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BIG BATTLE DUE IN MEXICO

Government Cavalry and Infantry Attempting to Flank Insurgent Forces.

BLOODY CONFLICT SURE WHEN TWO FORCES MEET

Many American Adventurers Said to Be Found in Hanks of Rebels Who Armed Themselves in This Country and Crossed Arizona Border—Federal Troops Well Organized and Commanded, While Opponents Are Disorganized.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 5.—Three hundred soldiers of the federal cavalry and infantry left Juarez, Mexico today for Pearson to execute a flank movement on the insurgents in northern Chihuahua. There will be a fight as soon as they reach the insurgents.

According to the reports which have reached this city, the impending battle will be the most bloody of the present insurrection. It is apparent that for the first time, two bodies of armed men, approximately equal in numbers are to come together.

The revolutionists, who are expected to meet the federal troops this afternoon or tomorrow are composed for the most part of Mexican insurgents and American adventurers who armed themselves on the American side of the line, then crossed the Arizona border despite the fact that United States troops had been dispatched to prevent it and are said to be more than anxious for the approaching fray.

Though the opposing forces are about equal in numbers, the government troops will have the advantage of being organized under the command of an experienced general. The rebels on the other hand are unorganized and have had little or no drilling and will be left to fight very much as every man sees fit. Their advantage will be in that they will be on the defensive.

Second Battle Impending. El Paso, Texas, Jan. 5.—A detachment of 600 infantry with artillery left Chihuahua today for Ojinaga to engage the rebel forces in the Big Bend. The insurgents are strongly entrenched and are capable of withstanding vastly superior forces.

RETIRING AND INCOMING GOVERNORS OF ONE MIND

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 5.—Retiring Governor Shallenberger, democrat, in his farewell address, and Chester Aldrich, republican, in his inaugural address both urged the legislators of Nebraska to amend the state primary laws. Aldrich was elected because of his stand on prohibition and he denounced the law which made it possible for James Dahlgren, democrat, to defeat Shallenberger, who denounced the open primary in which it is said republican votes were used to defeat Shallenberger for renomination.

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR FAVORS CORPORATION TAX

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 5.—The adoption of a general corporation tax, levied against companies chartered in Michigan and not paying a tax, is recommended in the message of Governor Osborn which was sent to the legislature today. He also recommends that express rates on inter-state traffic be regulated; that the initiative and referendum be established and suggests the investigation of departmental irregularities.

POLITICAL CRISIS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, Mass., Jan. 5.—The annual message of Governor Foss, assailing the bossism of corporations and advocating the initiative and referendum was sent to the legislature today. He urged that the employment of private vehicles to convey voters to the polls be prohibited.

He said: "We have reached a crisis in the affairs of this commonwealth. The people have no confidence in many public servants. The dictatorship of political bosses, representing special interests is resented because these men direct legislation for their own ends. This usurpation of power can only end in the people taking into their own hands government control and will bring direct election and recall into being so that public servants can be recalled when they prove recreant to their trust."

STATE TAX LEVY TO BE 1.6 MILLS

Salem, Ore., Jan. 5.—The state tax commission yesterday afternoon announced the state tax levy for the ensuing year at 1.6 mills. Last year's levy was 2.2 mills and the decrease is 0.6 mill. The amount that is estimated to be required to run the state government this year and to be raised by this levy is, in round numbers, \$1,350,000, as against \$1,528,000 in 1910. The total assessed valuation for this year is, in round numbers, \$844,000,000, as against \$694,000,000. The state board of equalization has assessed the corporations of the state, not wholly in any one county, and therefore not assessable by counties, at \$132,800,000, but in apportioning this sum among the counties it will be reduced to about \$97,200,000, in order to correspond to the assessments in the various counties.

The apportionment of the state tax between counties, according to assessed valuations of the respective counties as equalized by the state board of equalization will be completed this afternoon. On the completed assessed valuations, 1-25 of a mill levy for the normal school at Monmouth, voted by the people last November, will produce \$23,795.

DEMOCRATS TAKE HELM IN INDIANA

MINORITY IN CONTROL AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS

Governor and Legislature of Same Political Faith—Lawmakers Warned to Beware of Special Interests and Lobbyists.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.—Governor Thomas Marshall today sent the first message of a democratic governor to a democratic legislature that Indiana has known in eighteen years. He warned the legislators to beware of the special interests and he recommended legislation against the trusts, the enactment of a corrupt practice act and warned the members of both houses against lobbyists.

He said: "There isn't any money in honest public service. Beware of the man who as soon as he is introduced, wishes to show you a good time. He has an axe to grind, and intends to chop wood with it."

"The progress of the federal government in eliminating the trusts," he said, "was like the frog that fell in the well and which, in trying to escape, jumped up one foot and fell back two."

"HIGHER UPS" IN ELECTION FRAUDS INDICTED

West Union, O., Jan. 4.—After the New Year's vacation the special grand jury which is investigating the Adams county election frauds, reconvenes tomorrow. Forty-seven witnesses have been summoned. It is understood that men higher up who are alleged to have purchased over 1000 votes, have already been indicted, and that their names will be published soon.

