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REBELS LOSE STRONG CITY

Mexican Federalist Troops Capture Stronghold of Revolutionists.

GENERAL GUZAN, ONE REBEL LEADER, KILLED

Defeated Insurrectos Flee to Mountains Pursued by Government Troops—Reported That Insurgents are Dispersing Before Advance of Diaz Troops—Cordoba Expects Attack Before Morning—First Stage of War Ended.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 30.—Dispatches received here today confirm the report that Malo Paso, the revolutionists' stronghold in Mexico has been captured by federalists, also the report that General Guzan has been killed. The federalists are pursuing the rebels who fled to the mountains.

General Luques force was said to have succeeded in joining that of General Navarro without any encounter with the insurrectos, by a route to the south of Mal Paso canyon, but as to the future conduct of the campaign information was refused on the ground that to give it would be prejudicial to its success.

Reports that have reached here through unofficial channels from Chihuahua say scouts from General Luque's command who have been exploring the country in the last two days between Pedernales and Guerrero, brought news that the insurgents were dispersing and that it was probable that when the combined armies of Luque and Navarro reach Guerrero, they will find the city deserted by the rebels.

Stories have appeared in newspapers of Merida, Yucatan, that uprisings had occurred in Tabasco and Chiapas. At the war department today, sub-secretary General Salamanca said there had been no trouble whatever in Chiapas, but that a company of federal troops had routed a number of bandits in Tabasco.

Cordoba Expects Attack.

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—A special to the Mexican Herald from Cordoba, state of Vera Cruz, said an attack on that city was expected before morning.

First Stage Ended.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 30.—Official reports which seem to be confirmed by developments, indicate that the first stage of the insurrection in western Chihuahua is over and the second has begun. The government believes that the insurrectos fought their last organized battle at Pedernales two weeks ago and that they have split into small bands, which it will take months to catch and subdue.

These reports are confirmed by the

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WHOLE VILLAGES LEVELED IN GREECE

Athens, Greece, Dec. 30.—Whole villages in Elis province have been leveled by yesterday's earthquake and many were killed, according to reports reaching this city today. Only a few details have thus far been received by a roundabout way as the telegraph lines throughout the province are prostrated.

Many of the reports are alarming, but most of them are reassuring and to the fact that most of the damage was done in small towns. The cities escaped demolition as the first reports indicated.

ONE KILLED AND ONE INJURED.

Chehalis, Wash., Dec. 30.—S. M. Hanley, a brakeman, was killed and J. B. McMillan, a brakeman, was injured, in a rear end collision between an extra and freight train this morning near this city. Hanley was ground to death beneath the wheels after he was knocked from the top of a car. An inquest will be held this afternoon. Hanley leaves a widow and a daughter, who reside at Elma.

LOCAL JUDGESHIP SEEMS IN TANGLE

Salem, Ore., Dec. 30.—Advices from the capitol in the matter of the successor to Judge H. J. Bean in this district are to the effect that Governor Benson has requested the acting governor to appoint John P. Winter, but that on the other hand certain political influences are at work for the appointment of G. W. Phelps, therefore it is uncertain which of the gentlemen will receive the honor. Had Governor Benson been able to have performed the duties of the office which he inherited when Chamberlain was elected to the senate, apparently the appointment would have been made immediately upon the resignation of Judge Bean and Mr. Winter would be the man to assume the office on the first of January. What will be the result now is a part of the game of politics, and we shall see what we shall see.

OREGON HAS SEVEN PERSONS TO MILE

CENSUS BUREAL TELLS OF GROWTH IN DENSITY

Rhode Island Has More People Per Square Mile Than Any Other State in Union—Nevada at Foot of List—Oregon's showing Creditable.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Rhode Island has 508.5 persons to the square mile, thus, according to census bureau figures, leading the list of states in the matter of density of population.

Nevada, with only seven-tenths of a person to the mile, finds a place at the lower end of the table giving these facts.

Second in the density list, Massachusetts supports 418.8 persons to the square mile; New Jersey, 337.7; Connecticut, 231.3, and New York, 191.2. The other states possessing more than 100 to the mile are:

Pennsylvania, 171; Maryland, 130.3; Ohio, 117; Delaware, 103, and Illinois, 100.7.

Wyoming, boasting 1 1-2 persons to the mile, more than doubles Nevada, while Arizona, with 1.8 stands third from the bottom. Montana, New Mexico, Idaho, Utah, Oregon, South Dakota, Colorado and North Dakota, all have fewer persons than 10 to the mile.

