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You Must Admire

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MAIN STREET, INDEPENDENCE, ORE.

FEDERALS DEFEATED.

CURRENT EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Mexican Rebels in Superior Force Inflict Great Damage.

Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico.—Federal forces attempting to hem in the rebels here and at Juarez suffered their first defeat Wednesday. Couriers coming overland from Ojitas, 50 miles west of here, said the rebels who left here last week met and defeated the federals under General Jose de la Luz Blanco.

General Blanco is said to have only 500 men, while the rebels numbered 2000. The messengers said that Blanco's forces were driven back toward the Sonora state line to join General Sanjines, who is advancing with the main body of federals.

Particulars of the battle are lacking, the couriers leaving before an organized investigation of the losses was made. Fighting continued through the day, the federals retreating under cover of night.

It was reported that rebel leaders here that the main force of federals moving from the south had reached Temosachic, 80 miles south of Madera. The federals are reported to number 2000 seasoned regulars led by Generals Rabago and Telles. As the rebel garrison at Madera numbers no more than that, and as this town virtually was evacuated by the movement against General Blanco, it is probable that the federals will enter this district without an engagement.

Eight hundred rebels are operating along the national railway between Juarez and Gallego, opposite this point. The Juarez garrison has been strengthened to 800 men.

When the army led by General Sanjines crosses the Chihuahua line the federal troops will outnumber largely the rebels in Chihuahua.

Still another army of federals is moving along the line of the national railway from the city of Chihuahua.

PICTURE KEEPS PLACE.

Taft Has Colonel's Photograph in Private Office.

Washington, D. C.—Nine out of ten persons entering the president's private office in the White House have some comment to make on the framed photograph of Theodore Roosevelt that hangs on the wall. The likeness was placed there in the days when it as "Dear Theodore" and "Dear Will," and it remains the first object to strike the eye when visitors having business with the chief executive pass the portal.

"Well, it hasn't been turned to the wall yet," and "if I were in his place, I would pull it down," are stock expressions to be heard from those coming from audiences with President Taft, but the president keeps the photograph just where it was hung when he first took possession of the present office, and it probably will stay there during his term of office—at least the first half of it, should he be re-elected in November.

It has become so noticeable to the regular White House visitors that its removal would occasion even more talk than its presence.

STEEL NET EARNINGS GAIN.

Second Quarter Financial Statement Shows \$18,429,294 Gain.

New York—The financial statement of the United States Steel corporation for the second quarter of the current year, ending June 30, was made public Wednesday. Earnings for the quarter totalled \$25,102,265, after deducting all expenses incident to operations. Net income, generally known as net earnings, amounted to \$18,429,294.

After deducting interest for the quarter on outstanding bonds and payment of the regular dividends on the preferred and common shares, there is left a surplus for the quarter of \$56,483.

Small as this surplus is, it compared most favorably with the showing in the quarter immediately preceding when only a small part of the common dividend was earned, and it became necessary to take the greater part of the \$6,354,000 from the undivided surplus reported at the end of 1911.

Rains Worrying Farmers.

Pendleton, Or.—Rains in the northeastern part of the county, which have been coming down briskly of late, are causing farmers in that section considerable anxiety, as crops are being harvested and hay cut and stacked. Some light rains are reported in the vicinity of Helix, though no damage thus far has been wrought. The late rains which have visited this section recently are almost unprecedented and the uncertainty of the weather man's next move makes it difficult for the farmer to anticipate.

Canal Ship Line is Plan.

Boston—Preliminary plans were started at a meeting of the directors of the Port of Boston and representatives of the chamber of commerce for a line of fast freight and passenger steamers between Boston and Los Angeles by way of the Panama canal. It is proposed to build seven steamers, which will provide weekly sailings, with only one stop on the way to the canal, the entire trip to Los Angeles to be made in 15 days.

Tacoma Port Plan Fails.

Tacoma—All of the city precincts are heard from and the small majority given by them in favor of the port commission plans is more than offset by returns from 32 of the 77 country precincts. It is conceded that the plans have failed to carry.

PUGET SOUND "CAPTURED."

