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## ZAPATA PLANS TO SEIZE REINS OF GOVERNMENT

When Federal and Rebel Forces Are Exhausted, Outlaw to Attack Capital—Alliance Reported Concluded Between Huerta and Japanese.

Financial Situation Desperate—Big Bank on Verge of Failure and Bankruptcy Threatens.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17.—When Mexico's federal and rebel forces have fought until one side is beaten and the other, though victorious, is exhausted, General Zapata intends to seize the reins of government.

Zapatistas Near City  
At present it was learned on good authority, 2000 Zapatistas, are encamped at Milpa Alta, 16 miles from the capital, prepared to beat Carranza into the city when President Huerta falls, which they appear to consider certain to happen soon.

General Zapata is quartered at the Portorico Diaz ranch, four miles behind his troops.  
Federal efforts to dislodge the Zapata forces have failed thus far, although other reports notwithstanding, as yet they have had no serious battle with the federals inside the capital district.

Foreign Minister Moberna emphatically denied today reports that Mexico and Japan had concluded a treaty of alliance. "I may say concerning all such statements," he said, "that they are absolutely untrue. No such treaty exists and none is contemplated."

Financial Panic Is Near  
The financial situation was desperate today. One big bank was said to be on the verge of failure and if it goes down, it was predicted there would be a perfect epidemic of huge bankruptcies.

Despite Foreign Minister Moberna's denial, a Huertista officer was quoted this afternoon as asserting that a Mexican-Japanese alliance had been formed, and that Minister De La Barra, Mexico's representative at Paris, was on his way to Tokio to complete the details.

The same officer said ten modern cannons were on their way to Mexico City from Japan, and that Huerta had already received from there 150,000 rifles and 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition.

## REBEL OUTRAGES AGAINST AMERICANS DENIED BY CONSUL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—United States Consul Letcher reported from Chihuahua City today, denying El Paso reports of rebel outrages against Americans since Chihuahua City was captured. He denied even that they had behaved discourteously.

In his decree announcing confiscation of the Terrazas and Creel estates, General Villa gave as grounds for his action the "withholding of taxes and encouragement of the treachery of Huerta and Orozco" by the men whose property he was seizing.

Concerning the stories of his treatment of foreigners, Villa charged that the Spaniards were active partisans of Huerta and that if he found exceptions among those of whose property he was taking possession he would duly reimburse them for their losses.

Reports were still current of a quarrel between General Carranza and General Villa.

## GETS SAILOR MEDAL FOR SAVING SOLDIER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A silver medal was presented today to John Von Dalm of the steamer General McDowell by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. Von Dalm saved a soldier from drowning in San Francisco bay September 10 last.

## TO-DAY MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST FLIGHT IN AN AEROPLANE



THE WEIGHT BROTHERS AEROPLANE AT KILL DEVEL HILL, N. C. PHOTOGRAPHED BY H. V. HERRICK. PROPRIETORSHIP OF H. V. HERRICK. COPYRIGHT 1908 BY H. V. HERRICK CO.

## CURRENCY BILL TO GO TO A VOTE ON SATURDAY NEXT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A tentative agreement was reached this afternoon for a vote in the senate on the currency bill during the legislative day of Friday. This would mean a final rollcall Saturday evening.

Beginning tomorrow, speeches will be limited to fifteen minutes each. Forty-one to thirty-seven, the senate today defeated the Hitchcock amendment to the currency bill, by which deposits would have been guaranteed in state, as well as in national banks, under the reserve system.

Senator Kern pleaded vainly for a ten-minute limit on speeches and for unanimous consent to fixing Friday positively as the day for the vote.

Thousands are out of work in Indiana alone, he asserted, as a result of the banks' refusal to loan money for payrolls to employers until currency uncertainties are settled. Senator Burton's fifty-three currency questions he warmly denounced.

Burton replied, defying the demagogues to show that his questions had revealed no defects in the currency bill. Senator Hristow also opposed unanimous consent.

## DAYLIGHT HOLD-UP IN SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—Coming as a climax to an alarming series of hold-ups, slougings, burglaries and other crimes of violence, the boldness of the robbery late yesterday of the Hahnemann pharmacy in broad daylight and the heart of the crowded shopping district, brought bitter comment on the police administration by today's morning newspapers here.

In the case of the Hahnemann hold-up, the robber stepped into the pharmacy just after 5 p. m. forced a clerk at the point of a pistol to hand over the cash register's contents and stroled out. The amount taken was not large but the fact that the robbery occurred at such an hour and in Sutter street between Grant avenue and Stockton street, with holiday shoppers fairly swarming about it made the crime a sensational one.

