

# MEXICAN SITUATION AGAIN IS TENSE

## OVERTHROW OF HUERTA THE GOAL OF MANY REBELS

MUTINY IN FEDERAL ARMY IS REPORTED

Villa Has Contenders in His Race for the Capital, and at Least Three Factions Are After the Life of the Dictator and the Privilege of Looting the Capital—O'Shaughnessy Is Glad to Get Back Home.

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VERA CRUZ, May 5.—A new plot is on foot to overthrow Huerta, according to refugees just arrived from Mexico City. General Jimines Castro, the federal general, who at Huerta's command recently executed 149 mutineers at the federal barracks at Jofulla, is the leader of the new revolt.



Castro, it is reported, plans to seize the federal army, which many contend is ready to desert the dictator whenever an opportune moment for such action comes.

Castro and his fellow conspirators hope to take the city from Huerta before General Villa and his rebels get there. They are winning the men to their cause by telling glowing tales of the possibility for wealth by sack-ing the city.

The local papers are today publishing a proclamation from Zapata, the outlaw leader, saying he will start today to attack the capital. This indicates that the reported Zapata-Huerta alliance is a fabrication.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—The mediators say the withdrawal of the invitation to Carranza will not end their efforts for mediation, although it will restrict them to a certain extent. The mediators are inclined to blame America because Carranza stayed out.

Today is the anniversary of the battle of Puebla in 1862, when the Diaz forces crushed the French advance upon Mexico City. It is a national holiday, and some anti-American outbreaks are feared.

NEW ORLEANS, May 5.—"I'm damn glad to return to America," said Mexican Embassy Secretary Nelson O'Shaughnessy upon his arrival today.

"The situation in Mexico City is acute. Huerta held up my mail and telegrams for two days." O'Shaughnessy seemed hysterically glad to get back. He laughed like a boy at everything. Tonight he starts for Washington.

## TRIAL OF ARSON SUSPECT STARTS IN LOCAL COURT

MANY HERE FROM BONANZA AS WITNESSES

One Witness Says He Saw CLOPTON Leaving the Postoffice a Few Minutes Before the Flames Broke Out. Another Tells Court She Saw Mrs. CLOPTON Fully Dressed When the Hotel Guests Were Awakened.

The preliminary hearing of Hugh CLOPTON and wife, charged with setting fire to the postoffice in Bonanza January 16th, is now in progress in Judge Gowen's court. As the Herald goes to press three witnesses introduced by the prosecution have given their testimony.

The first witness called was P. C. Anglin, who at the time of the fire was employed in the livery stable across the street from the hotel.

Anglin, in direct testimony, said he played solo until 11 o'clock on the night of the fire; that he went to the stable, undressed, got in bed and went to sleep; that a bad horse woke him up some time later; that he looked at his watch and found the time to be 1:45; that he glanced across the street, and saw Hugh CLOPTON go into the postoffice.

A few minutes later Anglin says he saw CLOPTON leave the postoffice; at 2:15 he saw a blaze shoot fifty feet in the air from the roof of the postoffice building. After this, he says, he saw Dr. Harris on the steps of the hotel. He watched Harris look at the fire and says later Harris ran across the street and rang a bell to give the alarm.

