

DOWNFALL OF OREGON GOV'T NEAR

Mexican President Leaves Capital Never to Return Is Rebel Claim—De La Huerta Declares He Has Assumed Command of Govt.—Rebel Triumph Reported.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Albert Marcanas, Mexican consul general in New York City, announced today that he had received a telegram purporting to come from Adolfo De La Huerta, rebel leader, informing him that he had assumed command of the government. The consul said he disregarded the message, which directed him to take orders from De La Huerta.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The Mexican steamer Coahuila, which is anchored in the port of Manzanillo, Mexico, has been seized by rebel forces, according to a message received today by the marine department of the chamber of commerce here.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 12.—Large bodies of armed men from all sections of the state of Vera Cruz are joining General Guadalupe Sanchez in his march on Mexico City, according to private advices received by the Light today from Vera-Cruz. The advance troops of General Sanchez have reached Perote on the inter-oceanic, a station on the Puebla state line. The outposts of this same column have reached Esperanza and Oriental.

Rebels Sweep Coast.

NOGALEZ, Ariz., Dec. 12.—The revolutionary movement on the west coast of Mexico has attained great proportions, according to advices received here today and has spread to Mazatlan, Sinaloa, where the garrison has divided.

The 27th regiment of Mazatlan revolted and disbanded the 17th regiment under the command of Colonel Recen Flores, according to reports, which were verified by travelers who arrived today from Mazatlan. The disarmament was accomplished without bloodshed.

A report that several revolutionary generals were executed following a skirmish in Sinaloa is being investigated here.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 12.—Revolutionary headquarters here announce that rebel forces under command of General Silvano Garcia have defeated and dispersed the loyal troops which were defending Coahuatlan, a town on the border of the states of Vera Cruz and Puebla. Jose Maria Sanchez, former governor of Puebla, who was at the head of the Oregón forces in being pursued by the rebels.

The statement also asserts that the government of the state of Colima has been overthrown, while all troops in Sonora and Sinaloa have joined the revolutionary movement.

"The troops of General Estrada," continues the statement, "have begun their advance toward LaPiedad, Michoacan, where it is expected the first major combat with the Oregón forces will take place."

Coast towns in Michoacan have recognized the revolutionary movement. Several squadrons belonging to the 65th federal regiment, which were in garrison at Conzouman, have joined the revolt, as have the forces in Aguililla.

Oregón Leaves Capital.

"Persons reaching Esperanza, Puebla, from Mexico City brought word of President Oregón's departure from the capital at ten o'clock yesterday morning, ostensibly to review troops at Queretaro, but it is believed here that the president will not return."

"A message from General Angel Flores, a presidential candidate, announces his adherence to the rebel movement and says he is moving his troops in Sinaloa to assist General Estrada in the latter's advance on Mexico City."

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MEDFORD LEADS STATE IN RECORD BREAKING CAR TOURIST TRAVEL 1923

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Assuming that there were 3 persons in each car," continued the statement, "the number of non-residents visiting Oregon during the registration period totaled 120,000. Adding to this number those persons who arrived in the state by rail and water, those who came by motor prior to the registration period and those who failed to register, it is safe to assume that between 400,000 and 500,000 non-residents spent at least a few days in this commonwealth during the year 1923."

Of those who came in by motor cars the greatest number of registrations was made at the Medford station. Portland was second, Ashland third and Salem fourth.

Mystery Surrounds Death By Gunshot Of Polk Co. Farmer

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—Mystery surrounds the death of Frank Brobst, Polk county farmer, whose body was found at the entrance to the machinery shed on his farm near Perrydale yesterday by his wife with his shotgun lying across his feet.

Neighbors were called at once and it was supposed that Brobst had died of heart failure, but with the arrival of Coroner C. W. Henkle and Mrs. Brobst's brother, Conrad Straffrin, former adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard, it was discovered that he had been shot through the upper left breast. One empty shell was found in the shotgun.

CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND TO OPEN JUNE 10

G. O. P. Committee Also Abandons Plan to Limit Southern Representation—1110 Delegates Next Year Compared to 984 in 1920.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The republican national convention of 1924 will assemble in Cleveland on June 10 and its delegate strength will be apportioned virtually on the old time basis of full representation for the south as well as the north.