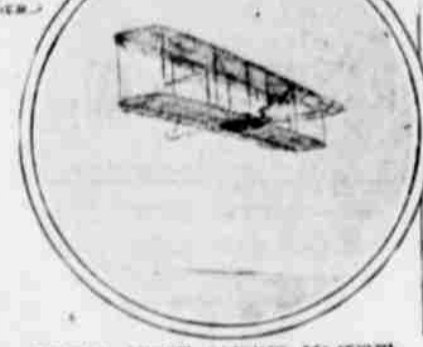
Carl Peters, janitor of an apartment building, was arrested and identified by the clerk as the robber, but strenuously denied his guilt and promised an alibi.

## RIVERSIDE TO BOND \$1,125,000 FOR ROADS

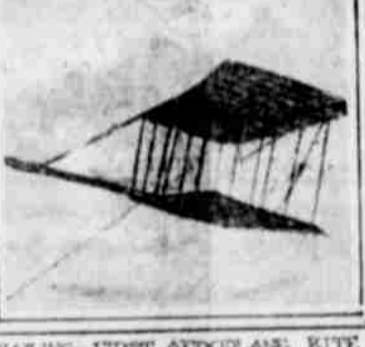
RIVERSIDE, Cal., Dec. 17.—A heavy vote was being cast today in Riverside county on a proposed bond issue of \$1,125,000 for good roads. As the result of a long campaign, proponents of the issue predicted an easy victory.

## WHITE SOX AND GIANTS PLAY IN PHILIPPINES

MANILA, Dec. 17.—With General J. Franklin Bell pitching the first ball, the Chicago White Sox defeated the New York Giants here today by a score of 2 to 1 before 7000 spectators, including Governor General Harrison and the members of his staff. Scott twirled for Chicago.



GLENN'S—FIRST GLIDING MACHINE, AT KITTUY HAVEN, 1902.



SALEM'S—FIRST AEROPLANE, BUILT AND USED BY WEIGHT BROTHERS AT KILL DEVEL HILL, 1908.

## GIANT OIL TANKS EXPLODE AND BURN LOSS IS \$250,000

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 17.—With giant oil tanks hurtling through the air, following a series of terrific explosions at the plant of the Pacific States oil refineries here today, thirty-three workmen narrowly escaped with their lives in a fire that destroyed \$250,000 worth of property.

The fire started when a heavy automobile truck crashed into an oil tank and shot a spark into the oil. The flames leaped high in the air and spread from tank to tank.

A 40,000-gallon tank of crude oil blew up with an explosion that shattered the windows of houses for blocks around and shook the ground like a tremor. The fleeing workmen were knocked flat on their backs, some of them stunned by the shock, and were dragged to safety by their companions.

Tank after tank blew up, some of them lifted clear of their foundations and hurled high in the air within sight of the crowd gathered at a safe distance to watch the spectacular blaze.

## MORAN DISQUALIFIED BY SIXTH ROUND

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 17.—That Owen Moran, the British lightweight, has gone back at least 50 per cent was the unanimous opinion today of fight fans who saw his efforts here last night against Joe Azevedo of Sacramento in a scheduled ten-round bout.

Referee Jim Griffin disqualified Moran in the sixth round and awarded the contest to Azevedo after he had deliberately butted the Sacramento man for the second time after being warned.

The speed that characterized Moran's efforts in his two contests in San Francisco with Abe Attell was lacking, and his youthful opponent beat him at every angle of the game. The opinion was general that Moran preferred to lose on a foul rather than be knocked out.

Azevedo took a lead in the first round and maintained it until the end. The Englishman used rough tactics several times and was roundly hooted.

## STRIKERS AID IN RESCUE WORK OF NON-UNION MINERS

NEWCASTLE, Colo., Dec. 17.—The number of bodies recovered from the Rocky Fuel company's Vulcan mine, near here, had reached thirty today. Seven were still entombed and certainly dead.

The victims were of an unusual class for miners. Nearly all were Americans, and several were members of quite prominent and well-to-do families.

The explosion was of coal dust. Its violence was terrific and of those deep in the mine none escaped. The five who got out alive were near the surface.

The bodies of the dead were frightfully mangled. Some were decapitated, others had arms or legs blown off and all were burned beyond recognition.