Defenders in Mimic War Game Surprised and Routed.

Oakville, Wash.—Oregon troops are given credit by the military umpires for a big part in the strategic victory of the invading army over that defending, in a tense general engagement.

That the Reds were able to force back the brigade that sought to check the invasion of Puget Sound is held to be due largely to the operations of the Third Oregon.

In order to break the formidable disposition of the Blue army along Black river, one battalion of the Third forded the chilly stream twice, while the other battalions tramped for three miles through damp underbrush and timber along a steep hillside in order to put in an enflading fire on the Blue right flank.

The outcome of the battle was in the nature of a surprise. The Blue brigade held the bridges and fords across Black river and had an advantageous position in every way for resisting an attack. It appeared very much as if the tactical invasion of the United States from Grays Harbor would end in disaster.

But the conclusion of the Blue officers that the hilly wilderness on the north side of the Black river opposite their right wing was impenetrable proved a severe stumbling block. Colonel L. W. V. Kennon, head commander, by an admirable bit of strategy, made this his first striking point.

Choosing the Third Oregon infantry for the task, Colonel Kennon dispatched the regiment commanded by Colonel J. M. Poorman into this fastness at 5 a. m. There was no trail nor road and the men made headway through rank foliage with the greatest difficulty. Officers' mounts had to be left behind at an early stage of the march.

When within a few hundred yards of the river the Third battalion was separated from the regiment and directed to proceed as a sacrificing force to engage the enemy in a frontal attack.

Proceeding cautiously to the river the remainder of the regiment came suddenly upon a battalion of the Twenty-first United States blue infantry and a section of the artillerymen at breakfast. This Blue force was completely surprised, as the men had their outposts on the road by which the Reds were expected to appear.

The Second battalion, commanded by Major Smith, and made up of the Salem, Oregon City and Woodburn companies and company K, of Portland, opened a heavy fire on the regulars, who retreated precipitately, leaving the unfinished breakfast, which the Oregonians later ate.

This served to uncover the entire flank of the Blue army. The two battalions then directed a flanking fire and the Blue wing soon gave way. The two battalions then joined the Twenty-fifth United States infantry in the main advance.

CONTEST DECISIONS UPHELD.

President Taft Approves Statement of National Committee.

Washington, D. C.—A statement approved by President Taft, defending his nomination by the Chicago convention, has been made public at the White House. It reviews every contest before the Republican national committee and the credentials committee of the convention and asserts that each contest was settled logically, upon its merits. The statement was submitted to the cabinet at a recent meeting and received the approval of the president's official family.

The statement, which is a document of 144 printed pages, is a detailed denial of the charge that the renomination of President Taft was accomplished by the seating of fraudulently elected delegates to the convention.

It takes up individually the 238 contests instituted by the Roosevelt forces against Taft delegates who were seated, and presents evidence in each of these cases to show that the Taft delegates were regularly elected.

Hawley's Fortune is Cut.

New York—Wallace S. Frazier, deputy state controller, has filed a report in the transfer office of the surrogate court that the gross estate of the late Edward Hawley aggregated only \$9,292,917.88. From this amount there was deducted \$4,009,629.98 for debts, administration expenses, taxes in other states and commissions. It was estimated at the time of Hawley's death, February 1, last, that his estate would reach \$60,000,000. The amount due the state as an inheritance tax is \$175,454.94.

Lad Found Asleep in Cave.

San Gregorio, Cal.—Mortimer Hamilton, the 6-year-old son of a Seattle lumberman, who was lost Friday, was found asleep Sunday in a cave, with his arms clasped about the neck of an angora goat. The lad, who was camping with his aunt, Mrs. Albert Palmer, of San Francisco, wandered off alone. He could not give a complete account of his adventures, but said he made friends with the goat and they had wandered into the cave together.

Quake Splits High Peak.

Ellensburg, Wash.—According to C. M. Snow, a sheepman of Teanaway, who has arrived here, the peak capping Mount Ingalls in the Cascade range had been split by some seismic disturbance and has been thrown into the waters of Icicle lake, a small but deep body of water 5000 feet above sea level. Snow declares the outline of the top of the mountain has been changed completely.

