

GEN. VILLA EXECUTES 140 PRISONERS

CONGRESS MAY REGULATE N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE

Mexican Bandit Defeats Army of Carranzistas at Torreon

TWENTY-FIVE ARE KILLED IN BATTLE

Many Carranza Soldiers Desert to Villa Because He Pays in Silver, Say Refugees—General Murguía Recaptures Supplies Taken by Bandit Chief at Chihuahua City Some Time Ago. When He Sacked City.

EL PASO, Jan. 2.—The Carranza consulate here announced today that an army of Carranzistas were defeated yesterday by 500 Villistas near Torreon.

Twenty-five men were killed in the battle and 140 prisoners taken in the fighting were later executed by Villa. General Murguía has telegraphed that he has re-captured a quantity of supplies taken by Villa at Chihuahua city. Refugees arriving here assert that Carranzista soldiers frequently are deserting to Villa because Villa is paying his men in silver.

AMERICAN FORCE WITHDRAWN SOON

PUNITIVE EXPEDITION UNDER GENERAL JOHN PERSHING WILL BE REMOVED FROM MEXICAN SOIL, SAY OFFICERS

EL PASO, Jan. 2.—Army officers here stated today that preparations were proceeding in the army supply department for the withdrawal of General Pershing's punitive force from Mexico.

All property clerks have been ordered to proceed to Columbus, N. M. The duties of these clerks are to record and check equipment sent into or coming from Mexico.

San Francisco is Watching Klamath

W. Paul Johnson Says California is Anxious to See Klamath Falls Rise to Opportunity to Make Itself

"San Francisco is talking about Klamath Falls and the Strahorn railroad," says W. Paul Johnson, who has just returned from San Francisco, where he spent Christmas with Mrs. Johnson.

"Business men especially are closely watching developments in the situation here, and are wondering if Klamath Falls is going to 'come through.' They declare the town will be made by the new railroad, and that the town

TWO GOVERNORS NOW RULE OVER ARIZONA STATE

STATE HAS TWO STAFFS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICES

All State Business is Deadlocked—Legislature to Meet Monday, But Will Be Asked to Adjourn Six Weeks to Wait for Muddle to Be Settled—Capital is Guarded to Prevent Riots Among Rivals' Constituents.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 2.—Arizona today has two governors and two staffs of appointive officials.

Attorneys for Governor Hunt and Governor-elect Campbell today agreed not to present a petition ousting Hunt from the state house until next Thursday.

As a result, all state business is deadlocked. The legislature convenes Monday, but probably will be asked to adjourn six weeks until the muddle is settled. The capitol is being guarded.

Land Being Classified The work of classifying and opening to homestead entry such lands in the national forests as are chiefly valuable for agriculture is progressing rapidly. Already over 70,000,000 acres have been covered by field examinations and the final reports acted upon.

Can Use Tanbark Investigations by the forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., have resulted in the use of spent tanbark in the manufacture of asphalt shingles to the extent of 160 tons per week. The value of the bark has been thereby increased from 60 cents to \$2.50 per ton.

1000 Club Will Meet Tomorrow

A meeting of the Women's 1,000 Railroad Club has been called by Mrs. Charles W. Eberlein, chairman, for 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Hall hotel. All members of the club and women who wish to become members are urged by Mrs. Eberlein to be present, as important business is scheduled. The Women's 1,000 Railroad Club is doing great work in getting subscriptions for the fund to buy terminals for the Strahorn railroad. Watch the list of subscriptions each day, and see how it grows.

GRAIN TRUST IS ROBBING FARMERS

ARGENTINE FARMERS LOSE \$200,000,000 A YEAR TO THIS TRUST, SAYS CEREAL EXPERT OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 2.—"Wake up, Argentina, and build grain elevators," urged Gert T. Holm, a Swedish-American, and foremost cereal expert in the Southern republic, in an appeal to the country's farmers.

Holm estimates that these farmers lose \$200,000,000 annually to the "grain trust" through lack of storage facilities, which compels them to market their products in a hurry and on whatever terms the trust dictates. He places the members of the trust at not more than five concerns, who do have some elevators of their own, but who use them, he asserts, entirely for their own benefit. The plan he favors is government construction of elevators.

GUN SHIPMENT TO BE PROBED

CONGRESSMAN KAHN ASKS FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE SHIPMENT OF MUNITIONS, DESPITE PRESIDENT'S EMBARGO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Congressman Kahn this afternoon introduced a resolution requiring information on the exportation of munitions to Mexico "in violation of the president's embargo." Mexican Ambassador Arredondo announced that he was going to Mexico soon to confer with Carranza regarding importation of munitions. American Ambassador Fletcher also will return to Mexico.