A carefully drafted plan to curtail the voting power of those southern states which belong to the democratic solid south was overturned today by the national committee.

In 1921 the reapportionment program had been given the approval of the committee and the reversal was voted today over the protests of those who declared a reconsideration would be interpreted by the country as an effort to increase the delegate strength of states likely to cast their votes.

The committee also decided to recommend to the 1924 convention that women be given an equal status with men as committee members and that one man and one woman from each state be chosen to serve on a basis of parity as national committeemen.

The selection of Cleveland as the convention city had been virtually certain since a preference for it was expressed by the managers of the Coolidge campaign. Chicago, previously considered a likely choice had withdrawn when the desires of the Coolidge men became known, and only nominal efforts were made on behalf of Des Moines and of San Francisco the home city of Senator Hiram Johnson.

On the vote Cleveland received 39, San Francisco 10 and Des Moines 1. The votes for San Francisco came from California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Hawaii. New Mexico voted for Des Moines.

The delegate apportionment plan finally adopted today provides for a total of 1110 delegates in next year's convention compared with 984 in 1920, the increase largely going to northern states under a provision that each state carried by Harding in the 1920 election shall have three extra delegates at large.

The reapportionment basis of 1923 delegates for 1924 adopted under orders of the last convention after a long standing complaint in the voting of southern delegations was reconsidered upon motion of Charles D. Howe, New York, committeeman, over the vigorous protest of Senator Howell of Nebraska, chairman of a sub-committee that had inquired into the subject.

Senator Howell warned the committee that its action would be "lightning the trail that may lead to a powder mill."

The reform of the southern representation had been attempted for twenty years, Senator Howell said, and the proposal to upset the reapportionment, he declared, was backward.

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PRESIDENT'S NOTE FLAYED BY M'ADOO

Coolidge's Message Termed 'Counsel of Domanoy' By Wilson's Son-in-Law in Address Before Women's Democratic Club of Los Angeles—Claims Tax Cut Own Idea

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—President Coolidge's message to congress was labeled a "counsel of domanoy," and his opposition to a bonus for ex-service men characterized as a summary dismissal of "just claims for consideration." In an address by William Gibbs McAdoo before the Democratic luncheon club and Women's democratic league here today.

The former director general of railroads derided the president's proposal for a voluntary consolidation of these systems of transportation as a "seven year itch for reduced freight and passenger rates with no assurance of relief at the trial." Telling his hearers that "what is needed is not seven years of delay but action."

"The president's message," said Mr. McAdoo in part, "is largely a counsel of domanoy. Nowhere is there the stimulating call of progress. The world is in commotion and vital domestic problems press upon us for solution but no effective program is offered for the alleviation or correction of domestic ills nor is encouragement given for invigorating international relations which will open world markets for our surplus products, tend to promote economic stability or encourage peace and tranquility between nations."

"The most affirmative part of the president's message is the recommendation of tax reduction. The whole country favors tax reduction. The democratic party has stood consistently for it since the signing of the armistice and should co-operate without regard to partisan considerations in any honest effort to ease the burden of taxation. This effort should be directed not alone to a reduction in the gross amount of taxation, but to an equitable distribution. The president's endorsement of the proposal to put a lighter tax on earned incomes, namely those produced by the sweat of the brow and the toil of the brain, than upon unearned incomes, namely those which come from investments, is commendable."

Democrats Started the Idea.

"This proposition was first made by the democratic secretary of the treasury in 1919 and was offered in 1921 as an amendment to the revenue bill by Senator Harris of Georgia. It was defeated by a vote of 34 republicans to 21 democrats on the ground, as stated by Senator Penrose, then chairman of the finance committee of the senate that:

"The question of earned and unearned incomes was most exhaustively considered by the committee, by the senate and by the treasury department and the opinion was nearly unanimous that any such provision is impossible of administration."

"What has produced this extraordinary reversal of opinion on the part of the treasury department and the administration? If this provision was nearly impossible of administration in 1921, why is it possible of administration in 1923?"

Bonus Is Favored.

