

6 DEAD IN FLOODS; LOS ANGELES ISOLATED; DAMAGE MILLION

COLONEL VALLES IS EXECUTED BY SINGLE SOLDIER

Carranzistas Make Short Work of Villa Officer and Body is Displayed as Warning to Others.

REBEL CHIEF IN MOUNTAINS

Chiefman Is Said to Have Hoped for His Throats Against Americans, Urging His Troops to Slay Them Ruthlessly—Hundreds of Refugees Arrive at El Paso.

EL PASO, Jan. 18.—Colonel Valles, Villa's executioner, was publicly executed at Juarez this morning with a few feet of a train where American women and children refugees were sleeping. The body was placed on view at the custom house alongside that of Rodriguez, as a bloody warning.

The execution followed unconfirmed rumors that Albert Simmons of Los Angeles and Victor Hamilton of Chicago, had been murdered by Villistas. Valle was brought under guard from Casas Grandes. He was weakened at five this morning and was dragged to a clump of cottonwoods nearby. Instead of selecting a firing squad, the captain chose one soldier whose brother Valle had executed. Without an order this soldier shot him. Few of the sleepers aboard the train were awakened.

Two special trains have arrived bearing hundreds of Americans and other foreigners from western Chihuahua. A Villa deserter said that Villa had reiterated his threat against Americans urging his followers to slay the gringos ruthlessly. He said Villa is hiding in the mountains of Durango.

EXPRESS AGENT STABBED; CAUSE IS NOT LEARNED

Ray Hicks is Victim of Knife in Hands of Another—Bert Johnson is Alleged Assailant.

YOUNG MAN IS AT HOSPITAL

Wounded Man Has Been Employed as Express Messenger on Northern Pacific Run to Pasco for Some Time—It is Rumored That Woman Was Cause of Ill-Feeling.

Ray Hicks, Northern express agent on the Pendleton-Pasco N. P. run, was stabbed in the right side just below the ribs this afternoon and Bert Johnson, his alleged assailant, is being sought by the officers. The stabbing occurred at the Oregon Feed Yards on West Webb street about 12:45 this afternoon. Its cause has not yet been explained. Hicks, who has been taken to the hospital, is silent either through pain or intent and there appears to be none other who know anything about the reasons for the assault.

According to Charles Foote, an employe of the feed yards, the two men, accompanied by a third, came to the yards together. At the time, he states he was harnessing a mule and paid no attention to the others until he heard Hicks call to him and ask him to secure an ambulance. While he was telephoning, he states that Johnson made his getaway.

Hicks was placed in a taxi and brought up town. Falling to find a doctor, he went on to St. Anthony's hospital where Dr. E. O. Parker attended him. He was bleeding profusely but Dr. Parker stated that it

Hundreds Without Homes; Rivers are Two Miles Wide in Many Sections

Southern California is Swept by Worst Storm in History—500,000 People are Facing Food Shortage—System of Good Roads has Been Practically Destroyed.

OROVILLE, Cal., Jan. 18.—A landslide near Tobin has completely buried a passenger train it was reported, the passengers narrowly escaping death. Fireman Crow sustained a broken leg. Passengers were transferred around the slide. It will require several days to restore traffic.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—Six persons are dead, damage of a million dollars has been done, railroads are crippled, leaving Los Angeles practically isolated as a result of one of the worst storms in the history of the city. Since Saturday night, rain has been pouring down without intermission. Sometimes the precipitation assumed the proportions of a cloud-burst. Dry creek beds are brawling rivers and streams, ordinarily mere brooks, are running two miles wide, sweeping ranch houses and livestock to destruction.

The dead: Fred Smith, Loma Linda rancher, drowned in the Santa Ana river.

Alfonso Rivera, drowned in the Ventura river.

Carl Throckmorton, Los Angeles, electrocuted in a bathroom as a result of dampness.

An unidentified man, woman and baby drowned at Santa Ana.

