

SONORA REBELS DECISIVELY DEFEATED

SUDDEN SALLY DRIVES REBELS FROM POSITION

General Ojeda Suddenly Assails Sonora Rebels Near Nacoa and Forces Retreat—Calles Forces Caught by Surprise and Entirely Unprepared.

United States Deputy Marshal Shot in Leg Watching Battle From American Side of Border.

NACO, Ariz., March 15.—The Mexican federal forces under General Ojeda secured a complete victory over the rebels under Calles and Braconete before Naco, Sonora today. The rebels, after withstanding the federal attack for two hours broke and fled southward. Twelve rebels are known to be dead and nearly a hundred wounded. The federal loss is not known.

NACO, Ariz., March 15.—Astounding his rebel besiegers, General Ojeda at the head of 300 federals sallied forth from Nacoa at noon today and assaulted the rebels in their position in the hills three miles southeast of the town.

The division of rebels under Colonel Calles, 350 strong, was driven from its position by a determined federal infantry attack supported by a machine gun fire. A score are reported killed or wounded on both sides.

Ojeda's strategy caught the rebels absolutely unprepared. The federal line was almost upon their position before they could be assembled in order.

The federal advance was marked by a volley from the rifles of sharpshooters posted on the roofs of buildings in Naco, Sonora, and was covered by the machine gun fire. Ojeda withheld his fire until with four hundred yards of Calles' front. On the first volley of the federals a dozen rebels fell. The attacking party suffered heavily when their fire was returned.

Calles, retreating slowly, finally came to rest in Agua Fria canyon, a mile from his original position. Col. Braconete, with 400 rebel infantry and 150 mounted men, encamped five miles to the south, started at once to his aid.

Deputy United States Marshal A. A. Hopkins, watching the engagement from the American side was shot through the leg by a rebel bullet. He was brought to the American hospital here weak from the loss of blood.

POISON FOUND IN ADMIRAL'S STOMACH

ROCKLAND, Maine, March 15.—Poison is evident in the stomach of Rear Admiral Robert G. Eaton, according to an unofficial announcement here today, following an examination of the stomach by Professor William Whitney, the Harvard chemist. Eaton died under mysterious circumstances at his home here. Arrests are expected to follow the announcement.

Mrs. Ralph Keyes, the admiral's stepdaughter, declared today that her father was addicted to drugs, smoked "hashish" and drank heavily. She is of the opinion that he poisoned his adopted baby while in a drunken paroxysm.

PORTLAND BUILDINGS LIMITED TO 15 STORIES IN HEIGHT

PORTLAND, March 15.—According to a decision today reached by the building code revision committee, absolute fireproof buildings of the most modern type, may be erected in Portland to a height of 15 stories, or 200 feet. Steel frame fire-proof buildings with wooden doors and window casings may be erected to a height of 12 stories, or 160 feet. Ordinary fireproof buildings of reinforced concrete may be erected to a height of ten stories, or 140 feet.

84 LIVES LOST \$7,000,000 LOSS FROM CYCLONE

Colder Weather Causes Much Suffering Among Storm Victims in Southern States—Additional Deaths Expected—Six Still Missing.

Wire Communication Down and Death List Certain to Be Increased When Restored.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 15.—Taking its heaviest toll of life in the states of Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, 84 persons are known to have met death in the terrific storm which yesterday swept the middle west and the south. Colder weather today caused much suffering among the storm victims in the southern states and additional deaths from exposure are feared. Six persons, exclusive of the known dead, are missing in Alabama and it is feared they too are dead. The death list by states follows: Georgia, 29; Tennessee, 23; Alabama, 13; Texas, 5; Louisiana, 7; Mississippi, 7.

The property loss is enormous. Estimates today variously placed the damage from \$2,500,000 to \$10,000,000, but it is believed that \$7,000,000 is a conservative figure.

Telephone and telegraph communication is down in a score of small southern towns and the death list is almost certain to be materially increased when it is restored. The storm in the middle west caused heavy property damage, but this section escaped the heavy loss of life exacted by the tornado in the south.

DIRIGIBLE AIRSHIP SERVICE AT PASADENA

PASADENA, Cal., March 15.—Pasadena will be the home of the first passenger carrying dirigible airship service in America in about two weeks.

This announcement was made today by Roy Knabenshue, who is just completing a big aerodrome for his headquarters. His airship is expected to make several round trips daily to the beach cities, the Parseval ship having a capacity of ten passengers in addition to the pilot. It will be capable of a speed of 40 miles an hour and will carry fuel sufficient for 24 hours to be ready for any emergency.

LABOR UNIONS FIGHT MINIMUM WAGE BILL

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 15.—With organized labor strongly opposed and Governor Johnson as strongly in favor of a minimum wage bill for women, one of the biggest fights of the California legislature's session may come here next week.

Various measures to set a minimum wage for California women are before the legislature and organized labor is opposed to them all. John I. Nolan, newly elected congressman is here to aid labor's fight. He says labor is strongly in favor of investigation of the relation of low wages to prostitution, but no minimum wage bill so far submitted will prove acceptable.

