this morning from New York. The yardmaster gave orders that no whistles were to be blown, no bells to be rung and no couplings made until the president's sleep was out, and his orders were obeyed.

CONLIN HEADS JAIL DELIVERY.

Alleged Grand Larceny Criminal Breaks Jail, Escaping. Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 23.—C. A. Conlin, alias P. A. Daniels, who yesterday was held for the custody of a San Francisco detective who had a requisition for his arrest on a grand larceny charge, headed a jail delivery at midnight at the county jail here. There were 23 prisoners in the jail eight of whom were insane. Only the insane were there when it was discovered the jail had been broken. Hurriedly Sheriff Hopt and deputies and the police formed posses. Policeman Howell learned where two men hired a team and driver and started toward Little Rock. The posse started after them in an automobile.

C. B. Conklin, brother of the escaped man and who, it is said, declared Monday that Conlin would never go back and that he would spend \$50,000 to defeat the requisition of Governor Gillett of California, was arrested late tonight. The escape was effected with a saw. Evidently the large steel bars had been sawed ready to break before midnight.

ETHEL BARRYMORE COLLAPSES IN MIDST OF HER PLAY

New York, Feb. 24.—Ethel Barrymore collapsed last night at the Empire theater where she appeared in "Mid Channel." Her husband, Russell Colt, the millionaire, will now use every effort to induce her to retire from the stage.

SNOWBOUND TROUPE TREATS PASSENGERS

LOUIS JAMES AND COMPANY PLAY IN BAGGAGE CAR

Blocked in Mountains by Snow, Actors Entertain Imprisoned Fellow Travelers—Rotaries Bring Relief.

Ellensburg, Wash., Feb. 24.—Louis James and company reached here this morning after giving the first presentation of "The Merchant of Venice" last night in a car high up in the Cascades last night with snow banked around the cars and the train hopelessly blocked. The baggage car was cleared and the play given to an appreciative audience which packed the car to the doors.

Two rotary plows with a gang of shovelers released the train at daylight this morning. James finished his engagement at Seattle Tuesday and was to have played here last night.

INDIGENT WIDOW WINS HOME AND HUSBAND IN APPEAL

Kansas City, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Mayme Morrison, a widow 56 years old, who applied to the juvenile court to find her a home yesterday, is not going to be an object of charity.

Dan Cupid has stepped in and is to provide her a home. After tomorrow the woman will be known as Mrs. George Linn. The man who is to be her husband is 50 years of age and is able to provide a comfortable home. Linn read the story of Mrs. Morrison's plight in a newspaper today. Then he hurried down to the detention home, determined that if the widow suited him he would offer himself. But Linn had a struggle to get an audience. One hundred and fifty persons were there ready to care for Mrs. Morrison. Finally Mrs. Morrison sifted the applicants down to four. There were three besides Linn. "I've a different offer to make," volunteered Linn. Then he whispered to the widow. They took a walk. Returning in a short time Mrs. Morrison dismissed the three waiting applicants. Linn had won.

Dunlway Wins Second Block.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 23.—W. C. Dunlway of Portland, tonight won the second block of 300 points in the 1,000 point 14.2 inch balk line contest for the amateur billiard championship of the Pacific northwest over W. G. Johnson of Seattle. Johnson's score was 268. Dunlway ran out in an unfinished run of 21 in the seventh inning. His high run was 28 points in the 47th inning. Johnson's high runs were 59 in the third, 40 in the 22nd and 45 in the 30th inning. Dunlway's average tonight was 6 18-47, and Johnson's 5 23-47. The score now stands, Dunlway 600 and Johnson 534. Dunlway's grand average is 5 40-112 and Johnson's 4 94-110.

Cubans Celebrate.

Havana, Feb. 24.—A provision of flags in the streets and exercises by patriotic societies marked the anniversary today of the commencement of the revolution which, with the aid of Uncle Sam, resulted in the realization of the dream of "Cuba libre" and the throwing off of the Spanish yoke.

C. H. Kaw of Kansas City, Missouri, who has been a guest at the home of his sister, Mrs. George Hambley, for a few days, left today for Portland, where he will attend the Shriner's banquet, Saturday night.

WASHINGTON-OREGON TRACTION COMPANY WILL SOON HAVE CONSTRUCTION WORK STARTED

That the Washington-Oregon company will proceed quickly with the work of establishing its traction system here was declared this morning by D. Fitzgerald, manager for the company. "I do not care to say much," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "What you people want now is action. It is up to our company to go ahead with its work and we will do it. As soon as enough of the snow is gone to permit of surveying we will put our engineers at work. Then just as soon as we can determine the alignment we will take up actual construction work. We close our contract for 52 miles of steel today."