Hundreds are homeless throughout southern California. The citrus district in Pomona reports damage estimated at half a million. The San Bernardino police rescued fourteen

Ultimatum is Sent to Greece by France and England; Demand That Diplomats of Central Powers be Given Their Passports in 2 Days

BANKER TALKS TO MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL BOYS' FORUM

W. L. THOMPSON TAKES FOR TOPIC "SELF CONFIDENCE" AT MEETING.

The meeting of the boys' forum held last night was one of the best if not the best held since they organized their club. The chief speaker of the evening was W. L. Thompson of the American National bank. The subject presented to the boys and illustrated by incidents of his own life, was "Self Confidence."

"The man who 'thinks so' will always succeed, for thinking so is half of 'doing so,'" he said. "A man to succeed must have confidence in himself and his fellowman; do not be conceited. Other men in the world are just as good as you are, therefore you must have confidence in the persons you associate with. He who is conceited never succeeds. A man to succeed must adhere to the truth, tell the truth and believe what most of your associates tell you if they are worth believing."

After Mr. Thompson's talk, Rev. Snyder illustrated several of Mr. Thompson's points by incidents of his own life.

The supper prepared by the ladies of the Presbyterian church was the best the boys have ever enjoyed. So splendid in variety and taste was it, that when the president asked for suggestions, as to when the next meeting should be held, someone spoke up and said, "tomorrow night."

It was decided that the next meeting would be held two weeks from last night. About seventy-five boys were present. The meeting adjourned with nine "raps" for the speakers of the evening.

Here's Good News for Farmers Who Have Held Wheat

With 40 per cent or more of the wheat of Umatilla county still in the hands of the growers the price for club is now almost at the \$1 mark in Pendleton, while bluestem on the basis of Portland prices today should be worth \$1.02 here.

The Portland market today showed a five cent jump in club prices thus bringing their bid price to \$1.07 which means \$7 cents Pendleton. However, the market here has been slow today and it is said no wheat can be bought for less than \$1.10.

Merchants' Exchange prices in Portland today were as follows: Club, \$1.07-\$1.10; bluestem, \$1.12-\$1.14.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—(Special)—May \$1.29 1-2-\$1.31 5-8; July \$1.22 1-2-\$1.24 3-8.

Liverpool, Jan. 17.—Wheat Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 138 6 1-2d; No. 2, 138 6d; No. 3, 138 4d; No. 2 hard winter, new, 138 9 1-2d.

In American terms the top price at Liverpool is \$1.97 2-3 per bushel.

Entente Alliance Reported to Have Taken Drastic Measures to Force Hellenic Nation to Abandon Neutrality and Enter the War—Terms are Named by Austria by which Montenegro Will Secure Peace.

Covering of Snow Saves Buildings From the Flames

EGGERS HOME IS DESTROYED BUT BARN ESCAPES—LOSS IS ABOUT \$7000.

Fire believed to have started from soot in the chimney yesterday afternoon totally destroyed the home owned by Henry Eggers and occupied by his son, John Eggers, near Myrick. The younger Eggers and his wife were in Pendleton and only the hired man was at the ranch. When the latter saw the fire, it had burst through the upper stories and had gained great headway. From the sudden explosion of the flames, it was believed there must have been an explosion of the soot from combustion.

It was the thick layers of snow on the roofs of the barn and adjoining building that saved these structures from destruction. Flaming pieces of wood from the burning house fell on nearby roofs but were extinguished as soon as they struck by the covering of snow. There was no possibility of saving the home but a few pieces of furniture were safely taken out.

The loss is estimated at between \$5000 and \$7000, part of this being covered by insurance of \$4700 on the house and about \$1200 on the furniture. The house had been standing for eight or nine years and was a large, imposing structure. Mr. Eggers recently had the whole interior remodeled at an expenditure of several hundred dollars and most of the furniture was new. The son has been managing the farm.

Explosion in Vessel Causes Damage at Sea

HOLLAND-AMERICAN LINER IN DISTRESS—150 PASSENGERS ARE ABOARD

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BAKER CATTLE WIN FIRST PRIZES AT DENVER SHOW

DENVER, Jan. 18.—Cattle from Baker and Baker won the first prize in the Shorthorn class. The Portland Feeder Company shipped them. Two cars of cattle from the Portland company won cash prizes, besides a silver cup.

