

# Bloody Battles All Over Mexico

## Klamath Woman Is Agent for Governor West

### MRS. TAYLOR, POSTMISTRESS AT BLY, IS NAMED TO SECURE DATA THAT MAY CONVICT BOOTLEGGERS

MADE COMPLAINT TO WEST THAT LIQUOR WAS BEING SHIPPED INTO BLY

Following Receipt of the Woman's Information Executive Decides to Appoint Her as "Southern Oregon's Fern Hobbs," and She Will Work Up Cases in Case There Are Any Violations.

(Herald Special Service)

SALEM, March 27.—Governor Oswald West today announced that he had appointed Mrs. Clara Taylor, postmistress at Bly, as the special agent of his office in Klamath county, to give attention to violations of the local option law.

Mrs. Taylor reported to the governor several days ago that quantities of intoxicating liquors were being shipped into Bly for illegal distribution.

Believing that Mrs. Taylor would be a good person to round up these alleged offenders, and having no agent in the county, Governor West today appointed Mrs. Taylor to this place.

It is understood that she will accept the office and start work at once getting evidence against the alleged violators of the local option law.

"About a month ago, I took this matter up first, when I wrote to Governor West, telling him of conditions, and asking that something be done," said Mrs. Taylor over the telephone today. "At that time he was in Washington, but upon his return he answered my letter, enclosing a blank for specific information. This I filled out a few days ago, and mailed to him, but there has been no time as yet for a reply."

It was reported that the liquor was being sent through the mails, but Mrs. Taylor says this is not the case. "If the mails had been used for illicit traffic I would have gone about this in an entirely different manner," she said.

In addition to being postmistress, Mrs. Taylor is agent for the stage company. It is on account of shipments of liquor over the stage line that Mrs. Taylor made her complaint.

COAL MINES WILL CLOSE APRIL 1ST

OHIO COAL OPERATORS SAY THIS IS DONE BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO SETTLE THE WAGE QUESTION

United Press Service CLEVELAND, O., March 27.—Following a lengthy conference, the Ohio

## CANAL FUSS WARMS HOUSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The house today passed a rule limiting debate upon the tolls repeal measure to twenty minutes. The vote, 390 to 172, it is contended by some, indicates that the resolution desired by Wilson will be passed. The adoption of this also barred amendments to the resolution. The debate was opened by Congressman Sims. Adamson predicted

coal mine operators today state that they will close all the mines in the state April 1st. This was necessary, they maintained, because of the failure to reach an agreement with the Miners' Union regarding wages.

## ALGOMA CASE IS REMOVED TODAY

JUDGE BENSON GRANTS REMOVAL PETITION OF ATTORNEYS FOR THE COMPANY IN DAMAGE ACTION

Circuit Judge Benson this afternoon signed an order for the removal of the suit of Emanuel Engle against the Algoma Lumber company from the circuit court to the federal district court. This is upon the ground that the company is an outside corporation, and the amount involved over \$2,000.

Engle lost a leg as the result of an accident at the company's plant last year. He asks \$20,000 damages.

## DORRIS NOW HAS PHONE EXCHANGE

ALL BUTTE VALLEY TOWNS ARE BROUGHT CLOSER TOGETHER. LINE WILL CONNECT WITH LOCAL EXCHANGE IN FEW DAYS

Thursday electricians finished the work of connecting up Dorris, Calif., with the Butte Valley Telephone company's lines to Sam's Neck, Oklamona, Macdoel, Mt. Hebron and other towns in the valley.

Today, for the first time in its history, Dorris has a telephone central office, with switchboards, operator, etc. Mrs. S. V. Hines is the operator in charge.

Within a week or ten days, according to a statement from L. R. Robertson, manager of the Klamath county lines of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, Klamath Falls will be connected by direct wire with the Dorris switchboard, thus giving local subscribers direct phone connections with the towns in Butte Valley.

Today's news in The Herald. a month.

that the vote of the majority would be trebled to what it was today, and that the bill would pass. Congressman Hardwick denounced the stand of Clark: "I want this distinguished democrat to say if he does not realize that we must support the administration, or wander in the wilderness another forty years. I hope the gentleman from Missouri will not be troubled by today's vote," he said.

