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REBELS WIN FIRST BATTLE REVOLUTION

Government Forces in Honduras Fall Back in Disorder—Rebels Start on March to Capital City—Fully 3000 in Rebel Ranks.

Plans for Campaign Have Been Carefully Mapped Out—Estrada of Nicaragua Will Remain Strictly Neutral in the Affair.

PUERTO CORTEZ, Dec. 29.—The first skirmish between the revolutionary forces under former President Bonilla and the federal troops was fought here today near Cape Graciasdías.

The revolutionists were victorious; the government forces falling back in disorder and the rebels, headed by Bonilla, and the American adventurer, Lee Christmas, started on their march across country against Tegucigalpa, the capital.

Bonilla and Christmas arrived today on the gunboat, Hornet. Their arrival was the signal for the real beginning of hostilities that have been carefully planned for weeks. The men who had been gathered and drilled in Nicaragua, just across the border from Honduras, at once crossed the Segovia river and prepared for the advance on the federal capital. With Christmas and Bonilla a number of recruits arrived and the force that finally fell in for the long march numbered about 3000 men.

Just across the river a small force of federalists was gathered. They endeavored to stop the march, but after a short skirmish in which a number of the federal soldiers are reported to have been wounded, the federalists fell back and the advance of the rebels began.

Christmas and Bonilla have planned a campaign of attack on Tegucigalpa. They will march a straight across from the Atlantic to the capital as they can. Plans for furnishing their soldiers with stores have been made and the whole campaign has been carefully mapped out. If it can be avoided, no battle will be fought until Tegucigalpa is reached. Then the revolutionists expect to storm the city.

It is predicted here that little real resistance will be met by the revolutionists and in this section of the country there is strong revolutionary sympathy. This, it is believed, is largely due to the success of the Nicaraguan revolution, headed by Estrada. Estrada and Bonilla are friendly, although it is understood that Estrada will observe strict neutrality.

It is believed here that sympathies of the United States government are really with Bonilla, as President Davilla, the present executive, is believed to be a close friend of Zelaya, the deposed president of Nicaragua.

HEAVY QUAKE WRECKS HOMES

Province of Elis, Greece, Visited by Tremor—Troops Rushed in to Preserve Order—Hundreds of Homes Are Wrecked.

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 29.—A heavy earthquake, causing immense damage and probably a number of fatalities, is reported in the province of Elis. Hundreds of buildings have been wrecked and general havoc wrought, according to meagre telegraphic advices.

Troops have been ordered to the province to maintain order. The inhabitants of the province are said to be in a state of terror.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—Fielder Jones, formerly of the White Sox, whose name has been mentioned persistently in connection with the future management of the St. Louis Browns today denied that he will take control of the team as reported.

NEW BUILDING FOR UNION MEAT COMPANY HERE

Will Erect New Building Soon in Order to Keep Pace With Increased Business—Four New Cold Storage Rooms to Be Built.

Local Branch of Company Distributes to All of Southern Oregon—Two Locations Are in Sight for Large New Building.

Because its business has more than doubled within the past year the Union Meat company has decided upon the erection of extensive additions to their plant here in the near future.

Manager C. J. Eastman of the local branch of the concern recently submitted detailed reports to the officers of the company in Portland on two desirable locations here where permanent quarters befitting the local business might be erected.

While no word has been received from Portland yet regarding the acceptance of any new location, the recent reports that the Southern Pacific company were contemplating the removal of all the warehouses fronting their right of way on the west side in order to follow out their policy of parking gives credence to the belief that the Union Meat company, as well as other present holders of leases on property there, will have to move.

According to officers of the Union concern they are more than pleased with the results they have achieved since locating here. The local office has been informed that before next summer four cold storage rooms, with a capacity of one car each, will be erected besides the installation of other improvements that will facilitate the handling of the greatly increased volume of business handled here since the erection of the present temporary quarters.

The plant here, which is the headquarters for this territory and also supplies Klamath Falls, now has a payroll and local expense account of approximately \$1200 per month. All the smoked and cured meats sold by the concern in the local market are prepared here in Medford, only the raw materials being imported from the outside.

PETITION BOOKS CLOSE SATURDAY

City Recorder Telfer Changes Date From Monday, January 2, as it Will Be a Legal Holiday and Cannot Be Utilized for Business.