DANNY O'BRIEN FIGHTS DRAW WITH CAMPBELL

SEATTLE, March 15.—The return engagement between Danny O'Brien of Portland, and Ray Campbell of San Francisco, resulted in four slashing rounds to a draw at the Drennand Pavilion Friday night. Campbell had but one day to get in condition for the match, being substituted at the last minute for Ernie Barieau, who injured his arm and was unable to box.

PLAN REFORMS MAKE SENATE POPULAR BODY

Senator Submits Proposals Giving Majority Rule in Committee Appointments So as to Make Upper House Active and Efficient Branch.

Democratic Caucus Increases Membership of Woman Suffrage Committee to Nine—Two Yet to Choose.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, majority leader in the senate and the democratic senate caucus committee, today was presented with the reform proposals of the democratic "steering" committees. Among the reforms suggested are the following:

That democratic members of all conference committees and sub-committees hereafter be chosen by the democratic members of the respective committees affected; that the democratic caucus instead of the caucus chairman hereafter choose the steering committee; that a majority of each committee elect its own chairman and that the vacancies on all committees shall be filled by the steering committee with the approval of the caucus.

"We propose," said Senator Kern today, "that the senate shall be democratic in reality. I hope these resolutions will be adopted, so the country may know that the senate, under democratic control, is active and efficient and a sympathetic branch of popular government, which will respond quickly to the will of the people and do its full share of work in the great progressive movement of the twentieth century."

The caucus increased the membership of the woman suffrage committee to nine, with the following members:

Senators Thomas, Owen, Ashurst, Jones, Sutherland, Ransdell and Hollis. Two republican members are yet to be chosen. The first five senators represent states where women already have the ballot.

COMMITTEES FOR OREGON SENATORS

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Senators Chamberlain and Lane of Oregon were assigned to several important committees by the democratic caucus today. Senator Chamberlain was named chairman of the public lands committee and was also appointed a member of the following committees: Agriculture and forestry, appropriations, commerce, military affairs, national banks and territories. Senator Lane was named chairman of the forest reservations and protection of game committee and appointed member of the foreign committee, claims, expenditures in the war department, fisheries, Indian affairs, irrigation, the Philippines, public buildings and grounds and coast defense.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE IS FELT IN THIS CITY

A slight earthquake was recorded in the city at 12:40 o'clock today. It was barely perceptible, but failed to get past the local weather station without notice.

SISTER OF LOCAL MAN IS KILLED IN WRECK

C. D. Hoon received word today from Nebraska that his sister, Edith Hoon, was killed in the wreck of the Union Pacific passenger train at Cozad, Nebraska, Friday in which four people lost their lives and eight were injured.

Bud Anderson in Three Poses



SHERIFF OUTWITS MOB SEEKING TO LYNCH RAVISHER

SALEM, Illinois, March 15.—Sheriff Purcell today eluded a mob bent on a lynching and took Frank Sullens, 21 years of age, who confessed to an assault upon Dorothy Holt, fifteen years old, from the city jail to East St. Louis. Miss Holt is in a critical condition but probably will recover. Sheriff Purcell and his deputies narrowly prevented a lynching yesterday. Hundreds of infuriated citizens swarmed about the jail and demanded that Sullens be turned over to them. Purcell and his deputies appeared at the prison gates with Winchester rifles and kept the crowd back. Later the militia was called out by Governor Dunne in response to an urgent call by Purcell and the soldiers kept the crowds moving through out the night. The city is quiet today but a mob, unaware of the removal of Sullens, still is gathered about the prison.

Miss Holt was assaulted Thursday night but the news was not generally known until yesterday. Last night the authorities closed a dozen or more "blind pigs," pouring seventy-five cases of beer into the sewers.

ABANDON PLANS FOR UNMERGING HARRIMAN LINES

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 15.—Because of the opposition voiced by the California railroad commission, Judge Lovett, chairman of the board of directors of the Union Pacific system, announced in the United States circuit court here today that the modified plan for the dissolution of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger had been abandoned. United States Attorney Potts, speaking for the government, then discovered that Attorney General McReynolds had not been acquainted with the modified plan and that the government was in no position to either accept or reject it. The court then granted a continuance of ten days. The continuance was asked because the California commission had rejected the plan the roads had intended to present to the courts.

MRS. VANDERBILT LOSES TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR PIN

NEW YORK, March 15.—The loss of a pin worth \$10,000 by Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt is reported to the police today. The pin was made up of pearls and diamonds.

TWENTY LOSE LIFE IN ARGENTINE CYCLONE

BUENOS AYRES, March 15.—Twenty persons were killed or seriously injured by a destructive cyclone here. The property damage is heavy.

RINGSIDE ODDS TEN TO SEVEN IN BUD'S FAVOR

Pride of Medford and Knockout Brown Fall to Tip Scales at 133—Large Crowd Witnesses Bout—Both Confident of Success.