BAKER MEN IN LAND FRAUDS IS AN ATTACK

Eastern Oregon Will be Thrown in Limelight by Sensational Charges.

GRAND JURY WILL MAKE INVESTIGATION

United States District Attorney McCourt Applies for Order to Call the Grand Jury to Probe Into Acquisition of More Than 100,000 Acres of Baker County Timber Lands—Order Granted—Score of Prominent Men Involved.

Portland, Feb. 24.—United States District Attorney McCourt today made special application for the calling of a federal grand jury to investigate the acquisition of more than a hundred thousand acres of Baker county timber lands by the Oregon Lumber company and Sumpter Valley Railway company. Judge Bean granted the order, and the jury will be called to report March 1. The investigation promises to rival in importance and sensational features the famous Oregon land fraud cases. More than a score of prominent men in eastern Oregon will figure in the proceedings.

STORM IS OVER IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

Portland, Ore., Feb. 24.—Reports today from Oregon and Washington indicate an improvement in weather conditions, although floods are threatened in some localities as a result of the warm winds which are melting the heavy snow in the mountains.

Spring-like weather is reported from Walla Walla and the snow rapidly disappearing. Rivers are rising and floods are feared.

Hood River and The Dalles report heavy rains last night and a silver thaw is threatened. There is no danger of floods.

The river is expected to reach a flood stage at Eugene by morning. Warm winds are prevailing.

CAPTAIN AND SIX MEN STAY WITH WRECKED SHIP

Cordova, Alaska, Feb. 24.—With a wreck likely at any moment, and all of the ship except the forward house submerged, Capt. Porter and six men of the ill-fated Yucatan are sticking to the vessel in an attempt to save it from ice floes and bergs which are battering it daily. A life boat is kept in readiness to escape if the Yucatan sinks.

BLESSED IS THE CHINOOK THAT BREAKS THE ICY SPELL

It is here. The chinook. The balmy breeze before which the chills and shivers as well as the snow of winter are rapidly disappearing. As a result the stockmen are wearing more and broader smiles than any that have decorated their faces for many moons. As stated in this paper yesterday afternoon, the thaw started in the mountains yesterday forenoon. Since that time it has been working its way down past the foothills and into the valley though it did not reach Pendleton until after nine o'clock this morning. Since that time the streets have been awash, the gutters are running full and there is already a slight difference in the stage of the river. With a continuance of the chinook, more or less high water can be expected.

There is a great difference of opinion as to the effect the chinook will have upon the condition of the Umatilla. Some are already preparing for one of the biggest floods in the history of the country but most of the citizens who have lived here for any considerable number of years declare

Littleton said the bribery of town officers was a regular custom of the bridge companies but that charging 50 per cent profit, they had enough to divide among all the bidders for a contract. Allds' attorney went even further and charged deliberate conspiracy against the defendant.

Just before the close of today's session of the senate investigation the resignation of Senator Jotham P. Allds as temporary president of the senate was read by the clerk and ordered spread upon the minutes.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" CRY OF CALIFORNIA CO-EDS

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 24.—"Votes for women," the battle cry of the English suffragettes and their American sisters, bids fair today to become the slogan of the co-eds of the University of California. The fair ones demand at least two representatives on the executive committee of the associated students. They threaten an extensive boycott of the men students unless their demands are granted. The demand of the women would necessitate a change in the constitution of the organization but the co-eds insist the change be made. Officials oppose the plan, and a bitter fight is in prospect.

ENGINEER KILLED AFTER FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Stockton, Cal., Feb. 24.—After forty years of service, Alfred Phipps, an engineer of the Southern Pacific was killed last night at French Camp in a collision with a work train.

NELSON WANTS TO ENTER LISTS AGAIN

BATTERED BATTLER WOULD FIGHT HIS CONQUEROR

New Champion Will Probably Give Him Return Match but Will Make Him Wait—Dane Will Probably Meet Thompson First.

San Francisco, Feb. 24.—Now that the smoke of the Nelson-Wolgast battle has cleared away and numerous reports of the defeated champion's serious injuries from the fight been refuted by Nelson himself, the sporting world is devoting its attention to the possibility of a second meeting between the men. Nelson, from his place of retirement in the baths, has sent out repeated demands for another chance. He insists that he is not in form; that he still had a chance when Referee Smith stopped the fight yesterday. Wolgast says Nelson will have to wait. He proposes to exercise the privileges of championship pug that he has won the title. He agrees that Nelson is entitled to another fight.

Sporting writers are inclined to doubt that the men will meet again. They apparently concur in believing that Nelson has gone back and that his age and years of training have told upon him at last; but hold him to be a dangerous man to beat.

Nelson Versus Thompson.

