

## MEXICO URGED BY COLUMBIA TO RESIST AMERICA

Government of South American Republics Hotly Denounces Interference of United States in Affairs of Latin Republics.

Huerta Issues Order Summarily Placing ex-President Porfirio Diaz Again in Active Army List.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.—The Mexican congress today received a note from the government of Columbia hotly denouncing the United States' interference in Latin American affairs and urging Mexico to resist it. Several members of the senate favored an immediate reply but President of the Senate Urrutia called a secret session instead and the decision was reached to postpone consideration of the message. President Huerta today issued an order summarily placing ex-President Porfirio Diaz again on the active army list. He said he would follow this with a peremptory order for the institution of legal proceedings to bring the ex-president back to Mexico. It was agreed in official circles that Diaz could not refuse without placing himself in a most embarrassing position. The war office published a report of a battle two days ago twelve miles from the capital in which it was said the federalists routed two hundred Zapatistas, killing ten and wounding twenty of them.

## 425,000 PERSONS SUBJECT INCOME TAX PROVISIONS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The report of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo was presented to congress today. It discussed currency legislation and business unrest and recited the offers of the government to loan money to banks to move the crops. The report declared that \$46,000,000 was apportioned to the various states. The report said it was impossible to estimate the revenue to be derived from the new tariff bill. It said that 425,000 persons were subject to the income tax provision. The report also recommended the enlargement of the public health service, the building of four revenue cutters and the consolidation of the revenue cutter and life saving bureaus into a single organization.

## STOCKS MAKE GOOD GAINS IN MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Stocks among the active list were generally higher at the opening of the market today. There was a good demand for Erie and Can. and these stocks made a good advance. New Haven also gained a point. Later Steel and Amalgamated dropped back, despite a rise in railroad shares. Prices at noon were about the same as at yesterday's close. Bonds were irregular.

## HOUSE TO PROBE TRUSTS ON TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The house judiciary committee today decided to launch a trust investigation Tuesday. An extensive series of hearings will be started then. The committee, it was announced, will not attempt the framing of any legislation supplementing the Sherman law until after President Woodrow Wilson delivers his special trust legislation message to congress.

## TWENTY-SEVEN PERISH, BOSTON HOTEL BLAZE

Lodging House Goes Up in Flames—Two Fatally Injured—Only One of Corpses Identified—Building Five Story Fifteen-Cent Fire Trap.

Structure Burns Like Tinder and Those Who Escaped Did so in Night Clothes, Losing Everything.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—Twenty-seven persons perished in a fire which destroyed the Arendia, a Washington street lodging house here, early today. Two others were fatally burned, doctors said. The only victim identified so far was George Adams of South Boston. The twenty-seventh victim, unidentified, died this noon. The building, a five-story 15-cent hotel, was the worst type of fire trap. It burned like tinder and those of its occupants, all men, who escaped were driven into the street almost or quite naked, so fiercely did the flames pursue them. One hundred and seventy-five men were asleep in the lodging house when the fire started. Leaping upward from a lower hall the flames cut off escape from the upper floors by the stairway. The only fire escape was at the rear and the fire's spread was so rapid that not many of the lodgers could reach it. The second floor of the building was devoted mainly to offices, on the third were sleeping rooms furnished with cots, on the fourth were smaller rooms, and on the fifth was a dormitory lined with tiers of bunks.

## PROBING ACCOUNTS OF KENTNER FAMILY

Continuation of the investigation into the accounts of H. C. Kentner on trial in the circuit court on a charge of embezzlement marked the second day of the trial, and will probably be late tomorrow afternoon before this phase is finished. Tuesday's evidence from the accounts showed the expenses of the defendant and family ranged from \$250 to \$500 per month, all of which was paid from company funds. The same trend of evidence is being produced today. At the present rate, and with about 25 witnesses for the defense the case will be given to the jury Friday afternoon.

## WILSON ILL FROM CONVENIENT COLD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A slight cold prevented President Wilson from appearing at the executive office today. He remained at the White house, it was said, at the request of Dr. Cary Grayson. Although this was the official explanation it created a lot of gossip. Because a fight over state rights recently split the conservation congress and the same question menaces the peaceful progress of the rivers and harbors congress, it was suggested that the president's indisposition was most convenient.