Main Street of Torreon, New Seat of Mexican War



Torreon has now become the theater of the Mexican war. There the federal forces of President Huerta and General Villa have been engaged in battle for several days. The news has been censored, so it has been impossible to learn the results. The best information is to the effect that Villa's forces, approaching Torreon, encountered the federals far outside

the city, and several skirmishes, in which they were driven back, followed. Villa has refused to permit the newspaper correspondents with him to send any information from Chihuahua unless it is in cipher, it was said. That makes it practically impossible to tell the facts at length. There has been a belief in Juarez

and other points along the frontier that the contest at Torreon may go a long way towards settling the future of Villa in the Mexican rebellion. The photograph here shows the reception of federal troops when they entered Torreon some time ago. The whole populace turned out to meet them.

## Huerta Was Almost Ready to Quit Once

(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press)

MEXICO CITY, March 27.—The ex-oration by the authorities at Rome of Archbishop Mora del Rio of Mexico brought to light the fact that there were certain members of the Catholic party in Mexico who were receiving extensive favors from Victoriana Huerta, Mexico's dictator, and who, in return for these favors went so far as to lodge charges of meddling in politics against Archbishop Mora del Rio, the charges being placed in the Vatican itself.

On first hand information the United Press correspondent is able to explain the activities of Archbishop Mora del Rio, which formed the basis of the charges at Rome.

About the 1st of December the archbishop began a campaign of persuasion among Huerta's friends with the object of endeavoring to persuade Huerta that he ought, for the sake of his country, to step out of office. This campaign was highly effective for a time, so much so that he felt inclined to leave the presidency, in accord with wishes of President Wilson, and take the field himself in Northern Mexico. It was only by the utmost persuasion that Huerta's friends, whose financial and political interests were at stake, talked him out of the idea.

Archbishop Mora del Rio's argument was a strong and simple one, as it reached the ears of Huerta through his friends, and as Mora himself told it to Huerta one evening when the president called at the archbishop's home.

"Huerta has done the best he can," declared the archbishop. "Yet the situation grows worse and worse. What a magnificent place Huerta would take in Mexican history, if, to save bloodshed, and to hasten peace

in Mexico, he would declare to President Wilson: 'I have done my best, but I am not strong enough to bring peace amid so much tumult and such conflicts of selfish interests as prevail here. I step down from my high office, with the understanding that you will take the responsibility of settling affairs in Mexico and putting the country again at peace.'

Undoubtedly if Huerta had followed the advice of the archbishop President Wilson would have been placed in a highly embarrassing situation, for, to bring peace, it would have been necessary either to support Huerta's personally conducted fight against Carranza or to support Carranza and oppose Huerta, even after Huerta had put President Wilson under obligation by resigning his dictatorship. On the whole, it is believed in diplomatic circles, it is very fortunate for President Wilson that Archbishop Mora del Rio's plans were not carried out.

## THOS. L. FENLON DIES AT SALEM

SONS AND DAUGHTER, RESIDING AT MERRILL, HAD HIM COMMITTED TO THE INSANE ASYLUM LAST WEEK

Received at the state asylum for the insane Sunday, Thomas L. Fenlon, aged 80 years, died there Wednesday.

The feeble old man was committed from Klamath county upon grounds of senility.

Fenlon's commitment followed complaint made by relatives. He is the father of George H. and Ira Fenlon and Mrs. Zenora A. Swatman, all residents of Merrill. Superintendent Steiner of the asylum says this is one of the most pitiable cases that has ever come under his observation.

"The condition of the patient was such that it was necessary to send him to Salem," said Dr. Merryman today. "He should have been sent to Salem six months ago for treatment, but his children worked hard in order to make it possible for him to remain with them. It would have been impossible for him to have been sent to the county infirmary, as it was not equipped, as is the Salem institution, for the care of such peculiar cases."

## YOUTH IS ONCE MORE IN PRISON

ROBERT PETTUS, RECENTLY RELEASED FROM JAIL, IS RE-ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF STEALING HORSE AND OUTFIT

For the second time within a year, Robert Pettus, aged 20 years, is in the county jail. This time he is charged with the theft of a horse, camp equipment, etc., from the Holbrook outfit.

Pettus, according to Luther Holbrook, on whose Langell Valley ranch the boy was employed, was sent by the foreman of the sheep camp to prepare supper for the crew, but instead, he changed his clothes and skipped with the horse and camp outfit. He was arrested by Constable Schallock, and last night was bound over to the grand jury by Justice Gowen.

The boy was arrested before on a statutory charge and a charge of theft. As the complaining witness was not in court when the trial date arrived, the prisoner was liberated.