Great Interest in Bout Which Will Class Anderson as Top-notch or Rank Him With Down and Outs.

LOS ANGELES, March 15.—Before another day is done, Knockout Brown of New York either will be consigned to pacifistic oblivion or Bud Anderson of Vancouver, Wn. and Medford, Oregon, will have dropped the qualifying "sensational" that heretofore usually has accompanied his name in print. The boys were scheduled to battle twenty rounds in McCarey's Vernon arena this afternoon. Victory for Brown meant another crack at his conqueror, Joe Rivers, and for Anderson, to shake his skirts free of future association with the second-raters.

Led by former Mayor W. H. Canon of Medford, Ore., the Oregon delegation that supported Bud Anderson in his scheduled 20-round battle with Knockout Brown here today resembled a rooting section at a college athletic event. A score of Medford and Portland sportsmen occupied a block of seats at the ringside and even before the first preliminary had managed to inform everyone in the topmost bleachers row whence they came and who they "liked."

A high fog failed to dampen the ardor of the ringsiders, and the great pavilion filled rapidly, giving early evidence of a goodly sized crowd. Anderson remained a betting favorite at 10 to 8. Practically all the Brown money offered was gobbled up by the Oregon contingent.

Preliminaries Are Good. Harry Hammer made good his patronym in the first preliminary. So severely did he punish Joe Silver that the referee stopped the mill in the third round. They are lightweights.

Danny Lyon of Los Angeles beat Young Allen of New York at the bantam weight limit. The go was stopped in the fourth round when Allen was almost helpless.

Mike Doll knocked out Buck Lacey in the third round of a scheduled four round go. They are lightweights.

Neither boy moved the beam at the weighing-in formalities at the Pacific headquarters at noon.

LEGISLATORS BARRED FROM HOLDING OFFICE

SALEM, Or., March 15.—According to an opinion today furnished by Attorney General Crawford, at the request of Governor West, no member of the legislature may accept a position as county attorney under the bill passed by the last legislature, even though he should resign as a member of that body. Crawford declared that the constitution prohibited a member from accepting a lucrative position, which he had himself assisted in creating.

MEDFORD BOY MAY GO TO ANNAPOLIS

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Senator Chamberlain today nominated Stanley Martin Haight of Medford, Oregon, as an alternate at Annapolis.

Young Mr. Haight took his examination some time ago. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Alton Haight of this city and has resided here since last October. They reside at 116 Laurel street.

POWERS REJECT PEACE TERMS OF BALKAN ALLIES

Indemnity Demand Regarded as Exorbitant and Extension of Bulgarian Frontier and Acquisition of Aegean Isles to Be Opposed.

Demands Purposely Made Large in Order to Prevent Conference Until Besieged Fortresses Capitulate.

LONDON, March 15.—Ambassadors representing the several European powers met here today to informally consider the reply of the Balkan allies regarding the terms on which it would negotiate with Turkey for peace.

It was admitted by several of the ambassadors that the powers cannot accede to the allies' demands. The indemnity demand is regarded exorbitant and the powers probably will refuse to agree to the extension of the Bulgarian frontier to Rodosto or give Greece the Aegean islands.

It was reported today that the Balkan states purposely made their demands exorbitant in order to prevent a peace conference until Scutari and Adrianople are captured. It is believed capitulation of the two fortresses is but a matter of a few days.

MRS. CLARKSON STARVED FOR LOVE; FED BY BURGLAR

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 15.—"I was simply starved for love." This was the explanation given here today by Mrs. Mable Clarkson, wife of the Rev. Nestor Clarkson of Chicago, for deserting her husband and children and eloping with Owen D. Conn, San Francisco's "\$100,000 burglar." Conn told San Francisco police that Mrs. Clarkson started him on his career of crime, but the woman says this charge is untrue.

"I was married," continued Mrs. Clarkson, "when I was only 13 years old and my husband soon tired of me. He treated me shamefully. I was so hungry for love that I would have been grateful for attention from anyone. This condition of mind blinded me to the sort of man Conn really was."

Mrs. Clarkson is bitter in her denunciation of Conn and today appeared anxious to testify against him.

Mrs. Clarkson was released from custody after convincing Milwaukee police that she did not participate in the San Francisco robberies. The woman left at once for Chicago in the hope of effecting a reconciliation with her husband.

GOVERNMENT SUPERVISE TURTLE SERUM CLINICS

NEW YORK, March 15.—Hereafter the United States government will supervise all the clinics of Dr. Frederick Franz Friedmann, discoverer of a turtle serum for the cure of tuberculosis. Friedmann will perform his inoculations under the direction of United States Surgeon Stimson and thus the necessity of the Berlin doctor getting an American license to practice medicine will be avoided.

Dr. Friedmann returns here tomorrow and on Monday he will inoculate a score of patients at Bellevue and Mount Sinai hospitals.

Improved child labor laws were enacted the last year in ten of the fourteen states that held legislative sessions.