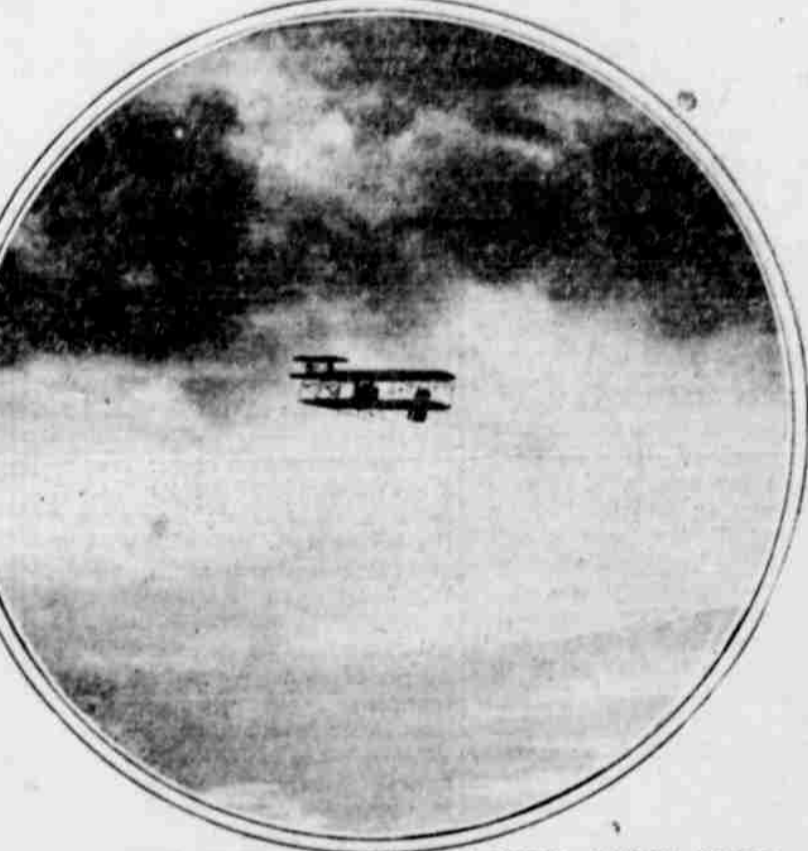
Those at work in the mine at the time of the explosion were non-unionists who took the places recently of union strikers. Despite this fact, the union men volunteered to a man for rescue work immediately after the explosion. From the United Mineworkers' headquarters \$300 was telegraphed to aid the victims' families.

## 2800 FRUIT TREES CHOPPED WHEN OWNER REFUSES TO CLEAN UP

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 17.—Because he failed to comply with the state law requiring a yearly spraying of fruit trees, 2800 trees on Herman Metzger's ranch near Portland were chopped down today on orders issued by State Fruit Inspector J. E. Stansberry. Eleven men sent by Stansberry did the chopping. A lien will be placed upon the ground to pay for chopping.

## PENNSYLVANIA DROPS GAMES WITH CORNELL

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—That Pennsylvania's football team will discontinue its annual game next year with Cornell was a report widely circulated here today. It was rumored also that Michigan university is seeking a Thanksgiving day game with Pennsylvania instead.



MACHINE OF TODAY IN FLIGHT AGAINST SUNSHINE CLOUDS.

## COUNCILMEN VOTE TO REJECT PETITION STOPPING SALARIES

With Huerta like disregard for and defiance of the will of petitioning taxpayers the city council Tuesday night postponed the initiative petition cutting off salaries from councilmen and the mayor, and without a protesting vote, hid behind a technicality to thwart threatened economy in city salaries. Councilman Miller alone said he was willing to waive subterfuge with the people at the polls, but voted with his colleagues. Joy, approaching religious hysteria moved mayor and council after the vote protecting the salary grab.

The law allows 30 days before the recorder is compelled to act although the council can place the amendment upon the ballot if it desires. City Attorney McCabe stated today that the council would utilize every one of the days allowed in the hope to defeat the petition and save their salaries. If the council were not resorting to Mexican congress tactics, it would not take a "city working" day to determine the validity of the signatures, and five minutes to put the salary issue on the city election ballots.

City Attorney McCabe discovered the "salary saving" loophole, and announced it when Councilman Summerville moved the petitions be laid over for consideration after their reading. There was little parley over grasping it, and citizens present gasped at the assumption of car powers. The council and mayor were never more joyous.

A meeting has been called for next Tuesday night, when the controversy of the city with the Oregon-California Power company will be put on the ballots—an issue the council is highly interested in. A body of taxpayers will call on the council and demand that the salary question—an issue that concerns them be put on the ticket, also.