Owing to the fact that next Monday will be a legal holiday, City Recorder R. W. Telfer announced today that candidates for office in the coming city election must file their petitions not later than 5 o'clock next Saturday afternoon.

In answer to numerous telephone inquiries during the past week, clerks in the recorder's office have given out the date for the closing of the files as January 2, an impression Recorder Telfer now wants corrected.

Only four petitions had been filed up to noon today. They were those of E. F. A. Bittner, candidate for mayor; John Demmer, councilman for the Third ward and candidate for re-election to the same office; R. P. Little, candidate for councilman for the First ward; and G. J. Millar, socialist candidate for councilman from the Third ward.

Frisco Will Have World's Fair.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Whether or not congress sanctions San Francisco as the exposition city in 1915, a world's fair, equal or greater than any other Panama exposition, will be held there, according to Senator Flint, who is spending his holidays here working in conjunction with the San Francisco committee.

Order Copies Of the New Year's Edition Now

If you desire extra copies of the New Year's edition of the Medford Mail Tribune which will be issued Sunday morning, January 1, 1911, clip and fill out the following blank, mailing it so that it will reach this office by noon Saturday:

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MASONS VOW NOT TO SWEAR AGAIN

Three Hundred Members of the Order Now Become Expert Counters—Came at Suggestion of Grand Master of Iowa Jurisdiction.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 29.—Three hundred Masons are rapidly becoming expert counters as the result of a vow taken by the Cedar Rapids lodge never again to use profanity. The vow was taken at the banquet table in the new consistory temple here at midnight at the suggestion of Grand Master Frederick K. Crane of Des Moines, who was the guest of honor and principal speaker at the dinner. An apparently rational man, shaking his fist at some cause of provocation and counting rapidly, "one, two, three—" is said to be a common spectacle today.

INVITE WEBSTER TO SPEAK HERE

Commercial Club Requests President of State Good Roads Commission to Attend Rally Here Shortly—Andrews Writes for Date.

Acting for the Medford Commercial club, Ed Andrews yesterday forwarded President Webster of the state good roads commission an invitation to deliver an address in the interest of the movement here at a rally to be held within the near future.

No date has as yet been set for the affair, it having been decided to ascertain first what time would be most convenient for Mr. Webster to come to this city.

Every effort is being made by the Commercial club to give impetus to the good roads movement in this vicinity, and it is hoped by that body that the coming year will see rapid strides made in road improvements and construction in Jackson county.

HUGE MEAT CO. TO COME HERE

National Packing Company Recognizes in Medford Metropolis of Southern Oregon—Dissatisfied With Present Location in Ashland.

That the National Packing company, whose headquarters for Southern Oregon is now located at Ashland, is dissatisfied with that city as a distributing point and is contemplating the removal of its branch warehouse to Medford is the report received in this city Thursday.

Unlike the Union Meat company, who do all their curing and smoking for the local market at their plant here, the report states that the National concern is only looking for a site upon which to erect a warehouse, but whatever the kind of building that will be erected here it will be made the jobbing headquarters for that concern for Southern Oregon and the contiguous California territory.

Several local sites have been submitted to the National concern and a representative of the company is expected to arrive here to look over the ground shortly.

Want-advertise the vacated room—and there will be a new tenant in a few days.

\$14,000 PAID FOR 50 ACRES

Ashland Citizen Buys Land Near Phoenix—Tract Has Ten Acres of Alfalfa Land Upon It—Remainder Is Wooded.

G. C. Only of Ashland has purchased 50 acres near Phoenix. The tract consists of ten acres in alfalfa on Bear creek bottom land, the balance is woodland extending one-half mile along the main county road and adjoining the townsite of Phoenix on the north.

Owing to the class of trees on the place and its easy access to Medford, this tract is one of the few of its kind in the valley that can be used for park purposes or developed for subdivision in acre tracts for suburban homes with plenty of shade. The consideration was \$14,000. It was owned by Mrs. Sarah Fell of South Dakota.

14 ARE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Ice Plant Scene of Disaster—Twenty Are Injured—None Escape Injury—Plant Almost Completely Destroyed—Cause Not Given.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 29.—Fourteen men are reported to have been killed and 20 others injured in an explosion at the Morewood Lake ice plant today. Ambulances and physicians were sent from Pittsfield.

