

# ANTI-AMERICAN UPRISING THREATENED IN MEXICO IF ARMY ASSEMBLES

## REBEL ARMY DEFEATED NEAR MEXICO CITY

Zapatista Revolutionary Troops Are Routed by Federals After Terrific Battle—Refugees Fleeing by Special Train—Situation Most Serious.

## AMERICAN INVASION TO BE SIGNAL FOR MASSACRE

Forty Thousand Americans in Mexico Whose Lives Are Endangered—Fear of Uprising Halts Troops.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 10.—Zapatista revolutionary troops closing in on Mexico City to effect the capture of the capitol today clashed with the federal army at Horsehoe Hill, 50 miles south of here, and after an extended engagement, with losses of approximately 100 men, were defeated. It was the most terrible battle fought since the beginning of the Zapatista rebellion.

American refugees are fleeing from Guanajuato by special train and the situation in the district is most serious. There are 3200 men engaged in the fight. Of these 2000 were rebels and the remaining 1200 federals. Rebels held the hill and were pushing north toward Mexico City when the attack was opened by the federals. The federal commander succeeded in separating the revolutionary army by deploying to the south and driving the revolutionists from their position.

## Uprising Is Feared.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Alarming reports of the possibility of an anti-American uprising in Mexico reached the state department today from American consular representatives there, should United States troops invade Mexico. There are 40,000 American citizens in Mexico.

It is authoritatively stated that only this consideration prevent American troops from crossing the border. Officials of the war department today declared that 100,000 United States troops could be mobilized along the border within a week, should the necessity arise, as all preparations for such a movement have been completed.

## DOYLE TO ANSWER FOR KILLING SMITH

TRUCKEE, Cal., Feb. 10.—It was authoritatively stated today that P. M. Doyle, who shot and killed Editor W. H. H. Smith of the Truckee Republican, will be bound over to the superior court at Nevada City for trial on a charge of murder. At the preliminary hearing here the prosecution succeeded in getting Smith's ante mortem statement into the record. In this statement Smith swore that Doyle attacked him. It is the most damaging evidence against Doyle.

## BRYAN EVIL GENIUS, SHOUTS TEXAS STATESMAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—Characterizing William J. Bryan as an "evil genius hovering over democracy's flanks," Congressman Martha Dies of Texas in the house this afternoon bitterly attacked the Nebraska statesman and his principles, but indulged Speaker Champ Clark and Congressman Oscar Underwood of Alabama.

"Bryan's insinuation that I am a servant of predatory interests," Dies said, "is the harmless vaporing of a discredited demagogue. In the present situation it is a calamity if not an actual crime for Bryan to sow seeds of discord in the ranks of the democratic party."

## FOLK NOT IN PRESIDENTIAL RACE FOR 1912

Former Governor and Grant Prosecutor Withdraws From Contest for Democratic Nomination and Agrees to Vote Delegation for Speaker.

## CHAMP CLARK'S CHANCE MUCH IMPROVED THEREBY

Hearst Backing Speaker and Attacking Wilson—Harmon Strength Is Unknown.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 10.—Joseph W. Folk of Missouri today withdrew from the presidential race when he agreed to vote the entire Missouri delegation for Speaker Champ Clark as long as Clark thinks he has a chance to win the democratic presidential nomination.

Folk's withdrawal from the race for the presidency admittedly places Champ Clark in the position of being a serious opponent of Woodrow Wilson and Governor Harmon of Ohio for the democratic nomination. What strength Harmon may really have is rather an unknown quantity. Wilson is admittedly strong, but he is also assisted by many persons whose enmity is likely to be a potent factor when the ballot casting time arrives.

Prominent among those on whom Clark apparently may rely is William K. Hearst. Hearst at present is losing no opportunity to ridicule and abuse Wilson. "He has already gone one record as being favorable to Clark and, if he sees no chance of capturing the nomination for W. R. Hearst, the one-time Californian may come out as a first and last Clark man."

## EXPRESS COMPANIES FORM BIG MERGER

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Merger of the Wells Fargo Express company and the United States Express is believed here today to be almost certain. The Harriman interests, which already control the Wells Fargo, have also succeeded in electing four of the seven members of the board of the United States company.

These men are C. C. Tegethoff, Jos. W. Harriman, A. G. Hackstaff and William J. Averill.

## ARIZONA A STATE ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

GLOBE, Ariz., Feb. 10.—Governor-elect Hunt will be inaugurated at Phoenix February 14, the day that Arizona becomes a state. This announcement was made today following the receipt of news from Washington that President Taft would sign the proclamation of admission on that day. Hunt stated that the inauguration would be conducted simply and that there would be no set program.

## ORCHARD COMPANY PAPERS SEIZED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—All the papers in the local office of the Oregon-Washington Trust company, which underwrote the bonds of the defunct Columbia River Orchard company, were seized by United States District Attorney John McCourt today and taken to the federal building. The papers will be submitted to a special United States jury which will be called to investigate the orchards' concern and whether its officers can be prosecuted for "using the mails to defraud."

