



SITUATION AT TAMPICO SAID TO BE SERIOUS

Official Circles in Washington View With Alarm the Conditions Which Prevail There Now.

FOREIGNERS ARE IN DANGER

Battleship New Jersey Is at Some to Strengthen Fleet Under Admiral Fletcher—Spanish Ambassador Demands Protection for Subjects of His Country in City.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—That the situation at Tampico looked serious was admitted here by administration officials today. Rumors were current, although unconfirmed, that foreigners at Tampico had been wounded during the two days' fighting and this, it was guessed, accounted for Admiral Fletcher's sudden intervention to demand a suspension of the battle until the foreigners had been taken from the city. The belief is growing here that it will be necessary to land American marines.

Naval orders issued in the routine way disclosed the fact that the battleship New Jersey, supposed by the public to be off Tuxpan, had arrived at Tampico, considerably increasing the force of naval vessels at Fletcher's disposal. The navy department received a long cipher dispatch from the admiral which is being translated as rapidly as possible. Secretary of State Bryan is withholding much information which he has received from John Lind.

Fletcher's protest against hanging prisoners of war at Tampico and the threatening attitude which General Villa has assumed toward the Spaniards at Chihuahua City has made the Mexican situation worse in the opinion of official circles. The Spanish ambassador has filed a formal demand for protection of Spanish subjects.

Secretary of State Bryan communicated with Villa and Carranza today. It is understood, and emphatically made it clear that the United States will hold them responsible for the safety of foreigners in the territory held by their forces.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Fear was plainly expressed today that the murder of many Spanish residents at Chihuahua City would compel American intervention in Mexico City.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—Sir Lionel Carden, the British minister at Mexico City, gave the following exclusive interview to the United Press today:

"A story received from Admiral Christopher Cradock, the British naval commander in Mexican waters, in a wireless message saying that Admiral Fletcher stopped the fighting at Tampico last night, is absolutely false. No such message was received. The story is untrue in every particular."

From a semi-official diplomatic source it was learned that the story was disseminated by interests inimical to President Wilson.

FAST EXPRESS DITCHED AND FIREMAN IS KILLED

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 13.—Officials of the Lake Shore railway today offered \$1000 reward for the arrest of the men who wrecked the New England express near Wickliffe at midnight resulting in the death of the fireman of the locomotive and the serious injury of the engineer. That the train was ditched deliberately is the belief of officials of the road. Seventeen spikes were pulled up and the rails displaced. Four men were seen running away from the disaster. The locomotive, four mail cars, a combination and three Pullmans left the tracks but their steel construction saved the occupants. Detectives believed that the ditching of the train was an attempt to kill President Smith of the New York Central, whose car was the last one but which did not leave the rails.

Many Prizes Offered. NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—One hundred special prizes are offered at the eighth show of the Bull Terrier Club of America which opened today in the Bush Terminal Buildings in Brooklyn. Many of the best dogs in America are entered. James Mortimer is judge of the thirty-three classes, including two winners' classes each carrying an American Kennel Club rating of four championship points. The dogs are to be looked after by a special staff made up of members of the Bull Terrier club.

FAMOUS PAINTING ON WAY TO PARIS

Strong Guard Accompanies "Mona Lisa" Which Was Recovered After Being Lost for Two Years.

ROME, Dec. 13.—The government has arranged to turn the painting of Mona Lisa which was stolen from the Paris Louvre by Vincenzo Perugina over to French Ambassador Barrero. It is now on the way from Florence where it was found yesterday. A heavy guard is accompanying the picture to prevent any further attempt at theft.

The famous painting was stolen from the Louvre more than two years ago. It had been the subject of exhaustive search in all quarters of the globe.

INJUNCTION GRANTED TO PREVENT PROHIBITION

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 13.—Circuit Judge Galloway in three decisions today held that the petition calling a local option election in Salem on November 4 was valid; that the "dry" amendment voted to the Salem city charter December 1 was illegal; and that the local option election favoring the dries in Stayton was void. In each case he granted a permanent injunction against the county and city officials restraining them from enforcing prohibition. A notice of appeal to the supreme court was given in each case.