## WEST BLAMES LEWIS FOR IRRIGATION DELAYS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—Declaring that the irrigation project troubles in this state are due to poor advice given the desert land board by State Engineer Lewis and a general lack of ability on his part, Governor West today outlined a plan for bringing about state and federal cooperation in completing the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation company's project in Crook county.

The governor branded the statement made by State Engineer Lewis yesterday that the entire matter should be put up to the federal government for completion as more useless redtape and poor advice.

The governor's plan is one of education as the proposition of state and federal co-operation will be submitted to the next legislature.

## COUNCIL PLANS TO BAR DELINQUENTS FROM THE POLLS

Intimidation of voters by enforcing section 55 of the city charter is the latest threat of the city council. The charter provision reads as follows:

"No person shall be entitled to vote at any municipal election of the city who is not a qualified voter of the state of Oregon, who has not been a resident of the city of Medford for three months, and for twenty days in the ward next preceding the date of said election, or who shall have neglected to pay any fine imposed upon him by any court of the city, or who has neglected to pay any poll, road or city tax or assessment, lawfully payable by him during the year prior to the date of said election."

This provision is clearly void, because unconstitutional, a violation of the state constitution. How it got into the charter is a mystery. No attempt has ever been made to enforce it, nor can any attempt be legally made for its enforcement, for numerous supreme court decisions, like that rendered upon the registration law recently, have decided that restrictions upon the constitutional privilege of the voter are illegal.

## COURT DECREE ONLY DELAYS IRRIGATION

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—Nothing stands in the way of immediate commencement of work on the West Umatilla irrigation project except assurance that the decree in the suit over land titles in the federal court will be signed, was the statement contained in a telegram received today by Governor West from Secretary of the Interior Lane.

Governor West took up the matter of immediately beginning work on the project directly with Lane by telegraph as a means of providing work for about 200 unemployed men in the state.

## CONDITIONS NORMAL AT TAMPICO AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Admiral Fletcher reported from Tampico by wireless that conditions there are almost normal again. Most of the refugees had returned to the city, the steamship Morro Castle having sailed last night with only eight on board.

Four thousand rebels, the admiral stated, were encamped eighteen miles northwest of Tampico. The United States army transport Sumner remained at the port as a refuge for foreigners in the event of fresh fighting.

## REPUBLICANS TAKE NOTICE OF PRIMARIES

National Committee at Last Recognizes Popular Rule in Primary States—Reappointment Plans Are Approved—2024 Delegates.

Borah and Hadley Mentioned as Candidate Unless Roosevelt Returns to Fold—Special Rule for California.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Presidential timber for the national election in 1916 was one of the subjects under discussion at today's meeting of the republican national committee. Senator Borah of Idaho, Senator Cummins of Iowa and former Governor Hadley of Missouri were among those prominently mentioned in this connection. Many of the committeemen believed, however, that there was an outside chance for an amalgamation of the progressive and republican parties and in that event it was believed certain that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt would head the party ticket.

Reappointment Plan  
A re-appointment plan was submitted by a special committee at today's meeting subject to ratification. It provides for four delegates at large from each state. For each congressional district in which the republican vote cast in 1912 was not more than forty per cent of the total district vote, one delegate; over forty per cent, but not more than sixty per cent, two delegates; over sixty per cent, three delegates.

The sub committee was unanimous in endorsing its reappointment plan. Under the present system, 2024 delegates sit in the conventions.

The thirty-five per cent reduction plan would reduce the Florida, Illinois and North Carolina delegations by two each; Kentucky, New Jersey and Oklahoma would lose one each, New York and Tennessee would lose four each; Alabama and Georgia six each; Texas fourteen, Louisiana seven, South Carolina seven, Virginia five and Mississippi eight.

Recognize Primaries  
The committee held that the fixing of an extra delegate privilege on a forty per cent total would reduce the delegation from northern states too much. It also recommended the ratification of the reappointment plan by a majority instead of two-thirds of the republican states.

The committee proposed that the rules be incorporated in the call for the 1916 convention with the provision that delegates must be elected in primaries in states having primary laws.

In order to meet the situation existing in California, a special rule provides that all, or any part of the delegates, may be chosen "at large."

The rules make the states' rights theory pre-eminent and practically nullifies the national committee's authority to supervise the choice of delegates in primary states.

## BILL TO CONDEMNN ALL PHONE SYSTEMS FOR GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Strong probability of a bill soon to be introduced in the senate by Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, providing for government ownership of telephone systems, becoming an administration measure was seen here today in political circles.

Postal officials were scrutinizing the bill closely today. Lewis intended introducing his bill this week, but Postmaster General Barleson asked that he postpone action until the postoffice department could investigate its provisions.