

REBELS ATTACK OJINAGA FORCES ON THREE SIDES

Battle Raging on Three Sides of City and Garrison Apparently Hemmed In by Troops Led by General Ortega.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 30.—General Hugh Scott, commanding the United States troops at Fort Bliss, today received the following message from Presidio, Tex.:

"An engagement is still progressing on three sides of Ojinaga. Generals Rodriguez and Sebastian Carranza arrived during the night. It is not believed the main body of General Ortega's rebel army has come up yet. The Ojinaga garrison appears hemmed in."

The rebel attack on Ojinaga began early last evening. There had been preliminary skirmishes all day. The outposts of the town's defenders fought indifferently. Many of them deserted, crossing to the American side of the border. United States cavalry under Major MacNamee disarmed all who crossed the border and sent them into Presidio as prisoners.

SHACKLETON PLANS SEEK SOUTH POLE WITH AEROPLANE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Admiral Peary heard with much interest today that Sir Ernest Shackleton planned another dash for the South Pole. In his contemplated trip completely across the Antarctic plateau the admiral said he thought Shackleton had every chance of success. He regretted, however, that an American had not tried it already, remarking that it would be a "walk-over" for men experienced in North Polar traveling.

"I have urged such an expedition for years," he continued. "The Roosevelt, the greatest iceing ship afloat, could have been put into commission at small expense. The entire cost of the undertaking, indeed, need not have exceeded \$100,000. But we couldn't raise the money."

"Exploration of the country about the Weddell Sea would be certain to result in remarkable and perhaps valuable discoveries. In fact, there is a possibility that they might be positively startling."

The admiral was doubtful, however, of Shackleton's plan to carry sledges driven by aeroplane propellers, and a clipped wing aeroplane for travelling over the ice. "He will succeed in his venture," he said. "If he profits by the lesson taught by the attainment of the North Pole and by Amundsen's attainment of the South Pole. That lesson is that the only satisfactory power for polar travel is the dog."

GARMENT WORKERS STRIKE IS ENDED

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—The garment workers' strike here ended this afternoon. It had been in progress for six months.

The balloting showed that 617 strikers favored returning to work and 519 opposed. Only about one-third of the strikers voted.

A FEATURE OF THE NEW YEAR'S ISSUE



Picking Scene in Bernard Orchard

Replying to your letter of December 6, beg to say that my ranch consists of forty-four acres, thirty-seven of which is planted to fruit. Twelve acres have just come into bearing this year and twenty-five acres between the young trees, which was used to fatten several head of hogs. This ranch has paid 24 per cent this year, and only one-quarter of it in hearing.

SEIGEL COMPANY FORCED TO CLOSE BY COIN STRINGENCY

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The Siegel department stores went into the hands of receivers today as a result of friendly proceedings instituted in the United States court here. John Shepard, Jr., and William Marble of New York were named as receivers.

The Siegel company firms all went into the hands of the receivers, and included the following: Simpson-Crawford store of Boston, capitalized at \$1,000,000; Henry Siegel & Co., merchants; the Merchants' Express company, and Henry Siegel & Co., bankers.

The Siegel Stores company was incorporated in Delaware in 1909 and capitalized at \$2,000,000. The company did a gross business of \$40,000,000 annually.

Attorneys Rose and Paskus, representing the Simpson-Crawford Co., this afternoon issued the following statement: "The appointment of receivers was consented to after every effort had been made to continue business. The concern has been accustomed to a large line of banking credit, which has been curtailed during the past year."

"The Messrs. Siegel and Vogel have contributed their entire personal fortunes as well as all their energy toward saving the situation, and will continue to devote their energies in connection with the company's creditors toward a speedy reorganization and resumption of business."

"The Siegel & Cooper company of Chicago is not involved in the receivership. Its business is most profitable and has been so for a number of years."

ACTIVE STOCKS SHOW WAVERING PRICES

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The only changes of importance in prices when the stock market opened today were advances of 1 1/2 in Canadian Pacific and 3 1/2 in Texas. Early trading developed slight fluctuations among the active stocks with a majority of slight losses.

Later stocks advanced generally, although speculation for the rise was not aggressive. The advance today was led by stocks which were foremost in yesterday's decline, particularly Reading and Canadian Pacific.

SARAH BERNHARDT AGAIN SEEKS LEGION OF HONOR

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Sarah Bernhardt's name, it became known today, is again on the list of nominations of persons to receive the cross of the legion of honor January 1. She has been kept from receiving the cross for years through the opposition of the order's grand chancellor.

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It was announced, too, that Juror Wyman was ill, though whether or not his case was serious was not known.