In the meantime they are casting about for the next fight event. It appears to be Nelson against Cyclone Johnny Thompson. The managers of the pair met today and again tonight to discuss a 45 round match at no distant date. They are said to have virtually agreed to general terms, the winner to challenge Wolgast.

Robinson, Nelson's manager, continued his discussion of the Nelson-Thompson match up to the moment of his departure for the east. At the ferry he said that he would telegraph from Reno in the morning the result of his talk with Nelson. Robinson intimated that Nelson would accept a proposition to fight here in May.

Another topic of sporting conversation tonight was the challenge from Gans, who lost no time in claiming Wolgast's attention. The negro asked for a 20 round bout but it is not likely his challenge will produce results.

Nelson spent the day in the baths here and left for Chicago last night. He was much battered about the face but showed no loss of spirit. He says that he was overtrained and not entirely himself. On his ability to "come back," he said he was prepared to wager \$5,000 as a side bet.

Nelson said that he would devote himself to his theatrical engagements for the present and later go to his ranch in Mexico for a rest.

Ship Is Sold.

Seattle, Feb. 23.—The ship James Howes, owned by C. Boudrow, of San Francisco, which has been laid up at Winslow, since October, 1908, has been sold to the Columbia River Packers' association for \$12000. The new owners of the Howes will use the ship as a tender to a new cannery to be erected at Tin Point, near Unga, in southwestern Alaska.

Acced Negro Assaults Baby.

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 23.—Allen Brooks a negro 58 years old, was arrested today charged with attacking Mary Bullens, a white girl three years old. The child was found in a barn and is in a critical condition.

STRIKERS AWED BY TROOPERS

State Police Come to Aid of Philadelphia Authorities and Subdue Rioters.

BOTH SIDES ADMIT CRISIS IS AT HAND

Leaders of Strikers Admit Calling of State Constabulary Is Severe Blow to Cause—Rumors Say Every Union Man in City Will Walk Out Tonight—Business and Schools Seriously Affected—Rioters Not So Active.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—Leaders of the striking platform men of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company admit today that the arrival of four companies of state constabulary and the possibility of calling out the state militia is a severe blow to their cause. Rumors are in circulation today that every union man in the city will be ordered to strike before night. Both sides admit a crisis. Business is seriously affected and some of the schools are closed.

The first disturbance today resulted in the injury of several rioters, who stoned a car in west Philadelphia but the police dispersed the mob. More cars are running today than since the strike was begun. The constabulary surrounds the car barns and are distributed through the Kensington district where most of the trouble occurred.

"Grooms' black horse cavalry," as the state constabulary is known, is feared by every union man in Pennsylvania. These men are expert horsemen and dead shots. The cars in the section they patrolled today were running on schedule time.

Agonistic Woman Wants Office.

Dover, N. H., Feb. 24.—Consternation has been aroused in New Hampshire political circles by the arrangements that Mrs. Marilla Ricker, attorney-at-law and suffrage leader, intends to be a candidate for governor at the next election. Mrs. Ricker has a host of friends and admirers in the state. Her announcement came from California, where she went to spend the winter.

Mrs. Ricker is not only a suffragist, but is also prominent in the warfare on Christianity. She is a pronounced agnostic and denounces religion as the great enslaver of women. She is wealthy and has expended large sums in placing the complete works of the late Col. Robert G. Ingersoll in public and college libraries all over the country.

MARINES ROB NAVAL POSTOFFICE AT SEA

San Francisco, Calif., Feb. 24.—The United States postoffice aboard the cruiser Tennessee, now at Bremerton, was looted of \$150 in money and a quantity of stamps, according to a message today from the ship's postmaster, Frank Smith. The robbery is reported to have occurred while the ship was on her way to Puget sound. Two men are being held for court martial.

Withdraws Land from Entry.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Approximately 44,624 acres of land near Green River, Colo., have been found by the interior department to be adaptable to water power purposes and today Secretary Ballinger placed the tract within a temporary power site withdrawal. This area formed part of a tract withdrawn some time ago under the reclamation act from all forms of entry on the theory that it contained power possibilities. Lands embraced in the original withdrawal and which has been found to have no value for the conservation of water power will be restored to entry.

Power Boats Convention.

New York, Feb. 24.—Discussion of restricted classes and the election of officers is the principal business before today's annual meeting of the American Power Boat association. Another and similar convention, for western devotees of the sport, will be held in April at the Chicago Motor Boat Show.

SIGHT OF JEFFRIES NEARLY BREAKS BANK.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 24.—When Jim Jeffries went in to the Merchants' National bank to put away some theatrical earnings, his presence drew a large crowd and started a run on the institution. Scores of depositors, thinking something was wrong, began cashing in and not until the fighter retired did the frightened patrons become reassured.