## SUFFRAGISTS DESCEND UPON LAWMAKERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Led by Dr. Anna Shaw three hundred delegates to the national suffragists' convention here appeared today before the house committee on rules to urge the passage of an equal rights amendment to the constitution. The convention took a recess to give the members time for their visit to the lawmakers.

## WILSON FORMS POLICY TO PURSUE WITH CARRANZA

Speedy Collapse of Huerta's Regime Expected—Carranza to be Asked to Pledge Himself to Restore Constitutional Government.

Recognition Will be Forthcoming Following Restoration of Order—Federal Generals Surrender.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Convinced that General Carranza's triumph was very near, President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan were considering today what policy to adopt in Mexico following President Huerta's elimination. It was understood that as soon as Carranza is established in Mexico City the Washington administration will ask him to make his plans public, to pledge himself to restore constitutional government, to proclaim a general armistice, to prohibit brigandage and to set as early a date as practicable for a real national election. If he does this, it was stated, the United States will recognize him. The impression here was that Huerta has made arrangements to get safely out of Mexico when he recognizes his cause as hopeless. President Wilson sent him a copy of the message he read to congress yesterday. The nearness of the end of the Huerta regime was seen here on receipt of last night's news that General Salvador Medcodo, Pascual Oronzo, Jose Salazar, Marcello Carveo, Jose Mansilla, Blazoe Pinal and Jose Landa, commanding all of Huerta's military forces in northern Mexico, had sent a commission from Chihuahua city to General Villa at Juarez with terms of surrender to the rebel leader.

## TEXAS SUFFERING WORST FLOODS IN THIRTEEN YEARS

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 3.—Texas was experiencing today its worst floods in thirteen years. Several small towns were practically wiped out, thousands of acres of land were inundated, levees were broken, bridges were washed out and hundreds of families had been driven from their homes. So far as known here only eleven persons had been drowned. A despatch from Dallas placed the figure at 20, however. The damage was done mainly in the valleys of the Colorado, Brazos and Trinity rivers, which, swollen by thirty-six hours of torrential rains, were far out of their banks. The Brazos was at the thirty-eight foot stage, according to Dallas advices, and the Colorado had reached the twenty-six foot mark and was still rising rapidly. Governor Colquitt today ordered state troops into the flooded districts to help the sufferers. They had orders to shoot looters at sight.

## MINIMUM WAGE FOR OFFICE GIRLS \$40

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3.—Two thousand women in Portland classed as "office help" are affected by a ruling made today by the industrial welfare commission, that their week's work shall not be more than fifty one hours and their month's wages less than \$40. The ruling will become effective February 2. The list of employments affected includes stenographers, bookkeepers, cashiers in mercantile stores, moving picture theaters and other establishments and billing clerks.

## PATRICK WELCH BETTER HAS CHANCE OF RECOVERY

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 3.—Patrick Welch, the Spokane railroad contractor who was operated upon in Seattle last week and whose recovery was despaired of, showed slight signs of improvement this morning and his physicians say he may survive.

## ZAPATA, THE DREADED OUTLAW OF MEXICO



Zapata is the man feared next to Huerta in Mexico. He is the leader of the strongest band of outlaws in the country and is powerful enough to march on the City of Mexico were troops withdrawn from the capital in enough to give him a chance. He has been within thirty miles of the city.

## MEXICAN REBELS CUT OFF RAILROADS' SUPPLY OF FUEL

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.—The rebels having succeeded in cutting off the National Railway's supply of fuel oil, everything indicated today that Mexico City would speedily be cut off entirely from communication with the outside world. Deep gloom prevailed in official circles, where the impression was general that the end was fast approaching. Though compelled by the Constitutionalist leaders, it was by the producing companies themselves that the oil contract with the railways was cancelled. Their officials made no concealment of the fact that they believed they had less to lose by antagonizing President Huerta than the rebels. The railway's locomotives could not be altered so as to burn coal without much loss of time and coal would be nearly as hard to secure as oil, even if this were done.