RUNAWAY TRAIN IS FOUND MINUS CREW

TACOMA, Dec. 13.—While the entire crew of an early morning train of the Great Northern, south-bound, were in the lunchroom at the Centralia station, the train with six coaches and 100 passengers moved off. A mile and a half out of the station, Express Messenger Atherton, noticing the train was still going at a very slow speed, and suspecting a holdup, crawled over the tender with his revolver in hand. He was astounded to find the cab empty and taking the lever, ran the train to Chehalis, a distance of four miles, where it waited for the crew. They declared they were the victims of a prank.

Gunboats to Tampico. VERA CRUZ, Dec. 13.—The gunboats Progresso and Zaragoza left for Tampico with a small number of troops and a large quantity of ammunition, principally for the artillery.

PROMOTERS FOUND GUILTY OF MISUSING MAILS TO EXPLOIT LAND IN THIS STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—J. T. Conway and Frank Ricet, general manager and president respectively, of the Oregon Inland Development company, charged with misuse of the mails in the exploitation of eastern

and central Oregon lands, were found guilty by a jury in the federal court on all five counts in the indictment against them. The trial lasted three weeks. They were allowed 30 days in which to file an application for a new trial.

MANY WILL GO ON PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINE

ROME, Italy, Dec. 13.—Italy will next year send to the famous shrine of "Our Lady of Lourdes" in France one of the largest pilgrimages that has yet visited it.

Following the many miraculous cures that are declared to have taken place the past summer among the English and Irish pilgrimages to the shrine, steps were at once taken in Italy to organize a pilgrimage for 1914. The date has now been set for September 1 to 7 and it is expected that not less than 10,000 will join. Among these will be thousands afflicted with various maladies of which they will hope to be miraculously cured.

Immediately following the return of the pilgrimage another immense one will be gotten under way for a visit to the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. It will start September 20.

BOUILLON CUBES NOT CONCENTRATED MEAT ESSENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The belief of many people that bouillon cubes are concentrated meat essence and of high nutritive value, has been shattered by a recently issued bulletin of the Department of Agriculture which says that while they are valuable stimulants or flavoring agents they have little or no real food value and are relatively expensive in comparison with home-made broths and soups. This bulletin (No. 27) compares the contents and food value of bouillon cubes with meat extracts and home-made preparations of meat.

BANDIT HOLDS UP CAR: GETS \$4000

Wells-Fargo Messenger is Fatally Wounded by Lone Robber on Southern Pacific Train.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 13.—No trace was found today of the lone bandit who fatally shot James Arnold, a Wells-Fargo messenger, and robbed the express car on the Southern Pacific Sunset limited train near Natchez, escaping with \$4000.

A special train loaded with deputy sheriffs left here shortly after midnight to take up the pursuit of the robber.

That the man expected to get \$100,000, which, however, was sent out from here on another Southern Pacific train earlier last night, was the belief of officials of the road.

WOMEN PLAN TO JOIN A HEALTH ORGANIZATION

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 13.—Under the leadership of Mrs. Winifred Sackville Stoner, wife of Dr. H. Buchanan Stoner, head of the United States Marine hospital, women of a dozen Pittsburgh organizations today are planning to found a national body to be known as the Woman's Public Health organization. The object of the league will be to promote public health through local work for improved sanitation, infant and child welfare, and popular education. A meeting at the Port Pitt Hotel planned for the near future is expected to bring together representatives of every woman's club and organization in Pittsburgh. Immediately the organization of the "Pittsburgh Local" is effected, steps will be taken to establish branches in every city in the United States. All those interested will be asked to communicate with Mrs. Sackville Stoner.

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WAHOO, Neb., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Maggie Johnson, charged with killing her husband, John Johnson, was found guilty of manslaughter here yesterday when the verdict of the jury was read.

Mrs. Johnson was carried into the courtroom on a cot and heard the verdict without emotion, despite the fact that she was weakened by illness resulting from drinking poison when told to prepare to hear the verdict. The conviction carries with it a sentence of from one to ten years.

Mrs. Johnson killed her husband last September during a quarrel. He was struck with a club, according to the testimony, after he had threatened her with a knife. She was not arrested until about six weeks later, when the body of the husband was found buried near the family home at Ashland, Neb. Johnson's legs had been cut off with an ax, which was found later in a straw stack.

Prune Dryer Sells Output.

MONMOUTH, Ore., Dec. 13.—The Monmouth Evaporating & Canning company has sold its entire output of prunes for this season to the J. K. Armby company of Dallas, for \$60,000. The amount exceeds that sold last year and both the quality and price are considered better this year. The crop was heavier in this district than usual, and although the prunes were somewhat smaller, growers report having made fair profits.