WOULD FOLLOW EXAMPLE HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Aiming to do for the factory girls of New York what Harriet Beecher Stowe did for the slaves by her book "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Miss Pauline Worth today announced her intention of going to New York at the end of this month and live as a factory girl in order to secure material for a book. She is a well known magazine worker.

CRUISER MARYLAND WINS CHAMPIONSHIP PENNANT

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—The pennant awarded for the best marksmanship of any ship in the navy was run up on the halyards of the cruiser Maryland today. The cruiser led the other vessels of her class by several points during the 1910 practice, making about 40 per cent of hits under varying conditions.

To Curtail Tobacco Output.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 5.—A convention composed of delegates from Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri, representing the tobacco growers of those states began here today to consider the question of curtailing the tobacco output. A definite organization will be effected and officers chosen. The tobacco growers of those states have already agreed to pool their 1911 crops and to raise no crops in 1912 has already been reached. More than one hundred thousand growers representing a combined business of 300,000,000 pounds annually are affected by the new organization.

She was not quite what you call refined. She was not quite what you call unrefined. She was the kind of a person that keeps a parrot.

ROB TRAIN IN CITY LIMITS

Seattle Bandits Shoot Mail Clerk in Mouth and Escape With Registered Mail.

CRIME COMMITTED ALMOST IN HEART OF SOUND CITY

Seriously Wounded Man and Companion Locked in Closet—Found by Other Trainmen Through Trail of Blood—Sheriff and Posse Scouring Suburbs While Detectives Are Searching Rooming Houses—Chief of Railroad Force Rushing from St. Paul.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 5.—Mail Clerk Harry Clark, who was shot in the mouth last night by two bandits who held up the North Coast Limited shortly after she pulled out of Seattle, is resting comfortably at the hospital today. It is believed he will live. He lost practically half of his teeth when the bullet ploughed through his face. The sheriff's posse is still searching the suburban district, while 30 detectives are scouring local lodging houses. The chief of the railroad detective force of the Northern Pacific left St. Paul for Seattle today to take charge of the investigation. It is not known how much the thieves got.

After they entered the car they shoved Charles Reid and Clark into a closet, after shooting Clark. They then grabbed the registered mail and dropped off as the train slowed up either at Argo or Kent.

The train left King street station at 7:30 p. m. Soon after leaving, the men opened the side door of the mail car and entered with leveled revolvers. They ordered the mail clerks to throw up their hands and shot Clark before he could obey. They then grabbed the valise containing four dozen pieces of registered mail, dragged Clark into a closet and locked Reid in also.

The trainmen discovered the open door at Auburn and the trail of blood which led to the closet. Clark was brought back to this city, but Reid continued on his trip.

"CENTRAL" MARRIES AND HINDERS BUSINESS

New York, Jan. 5.—The New York Telephone company today inaugurated the new schedule of hours—eight instead of nine a day—which should have gone into effect the first of the year but which was delayed owing to the many marriages among the operators. There are 7000 operators in New York and of these 200 are new employees who are being drilled to take the place of those who left the company to get married during the holidays.

Truth is stranger than fiction—to some people, but I am measurably familiar with it.

Judge's First Act Is to Set Trial.

Salem, Ore.—As his first act of importance Judge Percy R. Kelly, recently elected, set the date for the trial of George Meyers as January 16. Meyers was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Patrolman Thomas Eckhart in this city two years ago.

Charged With Custom Frauds.

New York, Jan. 5.—Max Rubel, president, and Louis J. Finkelstein, secretary of Max Rubel & Company, manufacturers of suits and coats at 79 Fifth avenue, were placed on trial before United States Commissioner Shields today, charged with customs frauds, which are said to cover a period of two years. The complaint filed by the federal authorities says that the Rubel company defrauded the government by means of false baggage declarations, entering unlawfully into the commerce of the country household effects and clothing which he valued at only one-third of their true value.

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DISTRIBUTING RAILS FOR REBUILT ROAD

With a work train and a gang of rail layers, the last part of the million and a quarter dollar improvement work undertaken by the O. H. & N. company nearly a year ago was begun out of this city this morning. Under the direction of L. C. McCoy, who is assistant under Chief Engineer Bossche, the work of distributing the rails along the twelve miles of track will be accomplished within a few days, after which the actual laying of the rails will begin.

McCoy is the man who has charge of the laying of rails on the Deschutes road and he is assisted in his work by George T. Ross. The grading work, which was let by contract to Twohy Bros., is now completed between Pendleton and Yoakum and when the rails are laid, the distance between this city and Portland will be cut down two miles and many grades will be reduced and curves eliminated.

The work train began work this morning at the Walters' mill where ten miles of 90-pound rails have been stored for some time. Just how long a time will be required to complete this part of the big improvement work is difficult to say but will depend largely on the size of the force of men employed.

TAFT APPROVES OF ARMY BOARD WORK

APPORTIONMENT OF MONEY SUBJECT OF SPECIAL MESSAGE

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