

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 45
Minimum today 26

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REBELS ARE BEATEN IN VERA CRUZ

Obregon in Official Note to Associated Press Declares the Rebel Claims of Victory Are Untrue and Rebellion Will Soon Be Crushed—Little Fighting Since Tuesday.

(By the Associated Press.)
The rebel advance against Mexico City from Vera Cruz apparently has been checked, for the moment, at least near San Marcos, 85 miles east of the capital, where, in the words of a Mexico City dispatch, the fate of the rebellion is being decided.
Revolutionary headquarters in Vera Cruz claims the rebels have withdrawn toward the capital, but this is not borne out by newspaper correspondents on the scene, who report that the situation has remained stationary since Tuesday's fighting, with the advance guards of the opposing forces in contact near San Marcos. President Obregon in a message to the Associated Press brands the rebel claims as false and says he has "reason to believe that peace will be restored very quickly."
A federal thrust from the south in an effort to cut the railway line between Vera Cruz and the rebel armies is reported in a movement by General Juan Dominguez over the railway from Santa Lucracia, with Cordoba and Orizaba as his objectives.
In the western area the Mexican war department says the operations against Guadalajara, the rebel stronghold, are "developing formally."

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 19.—(By Associated Press.) (Delayed.) Rebels attacking Villa Hermosa, capital of the state of Tabasco, have been defeated after a thirty hour battle with the loss of 200 killed and more than that number wounded, according to an official bulletin issued by the war department.
The defending federalists under General Vicente Gonzalez, military commander in Tabasco, fought gallantly and suffered thirty casualties, according to his report.
The rebels fled, leaving their dead and wounded and large quantities of war material.
General Eugene Martinez, commanding a military column marching upon Vera Cruz, reports no further developments during the day, according to the war department communiqué. General Martinez is sending to Mexico City 56 prisoners taken during skirmishing about San Marcos.
"Military operations against Guadalajara are developing formally," concludes the war department's statement.

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 20.—News correspondents telegraphed from the front last night that the Obregon forces had not abandoned the line and that they had not withdrawn to Munoz station, as was stated by revolutionary headquarters here. The correspondents also report the situation unchanged from Tuesday when the rebel columns remained stationary after the fighting at San Marcos.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—(By Associated Press.) Enrique Colling, secretary of the interior, denying reports that Washington had offered to mediate with those rebelling against the Obregon government, said "Mexico has not officially received the proposition which would have been rejected as implying recognition of the rebels' belligerency."

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DETAILS OF SOVIET PLOT TO PUT RED FLAG WHITE HOUSE DIVULGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Secretary Hughes' disclosure of a soviet movement to overthrow the American government was the subject of a senate debate today in which the authenticity of the secretary's evidence was questioned by senators who have urged recognition of the Russian soviet government.
Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, declared it was his opinion after mature investigation that during the past three years the soviet had not connived at any effort to overthrow the government at Washington. He added that if the department of justice or anyone else could furnish him any evidence he would conduct a public investigation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Plans attributed to Russian soviet authorities for organizing and training "fighting" units among American industrial workers to "raise the red flag at the

Choice Cuts From Prize Steer Sent President Coolidge

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Choice cuts from Broadus White Sox, proclaimed the nation's champion steer at the recent International Livestock exposition will be sent President Coolidge. The animal was butchered yesterday by Professor M. D. Helser of the Iowa State Agricultural college. The steer dressed 67.59 per cent. Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears Roebuck and company which purchased the animal, also will receive cuts of the beef.

JAPAN PROTESTS ON DECISION OF SUPREME COURT

Fear 'Serious Consequences' As Result of Alien Land Law Ruling—Retaliatory Measures By Japan Are Considered, Says Tokio.