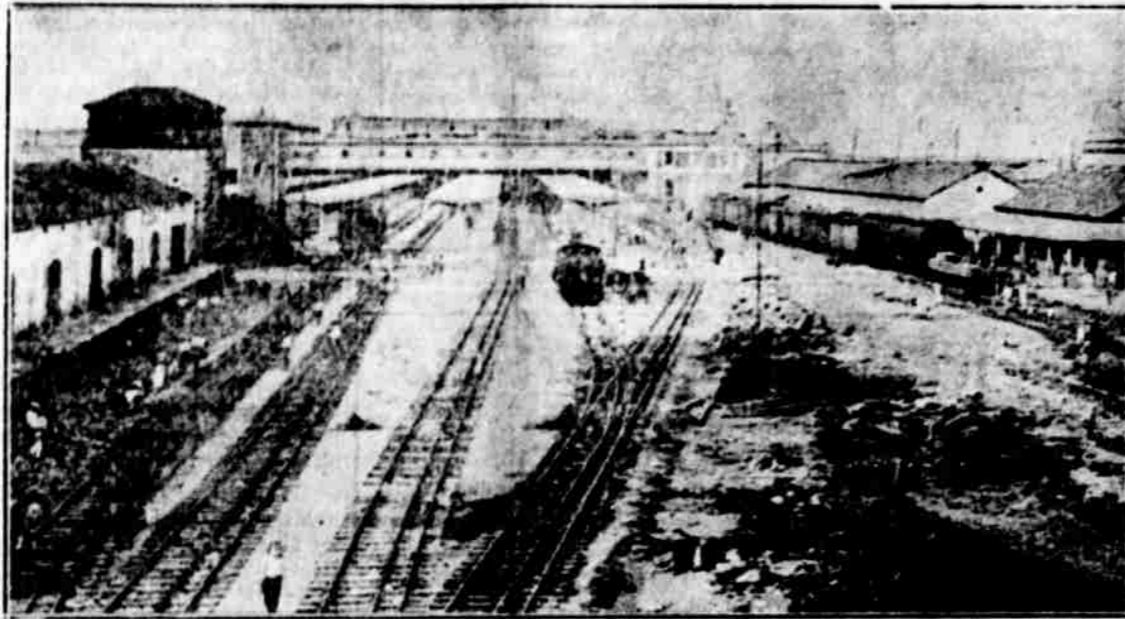
On cross-examination by Judge Drake, who, with Chas. Stone, appears for the defense, Anglin stated he did not give an alarm himself when he first saw the fire because he did not want to be mixed up with the affair at all. Asked why he had waited all this time to tell the authorities about seeing CLOPTON in the postoffice, he said he wanted to forget about the fire altogether; questioned about his mentality, he denied ever having had any mental derangement, though he admitted being in jail here for three months for hitting a fellow called Tex with a stick while in a high temper.

Bill Woods was the next witness called. His testimony was used to show that CLOPTON was too far away to hear any of the fire alarms, and that his presence there immediately after the fire looked suspicious. His testimony was hurt, though, when admitting that CLOPTON was not on the scene till after an explosion to demolish the building before the fire spread.

Miss Martha Yahr testified that she was sleeping in the hotel adjoining the postoffice building, and was awakened

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## American Troops to Embark at This Depot for Mexico City



When the march to Mexico City begins, if such should be the decision of President Wilson after the efforts of General Scott's troops, nearly 1,000 workmen was busy tearing out more rails. But the roads, even in this condition, would make the march easier than General Scott found it.

## H. N. WOOD GETS BUCKET FACTORY

FORMER OWNER TAKES OVER THE BANKRUPT STOCK OF THE SPERRY BROS.—BIG BATCH OF ORDERS ARE NOW ON FILE

The tub and pail factory near the Southern Pacific freight depot, which was operated as the Klamath Falls Tub and Pail company, and later as the Klamath Woodenware company, is to resume operations again. H. N. Wood, who built the plant, has just bought the bankrupt stock of the Sperry Bros. and the rights of the Klamath Development company.

Wood will commence work tomorrow with a small crew, which may later be enlarged. There are orders already on hand to keep the plant running for a long time.

At present Wood will use white fir in making butter packs. This, just now, is about the only local market for white fir.

## BALLOT BOXES ARE GOING OUT

SHERIFF LEAVES THIS MORNING FOR CRESCENT AND FORT KLAMATH, WITH SUPPLIES FOR THE PRIMARIES

The work of distributing the election supplies throughout the county, preparatory to the party primaries, May 15th, has commenced. This morning Sheriff C. C. Low left for the northern part of the county in his auto, taking with him the ballot boxes, ballots, etc., for Wood River and Odell precincts, respectively at Fort Klamath and Crescent.

The Crescent trip is the longest trip to be made. The other precincts can be more easily reached.

Two Marriage Licenses.

Two marriage licenses have been issued by County Clerk De Lap, to K. I. Bold and Addie Maxwell, and Francisco Rodriguez and Mary Drew. The former are well known residents of Bonanza. The latter reside near Chilquain.

## HERALD WANT AD SAVES \$4,000 FOR THE LOSER

Not being familiar with Greek cryptography, A. E. Cavin came near throwing away \$4,000.

Mr. Cavin is a car separator in the employ of the Southern Pacific company, and in looking over a passenger coach recently he found a bill book containing several slips of paper covered with letters and figures that, to him, were meaningless.