In the event of a mistrial it was expected that the district attorney would ask the appointment of a lunacy commission with a view to Schmidt's commitment to Matteawan.

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"If the jury believes Schmidt could not comprehend the law," replied the judge, "it should declare him insane and return a verdict of acquittal."

FEDERAL LEAGUE ROBS OLD TEAMS

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The Chicago Federal league club today continued its plans to make a stiff fight for a share of Chicago's baseball patronage. Three former associates of Joe Tinker on the Chicago National league team, it was reported here, will be seen with the outfit club when the 1914 season opens.

Both Tinker, who is to manage the Chicago club, and Mordecai Brown, who will act in the same capacity for the St. Louis Federals, admitted today that they had signed their contracts. Tinker is to receive a salary of \$12,000 yearly.

President Weegham of the Chicago club declared today that each of the Federal league clubs must have five major league players on its roster next season or forfeit \$25,000 each club posted at a recent meeting of the directors. Each club also had agreed, Weegham said, to spend \$40,000 for players.

SHIPWRECKED SAILORS SAVED IN SOUTH SEAS

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 30.—According to a cablegram received here today by the marine department of the chamber of commerce, eight seamen of the American schooner El Dorado, who had been marooned on Easter island, in the South Pacific ocean, since last June, are safe aboard the British steamship Knight of the Garter and are due in Sydney on January 3. The survivors of the wrecked schooner hailed the British vessel as it hove in sight and were taken aboard.

The eight seamen sailed on the El Dorado from Astoria, Or., about a year ago. The vessel foundered at sea, 1000 miles from Easter island, and the seamen, after eleven days of exposure and suffering from lack of food and water, reached the western uninhabited side of the island in open boats. Finally one of the men reached the native settlement on the island and the natives carried the seamen to their villages in ox carts.

TRUST PROMOTERS ARRESTED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—William Moyer, former vice-president of the La Salle National Bank of Chicago, and former vice-president of the National Shoe & Leather bank of New York, was arrested here this afternoon following his indictment in Kansas City on a charge of conspiracy to defraud. He gave bond.

It was alleged in the indictment that Moyer promoted the American Union Trust company of Kansas City as a million dollar proposition when its actual capital was only a few thousand dollars.

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COURT REVOKES TRAIN BANDIT'S DEATH PENALTY

Judge Gavin Sets Aside Sentence Passed on Ralph Fariss—Woman in Case Found, Pleads Ignorance of Robber's Habits.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—Ralph Fariss, the Southern Pacific train bandit and murderer, has a chance for life.

After hearing arguments, Superior Court Judge Gavin today revoked today his order sending Fariss to the gallows. He refused, however, to permit the murderer to retract his plea of guilty.

Evidence then was introduced by the defense, purporting to prove that the killing of Traveling Passenger Agent Montague, for which Fariss was sentenced to hang, was second degree murder. The defense argued that Fariss is weak-minded and that he was irresponsible.

After today's hearing the proceedings in the case will go over until Friday to permit the state to investigate this claim.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—Judge Gavin today set aside the death sentence he passed Saturday upon Rapi Fariss, the El Monte bandit.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 30.—Lola Stalter, 15, to get money for whom Ralph Fariss declared he held up a train and killed a man, was located today. She is the wife of Roy Stalter, a San Pedro butcher and met Fariss at a dance.

"I didn't know Ralph was a bandit of course," she said. "My married life was unhappy, and I went out a great deal to forget it. It was on one of these trips that I met Ralph at a dance hall. We fell in love with each other and he persuaded me that it would be better to quit living with a man I didn't love. The day after the El Monte hold-up he persuaded my mother and me to go to San Francisco with him. We planned that we would be married there after I got my divorce."

"I didn't know that we were traveling on stolen money when we went away. We took an apartment at the Arthur, on Post street, in San Francisco. It was then that we had a little trouble over another woman, called Louise. She seemed to have great power over Ralph, and came to our apartment and stayed hours at a time. She was always getting money from him. She got most of the money he had."

CHINA STRENGTHENING EMBASSY AT SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.—The arrival recently of Yang Teheng, the first special envoy for foreign affairs, is evidence of the desire of the republican government at Peking to increase its representation in this foreign controlled Chinese city, in the very center of the China coast.

Until Yang's arrival the agent of the Chinese government here has been called commissioner of trade and foreign affairs, with rather doubtful power, other than advisory and conciliatory, when it came to negotiations with the foreign consuls general.