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—In view of the numerous interpellations in the diet which threaten it, the government issued a statement today telling what it had done regarding the contract of the Federal Telegraph, an American concern, with China, and with what it had done regarding recent decisions of the supreme court of the United States on the anti-land laws of California and Washington.
The statement says that as the tendency of China seems to be to confirm the contract with the Federal company, Japan has made a more resolute protest than its former representations to Peking and the government was "resolved to do its best to protect the rights legitimately acquired by the Mitsui company." The Mitsui company is a Japanese concern which claims the right to erect wireless stations in China and contends the contract with the Federal corporation prevents it from securing this.
As soon as the judgments of the supreme court of America affirming the locality of California and Washington anti-land laws were made public, the statement continues, "the cabinet took steps to acquaint the American government with the serious consequences with which the situation was fraught."
The American government's reply now is being awaited.
The statement made it known that consideration is being given to the protection of the interests of Japanese residents in America and concludes with the announcement that consideration also is being given to a proposed revision of treaty relationships between America and Japan, the revocation of the dual nationality of Japanese who have obtained American citizenship and enforcement of the alien land law of Japan.

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\$400,000 DEAL IN OREGON TIMBER, LINCOLN COUNTY

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—Reported negotiations for the purchase of approximately 500,000,000 feet of timber in the coast range mountains of Lincoln county by the Yerrek Logging company, at present operating a logging railroad into the Nehalem country from the Columbia river, were verified today by H. G. Black of Dallas, one of the owners of the 50 individual claims involved in the deal.
The consideration involved in the deal amounted to around \$8000 for each claim, or a total of \$400,000, according to Mr. Black, who with B. W. Jones of Portland, handled the details of the deal for the claim owners. The timber is chiefly Douglas fir, Hemlock and larch, with about a ten per cent stand of cedar.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—The Yerrek Logging company, which has purchased approximately 500,000,000 feet of timber in Lincoln county, is composed of logging interests which have been operating in the vicinity of Kerry, Oregon, and the name of the new corporation is the reverse spelling of Kerry with the addition of the letter "E."
The company has also acquired 1440 acres of land adjoining that involved in the deal announced from Salem today, the tract having a stand of approximately 120,000,000 feet of timber, for which about \$100,000 has been paid to Salem, California and Portland residents named Elgin, Craven, Hartze, Göttem, Miller and Baldwin, according to B. W. Jones of Portland, who has been instrumental in closing both deals.

FERVID PLEA FOR LIFE OF K. K. KILLER

Both Sides Sum Up in Sensational Trial of P. E. Fox, Ex-Klan Editor, Charged With Murder of W. S. Coburn—Case Expected to Go to Jury Late Today.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Jury deliberation in the case of Philip E. Fox, former klan editor, on trial for slaying William S. Coburn, a klan attorney, will start late tonight or early tomorrow it was indicated this afternoon.
The prosecution's charge that Fox planned to enter Coburn's office and shoot the attorney through the back was denounced by Allen. The fact that Fox entered the office and shot Coburn while others were present was indicative of insanity, he contended, adding that the defendant could have returned later and found his victim alone.
"Fox's mind ceased to function and he is now neither accountable to God nor to the law," Allen asserted.
Admitting, for the sake of argument, he said that the testimony concerning Fox's alleged improper conduct were true, this feature, he continued, was in direct support of the contention that Fox is insane.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Hundreds of persons today crowded into the Fulton superior court room at the trial of Philip E. Fox, charged with the murder of William S. Coburn, to hear Robert W. Allen of Dallas, Texas, a member of the defense counsel, make his argument.
The case was expected to go to the jury about 3 p. m.

"Fox knew nothing about his defense," Mr. Allen told the jury. "He was never consulted. His attorneys have only talked to him five minutes since they began working on the case."
He made this statement in criticizing William Schley Howard of the prosecution, who charged last night that Fox did not hear "the voice of God" in his alleged delusion that prompted him to kill Coburn until after his lawyers and alienists had consulted with him.
"The slaying of Coburn by Fox was an act of an insane man, and we have laid his life's history from childhood to the present day to prove such is the case," Allen said. The state demanded conviction of murder in the first degree.