PARTY NOMINEES TO BE CHOSEN HERE AT ELECTION ON MAY 19

ALMOST EVERY OFFICE IN COUNTY TO BE CONTESTED AT PRIMARIES.

The primary election for the selection of party nominees for state and county offices, will be held on Friday, May 19, the law requiring that it be held on the third Friday in May.

REVOLUTIONARY PLOT IS FRUSTRATED JUST IN TIME IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 18.—A plot to overthrow the government was frustrated today when 200 petty officers were arrested. The authorities said the revolution was well planned, but that secret service men learned of the plans. The officers were prepared to seize the arsenals and forts guarding the bay and other strategic points, so as to force the retirement of President Braz. The leaders were arrested on the very day they expected to start the revolution. Mounted patrols and armed marines disbanded two meetings of soldiers. Some confessed that they had financed the plot, ostensibly it was a sergeant's rebellion over the government's failure to raise their pay.

Intervention in Mexico is Sought at Once

SENATOR LIPPITT OF RHODE ISLAND HAS RESOLUTION IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Lippitt of Rhode Island, introduced a resolution proposing immediate intervention in Mexico. Anti-administration senators backed his effort. An arduous debate ensued.

"We might as well kill the resolution now as refer it to committee," French declared. Lippitt demanded an immediate consideration of the resolution. Stone insisted referring it to committee.

TWO ARE CONVICTED OF LARCENY IN LOCAL COURT

BRUMMETT AND ABRAHAM ARE FOUND GUILTY BY JURY AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES.

J. C. Brummett and Abraham Goldberg were this afternoon convicted of larceny from the person, the jury returning a verdict of guilty within 15 minutes from the time of going out. Their conviction rested almost entirely upon the testimony of State Parole Officer Joe Keller who told of watching the two men rob A. B. Watson of a gold watch and chain on Saturday evening of Round-up week.

Keller, who was helping the police here and George Strand stepped into the Crescent saloon on Saturday evening when the place was crowded with men gathered about several cowboys on horses. While Strand was gine through the crowd, Keller testified that he saw Brummett, who is tall, back a drunken man up against the wall and hold him with his arm under the man's chin. At the same time he testified, Goldberg, a very short man, was taking the watch and chain from the man's vest pocket. Keller grabbed the two men and stated that Goldberg immediately threw the watch along the floor and into the crowd. Strand then came to his help and the two men were taken to the police station. Watson testified that he was so drunk that he could remember but little but did recall Brummett backing him against a wall.

Enroll Women for War



MRS. WILLIAM ALEXANDER

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—"Preparedness is now a national issue and a feminine one," says Mrs. William Alexander, president of the National Special Aid Society. She started the organization which is preparing the women of the country for individual service to the government in behalf of more adequate national defense.

FAIRBANKS-MORSE BUILDING IS DESTROYED AT PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—Fire of unknown origin early this morning destroyed the Fairbanks-Morse building at First and Stark with a loss of \$70,000. With difficulty the firemen prevented the flames from spreading to the entire business section. The water pipes were frozen and cold hindered the fighters.

Runs Will be Arranged so That Passenger Engineers and Firemen Will Not Have to Change Their Residences

The opening of the Pilot Rock Junction terminal yards will not necessitate passenger engineers and firemen changing their homes. The runs will be so arranged that the engine crews can keep their residences at La Grande, according to word coming from that city.

Bulgarians Are Said to be Withdrawing Forces Out of Albania; May Conclude Peace

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A Rome wireless message said the Bulgarians are quitting Albania because of dissensions with the Austro-Germans. The message said that Athens had reported Bulgaria and Turkey are inclined to conclude peace with the allies. The

TEMPERATURE HIGHER AFTER ZERO RECORD

AFTER 56 HOURS OF SEVERE COLD, THERMOMETER GETS BACK TO NORMAL

After 56 hours of below zero weather, Pendleton is today enjoying higher temperatures though the day would still be considered cold if not compared with the previous two. Last night the minimum temperature was five below zero and today the maximum reached 15 above.

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