Of the states of large population, Washington takes the lead in the growth of density, having advanced from 7.8 to 17.1 per square mile in the last 10 years, thus taking a place between Kansas, with 10.5 and Nebraska, with 15.5. Washington exceeds her neighbor, Oregon, with several persons to the mile, by more than 10, and even surpasses California with 15.2.

Idaho increased from 1.9 to 3.9 and Oklahoma from 11.4 to 23.9.

The figures for other states are:

Indiana, 75.3; Kentucky, 57.0; Tennessee, 52.4; Virginia, 51.2; West Virginia, 50.8; South Carolina, 49.7; Michigan, 48.9; Missouri, 47.9; New Hampshire, 47.7; North Carolina,

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PLAN TO END LONG DISPUTE

Contention Over Closing of Streets May Be Ended by Adoption of Compromise.

SCHEME BROACHED BY BOARD OF MANAGERS

At First Luncheon in Many Months Commercial Association Board Gets Busy—Will Discuss Road Plans Next Week and Then Question of City Improvement Districts.

If a plan that was suggested at a luncheon of the Commercial association managers today can be carried out an end will be reached to the long standing question regarding the closing of Aura and Lilleth streets so as to give the O.-W. R. & N. company needed grounds for their local yards.

At the meeting of the managers today this subject was one among many discussed with interest. The plan suggested is that a conference be held between representatives of the city and the railroad people with a view to adjusting the matter by a compromise. It was suggested that in return for the closing of the two streets the railroad be asked to improve Bluff street, to provide driveways along either side of their track down to Webb street an that an undershot be constructed at Webb street so as to permit the traffic there to go underground instead of across the track as at present. In order to provide an outlet down the south side of the track it would be necessary to move the Standard Oil company's tank. Several of the managers today predicted that if such a plan as this could be carried out the property owners in that vicinity would cease objecting to the closing of the two thoroughfares.

To Talk of Roads.

The subjects of the district road law, the Tuttle act, and of the proposed plan for improvement districts within the city were also discussed today. Upon motion it was decided to ask the members of the incoming county court to meet with the managers at luncheon next Friday noon for the purpose of discussing the Tuttle law. Dr. Smith is to have a paper explaining the provisions of that act.

At some subsequent meeting it is the plan to have the mayor and other representatives of the council at the luncheon to discuss the plan for a charter amendment to provide local improvement districts.

At the meeting today a committee was named to investigate the advisability of Pendleton's intervening in the rate case brought by Baker City before the interstate commerce commission. Messrs. Charles Bond, Harry Gray and W. E. Brock were named upon this committee.

Today was the first time the Commercial association managers have been together since last summer and the luncheon proved a very pleasant and interesting affair. It was presided over by W. L. Thompson, president

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CHINESE TONGS SIGN PEACE PACT--END WAR

New York, Dec. 30.—Peace has been declared between the Chinese Tongs of the United States. The compact was sealed last night in the presence of officials of the Chinese legation of Washington and by leaders of the "Four Brothers" and "On Leongs." The peace agreement is being circulated today.

Under the peace terms the pact extends throughout the United States and the local police will be called in by the Tongs whenever a murder occurs, instead of tong wars being declared. Whenever a tong member kills a member of another tong, under the new treaty, the death will be paid for in coin and no war will be started.

The peace agreement ends the oldest feud between warring tongs in the United States. These two tongs have engaged in fights in the Chinese quarters here and in other cities, notably San Francisco, ever since the Chinese immigration to this country has obtained.

$10,000 FOR A BALL PLAYER.

Uncle of Former Texas Leaguer Gives Him Christmas Gift.

Fort Smith, Ork., Dec. 30.—This was a happy Christmas f or James Fernandez, formerly a Texas League baseball player, and more recently a policeman. Eugene S. Scales, better known as "Cotton King," presented Fernandez with a check for $10,000. Fernandez is a nephew of Scales.

TO RECLAIM 5000 ACRES

Hermiston People See Much Cause for Rejoicing in Recent Appropriation.

MARGINAL LAND TRIBUTARY TO HERMISTON INCLUDED

Appropriation More Than Sufficient to Complete "Fourth" Unit and Important Extension Work is Enterpretation Placed Upon Action—Turning Down of West Umatilla Extension Taken Philosophically in West End.

(Special Correspondence.)

Hermiston, Ore., Dec. 29.—That the United States government has appropriated $325,000 for the completion of the Umatilla Irrigation project at this place, has encouraged the people of Hermiston and the many settlers here, notwithstanding the fact that the army engineers have turned down the west side extension, the lands which lie from two to twenty miles west of Hermiston. And while it seems very strange that such a splendid field of operation as the west side extension offers should be left as a hopeless desert and the state of Oregon deprived of such a great opportunity to increase its wealth and population, still the citizens of Hermiston are divided as to the benefit that would accrue to the Umatilla project, the majority believing that we are uninjured by the unlooked for action of the government.