## STOREKEEPER KILLS HIMSELF WITH BULLET

Harry Triplett, Former Postmaster at Wimer, Commits Suicide by Shooting Himself Through the Head With Revolver Friday Evening.

## UNBALANCED MIND SAID TO BE CAUSE OF CRIME

Merchant Well Known and a Native of Sams Valley—Carried Gun Around His Neck.

Harry Triplett, proprietor of a general store at Wimer and postmaster at that place until the rural delivery put an end to the job, committed suicide at his store last night by blowing out his brains with a revolver. The body was found this morning and Coroner Kellogg was immediately summoned.

An unbalanced mind is said to be responsible for the suicide, friends of the dead man saying that for some time he has shown signs of insanity and that his actions became more irrational with each day.

Mr. Triplett was 45 years of age. He grew up in the Sams valley and was widely known throughout the countryside. Some time ago he was one of the principals in a feud at Evans creek and at that time he was arrested and fined for carrying concealed weapons. Since then he carried a revolver strapped over his shoulder in plain sight.

A brother, Clabe Triplett of Josephine county, the only immediate relative, has been told the news and has gone to Wimer, eight miles up Evans creek from Woodville. It is probable that an inquest will be held.

Mr. Triplett had numerous friends in Gold Hill, Wimer, Woodville and all through the Evans creek and Sams valley neighborhoods. So far as has yet developed no one had heard him talk of ending his life, but many had noticed that his actions grew daily more peculiar and friends worried considerably over his mental condition.

## TAFT TRADED FAIR FOR VOTES

President San Diego Expedition Says President Was Gold-Bricked by Promise of Delegation to Harpoon Panama Exposition.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Direct charges that either President Taft or his campaign managers had agreed with Director General Charles C. Moore and J. G. McNab to favor the San Francisco fair over the exposition to be held in San Diego were made here today by D. C. Collier, president of the San Diego Exposition company. In return, Collier said, Moore and McNab had promised Taft the California delegation to the republican national convention.

"President Taft had assured me that he would support our exposition which is no way a competitor of that to be held in San Francisco. He also told the managers of the San Francisco fair that he would not invite the nations to send exhibits to their fair unless a commission were appointed to safeguard them. Then, without awaiting the naming of the commission, President Taft sent out requests for exhibits a week ago."

"The sad part of it all is that Taft and his managers have been gold-bricked again. Moore and McNab cannot deliver the California delegates to Taft because they all will be against the present administration."

## WORK OF CARING FOR THE BABIES IN THE CONGESTED CITIES.



Caring for the babies in the congested cities is a big undertaking and the work of the faithful nurses who devote their lives to saving the infants is indeed commendable. In thickly settled New York Dr. S. Josephine Baker, director of Child Hygiene of the Department of Health and with an able corps of assistants has made many a mother and child happy by their untiring efforts. Wholesome food, daily baths and other instructions have served to keep the death rate down among the infants.

## CANNOT FORCE RUEF TO TESTIFY AGAINST SCHMITZ

District Attorney's Office Suddenly Discovers That It Is Helpless to Compel Grafter to Give Testimony Against Former Client.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 10.—Abe Ruef cannot be compelled to testify against his former client, ex-Mayor Eugene F. Schmitz. District Attorney Flickert does not seem to be inclined to dismiss the indictments suspended over Ruef. As the latter is the king pin in the array of evidence against Schmitz, if he cannot be compelled to testify and if he does not do so voluntarily the case against the former mayor on trial under the gas rate bribery indictments is "in a bad way."

Such was the opinion in the district attorney's office today. Ruef was closeted through the morning with Assistant Attorney Berry. It was only today that District Attorney Flickert discovered that he could not compel Ruef to give testimony. He found that the new law passed at the last regular session of the legislature did not apply to Ruef. This development followed the statement on previous occasions that it does.

## NO ACTION IS TAKEN UPON LABOR ORDINANCE

The proposed eight-hour law and workmen's compensation ordinance was discussed by labor leaders and others in committee of the whole at the special meeting of the city council Friday night. No action was taken and the ordinance was referred back to the council for future consideration. The ordinance designated \$2.50 a day of eight hours.

## WHITE LEGHORN'S EGG EIGHT INCHES AROUND

A hen's egg measuring eight inches in the longest circumference and seven inches about the side was brought to Medford today by J. A. Graffia, who lives four miles southeast of the city. Mr. Graffia saw in the paper last week that a Black Minorca hen had the record for the valley with an egg measuring 7 1/4 inches and in order to maintain the reputation of his white leghorns he brought this egg in to lift the record. The egg weighs a little over one-fourth of a pound.