OPINIONS VARY AMONG BACKERS OF HENRY FORD

Robert Pointer, Neighbor of Auto Magnate, Says Effort to Nominate Will Continue—Henry Will Change His Mind—Others Drop Out.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Henry Ford's statement yesterday in which he declared the country is "safe with Coolidge," and announcing that he will not oppose president Coolidge "on any ticket whatever," still was rebounding in Michigan political circles today.
The coterie of third party sponsors in some cases were inclined to go ahead with their plans despite Mr. Ford's statement while others indicated that the Ford statement settled it.
Rev. William Dawe of Dearborn, where Mr. Ford lives, president of the original Ford-for-president club, has taken the latter view. He believes the club now has nothing to do but wind up its affairs and disband.
Robert R. Pointer, neighbor and friend of the automobile manufacturer, said third party plans would go on despite Ford's announcement. "Mr. Ford will live to change his mind in regard to supporting Coolidge," he said.
Edward Frensdorff, a leader among democratic sponsors of the Ford candidacy and active in circulation of petitions to have his name placed on the Michigan presidential primary ballot next spring, indicated he would abandon the plan of "drafting" the Detroit manufacturer. "He's a free born American citizen and cannot be made to run if he doesn't want to," he said.

Jazz? You Said It! Mary Of Maryland willing to Prove She's World's Harmonica Champ



MARY KRUGIER AND "RUDOLPH," HER PET HARMONICA.

BALTIMORE—Another world's title in jeopardy? Miss Mary Krugier, who, by her own admission, holds the world's championship as a harmonica "jazz" player, is out to challenge the universe.
The shivery, syncopated strains Miss Krugier sends forth from her little mouth organ are guaranteed to make the spine of the bluest blues-law advocate "shimmy," it is said.
Miss Krugier met all comers at the Maryland harmonica contests and took all honors with the "Rip-Saw Blues."

GENERAL WOOD FACES A PROBE BY COMMITTEE

Congressman Frear of Wisconsin Wants the Charges Against Governor Genl. of Philippines Investigated—Some Ugly Rumors Rife.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Demand for a sweeping investigation by the house rules committee of the administration in the Philippines of Governor General Leonard Wood was made in a resolution introduced today by Representative Frear, republican Wisconsin. The inquiry, he suggested, also should seek to establish whether the time is ripe to grant the island's independence.

Referring to General Wood's campaign in 1920 for the republican presidential nomination, Mr. Frear's resolution declared "it has been repeatedly and publicly alleged Governor Wood's selection for the post of governor general would enable him to reciprocate favors extended to him in the political primary campaign of 1920 and that the alleged usurpation of authority and effort to extend exploitation privileges would afford recognition of unprecedented obligations incurred in the campaign."
The resolution proposed that "in justice to Governor Wood and those who contributed to the political campaign the investigation should be extended to include charges to the effect that rights in the Philippines given or proposed to American interests are not related to such contributions."
The new building on Main and Bartlett, built by Mrs. E. M. Warner and occupied by the White Sewing Machine company was finished a few days ago and when the company moved in it was discovered that it was impossible to heat the place because chimneys had been omitted. The chimneys are being constructed at present but it is feared will not be ready for Santa Claus, Monday night.

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Forger Trying to Escape From Train Is Shot Five Times

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 20.—Zeph Saunders, alleged forger, being returned from El Paso to Pasadena where he is wanted on charges of forgery and burglary, today was shot five times and severely wounded by Officer Robert O'Rourke after Saunders had drawn a gun and demanded his release. The shooting occurred on the Golden State Limited on which Saunders was being taken to the California city. Saunders was removed from the train to a hospital here on its arrival this morning. Saunders was captured near the international border at El Paso, while he was trying to escape into Mexico.

DIVORCE BY NO. 1 WIFE SURPRISE TO WIFE NO. 2

Hollywood Movie Director Accused By Wife of Trying to Sell Her to Negro for \$500,000 Now Faces Bigamy Charge.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Federal officers today set on foot an investigation of the case of Elsie La Maie, whose wife Helen yesterday instituted divorce proceedings here, charging him with having attempted to sell her to Lou Harris Baker, said to be a negro character of the Juarez, Mexico underworld.
Department of justice officials said at present they would make no attempt to locate either La Maie or his wife, both of whom have disappeared, but would confine their present inquiries to determining whether there had been any infraction of the federal laws, particularly of the Mann act.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Grotesquely conflicting statements by two women in two widely separated cities yesterday and last night, made Elsie La Maie, motion picture director and theater man, a much sought after person today.
The first woman in a divorce complaint filed in the superior court yesterday, gave her name as Helen La Maie of Long Beach, near here, and charged her husband, Elsie La Maie, with having attempted to sell her to a wealthy negro of Juarez, Mexico, for \$500,000, \$150,000 of which she was to keep for herself. Her marriage to La Maie took place in Santa Ana, Calif., nine years ago, the complaint stated.

