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MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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MEXICO IN GRIP OF WAR ONCE AGAIN

Thousand of Federal Troops On March to Put Down Uprising in Vera Cruz—Some Leaders Join Obregon, and Others Rebel Forces—Censorship Clamped Down.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Mexican government has stopped all code telegraphic messages to and from Mexico via Galveston and has imposed a strict censorship on all plain language messages because of the revolutionary troubles, the Western Union Telegraph company and the All-America Cables announced today.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 8.—General Plutarco Calles has renounced his candidacy for the presidency and has offered his services to President Obregon against the insurgent forces in Vera Cruz and Jalisco. The president has accepted the offer and named General Calles as head of the federal opposition to the De La Huerta-Sanchez rebels.

Twenty-eight thousand federal soldiers, it is said, are converging upon the Vera Cruz revolutionary zone. They are under command of Generals Joaquin Amaro, Juan Andrew Almazan and Fuesito Topete.

President Obregon has issued a manifesto to the people calling on them for support against the military coup, branding it as a conspiracy against the common people on the part of reactionary conservatives.

General Enrique Estrada, chief of military operations in Jalisco, who has joined the revolt, is said to have thousands of followers.

General Estrada Revolts. SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 8.—General Estrada has revolted against the Obregon government with four regiments at Guadalajara city, according to a telegram received by Consul General A. Lubbert of this city from the acting secretary of foreign relations at Mexico City.

The telegram stated that General Figueroa has surrendered in the state of Guerrero. He had been in revolt.

MATAMOROS, Mexico, Dec. 8.—Colonel Guillermo F. Rosas, military commander in the Matamoros district who placed this city under martial law last night and assumed control of the local government, issued an order at noon today closing all saloons indefinitely. No reason was given for the order.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—The Mexican navy supporting the Huerta revolt against the government consists of only one vessel, the Zaragosa, which was condemned as unworthy a year ago, it was stated today by Arturo M. Elias, Mexican consul general.

Washington Gives Report. WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Official dispatches from Mexico today gave further glimpses of the revolutionary movement against President Obregon, but failed to present anything like a complete picture of what actually is taking place.

Reports from Charge Summerlin at Mexico City said federal troops were being entrained at the capital for the Vera Cruz area. Mr. Summerlin also said the dissatisfaction with the Obregon government still was confined largely to Vera Cruz state.

Messages from American consular officers in Vera Cruz indicate that "absolute order and tranquility" prevailed there and that the revolutionary leaders were according full protection to foreigners as well as taking steps to suppress any possible movement by bolshevik elements.

Astoria Liquor Raid Leads to Arrest of Eight Dry Violators

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 8.—Eight persons were under arrest here today as a result of raids last night by State Prohibition Agent George L. Cleaver and seven of his deputies who came here yesterday. The evidence was gathered here in October and since the first of the present month, according to the officers. George Neuner, special state prosecutor, is expected to prosecute the cases.

M'ADOO FORCES START ATTACK UPON COOLIDGE

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—David Ladd Rockwell of Ravenna, Ohio, chairman of the W. G. McAdoo campaign committee, declared today that President Coolidge, republican preference nominee in the recent South Dakota primary, was named on a Hiram Johnson platform.

"It is interesting to compare Mr. Coolidge's message to congress with the South Dakota platform he must run upon in that state," the statement said, "and to remember that if by January 1 he does not sign a declaration of adherence to the latter, the secretary of state of South Dakota is by law forbidden to allow his name to go on a South Dakota primary ballot."

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 8.—President Coolidge's acceptance of the South Dakota endorsement of the republican party does not require that he approve the platform adopted if a ruling made by the attorney general of the state in 1920 still holds good, it is said here. The point of the president's requirement as to platform approval was brought up when it was noticed that his message differed in several respects from the principles drawn up by the South Dakota republicans.

In the 1920 ruling, the attorney general held that it was necessary for an endorsed presidential candidate to agree that he would qualify for the office if elected, but ruled that platform pledges did not apply.