## EAST IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE IS BELOW ZERO

Mercury Drops 28 Degrees in 12 Hours—Terrible Suffering for Thousands of Poor—Entire Atlantic Coast Affected.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Zero has put its freezing claw over New York state again today. The mercury dropped 28 degrees in 12 hours. Such weather means terrible suffering for the thousands of poor here.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 10.—Detroit experienced today the coldest weather in six years. The thermometer registered 11 below zero here, and other lake points report even more severe weather.

HAMILTON, Ont., Feb. 10.—Unconfirmed reports reaching here today say that several persons have been frozen to death in remote sections of Ontario. It is 20 below zero here, the coldest in 15 years.

## REPRIEVE IS GRANTED NEGRO MURDERESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—President Taft today granted a reprieve to Mattie Lomax, negro murderess, who was scheduled to be hanged here February 19. The execution was ordered postponed until May 20, upon recommendation of Attorney General Wickersham. It is regarded as likely that the woman will be pardoned.

## FORCE TEDDY TO CONSENT TO BEING DRAFTED

Progressive Republican Leaders Holding Conference Over Situation in Chicago—Roosevelt Choice of Most of Those Present.

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Two separate and distinct meetings are being held. The first is to discuss Roosevelt sentiment in various states, at which Governor Osborn of Michigan, Governor Stubbs of Kansas and Governor Vessey of South Dakota will speak. The second meeting is to consider plans for launching the Roosevelt campaign and inducing the former president to accept the nomination. Governors Aldrich of Nebraska, Bass of New Hampshire and Glascock of West Virginia, and former Governor Fort of New Jersey spoke at the second meeting.

## TIMOTHY FAILS TO SECURE HIS RELEASE

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Feb. 10.—Chaufeur Samuel R. Timothy, charged with killing John J. Moore, San Francisco millionaire, in a revolver duel, was today denied his freedom on a writ of habeas corpus brought before Judge Buek.

## JEFFRIES DON'T WANT TO FIGHT JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 10.—Jim Jeffries has not challenged Jack Johnson to another battle, nor does he contemplate doing so, according to his own statement here today. "I have not mentioned another fight to Johnson," Jeff quietly said, "and furthermore I have no intention of doing so. Another battle is far from my thoughts."

## WAGON LOAD BOOZE SEIZED GRANTS PASS

Joints Raided by Mayor Smith and Prosecuting Attorney and Blind-Piggers Sent to Jail—Heavy Fines and Jail Sentences Meted Out.

## DUMP INTO GUTTER LIQUOR WORTH \$3000

Former City Councilman in Jail—Fines Run as High as \$500—Nine Men Caught.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Feb. 10.—As a result of a crusade and a police raid on thirst establishments in Grants Pass and charges against dealers in towns of the county, involving nine men, fines aggregating \$1650 and four residents in the county jail is the result of a drastic crusade against alleged liquor selling in dry territory which reached a climax in this city last evening.

In jail is a former city councilman, who is the owner of a bottling works here, and two other dealers in Grants Pass and one from Kerby, this in addition to heavy fines, two being assessed \$200 each, one \$300 and one \$500. All of the others except one country dealer pleaded guilty. It was to trial in two cases before juries and was convicted in both.

Two places in the city were raided. Two places in the city were raided were seized. The total value of the seized goods is estimated by the prosecuting attorney as worth \$3000. There is a full wagonload of the stuff. It is stated by the prosecution that all of this liquor will be emptied into the gutter.

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 10.—The blind pig prosecution came to a climax when Judge J. N. Johnson, ex-officio justice of the peace, passed sentence on former City Councilman John Sauer, Samuel Kenllen and George Altpeter, as follows:

John Sauer fined \$100 in two cases, total \$200, and ten days in the county jail.

Samuel Kenllen fined \$250 in two cases, total \$500, and ten days in the county jail.

George Altpeter fined \$200 in one case and ten days in the county jail.

In Justice James Holman's court J. C. Henry of Kerby pleaded guilty to two charges and was fined \$100 in each case, total \$200, and ten days in the county jail. Sauer, Altpeter and Kenllen have begun serving their sentences. J. C. Henry was allowed to go to his home at Kerby after giving \$250 bond to return to Grants Pass Monday morning to begin his sentence.

It is reported that Altpeter, who was fined \$200 as well as ten days in jail, said that he would also lay out the \$200 fine. If this be true he will be confined until June.

## KNOX WILL TOUR SOUTHERN REPUBLICS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—In an effort to bring the United States into closer relations with the nations surrounding the Caribbean sea and the Gulf of Mexico, Secretary of State Knox is to leave soon, on board the United States cruiser Washington, for a complete tour of the republics.

An official statement to this effect was issued this afternoon at the white house, following a conference between President Taft and Secretary Knox.

Ground cork and a binding material have been formed by a French inventor into a cover for bottles that guards them against breakage and keeps their contents at a uniform temperature without using a vacuum.