The second woman, who said she was Mrs. Violet La Maie, wife of Elsie La Maie, motion picture man, stated in El Paso last night that she knew of no divorce action against her husband, that they had always been on the best of terms since their marriage in Dallas, Texas, three years ago and that she expected him to return in a few days from Los Angeles, where he had gone two weeks ago.
Efforts to reach either party to the divorce suit filed here had not met with success at an early hour today, but C. E. Bush, attorney for the plaintiff, said he was sure both were "somewhere in Long Beach." He said he was not aware that there was a Mrs. Violet La Maie in El Paso, but that Mrs. Helen La Maie had mentioned to him the name of "Violet Holler of El Paso," in connection with her divorce action.

SENATE OVERRIDES PRESIDENT; WILL FIGHT NOMINATION OF E. P. FARLEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Decision of the senate commerce committee today to report adversely the nomination of Edward P. Farley as chairman of the shipping board was followed by withdrawal by President Coolidge of the nominations of Frederick I. Thompson of Alabama and Bert E. Haney of Oregon as members of the board.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The nomination of Edward P. Farley as chairman of the shipping board will be reported adversely to the senate under a decision today of the commerce committee.
The committee's action was based entirely, members said, upon provisions of the law which allow only one member of the board to states touching on the Great Lakes. Mr. Farley is from Chicago and the lakes section already is represented by Commissioner T. V. O'Connor of Buffalo.
By its action the committee overruled President Coolidge's contention that senate confirmation of A. D. Lasker of Chicago as board chairman in 1921 constituted a precedent for similar approval of the Farley nomination.
Favorable reports were ordered by the committee upon the nominations of Frederick I. Thompson of Alabama and Bert E. Haney of Oregon, reported as members of the board.
The vote in the committee against Farley was said by members to be unanimous.
Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, announced that he would ask that the nomination be considered in open sessions when it was brought before the senate.

FROZEN TO DEATH ON LONG HIKE

Frank Fletcher, 53 Years Old, Famous Globe Trotter, Is Found Frozen to Death—Was to Have Received \$10,000 On Return to San Francisco.

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 20.—The body of a man frozen to death in a hay stack at Oliver, Wis., a suburb, has been identified as that of Frank Fletcher, famous globe trotter, who started out from San Francisco in June, 1919, to walk to Buenos Aires and circle the United States before June, 1920.

The American Athletic association had posted \$10,000 for Fletcher in case he should complete the trip successfully, according to papers found in a knapsack, not far from the haystack.
The proviso in this wager that Fletcher must always sleep under the open sky is believed to have caused his death last Saturday night, which was bitter cold.

Hundreds of letters from the mayors and police chiefs of cities visited by Fletcher were found in his knapsack. Fletcher was 53 years old.
Fletcher it is believed made his way to Buenos Aires and back again and was engaged in circling the United States when he came to his tragic end. According to examination by physicians it is believed he fell asleep too near the end of the hay stack, received little protection from the bitter cold weather and probably died without awakening.
Fletcher was discovered by a local resident last Thursday in an out-of-the-way street. He complained of feeling ill and was taken to a local hospital where he was given a medical examination. He left the hospital the following day.
His body was found Sunday. The knapsack was found yesterday.

NAME DALLAS MAN HEAD FARM UNION

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 20.—Herbert Egbert of The Dalles, was unanimously elected president of the Farmers Union of Oregon in convention here today. R. P. Laird, president of the Lane county union, was chosen vice president and Mrs. G. B. Jones of Monmouth was re-elected treasurer.
A. B. Swift of Baker was again chosen national delegate, with W. M. Richards of The Dalles alternate.
A. G. Rempel of Rickreall, retiring vice president, and H. B. Davidson of Joseph, were elected to the executive committee. The three day convention ended this afternoon following installation of officers.

Wire Report On Foreign Money

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Slackened demand for French exchange in the New York stock exchange caused further recessions in the quoted values in bills on Paris today, francs sliding off to another new low for all time at 5.15 cents.