The appropriation of $325,000 is not needed to complete the so-called fourth unit of the Umatilla project, which includes only about 3000 acres of land out of the entire 20,000 acres in the project. Many of the ditches, pipe lines and flumes have already been completed in this unit and it is impossible to spend the entire $325,000 on such a small tract of land. Besides, to add this to the present cost of the water right would make the total cost at least $160 per acre, which is out of the question. As the three units now under water have already been contracted with the United States government at a price of $60 per acre the cost on 17,000 acres cannot be increased. It is therefore taken for granted that the government will not attempt to impose such an enormous burden on the fourth unit land owners, which would mean confiscation and the probable loss of the money appropriated under the bond issue.

Include Marginal Lands.

According to such information as can be gathered the course will be to include lands lying along the edges of this project. Surveys have been made, contour maps prepared and plans for irrigating adopted by local government engineers for approximately 5000 acres of marginal lands, the larger part of which lie within two miles of Hermiston, above the feed canal that supplies the Cold Springs reservoir and between the feed canal and the laterals of the

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ARCH HOXSEY FLIES OVER MOUNT WILSON

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Dec. 30.—Adding to the laurels he has already won at the present meet, Arch Hoxsey, holder of the present world's altitude record of 11,474 feet, flew yesterday over Mount Wilson, the highest peak of the mountain range which rims the valley in which Los Angeles, Pasadena and the towns of the orange belt lie. Under ideal weather conditions he soared 10,005 feet into the sky and cleared the crest of Mount Wilson with 4,200 feet to spare.

Lieutenant Vernon Boller and several other army officers here were quick to observe in Hoxey's performance a new way of transporting armies across mountain ranges. Lieutenant Boller, who came here from Fort Whipple, Ariz., said that a thousand biplanes could transport an army of 10,000 men across mountains as high as the Alps in a day.

Hoxsey used a heavy Wright biplane, equipped for passenger service, and he made the journey from the field to a point beyond the mountains in one hour and 28 minutes. The distance traveled is estimated at 34 miles. He was out of sight of the crowd before he made the attempt at topping the peak, but prior to starting he had announced his intention to do so.

The news of his success was flashed to the aviation field by telephone from the Carnegie solar observatory on Mount Wilson directly above which the aviator soared.

AVIATOR BREAKING TWO RECORDS.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Flying 375 miles in seven hours and forty minutes, Aviotor Tadateau today set a new record for the Michelin prize of $4000. At 3:20 this afternoon, the birdman was still in the air reeling off miles and threatening to eclipse the duration record of eight hours and sixteen minutes held by Henry Farman. He ascended at 7:20 this morning.

WHOLE TOWNSHIP WITHOUT VOTERS

West Union, Ohio, Dec. 30.—With every voter in Jefferson township of Adams county disfranchised for five years because they sold their votes, the residents are wondering how the officers are to be filled during the next few years. The situation is unparalleled in the history of the country.

If indictments continue to be turned out as rapidly as now, soon other townships will be in thesame fix. Judge Blair, who is sentencing the men, will be asked to consider the case provide some form of legal government until disfranchisement expires or new voters move in. Over 1,000 indicted so far, most of them pleaded guilty.

MYSTERY MARKS MANILA SITUATION

MILITARY AUTHORITIES NO LONGER ASK AID

Civilian Officers Not Consulted in Investigation of Japanese Situation—Early Reports of Japanese Activity Are Being Confirmed by Investigation.

Manila, P. I., Dec. 30.—Unusual secrecy cloaks the movements of the military authorities investigating the activity of Japanese in the Philippines. Civil authorities are no longer called on to aid as heretofore.

Every effort is being made to guard the movements of the officials who are investigating the conditions at Corrigedor Island where the alleged Japanese spies were found with maps of the fortifications of Manila and the data concerning them.

Some bitterness between the military and civilians has developed as a result of the search and contradictory reports have been given out concerning just what has been found by the military. It is understood, however, that Jap spies were found and one wireless operator deported, as at first reported.

OLDFIELD AND JEFFRIES PLAY TAG WITH DEATH

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 30.—Barney Oldfield and James Jeffries narrowly escaped death this morning when the connecting rod on Oldfield's Knox car broke. The car went into a ditch. They were driving forty miles an hour. Both were hurled from the car but escaped with only slight injuries. They were starting on a hunting trip.