MUTSUHITO DIES; YOSHIHITO RULES

All Japan Mourns Death of Beloved Ruler.

Emperor for 45—Reign Marked By Great Advancement—Was Japan's 121st Monarch.

Tokyo, July 29.—Mutsuhito, for 44 years emperor of Japan, died at 12:43 o'clock this morning. Yo Shihito, Haru-No-Miya, reigns under the formula provided by the constitution promulgated by Mutsuhito (the king is dead; long live the king).

Mutsuhito, who was the 121st emperor of Japan, had been unconscious many hours prior to his death and the empress, the crown prince and the most prominent officials of the household and government, were at the bedside. Haruko, now dowager empress, yields to Princess Sadako, the young empress, who is the mother of three sons, of whom the eldest is Hirohito.

Haruko has won universal sympathy because of her untiring vigil in the sick room, where she remained continually for ten days. Even on the last day she pitifully begged the physicians to secure a short respite for the dying emperor.

Everything known to science was done to prolong the life of the sovereign. The whole nation watched pathetically, because the death of the emperor would establish a new record in the history of Japan and the people cling almost fiercely to the tradition with which the dying monarch appeared indissolubly linked.

The outcome was inevitable from the start on July 19. Death was due to acute nephritis, also known as Bright's disease, complicated by diabetes and an intestinal affection.

When the physicians recognized the hopelessness of the case, every preparation was made for the end. The imperial princes, the ministers and notables were summoned to the palace and remained in the outer rooms for 24 hours. A few of the oldest, who have been closely associated with the emperor, were permitted to see him, while the public, contrary to custom, was taken into the confidence of the physicians, who issued bulletins hourly, giving details of the progress of the disease.

Mutsuhito, emperor of Japan, possessed a personality of which but little is generally known. Of a quiet, unassuming nature, yet with a will of iron, he accomplished great reforms. As a statesman he commanded the respect of the nations of the world. As a leader in peace and in war, he was both loved and feared. To his virtues they attributed the victories over their enemies by land and sea. To his wisdom they credited the advance of ancient Japan to a place in the front rank of nations.

His reign began in 1867 and outlasted that of all but two or three living monarchs.

RESCUED MEN LIKE BEASTS.

Explorers First Think Saviors Are Animals Making Attack.

Christians—Captain Einar Mikkelsen, the Danish Arctic explorer and the Engineer Inversen, who were rescued July 17, on the coast of Greenland by a Norwegian fishing vessel, after having spent more than two years in that region, looked like wild animals when their rescuers found them. They had spent the previous winter at Bass Rock island, not Shamrock Rock, as previously announced, and it was there the Norwegians came upon them in a cabin they had built.

The fishermen knocked on the door and Mikkelsen and his companion rushed out nearly naked, with guns in their hands under the impression that the knocking was caused by beasts of prey.

Mikkelsen, had been very ill on the long journey to Bass Rock Island and Inversen had dragged him a hundred miles on a sledge. Fortunately, the men had enough ammunition to enable them at all times to procure food.

Build Big Treasury Vault

Washington, D. C.—A steel-ribbed indestructible five-story vault, sunk in the earth beneath the United States assay office in New York, and capable of holding \$2,000,000,000 in gold, is planned by Secretary MacVeagh, of the treasury department. This project, the largest money vault in the world, requires the sanction of congress and has already received a favorable report from the house committee on appropriation. Looking into the future, Secretary MacVeagh believes the vault is a necessity.

Summer School Boy is 83.

Seattle, Wash.—Among the most prominent summer school students at the University of Washington, is Dr. Edwin Frazier, 83 years old, who works harder and more optimistically than anyone in the chemistry department. Rosy success is always beckoning to him from just around the corner. Dr. Frazier believes that he has discovered a cure for cancer and is now preparing to give his theory to the world.

Indian Sells Big Pearl.

Marshalltown, Ia.—Little Big Bear, an Indian from the Meskwaki reservation near Tama, Ia., sold to a local dealer, for \$660, a pink pear-shaped pearl weighing 33 1/2 grains. He found the pearl in the Iowa river.