FRISCO TELEGRAPHERS THREATENING STRIKE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—Strong probability of a strike of all telegraphers employed by the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad was seen here today following a conference this morning between the receivers of the railroad and the telegraphers' grievance committee. The meeting adjourned abruptly at noon without any agreement having been reached. The conferees were silent, indicating that an immediate settlement was not expected.

SUPPLANTS MILITIA



Miss Fern Hobbs Secretary to Governor West

WOMAN CONFESSES WRITING LETTERS TO RUIN CHARACTER

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Minnie L. Christman, who confessed to sending defamatory letters and postcards intended to involve the character of Mrs. Arthur P. Holland, a prominent society woman, will be turned over to the insanity commission. This is the opinion of Chief of Police Petersen, who stated today that the woman undoubtedly is unbalanced.

Obsessed with a strong man's for writing letters of a defamatory and generally obscene nature in order to create trouble between Mrs. Holland and her husband, and laboring under the unfounded hallucination that the innocent victim of her vindictiveness was trying to win her husband from her, Mrs. Christman, wife of a master plumber, for five years ceaselessly endeavored to ruin the good name of Mrs. Holland, according to her own confession last night to the police.

KLAMATH COURT HOUSE LEVY LEGAL

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—The supreme court today sustained the circuit court of Klamath county, and in an opinion today held that county officers had full authority to levy a special tax to build a courthouse. The decision was in a mandamus suit brought by M. M. Obenchain, who sought to prevent the levy.

Other opinions rendered were: Thomas Curtis Hills vs. H. M. Shaw, appellant, appealed from Josephine county; action against surgeon for alleged malpractice; remanded.

S. H. Griffiths vs. Klamath Water-Users' association, appellant, appealed from Klamath county; suit to restrain collection of certain assessments against plaintiff's land; affirmed.

EXTEND SPAN OF LIFE INSURANCE FIRMS PLAN

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 30.—A "life extension institution" was organized here today with a view to increasing the span of human life for commercial and philanthropic reasons. E. E. Rittenhouse of the Equitable insurance company was chosen president. Dr. Eugene Fisk, medical director, and Colonel Gorgas, who had looked after the health of the Panama canal zone's residents, consultant on sanitation. Ex-President Taft was named chairman of the board of directors, which includes Frank Vanderlip.

GOVERNOR SENDS MISS HOBBS TO CLOSE SALOONS

West Not Going to Use Militia, and Says His Secretary Is Able to Cope With Situation in Rough Mining Town of Copperfield.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—Governor West isn't going to send the militia to Copperfield to close up the saloons and see that the laws are enforced, but instead will send Miss Fern Hobbs, his private secretary.

Miss Hobbs, young, slight and capable, returned a short time ago from an important mission to Washington, where her ability in handling state matters pending in congress and before various governmental departments attracted a great deal of attention. The governor declared today she was able to cope with the situation in Copperfield, although the citizens have declared that their lives and property are in danger through the alleged lawlessness of the honor element. Miss Hobbs will probably leave tomorrow.

"If the sheriff and district attorney of Baker county cannot close the Copperfield saloons, I guess I will have to send Miss Hobbs," said the governor.

Miss Hobbs will go with carte blanche instructions to close the saloons and obtain the resignations of saloonkeepers who are officials in the little mining town.

COLOR NO BAR IN SCHOOL, SAYS COURT

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.—School districts of this state have no legal authority to provide separate schools for white and colored children, but must admit in the same schools all children of school age residing in the district, regardless of color or race, according to an opinion handed down today by the supreme court in proceedings for mandamus brought by William Crawford to compel the directors of school district No. 7, Klamath county, to admit his two half-breed Indian children to the schools.

The decision reverses the circuit court of Klamath county. Crawford and his wife are half-breed Indians and have five children, two of whom attended school two years prior to September, 1912, when they were expelled.

STRIKE EDITOR SHOTS ILLINOIS POLICE CHIEF

CLINTON, Illinois, Dec. 30.—Editor Carl Pierson of the Strike Bulletin shot ex-Police Chief Musser here today. Musser cannot live.

He and Pierson had quarreled over references to the ex-chief in the Bulletin. They grappled and Pierson drew a pistol. Two men seized Pierson but he shook them off and shot Musser thrice. Then he walked away, paused, returned and fired the pistol's remaining three bullets into the prostrate man's body.

The Bulletin has been persistent in its attacks on the Illinois Central railroad and its non-union employes since a strike began on the road two years ago. Pierson was locked up. It was said he would plead self defense.

NO PROTEST FROM BRITAIN ON CANAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Published reports that Great Britain had protested against the fortification of the Panama canal were denied this afternoon by Assistant Secretary of State Moore. "England has made absolutely no protest or suggestion of a protest against the canal's fortification," he said.