COMMERCIAL EXPEDITION GOES TO SANTIAGO

VALPARISO, Dec. 13.—The American "commercial expedition" left here today, after a five days stay, for Santiago. Members of the "expedition" declared today that they believed their trip through South and Central America will be the opening of a new era in the commerce of the two continents, which heretofore have been supplied in Europe. They declare such "expeditions" as they are now making should be made by all associations of producers and manufacturers several times every year.

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TERROR GRIPS MEXICO; PEONS IN MUCH FEAR

Women Seek to Escape Conscription by Huerta Who is Drafting Many of Them Into the Army.

DICTATOR WILL HOLD OUT

All News Is Being Severely Censored and Government Agents Give Fictitious Stories to Stimulate Huerta's Cause. Capital City Like Deserted Village at Night.

(By United Press Staff Correspondent.)

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 13.—(By Mail to Tampa)—A real reign of terror grips the condition prevailing throughout Mexico, especially in the capital city. With the Indian strain in him to the fore, Huerta is taking what he wants where he finds it and declares he can hold out indefinitely.

The peon women in the capital are in constant fear of Huerta's press gang. Scores of women have been pressed into military service as camp cooks, nurses, gatherers of fuel and provisions.

Mexico City, once the scene of night revelries, is now like a deserted village after 9 o'clock, the peons locking themselves in their homes to avoid conscription.

Press cablegrams are being rigidly censored, code dispatches especially being scrutinized. Huerta keeps censors in all the local newspaper offices. They not only cut out news but put fictitious news in the papers at the request of Huerta.

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DIVORCE SUIT OF MRS COE IS BROUGHT TO QUICK END

JUDGE M'GINN HURRIES MATTERS ALONG TILL ALL TESTIMONY IS IN.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, prominent progressive, was granted a decree of divorce from his wife Viola M. Coe by Circuit Judge McGinn today. The court severely censured the wife, asserting that she had cunningly devised to strip her husband of his property. Mrs. Coe is an influential clubwoman and suffragist.

PORTLAND, Dec. 13.—Hurried along by Judge McGinn, who would neither budge from court himself nor let the lawyers put until all the testimony was in, taking of evidence in the divorce suit of Mrs. Viola M. Coe against Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, progressive party national committeeman from Oregon, and her separate action for a property settlement, came to an end at 6:15 o'clock last night.

Judge McGinn did not indicate what action he would take. It is not believed, however, that he will require any arguments from the attorneys. Court adjourned with the agreement that written statements showing the assets of both Dr. Coe and Mrs. Coe are to be ready this morning.

The day was a long and a hard one for all concerned in the trial. It was filled with incidents of deep human interest both pathetic and humorous. Sometimes almost the whole courtroom would be at the point of tears. Then the testimony would take a laughable turn. Once Judge McGinn had to threaten severe repressive measures when merriment swept around the crowded chamber. All available seats were taken and many persons were standing almost the entire day.

BIRD SLAUGHTER KEEPS UP.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The destruction of the osprey and other beautiful birds continues unchecked, as the latest reports of the London plumage sales prove. Of osprey feathers, 11,999 ounces were sold, and the fact that this bird is being exterminated gradually in the cruellest fashion is borne out by the high prices paid for the feathers.

In all 3206 birds of paradise were sold, many of these coming from British possessions. The same may be said of the crowned pigeons, parrots and macaws, kingfishers and white cranes. In fact, Africa is being ransacked by the plumage hunters, who recklessly kill the birds that destroy the tsetse and other dangerous flies.

The trade with India and the colonies still continues, and it is clear that no law forbidding the exportation of plumes is of much avail while the London market is open to the plumage trade.

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Miss Phillips teaches five miles east of Pendleton in the school known as the Billy Duff school. She boards at the farm house of Louis Geiss and it was his team that she was driving.

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BATTLE AT TAMPICO RENEWED; EACH SIDE FIGHTING FIERCELY

Mayor Charges Arrest.

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 13.—Mayor Palmer swore to a warrant and caused the arrest of a saloonman, C. C. Cox, on charge of selling liquor to a minor, a charge which had been pressed against Cox before the grand jury and on which that body had returned no indictment. Cox is alleged to have sold liquor to Hutton Howe, a 17-year-old boy.