## RIVER IMPROVEMENTS TO BENEFIT MANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane addressed the Rivers and Harbors congress today instead of President Wilson, who is confined to the white house with a slight cold. "The government's policy," said Lane, "is for the control of river and harbor development for all, instead of a favored few." In a letter expressing regret over his inability to attend today's meeting, President Wilson predicted the early harmonizing of all interests, "upon a comprehensive and concerted plan, which would benefit the whole country."

## HOUSE PASSES BILL ENLARGING ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The house today passed by a viva voce vote an increase in the army. The Mexican situation was discussed during the debate on the bill. "War with Mexico," said Representative Hay, chairman of the house military affairs committee, "is much farther away now than it was in August." Representative Kahn of California also participated in the debate. "I don't apprehend any trouble with Mexico," he said. "I do not believe we have any right to interfere with the internal affairs of a sister republic." Fish to the value of \$24,000,000 were caught in Canadian waters in the last fiscal year.

## MANY INJURED IN STRIKE RIOT AT INDIANAPOLIS

More Fighting Marks Effort to Break Strike of Teamsters—Offer of Employers of 600 to Sign up Refused by Organizers.

Tieup Complete Despite Efforts of Police and Employers—Numerous Arrests Made.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 3.—More fighting marked the teamsters' strike here today. Several policemen, special deputies and strikebreakers were hurt by missiles thrown by strike sympathizers. Dozens of strikers suffered from broken heads inflicted by the policemen's clubs. There was a little gun fighting, too. Samuel Rutledge, a striker, was shot in the leg by a strikebreaker and taken to a hospital. Numerous arrests were made. Despite all the preparations the employers had made to prevent a tieup by the strike, teaming was badly crippled. Manufacturers were cancelling orders for perishable goods and some factories were forced to shut down owing to lack of fuel. Organizer Thomas Farrell of the teamsters' union received a request from the local hospital for permission to move food for their patients. It was expected he would grant it. Employers of 600 of the strikers offered to sign an agreement with the union but Organizer Farrell refused the offer, saying he would consider no proposition which would not secure employment for more than a thousand men.

## MAYOR PEEVED AT PRESS CRITICISM

The city council met Tuesday night in a session lasting three hours, distinguished by the cantankerous flow of comment from Mayor Purdin against newspapers, overlooking no opportunity to vent his sarcasm on the press. The most brilliant jab came after Councilman Millar suggested that "the editor of the Mail Tribune be appointed city manager." "Yes," retorted the dour official, "put him in a mahogany office with \$5000 a year salary." Attorney W. E. Phipps appeared to object to sewer assessment No. 13. The mayor engaged him in a legal argument, and read an extract of a decision of the supreme court thereon. No definite action was taken. Mr. Phipps told the council he hoped they would not enforce the assessment. A big batch of monthly bills were allowed, including rebates for curbing on East Main. In conclusion the council broke a record by voting down a motion to adjourn. Two minutes later it did.

## TRAIN BANDIT ESCAPES POSSES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 3.—In spite of efforts of a dozen squads of officers, railroad detectives and private sleuths, the bandit who held up the Pullman passengers of the Sunset express Monday night and shot and killed Traveling Passenger Agent Horace E. Montague, remained at large today. Sheriff Hammel has run down practically every one of the score of clues offered. Practically every foot of country between Los Angeles and Pomona, where the bandit boarded the train, has been gone over. Scores of men remained in the hills today, while close watch is being kept upon all trains and interurban cars entering Los Angeles. The officers admitted that it is likely that the robber has slipped into the city and is in hiding here.

## ADMIRAL'S VISIT TO HUERTA UNTIMELY

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.—Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy of the American embassy here today openly voiced his regret that Admiral Sir Christopher Craddock, English naval commander in Mexican waters, called on President Huerta yesterday. "I don't believe the call should have been made," he said. "It only raised Huerta in his own estimation and made the situation harder for everybody."