ENGLAND MAY PROSECUTE STANDARD OIL COMPANY

London, England, Dec. 30.—Agitation to start a suit against the Standard Oil in England is being urged by London Truth. The paper charges the company, through its subsidiaries the American Oil company, and the Vacuum Oil Co., has been evading the income tax. Truth urges the commencement of a suit to compel them to divulge theor earnings so the tax can be collected.

GREAT WAR GAME IS ON

Ships of Atlantic Fleet Engage in Most Extensive Conflict of its Kind.

SIXTEEN VESSELS FORM THE ATTACKING ENEMY

Seven Forming Scouting Fleet Will Endeavor to Prevent Hostile Boats From Approaching Within Striking Distance of Shore Without Warning—Wireless Will Be Given Thorough Working Test—Whereabouts of Fleet Unknown.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet passed out of Hampton Roads today and became the "enemy" in the most extensive war game ever played by the navy. Simultaneously a scout fleet of seven vessels started defending the nation against the invaders.

Until the vessels report at Guantanoma for the winter target practice they will endeavor to keep their whereabouts secret. They will endeavor to appear within range of some part of the coast without it's presence being reported by the scout fleet.

Rear-Admiral Schroeder commands the enemy. The home fleet is commanded by Rear-Admiral Stanton.

Elaborate plans for testing the adaptability of the wireless during the game have been made. The ships under Schroeder are expected to use a code of their own, thus necessitating the actual sighting of them by the defenders before their whereabouts will be known.

Admiral Stanton is expected to head of the fleet enroute to Guantanamo by establishing a patrol line in a lane through which the battleships must pass. Once the enemy is sighted the wireless will be called to their aid and the remainder of the scouts will be notified.

During the game the whereabouts of the fleets will be unknown to the navy department and the commander is given carte blanche as to where he goes.

WEALTHY BROTHERS MURDERED AND BURNED

Portsmouth, Ohio, Dec. 30.—That Minor and Oliver Piatt, wealthy bachelor brothers, were murdered before their bodies were burned in the destruction of their house yesterday was made apparent at the sheriff's investigation today. It is probable that arrests will be made within the next 24 hours.

MRS. EDDY WILL RISE FROM TOMB

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—"Statements that Mrs. Eddy will rise from the dead, said to have been made by Mrs. Augusta Stetson, will be ignored by the Christian Science church," said Alfred Farlow, chairman of the publicity board of the church, today.

"I and the other Scientists can make nothing of Mrs. Stetson's statements published today except to classify them as a lot of speculation."

Mrs. Stetson is quoted as having said: "Mrs. Eddy surely will rise from the tomb to demonstrate her everlasting life."

Eugene Cox, head of the committee on publicity for the church in New York, declared the statement attributed to Mrs. Stetson was in direct opposition to the teachings of Christian Science.

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LAYING OF RAILS ON REBUILT ROAD TO COMMENCE AT ONCE

The beginning of the new year will see the commencement of the last part of the million and a quarter improvement work which the W.-O. R. & N. is doing between this city and Yoakum, which work will eliminate several curves, reduce several grades and shorten the distance between this city and Portland by two miles. According to a statement made by Local Agent T. F. O'Brien this morning the grade is all completed, the rails are delivered and the work of laying them will be begun immediately.

Mr. O'Brien also stated that trains on the new North Coast road will commence to run between North Yakima and Attalia immediately after the first of the year which will mark the conclusion of one of the most important pieces of railroad development work which the Harriman system has undertaken in recent years in the northwest.

But though the work of track laying is soon to commence on the reconstructed line west of this city, it is not probable that trains will be running through the famous Coe tunnel and over the new grade before spring. The company does not seem to be in any hurry to make use of its new roadbed and will be sure that everything is in order before the change is mad.

LOCAL COWBOYS WILL TRY TO OUTDO BUFFALO VERNON

"Buffalo" Vernon, who was one of the big features at the Roundup last fall, will not have a monopoly on the "bull-dogging" stunt at the next wild west exhibition, according to Clarence Adams, one of the entrees in the bucking contest who is in the city from his ranch at Ukiah. There will be "bull-doggers" a-plenty, he says, and they will not be importations, but a strictly home-grown article.

Since Vernon's exhibitions here last year, which excited so much admiration, many of the cowboys in attendance have decided to emulate the man from Cheyenne and, according to Adams' statement, they are practicing the feat daily, combining business with pleasure. When they wish to throw a steer for any purpose on the range, he says, they discard their lariats entirely except in cases where the animal is an extra large one. Riding alongside of the selected steer, they leap from their mount and in true Vernon style grasp the horns of the animal and throw him by the most approved "bull-dog" methods.

If such be the case, the 1911 Roundup will provide competition in an event which was put on before as an exhibition and it is safe to predict there will be a few more thrills added to the show thereby.