RESIGNATION FARM BUREAU OFFICIAL CAUSES SENSATION

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press)—The executive committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation today voted to accept the resignation of J. W. Coverdale of Iowa, secretary of the federation.

"It's not a resignation, it's a discharge," said Mr. Coverdale later, declaring his ousting was a "Sapiro-Lowden" move in effort to make former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, president of the federation, and in connection with national politics.

The Coverdale affair occurred like a bombshell in the meeting of the executive committee meeting, preliminary to the federation's annual convention, opening Monday. It was put through quietly and is said to have been based on a verbal statement of Mr. Coverdale when he took office a year ago. He was quoted as having said in accepting the office that any time his resignation was wanted "it is on the table."

Mr. Sapiro scouted the idea that there was a movement on foot to dominate the federation in the interest of Mr. Lowden. Mr. Lowden's cooperative wheat marketing advisory committee or of Mr. Lowden's political aspirations.

"I have the highest respect for Mr. Coverdale as a gentleman, but he is a reactionary in respect to everything progressive in agriculture and agricultural economics," he said.

applicant claimed to have stock subscriptions payable which would provide \$40,000,000 for the enterprise, the decision said, "but was unwilling to disclose for record the identity of these subscribers."

\$134,000,000 ELECTRIC ROAD, 1200 MILES LONG DENIED RIGHT TO BUILD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The Staley system of electrified railways was denied permission by the Interstate Commerce commission today to build a 1200 mile line from a point on the Gulf of California, in Mexico, thru the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah. The estimated cost of constructing and equipping such a road, the commission concluded, would be about \$134,000,000. The

HUGE LOSS OF TIMBER IS FEARED

Belated Reports From Olympia Peninsula Indicate Recent Storm As Bad As One Two Years Ago—Wires All Down—Roads Blocked Everywhere With Trees.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 8.—A wind storm in the Olympic national forest perhaps as severe as that which swept the peninsula on January 29, 1921, is feared here by forest division officials from meager reports reaching the office from the district.

A telegram from E. F. Ross, assistant supervisor of forestry, now at Port Angeles, to Fred E. Pape, received here this morning reads: "Severe storm west end. Reports say equally severe as storm of 1921. Roads all blocked with trees."

First reports of the storm in the forest, which is thought to have raged December 5 and 6, reached here this morning, and Mr. Pape has telegraphed for more details. Little additional information could be learned at the headquarters of the Olympic national forest here.

A letter from Charles Morgenroth, district ranger at Port Angeles, written last night and received here this morning reports that all the wires west of Lake Crescent are down and that trees are blocking the roads leading to the storm region.

Occupants of the telephone exchange at Port Angeles barely escaped with their lives, Mr. Morgenroth reports, when four mammoth trees crashed on the building. Mr. Morgenroth will make an investigation of the destruction today, his letter advised.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., Dec. 8.—Reports reached here today of a wind storm that swept the Olympic peninsula Wednesday and that recalled a tempest of 1921 in fury and destruction. The Olympic highway each of this city was blocked until last night by hundreds of trees ranging up to three feet in diameter that were blown across it.

Gangs of men with saws opened the road for traffic but it was expected to be two weeks before the roads would be cleared of limbs and other debris.

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 8.—A flag pole, popularly known here as the highest in the world, a stripped fir tree 220 feet high on the top of Coxcomb hill, an eminence overlooking this city, burned through and fell last night after having been struck by lightning.

GUN INVENTOR'S SON ACQUITTED MURDER CHARGE

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 8.—The shadow of punishment for first degree murder which for the last nine months has been hanging over the heads of John Browning, son of John M. Browning, famous firearms inventor, and Marjorie A. Browning, the inventor's nephew, was lifted last night, when after but one hour and twenty minutes deliberation the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. Only one ballot was taken.

The Browning cousins were tried on a first degree murder charge for the slaying of Benjamin F. Ballantyne, husband of John Browning's sister, last April 9. The actual slaying was done by Marjorie A. Browning, according to the defense testimony in the trial.