His first impulse was to throw the book out the window, but he changed his mind, and kept it. That evening, in looking over the Herald, he read of a reward for the return of a bill book containing checks on a Greek bank. Mr. Cavin gets the reward, and the owner of the bill book gets his \$4,000, so both are well pleased.

## MOVIE MEN WORK ON UPPER LAKE

LAUNCH, COLLAPSIBLE CANOES AND RUBBER BOOTS WILL BE USED TO GET NEAR THE NESTS OF THE WILD FOWL

E. A. Salisbury, managing director of the Educational Film company, and four assistants left this morning in the company's auto for the Upper Klamath Lake, where they will film nests of geese, ducks and other lake birds. They will also make pictures of the nests of eagles on Eagle Ridge.

Mr. Salisbury has rented a launch, which is now on the lake, which, with the collapsible canoes carried by the company, will be used in getting near the nesting grounds. Before leaving this morning he equipped his men with rubber boots for wading among the tule.

"I can't say just how long we will be on Upper Lake," said Mr. Salisbury, "probably three or four weeks. We can't go on the Lower Lake preserves till our permit arrives from Washington, and it is likely we will put in the waiting time on Upper Lake."

Money in Beef Cattle.

W. E. Nicholson, a prominent cattleman of Fort Klamath, sold twelve steers to Crisler & Stilts Monday. He received \$1,109.70 for the lot.

## FLOODS CAUSE FIVE FATALITIES

BRIDGES DESTROYED, CROPS DAMAGED AND RAILROAD AND WIRE SERVICE PARALYZED IN OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 5.—Delayed advices from the flooded sections in the valleys of the Canadian and Cimarron rivers report a serious state of affairs.

Five fatalities are reported, while a large number are missing and cannot be accounted for at this time. The floods destroyed twelve railroad bridges, and all wire service to the afflicted district is cut off.

The damage to the growing crops cannot be estimated at this time, but it is enormous, resulting in sections to total loss.

Requests for relief for the stricken have been answered nobly, but in no way can the suffering of the homeless be entirely averted.

## CITY'S JUICE IS BEING MEASURED

VOLTMETER IS HOOKED ON CIRCUIT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT KLAMATH FALLS IS GETTING FULL SERVICE

"Is the city of Klamath Falls getting all the electric current it pays for?" has been a much argued question at the council meetings of late. The matter is to be settled authoritatively, however, for the city has just purchased a voltmeter, which was installed on the city hall circuit Monday.

The voltmeter will later be connected with current wires elsewhere, which supply the municipality with electricity.

Visiting Yreka.

Ed Terwilliger left this morning for a short business trip to Yreka.

The imports of matches into China greatly exceed in value any other wood product. Most of the matches come in from Japan.

## NICHOLAS CHOSEN FOR SECOND TERM BY LOCAL VOTERS

LEAVITT AND SIEMENS ARE ALSO WINNERS

Present City Executive is Elected by One Hundred Votes Over Edward J. Murray, His Strongest Opponent, in a Hotly Contested Election—M. R. Doty is Defeated for Fifth Ward Councilman.

Polling 100 more votes than Edward J. Murray, Thomas F. Nicholas was re-elected mayor of Klamath Falls Monday in one of the most spirited elections held in recent years. Police Judge A. L. Leavitt and City Treasurer J. W. Siemens were re-elected by large majorities, the latter for the twenty-fifth consecutive time.

In the Fifth ward M. R. Doty was defeated by H. J. Lockwood for the council. The vote by wards follows:

**First Ward**  
Mayor—T. F. Nicholas 94, E. J. Murray 46, W. C. Townsend 11, John Austad 3, Dan Corcoran 2.  
Police Judge—A. L. Leavitt 109, W. S. Wiley 40, C. A. Edler 5.  
City Treasurer—J. W. Siemens 104, Arthur R. Wilson 47, J. W. Tyrrell 2.

**Second Ward**  
Mayor—Nicholas 239, Murray 131, Townsend 24, Corcoran 18, Wilkins 5, Austad 3.  
Police Judge, Leavitt 297, Wiley 109, Edler 10.  
Treasurer—Siemens 270, Wilson 134, Tyrrell 10.