More than 30 men are known to have been in the plant at the time of the explosion. It is believed that none escaped injury. The plant was almost completely destroyed.

Most of the dead are unidentified Poles, Swedes and Italians.

Engineer William Dunn was hurled 200 feet. Martin Smith was thrown more than 100 feet, his legs broken and his head crushed. Parts of the boiler were blown to the tops of trees 150 feet away.

VANDAL AT WORK AT FATHER VAN'S

Breaks Glass Front in Door—A Week Ago St. Mary's Academy Suffered—Reasons for Vandalism Unknown to the Father.

Some unknown vandal last night broke the plate glass panel of the front door of Rev. Francis Van Clarenbeek's residence on South Oakdale avenue, next the Catholic church. Father Van had retired for the night and was asleep when he was awakened by the crash.

A week ago, about the same hour, 10 o'clock, one of the upper windows in St. Mary's academy was similarly broken, evidently by a missile from a slug-shot.

No reason is known for the commission of these acts of vandalism, but they are evidently the work of some ignorant person entertaining violent religious prejudices.

Town's Founder Dead.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—William Bremer, founder of the town of Bremerton, where the Puget Sound navy-yard is now located, is dead at his home in this city after a protracted illness. Bremer was 60 years old and had lived in this vicinity for 23 years.

SELLING TO WIN SAYS MALARKEY

Well-Known Politician From Portland Says It Is Selling for President of the Senate—Bowerman Meets Great Opposition.

That Ben Selling of Multnomah will be the president of the senate during the next session of the state legislature is the belief of Dan J. Malarkey, the well-known Portland attorney and politician, who spent Wednesday in Medford. Jay Bowerman, who has entered the race for the office, cannot win, owing to the great opposition being offered. Mr. Malarkey declined to discuss his own chances.

"I have not paid much attention to the fight for the speakership," stated Mr. Malarkey, "as I have nothing to do with the house. However, Captain Eggleston seems to be developing much strength."

TRAINMEN WILL GET AN INCREASE

Thought That Railroads Will Settle Dispute by Granting Increase of 10 1/2 Per Cent—Secrecy Surrounds Conferences.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—Although much care is being exercised in guarding communications between the union trainmen and the managers of the 61 western railroads, it is rumored here that the trainmen's demand for 15 per cent increase will be settled with 10 1/2 per cent.

Rapid progress toward a final settlement is being made. It is said that the managers have already offered an increase of something over 8 per cent.

The secrecy which features the proceedings was brought about by a desire by the managers and trainmen to prevent strike talk such as marked the negotiations with the engineers last week.

TO START WORK ON HOSPITAL MAR. 1

Sisters State That as Soon as They Receive Deed to Site That Work Will Be Undertaken—Plan to Have Building Ready by Fall.

Word has been received by the hospital committee of the Medford Commercial club that as soon as the deed to the site tendered the Sisters of Providence by the citizens of Medford is received that they will at once commence the erection of the building. The deed is now in escrow and will be tendered before March 1, when work will probably start.

The Sisters plan to erect the most complete institution of its kind to be found in the state outside of Portland. They agreed to expend \$90,000 if Medford would expend \$10,000 for a site.

Fails to Fly Across Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—Failure again marked the attempt today to fly across the English channel by Robert Lorraine, actor and aviator. Lorraine took the air in a trial flight before venturing out over the sea. He found that his aeroplane was not in a fit condition to make the hazardous flight and descended.

POISON ALSO USED BY BURKE SAYS WITNESS

San Francisco Chemist's Testimony in Famous Dynamiting Case Falls Like Bombshell—According to Witness Tried Poison as Well.

Says Powders Applied to Woman's Arm After Explosion Contained Enough Arsenic to Kill a Dozen Human Beings.

SANTA ROSA, Dec. 29.—Powders applied by Dr. Willard P. Burke to the injured arm of Luetta Smith after the explosion in Miss Smith's tent contained enough arsenic to kill a dozen human beings, was the startling testimony given by Thomas Price, a San Francisco chemist, at the Burke trial here today.

Price said that the sample he examined contained enough arsenic acid to make it 7 per cent arsenic. This, he said, amounted to 24 3/4 grains to the ounce.

Price's testimony fell like a bombshell in the court room, although its import was exploited by District Attorney cLa in his opening statement. It was introduced after a sharp fight between the state's attorneys and counsel for the defense. The defense pladd that the alleged second crime did not prove anything connected with the offense charged against the aged defendant, but Judge Seawell ruled otherwise and allowed Price to testify.