Marjorie fired the fatal shot to prevent Ballantyne from keeping his oath to kill John Browning, the defense maintained. The defense claimed in court that Ballantyne was mortally wounded while he had a gun in his hand and was "drawing down" to shoot John Browning, who also had a drawn gun but was calling for his brother-in-law to assist and was making no effort to use his firearm.

Nellie Revell, Up Again, Publishes Book Written on Chest During Hospital Stay



MISS REVELL AT HER DESK. INSET, IRVIN S. COBB

NEW YORK—Here is the "world's gamest woman," Nellie Revell, famous newspaper woman and actress, reading proof on her new book, "Right Off The Chest," with Irvin S. Cobb, who wrote the foreword to it.

Miss Revell's book was written with a pad on her chest during her four years' stay in a hospital with a fractured spine. Her courage and optimism during her hospital imprisonment, from which it was thought she would never be released made her beloved to a country-wide circle of friends.

George H. Doran, the publisher, will put out Miss Revell's book at cost as a tribute to her courage.

2 KILLED IN FIGHT OVER BOAT OF ICE IN CHICAGO CAFE

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Two men were shot dead and a police officer was wounded late last night in the fashionable Rendezvous cafe after a waiter refused to supply a boat of cracked ice to John Sheehy, also known as George Thomas, who fired the shots and who may die of wounds received in a pistol fight with two officers.

Henry Bing, the employee who refused the ice, and Leopold Guth, steward of the cafe were killed. The officer received a flesh wound when Sheehy resisted their attempts to arrest him.

Hundreds of diners and dancers, attending the formal opening of a new Japanese room of the cafe, were in adjoining ballroom and were thrown into a panic. Police reserves were summoned to restore order when patrons stormed doors and windows in attempts to leave.

M'LEAY SCHOONER LOST CREW RESCUED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 8.—The gas schooner Tram went ashore at Port Orford Thursday and is breaking up, according to word received by the owners, the MacLeay estate of Wedderburn, Ore. None of the crew of three was lost.

The Tram was en route to Coos Bay with tan bark. She was manned by Captain Knight of Goldbeach, and Monte Morten, Marshfield, engineer, and Ed Prince of Wedderburn.

Owner Killed By Fumes From Auto Repairing in Garage

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Benjamin J. Baum, wholesale candy manufacturer, was asphyxiated in court that Ballantyne was mortally wounded while he had a gun in his hand and was "drawing down" to shoot John Browning, who also had a drawn gun but was calling for his brother-in-law to assist and was making no effort to use his firearm.

Klamath Mexicans Confess to Murder Of Aged Co-worker

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 8.—Under grueling examination today by Sheriff Low, Pablo Montez, Alfonso Roygoza and Domingo Cadeno, confessed the murder of J. R. Felix, aged employee of the Algoma box factory, whose body was found in Klamath Lake Tuesday evening by a train crew, the sheriff announced.

The trio planned the killing, according to the reported confession, when they learned Felix was planning to walk from Algoma to Klamath Falls, carrying \$360.

They went ahead of him and prepared an ambush. Felix was beaten to death, his money taken and his body, weighted with steel balls, was thrown into the lake.

2 MEDFORD GIRL RUNAWAYS ARE FOUND OAKLAND

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 8.—Pauline Shuey and Mildred Bever, both 15 and giving their home address as Medford, Ore., were arrested here yesterday as alleged runaways. Pauline carried a 44 caliber revolver which she said was for protection. The girls said they left Medford four days ago and kindly autoists had picked them up on the road, donating meals and sleeping accommodations. They claimed they started with \$2.50 capital. Medford authorities have been notified.

The Daily Bank Robbery

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—Deputy sheriff's left the sheriff's office at noon today with William Bledsoe, bank messenger for the First National Bank of Huntington Park, announcing that Bledsoe was leading them to the hiding place of the \$15,000 that he had reported as having been stolen from him yesterday.