## HAMMOND FREED IN SHORT TIME BY THE JURORS

SECOND CHARGE AGAINST HIM IS WITHDRAWN

Talesmen Were Out Less Than Five Minutes Before Returning With Their Verdict of Acquittal—Witnesses Introduced Testified That the Reputation of the Girl in the Case Was not the Best.

Just before 12 o'clock the jury in the Hammond case returned a verdict acquitting Charles E. Hammond of the charge of a statutory crime upon his sister-in-law, Mary Flecher. The jury was out less than five minutes. This afternoon, District Attorney John Irwin moved for a dismissal of the other charge against Hammond, that of an attempted assault upon a younger Flecher girl. This was granted, and the rancher was released.

All of the parties interested are residents of Langell Valley, and the defendant is a brother-in-law to the girl he is alleged to have attacked. The prosecution held that he assaulted her, and made her keep silence by telling her she was as liable to the consequences in the court as he was.

The defense maintained that the girl's conduct toward the defendant was anything but proper, and that he drove her away. There were witnesses introduced to testify that the girl's character was not the best, while others were put on to refute this.

The trial has been in progress for three days. Every day there has been a large attendance of spectators.

## MODERN BAKERY WILL BE BUILT

RUDOLPH NURMI PURCHASES PROPERTY ON PINE STREET, AND WILL PUT IN AN UP-TO-DATE PLANT

The problem of supplying loaves and cake for the people of Klamath Falls has become such a big problem with R. Nurmi, proprietor of the Klamath Falls bakery, that he has decided to erect a building, especially adapted to this, and large enough to keep up with the demand. The last word in bread and pastry making will be installed.

Nurmi has just secured property on Pine street between Tenth and Eleventh for the new bakery. It will be built this summer.

## ASQUITH SAYS CABINET WAITS

United Press Service LONDON, March 27.—Premier Asquith today announced that the cabinet was still awaiting a final decision from Field Marshal French and General John Ewart. He also denied that the members of the cabinet contemplated active operations in Ulster.

When the house of commons convened the crisis in the cabinet was not by any means disposed of, as Field Marshal French and General Ewart still clung to their determination to retire from the cabinet. The promised

## REBELS RETAKE GOMEZ PALACIO IN FIERCE COMBAT

HUERTA FORCES WINNING IN OTHER BATTLES

Dispatch to Mexico City Says Twenty-Seven Wagon Loads of Dead Rebels Were Hauled From Cuatro Ciencogas—Over a Thousand Rebels Reported Killed at Monclovia—Villa Ready to Attack Torreon

United Press Service ELVERFEL, Mexico, March 27.—The rebels under General Villa were sweepingly victorious yesterday and recaptured Gomez Palacio. When Villa's forces entered the city they found 800 federal soldiers dead. The rebels loss amounted to about 100.

The bombardment of Torreon continues, and the city is alive in many places. At noon today General Herrera notified General Villa that his brigade has captured almost the entire southern part of Torreon. The entire northern portion of the city is in flames.

GOMEZ PALACIO, March 27.—Following a hard all day and all night fight that was the fiercest in modern times, Villa's rebels recaptured this city this morning, whence they were repulsed Wednesday by the federals, who rallied and retook the last ground.

"The battle was the fiercest and bloodiest of my military career," said Villa today. "Both sides maintained a steady artillery fire all night, giving the garrison at Torreon no time to rest."

Following the occupancy of the city early this morning General Villa ordered the tired troops to assist the hospital corps in gathering the wounded from the battlefields here and at Lerdo, and send them to the hospitals. Both sides lost heavily. In addition, burial detachments have been sent out.

As soon as these preliminaries are attended to the attack upon Torreon will begin.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The Mexican embassy secretary today published the following from Mexico City:

The rebels have been defeated at Monclovia, losing more than a thousand men. The government troops are also victorious in the state of Tamaulipas, where the rebels were defeated in several minor engagements.

United Press Service MEXICO CITY, March 27.—Overwhelming federal victories are claimed. It is asserted that twenty-seven wagon loads of rebel dead were removed from Cuatro Ciencogas, after the federals captured that city.

statement of Asquith was postponed until 5 o'clock this afternoon, at which time a special meeting of the cabinet was called. Field Marshal French appeared before the special meeting, and afterwards General Seeley was before it. French was closely with Asquith, and this gave rise to a rumor that Seeley was to be sacrificed and French retained, with Harcourt succeeding Seeley. The house of commons finally adjourned without any concerted effort being made in attacking the cabinet.