## MANHUNT FOR BANK BANDIT IN IMPERIAL VALLEY

Two Robbers Secure \$5,000 in Gold, Kill Cashier and Make Good Their Escape—Three Posses on Trail of Looters.

Banker Dragged Out of Building, Held and Shot at Close Range in Neck by Desperadoes.

IMPERIAL JUNCTION, Cal., Dec. 3.—No word had been received today from a posse that is trailing two robbers who robbed the Palo Verde Valley Bank at Blythe, Riverside county, of \$5000 in gold and killed Cashier A. W. Bowles, late yesterday. Three posses are on the trail. Special Agent Andrew Pruitt, of the Southern Pacific railroad, caused all trains to be stopped here today and searched for the robbers. The railroad authorities issued similar orders to their agents at Yuma, Ariz. Blythe Near Imperial Blythe is sixty miles northeast of Imperial Junction. It has no outside telegraph or telephone connections. Word of the robbery and murder was carried to Glamis late yesterday by a cowboy who rode from Blythe across the desert in less than six hours. Telegrams were sent from Glamis to Sheriff Wilson at Riverside. Practically the entire town of Blythe, the messenger said, has joined the man hunt. Frank Murphy a resident of Blythe who reached here today en route to Los Angeles, told the following story of the robbery: "I was standing across the street from the bank about closing time. Two men mounted on cow ponies rode up to the bank and entered together. There was some wrangling inside, and then the pair reappeared, each with a money bag under his arm. Bowles had his arm about one man, and was being dragged out of the door when the other turned and shot him through the neck. "We organized a posse and pursued the men to the mesquite brush along the Colorado river, where we lost them. Then we sent messenger to the railroad with the news."

## SEEK CO-OPERATION OF COUNTY COURT FOR AGRICULTURE

The first local step in a campaign to interest southern Oregon farmers in diversified agriculture was taken today when a delegation composed of R. D. Hetzel, director of extension of the O. A. C., Prof. Reimer of the Talent experiment station, Senator VonderHellen of Wellen, and Messrs. Fuller, Frame, Dr. Bagley and Morris, upper valley farmers, called on the county court and asked their cooperation by an appropriation of \$1,500 under the new law providing cooperation with the State Agricultural college for diversified farming information. The matter was taken under advisement. An expert would be stationed in the valley to interest farmers in diversified farm work, counsel with them and give information regarding proper crops and their care. Seven counties have taken advantage of the law and have proved it very beneficial.

## COURT HOUSE INSURED FOR \$13,000 TOO MUCH

R. H. McCurdy, the insurance man, reported to the county court the results of an examination made at their request into the insurance policies outstanding. He reported that the court house, which was built at a cost of \$20,000 two decades ago, was insured for \$35,000, or \$13,000 more than could be collected in case of its destruction by fire, while no insurance was carried on its contents. The Griffin Creek rock rasher was insured for \$4,000 and the policy void. The county is paying too high a rate on the poor farm policy. Mr. McCurdy was instructed to prepare a uniform policy for the county's use.

## GAME AND FISH WORK IN STATE IS WIPED OUT

Governor West Notifies Game and Fish Wardens that Their Departments No Longer Exist—Hatchery Employees Out of a Job.

Discord Created by M. J. Kinney, Who Refused to Resign, Cause of Board's Resignation.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 2.—When Governor West accepted the resignations of four members of the state fish and game commission Monday, it had the effect of entirely wiping out the complete organizations of the fish and game departments in this state. The governor today notified State Game Warden Finley and Master Fish Warden Clanton that their departments no longer existed. All game and fish wardens throughout the state, all employees at the fish hatcheries and others employed by the departments are out of jobs. The only member of the state fish and game commission left is M. J. Kinney, over whom the trouble which has disrupted the departments arose. Kinney refuses to resign and is resisting the governor's efforts to dislodge him. The four members of the commission, C. F. Stone, Klamath Falls, J. F. Hughes, Salem, B. E. Duncan, Hood River and George E. Kelly of Portland, who resigned said they did so because Kinney was constantly causing trouble in the commission and they refused to longer serve with him. Governor West announced today that he would not appoint another commission until he was assured it would operate harmoniously.

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