The mayor began investigations of the charges on his own part after the grand jury adjourned, accumulated his witnesses and brought the first action against a liquor man in Baker which has been brought in months.

AMERICAN TANGO WILL BE TAUGHT IN GREECE

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The American Turkey trot and tango dancing are to be introduced to Greece. Demetrius Tsigros, a Greek dancing master, who came here several months ago to study these terpsichorean innovations, sailed for Piraeus to teach his countrymen and women the latest dance. He fears the new dances may be spurned by the classical set of Athens, but thinks they will find favor among the skirted soldiers of the country.

SNOW DRIVES ANTELOPES INTO TOWN FOR FOOD

GREELEY, Colo., Dec. 13.—Gaunt from hunger and thirst, a band of seven wild antelope entered the corporate limits of Greeley in search of food. Driven from the snow-covered hills and plains, the animals forgot their timidity and ate freely of the bountiful supplies of food which housewives on the East Side of town threw to them. They stayed until dark.

426 Carloads of Freight.

WALLOWA, Ore., Dec. 13.—Four hundred and twenty-six cars of freight have been shipped from Wallowa between February 1 and November 15, according to a statement of Agent J. S. White. The kind of freight and the number of cars of each are: Lumber, 256 cars; sheep, 80 cars; cattle, 24 cars; hogs, 21 cars; wheat, 19 cars; oats, 11 cars; hay, 10 cars; horses, 2 cars; wool, 2 cars, and barley, 1 car.

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Federal Gunboat Continues to Shell the Rebel Column Which is Trying to Repair Railway.

MORE ARTILLERY IS NEEDED

Efforts Being Made to Reinforce the Federal Garrison of the City—Apparently As Yet No Side Has Gained an Advantage—Refugees Are Taken Aboard Battleships.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 13.—The Tampico situation grew worse today. The fighting was continued on all sides, the federal gunboat Bravo shelling the rebels who were trying to repair the railway tracks in attempts to bring up more artillery from Victoria and offset the Bravo's fire.

Strenuous efforts were made to reinforce the federal garrison. Admiral Fletcher has ordered all Americans from the city. The foreigners are safe, according to a message received from the American admiral.

Five hundred refugees who were packed on board the United States gunboat Wheeling and the cruiser Tacoma, were transferred today to roomier quarters aboard the battleships Indiana, Rhode Island and New Jersey which are outside in the harbor. The steamer Morro Castle is expected tomorrow to take all the wish to leave Tampico and vicinity.

PENDLETON HIGH BASKET TOSSERS ARE DEFEATED

The sophomore basketball team of the Pendleton high school did not get a very propitious start on its season last night, losing to the Hermiston Athletic club by a score of 28 to 24. The game was played in Hermiston and this evening the high school boys will meet the team of the Umatilla Athletic club in Umatilla.

Hoskins, the star of the Pendleton team, was not allowed to play last evening and to his absence is charged the defeat. The Hermiston team protested him despite the fact he is a regular student at the high school and has been all year. However, rather than cause any ill feeling, the local boys decided not to play him.

His removal had a telling effect in the first half. The Hermiston boys swept the locals off their feet and rolled up a score of 20 against a lone some two spot. However, in the second half, the Pendletonians found themselves and were able to get the upper hand but not strong enough to overcome the big handicap. They made 22 points while the project dwellers were scoring 18.

Prof. C. C. Ruth accompanied the boys to Hermiston and returned this morning bringing the news of the battle. Prof. R. E. Chloupek left this afternoon for Umatilla to join the team. Hoskins will play in the game tonight and the boys hope for better results.

The lineup last evening was as follows: Hermiston, Todd and Longhorn, forwards, Blakeslee and Skinner, guards, Boynton, center, Shotwell, J. Todd and Van, substitutes. Pendleton, Peters and Fowler, forwards, Kirkpatrick and Russell, guards, and Seibert, center. Hoskins acted as referee, and Rev. Emmel as umpire.

After the game, the Pendleton boys were entertained at a dinner and dance and created in an extremely hospitable manner.

MANY MOTORCYCLES ARE IMPORTED TO S. AFRICA

WATERSLAND, South Africa, Dec. 13.—Officials today announced the result of a census of motorcycles showing there were 2600 of the spurt machines imported into this district last year.