"The president opposes any increase in the pay of the soldiers who fought the war to victory. Altho a great reduction in the tax burden can be made and the reasonable compensation proposed for the sailors and soldiers can be provided at the same time, the president is determined that justice shall not be done to the war veterans. Their just claims for consideration are summarily dismissed, but the president is strong for the maintenance of the Fordney-McCumber tariff bill, which gives favored trusts, monopolies and combinations in restraint of trade a subsidy estimated at more than three billions of dollars per annum, or twice as much as it will take to pay the soldiers' bonus in cash. Pork privileges everything for the defenders of the country nothing."

Betrayal of Trust.

"The president declares that no more important duty rests on the government than the adequate care of sick and disabled veterans and yet there is no word of reparation for the grafters who have disgraced the veterans' bureau and have stolen or misappropriated funds which were set aside to take care of the men and women who suffered the loss of health and became permanently disabled in the service of the nation. A meaner betrayal of a sacred trust than this could not have been committed. The veterans' bureau has been made political spoil and the helpless and suffering heroes of the nation have paid the price. Is it not time to do justice to all of our soldiers, whether they are unfortunate enough to be in or fortunate enough to be out of the hospitals?"

"The president offers no constructive

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Men Vainer Than Women?

Titled Beauty Says They Primp More Than Wives Do



NEW YORK—Lady Diana Duff-Cooper, beautiful daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Rutland, who hurled it in the teeth of Englishmen that they were vainer than their women, is here to rehearse the leading role of The Madonna in Max Reinhardt's production of "The Miracle."

The titled English actress, who displeased Queen Mary by tangoing in spite of the royal edict against the dance, has been acting in motion-pictures for some time.

She was to have visited America at the close of the war, but during the Victory celebration in London fell through a skylight while cheering the troops, and broke her hip.

ANOTHER DAY IS WASTED BY DEAD-LOCK IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Although there was a break in the ranks of the supporters of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, the republican insurgent leader, the senate remained in deadlock today on the first ballot for the election of a chairman of the interstate commerce committee.

Senator Cummins, republican, Iowa, and Smith, democrat, South Carolina, were tied at forty votes each, while LaFollette received three votes. Senators Brookhart, Iowa, and Frazier, North Dakota, republicans, and Shipstead and Johnson, farmer-labor, Minnesota, voted for Smith, but there also was a break in the democratic ranks with Senator Bruce of Maryland voting for Cummins.

On the second ballot Smith fell only one short of election, receiving 41 votes to 39 for Cummins and two for LaFollette.

On the third ballot the vote was: Smith 41; Cummins 40 and LaFollette two.

After the third ballot adjournment was taken until noon Saturday but balloting will not be resumed until next Monday.

NAME ROSEBURG MAN TO SUP. CT

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 12.—Oregon City may be without any legal form of government for nearly a year if an opinion rendered by City Attorney William E. Stone is valid. Last month citizens of Oregon City voted to change the form of government from councilmanic to the commission form and legislated the present mayor and council out of office with the end of the year.

An election to name three city commissioners was called for December 18, the commissioners to take over the government January 1. City Attorney Stone today announced a ruling that the Oregon-law provides that municipal officials may be elected only at regular state elections and that therefore the December 18 election will be invalid and no commissioners may be elected until the November, 1924, regular election.

New City Election Law May Put Oregon City Without Govt.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 12.—Appointment of O. P. Conkling of Roseburg as a member of the state supreme court to succeed L. T. Harris resigned, was announced by Governor Pierce last night.

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MARRIED WOMAN SUICIDES OVER A LOVE AFFAIR

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Dorothy McDonald, 23, of Seattle died here today from the effects of a dose of poison which she drank last night. Police say she was despondent over a love affair.

\$500 Left to Poodle Dog By Mrs. Reisner Of Eugene, Oregon

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 12.—Five hundred dollars was set aside by Mrs. Clementine Reisner, who died at her home in this city a few days ago, for the care of her poodle dog during its life time, according to her will, admitted to probate.

In her will Mrs. Reisner states that the "animal has almost been a member of the family."

ANOTHER OREGON DEPUTY GUILTY OF WET BRIBE

Sentences Will Be Pronounced Friday On Three Defendants in Roseburg Case—Covell Trial at Marshfield Starts—Hunt Bank Bandits.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 12.—Sentences will be pronounced Friday on three defendants in the Reedsport run bribery cases which have been tried here. Jack Connelly, former Reedsport deputy sheriff, was convicted late yesterday at his second trial of accepting a bribe of \$200. The jury disagreed in the first trial. Fred Schulte had previously been convicted on the same charge, and B. O. Roberts pleaded guilty to giving a bribe.