**Third Ward**  
Mayor—Nicholas 205, Murray 190, Townsend 45, Corcoran 19, Austad 12, Wilkins 3.  
Police Judge—Leavitt 279, Wiley 175, Edler 17.  
Treasurer—Siemens 292, Wilson 118, Tyrrell 26.

**Fourth Ward**  
Mayor—Murray 124, Nicholas 71, Corcoran 37, Townsend 13, Austad 17, Police Judge—Leavitt 195, Wiley 93, Edler 23.

**Fifth Ward**  
Mayor—Murray 55, Nicholas 37, Townsend 19, Austad 7, Corcoran 7.  
Police Judge—Leavitt 57, Wiley 42, Edler 11.  
Treasurer—Siemens 64, Wilson 32, Tyrrell 13.

The report that Murray would contest the election has been emphatically denied by him. Today he made the following statement:

"I want to state as emphatically as possible that at no time was the question of a contest considered by my friends or myself. If Mr. Nicholas had won by one vote, the result would have stood, so far as we were concerned."

"I wish you would express my sincere appreciation for your report."

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## OFFICIALS THINK MAAS IS GETTING READY TO ATTACK

ADMINISTRATION IS SLIGHTLY WORRIED

If Federal Leader Attacks Forces at Vera Cruz, Eleven Thousand Coast Artillerymen Will Go South to Serve as Infantry—Rebels Will Attack Several Cities Tonight, Say Torreon Advices.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5.—Officials are somewhat nervous over the Mexican situation today.

Privately they fear that a sensational break there is imminent, but publicly they continue to appear optimistic.

Secretary Daniels of the navy department and Secretary Bryan say that the elimination of Carranza will not affect the situation. Other officials disagree with this, and believe the Vera Cruz situation is menacing. Many think undoubtedly that General Maas is preparing to make an attack upon the American forces as a deliberate attempt to force General Funston to make an advance.

In case America should then become aggressive, it is thought that this would set all Mexico aflame, and it would fight as a unit.

After the cabinet meeting the president and Bryan conferred for two hours. Both were silent as to their subject, but it is understood they were considering the conclusions of the general staff of the army regarding Vera Cruz.

If General Maas attacks Vera Cruz it is believed that 11,000 coast artillerymen, as infantry, will go to that city.

A dispatch received this afternoon from Torreon, constitutionalist field headquarters, stated that a simultaneous bombardment of Saltillo and San Luis Potosi will begin tonight. Villa will lead the Saltillo attack, and General Benavides the other. There are 6,000 federals in the garrison at San Luis Potosi.

**To California.**  
Mrs. W. T. Lee left today for Los Angeles, where she will visit for a few weeks with her mother. When she returns she will bring her mother here to live.

**On Business Trip.**  
J. O. Hamaker, county sealer of weights and measures, left this morning for Portland to attend to business affairs.

**Moore to Portland.**  
Rufus and Chas. Moore left this morning for Portland on a mission of business. Mrs. Chas. Moore accompanied them as far as Grants Pass.

## "City Dads" Tonight

Council, After Opening Bids, Adjourns Its Session

Owing to the disturbance attendant at the counting of votes in the city hall last night, the councilmen, after being called to order, decided to postpone their session until this evening. An adjournment was therefore taken.

Before adjourning the council formally opened the bids for the construction of the new city hall, but deferred taking action on them until tonight's session.

There were six bids submitted. Of these, that of Cofer Bros., amounting to in the neighborhood of \$35,000, was the lowest.

At tonight's session the salary and other claims against the city will be presented and acted upon by the council.

## "Skeeter Bill" Poetic

Dalton Ranch and "Pinears" Figure in Last Offense

In many men, the ruling passion is a thirst for strong beverages. In others it is a desire for gold, while in still others, it is a voracious appetite for learning or the arts.

With "Skeeter Bill" Robbins, six-foot-six Rodeo idol, rider and roper, who gets the crowd with him wherever he appears, this passion is poetry, metrical rhythmic poetry, with which he is furnished, and which breaks

out into jingling verse upon the least provocation. He also has another passion, and that is to get just one more chance at "Pin Ears," the mean little outlaw which bucked him from his chances at first money in the finals at the Elks' Rodeo last year.

"Pin Ears" and the Dalton ranch figure prominently in Skeeter's latest work.

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