District Attorney cLa preceded Price on the stand to identify the powder Price examined as that which Miss Smith used on her arm. He was the only other witness to testify during the morning session.

Consul Attacked.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—That the attack of Daren by Japanese and Chinese on Consul Williamson of the United States foreshadows trouble is the belief in official circles here today. The Japanese government has been asked for an explanation and severe punishment for the offenders will be demanded. Reports at the state department indicate that Williamson barely escaped with his life.

14 MILL TAX IS LEVIED ASHLAND

City Council Fixes 11 Mills for General Purposes, 1 3/4 for Park and 1 1/4 for Public Library—Need \$29,593.50.

The Ashland city council has fixed the annual tax levy at 14 mills for all purposes, divided as follows: Twelve mills for general and street purposes and 2 1/4 mills for park purposes and 1 1/4 mills for library purposes.

Newly elected members of the council were present to take part in the discussion as to the amounts to be levied.

The real and personal property of the district is assessed at \$2,740,138. The railroad and other corporation taxes have not yet been given out by the state board.

A budget of estimated expenses, compiled by City Recorder Eggleston, shows that \$29,593.50 is needed. In addition to this, the Ashland park commission makes an estimate of funds required by the park commission for the year 1911 amounting to \$57,066.05.

Quakes Are Felt.

VASHON, Wash., Dec. 23.—People living in all the small communities on Vashon Island today reported that three distinct earthquake shocks were felt here yesterday afternoon about 5:20 o'clock. Crocker was rattled in several homes, but no damage resulted from the tremors. The shocks were recorded by the seismograph at the state university in Seattle.

JAP IS FOUND WITH WIRELESS IN PHILIPPINES

Though Officials Are Still Silent About Discoveries Made During Recent Raids in Manila, Activity Indicates Startling Conditions.

Japanese Found Operating Secret Wireless—Modern Instruments in Use—Arrest in Connection With Explosives Is Made.

MANILA, Dec. 29.—Although the officials are still silent about discoveries when raids on the Japanese quarter in search of hidden explosives were ordered, activity against the Japanese in Manila indicates that startling conditions were unearthed. One Japanese, reported to have been the operator of a mystery wireless outfit, has been deported, and another, said to have been found by officers during their raid, is to be tried for the alleged storing of explosives.

That a plan, presumably to place mines in Manila harbor, was discovered is still rumored here and the movements of the civil and military authorities today are believed to be proof of this fact.

The Japanese who was reported and whose name has been withheld, was, according to well defined reports, found operating a secret wireless station near Olongapo naval station. The wireless station, it is alleged, was discovered when a passing vessel picked up a cipher message sent from this station. An investigation followed.

The station, it is reported, was equipped with the most up-to-date instruments. Heavy batteries were installed, indicating that the station was used to transmit long distance messages. The station was carefully concealed but it was so located that it looked down over the naval base.

It was at Olongapo that the drydock Dowe sank mysteriously. Whether there is any connection between the activities that resulted in the establishment of a wireless outfit overlooking the station and the sinking of the drydock is a question that the authorities here are evidently trying to solve.

Nothing has been given out regarding the arrest of the Japanese charged with having illegally stored explosives. It is believed, however, that his arrest was the result of the raid made by the civil authorities at the alleged request of the military, to seize explosives, which it was said the Japanese had, and which, according to rumor, were to be used to load mines at the naval anchorage.

That explosives were found, despite the denial of the military authorities, is the general impression here, and this is strengthened by the fact that an arrest in connection with the explosives has been made.

MASONS TO START BUILDING SOON

May Let Contract for Excavating Before End of January—Committee Meets Next Week to Take Action—Plans Under Way.

In all probability work on the Masonic temple will be started next month when it is planned to let the contract for the excavating of the basement. This will be done in order that work on the erection of the building may start early in the spring.

The directors of the Masonic building association will meet next Wednesday evening at which time the architects are now at work on the plans. They will soon be completed.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 29.—Hundreds of Seattle voters are signing the petition being circulated by Mrs. Katherine O. Strlin aiming to the passage of a law abolishing capital punishment in this state. Taranath Das, a Hindu student in the state university, is circulating the petitions among the students.