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 12.—Alton Covell, 16, today faced a charge of first degree murder in the circuit court before Judge John C. Kendall. It is alleged that on September 3 he killed his step-mother, Mrs. Ehab Covell at the family home near Bandon. The boy's uncle, Arthur Covell, an astrologer and a cripple, was found guilty of instigating the crime and influencing the boy to commit the murder and is under sentence to hang.

District Attorney Fisher is prosecuting the case and Grant Corby of Coquille is defending. The examination of jurors began this morning.

LODI, Cal., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Alex A. Kells, whose husband is sentenced to be hanged at Folsom prison January 4, asserted today that Kells was insane. She demanded that a test be made to determine his mental condition.

Had his arrest and trial not been kept from her, she could have given testimony that would have convinced the jury that he was mentally unbalanced, she declared.

FLORENCE, Ore., Dec. 12.—Posses today were scouring the wooded region north of here in the Mercer land district for traces of the three bandits who yesterday robbed the Lane County State and Savings bank here of about \$6000 after locking Vice President Bergman and two farmers in the bank vault. The bandits were followed by posses yesterday until tracks were lost in the darkness.

U. S. Farm Federation Settles Differences

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—(By Associated Press.) O. B. Bradette of Xenia, Ohio, late today was elected president of the American Farm Bureau federation, after a plea for harmony by J. A. Cornwall of Vermont, which was taken to mean that the co-operative marketing dispute which marked the opening of the convention had been smoothed over.

COURT MUST DECIDE IF BOBBED HAIR IS HEAD DRESS OR HAIR CUT

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—Whether the bobbing of a woman's hair comes under the head of barbering or whether it belongs to the art along with eyebrow plucking, eyelash tinting, mud baths and the like, is a question Judge C. C. Dalton has to decide.

The state of Washington law requires that persons engaged in barbering procure a license, but there is nothing in the statutes that defines whether bobbed hair is a head dress or a hair cut.

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WOMAN IS INDICTED IN K. K. KILLING

Mrs. Margaret Weaver, Accessory in Slaying of Klansman Coburn—'You Big Fat Baby, Haven't Nerve to Kill Anyone,' Said She to Slayer of Attorney.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Margaret Weaver has been indicted as an accessory before the fact in the slaying of Captain W. S. Coburn by Philip E. Fox, solicitor general Boykin's office announced today. Evidence has been obtained to warrant similar indictments against several other persons whose names were not disclosed, it was added.

According to the solicitor's office, Mrs. Weaver is alleged to have been in company with Fox several days preceding the shooting until a few minutes before Fox entered Coburn's office. She was under surveillance for some time after the shooting but has not been arrested. The solicitor's office said her home is in Columbus, Ohio. The indictment against Mrs. Weaver was returned last Friday.

The prosecution also announced that indictments charging accessory after the fact would be sought.

With the indictment of Mrs. Weaver, the state announced it had established the whereabouts of Fox from the Saturday preceding the shooting until he went to the Ansley hotel and registered on Monday, November 5. This had remained a mystery until the information obtained from Mrs. Weaver said he was in her company, during the time, the prosecution said.

According to the prosecution, Mrs. Weaver had admitted that she told Fox:

"Why, you big fat baby, you haven't got the nerve to kill anyone."

To this Fox replied, it is alleged by the solicitor's office:

"I'll show you."

The solicitor's office says that Mrs. Weaver's father is engaged in newspaper work in Cleveland, Ohio. She was questioned in Nashville, Tenn., about ten days ago but was not arrested.

Mrs. Weaver, the state charges as a basis for the indictment, knew that Fox intended to shoot Captain Coburn.

3 FROZEN TO DEATH N. MEXICO BLIZZARD

CLOVIS, N. M., Dec. 12.—Two boys and an unidentified negro were frozen to death in the storm which visited this section Monday and Tuesday. The boys were sons of Joe Centrell, a rancher living eighteen miles southwest of Clovis, Texas.

Two sheepmen were lost in this snowstorm and searching parties have not found them.

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