POSTORIA, Ohio, Dec. 8.—A woman bandit today entered the Ohio Savings and Loan company shortly after 5 a. m. today and pointed a revolver at employees, forcing Cashier Carl Smith to turn over to her \$1300 after which she escaped.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—After several hours of questioning, William Bledsoe, 23, bank messenger of the National bank at Huntington Park, remained unshaken today in his story that he had been kidnapped by two men yesterday taken to the country, held prisoner and \$15,000 which he had in his possession at the time, taken from him. A brother, Joel Bledsoe, is also being held by the officers as a material witness.

The messenger was found walking toward this city on a road near Downey, twelve miles from here.

Colonel Forbes Very Ill. BOSTON, Dec. 8.—Colonel Charles R. Forbes, former head of the veterans' bureau, who is seriously ill, was resting more comfortably today, his sister, Mrs. Harry Judkins, said. Mrs. Judkins said he was suffering from Angina pectoris, and that he had been ill since his arrival at his home November 25.

His illness, she said, dated from a trip to the Pacific coast last summer.

JAP GUILTY OF MURDER OF SOCIALIST FAMILY, GETS 10 YEARS IN PRISON

TOKIO, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press). Captain Masahiko Amakasu, gendarmier officer was found guilty of the slaying on September 16 of Sakaye Ougui, socialist leader, and his wife and child, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment today after a military trial which attracted widespread attention in Japan.

Sergeant Mori, convicted of acting as Captain Amakasu's accomplice was sentenced to three years in prison. Three other soldiers, also accused of

ENG. LABOR REFUSES TO FORM GOV'T

British Labor Party Also in Minority, Unable to Form Cabinet—English Politics in the Worst Muddle in Years—No Liberal-Labor Coalition Possible.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—Edgerton Wake, chief agent of the labor party, officially announced today that there would be no liberal labor coalition.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press).—What Prime Minister Baldwin will do now, that his party has no majority over the combined laborites and liberal opposition, and how the administration of the country will be carried on, are cognate questions to which the public, the press, the politicians and his majesty's ministers are trying to find satisfactory answers.

Since the premier returned to London from the scene of his personal local triumph at Bewdley, he has kept silent and none of the leaders of the conservative party has made a public statement.

One of the favorite guesses—and the Daily Express states it as a fact—is that Mr. Baldwin will resign both the prime ministership and the leadership of the conservatives. But such action would not settle the problem of how to carry on the government, as it is obvious that his successor to which ever party he might belong, could not command a sufficient majority of his own followers in the house of commons to enable him to conduct the administration.

A suggestion for solution of the problem is that the leaders of all parties might be called in council to examine the possibility of making a temporary arrangement for conducting the government until the appropriate moment comes for another election.

The belief grows that should King George invite the laborites, as the second strongest party in the house, to form a ministry, they would refuse, preferring to wait until they could command a strong enough following in the country to enforce their own policy without having to consider the will of the other parties.

The political statisticians, figuring in the total votes cast in the election, arrive at different results, but most of them come to approximately the following round numbers: Conservatives 5,350,000; laborites 4,450,000; liberals 4,230,000; independents 220,000.

ANOTHER BOOZE SHIP CAPTURED

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The Dutch schooner Zeeland, believed by federal authorities to belong to "Mannie" Kessler, "king of the bootleggers," today was seized off Fire Island with \$200,000 worth of assorted liquors. A few hours later Kessler and his partner, Morris Sweetwood, decided to take their medicine and withdrew their appeal from a conviction of wholesale bootlegging which carried with it a sentence of two years in Atlanta and a fine of \$10,000.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 8.—Coast guards today reported that during the night rum runners from Atlantic City and the vicinity completed one of the most successful landings the rum fleet ever made south of the highlands.

complicity in the slayings, were acquitted. Ougui had been deported to France because of his radical activities and returned to Japan shortly before he was slain. Amakasu admitted he killed the Ougui by strangling them to death after he had arrested them and taken them to a gendarmier station. He declared he had committed the murders in his capacity as a citizen, because the socialist's principles and his actions were detrimental to the peace of society during the chaotic times which followed the earthquake.