"Let Hindenburg Answer"



BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Comments of Berlin newspapers indicate the belief that Germany's peace hopes have been dispersed, and that the allies' reply to the proposals deserves no written rejoinder.

The newspapers believe that Germany must now fight to a finish. "Let von Hindenburg answer the allies," is the gist of the German opinion.

PAID FIRE CHIEF TO BE PROVIDED

COUNCIL EXPECTED TO PLACE FIRE CHIEF ON FULL PAY. MAYOR CRISLER WILL NAME KIETH AMBROSE CHIEF

Advance dope on the council meeting tonight says the fire committee will report favorably on the question of placing the chief of the fire department on full pay and requiring him to give all his time to the job. It is also expected that the council will pass a resolution providing this.

Mayor C. B. Crisler is expected to appoint Kieth Ambrose as fire chief, succeeding Oscar Brennehan, who was unable to continue the position on account of other duties.

Putting the fire chief on full pay, thus discontinuing the volunteer chief system, was recommended by the members of the fire department in a report submitted to the council December 26.

Forests Yield Much

There were cut from the national forests in the fiscal year 1916, 604,920,000 board feet of timber. Of this amount 119,483,000 board feet was cut under free use privilege by 42,055 individuals. In all, 10,540 sales of timber were made, of which 97 per cent were under \$100 in value, indicating the extent to which the homesteader, rancher, miner, small millman and others in need of a limited quantity of timber draw upon the forests.

SOLDIERS WERE MISLED CHARGE

COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, CIRCULATORS OF ROUND ROBIN, SAY THEY WERE FOOLED REGARDING PAY

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—It was learned today that members of Company A, California engineers, now serving at Nogales, circulated the round robin among the soldiers, charging neglect caused the death of one soldier.

The men claim they were misled when they enlisted, regarding their term of service and pay. Most of the company was recruited from Northern California.

Robbers Get \$300

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 2.—Two robbers this morning dynamited the safe in the ticket office of the Oakland, Antioch & Eastern, getting \$300 in cash. A restaurant cook, who said he saw two men leaving the office at 5 o'clock this morning, furnishes the only clue to the robbers.

Forests Protected

The national forests of Oregon and Washington are being protected, not only from fire, but from the ravages of insects. Occasionally barkbeetles become so destructive on certain areas that the infested timber must be promptly cut and burned to prevent further damages to valuable timber.

Lawson Won't Be Called on Carpet

Rear Guard of Rumania Is Attacked

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The German ninth army is closely pressing the Rumanians, repeatedly defeating the rear guard of the retreating army. In the last few days over 1,300 have been captured.

On the west front German patrol detachments have entered the French trenches at Champagne and returned safely.

Sofia announces that the Bulgarians have captured 1,500 Rumanians.

OFFICIALS TAKE OATHS THIS DAY

SWORN IN BY COUNTY CLERK DE LAP—BURT HAWKINS WILL BE IN OFFICE OF SHERIFF GEORGE HUMPHREY

Mrs. Rose Torrey will not be the office deputy for Sheriff George Humphrey, who took office today. Instead, Burt E. Hawkins was sworn in as deputy. The other deputies are Austin Hayden and Tiz Griffith.

The various county officials took the oath today, as did their deputies. County Clerk DeLap will be assisted by Charles F. DeLap, Miss Vera Houston and Lloyd DeLap. Assessor J. P. Lee will have in his office Miss Agnes Lee and Mrs. A. J. Vove.

Fred Combs' Widow Gets \$23 a Month

Widow of Workman Killed at Ewauna Box Factory Given Settlement by Industrial Accident Commission

The State Industrial Accident Commission on Saturday settled the death claim of Fred Combs, thus making a New Year present of considerable proportion to the widow of this deceased workman, who died December 10th, 1916, as a result of injuries received while in the employ of the Ewauna Box company.

The widow, who is 23 years of age, will receive \$23 per month for life, the daughter \$8 and the son \$3 per month each, until they have reached the age of 16 years.

To make these payments the commission has set aside into the segregated fund the sum of \$8,397.01, and instructed the state treasurer to invest the same in state or municipal bonds for the benefit of this widow. This money is not available for any other purpose, nor can it be reached by any process of law or by the legislature, and has the guarantee of the state behind it that the funds will be paid as stated above.

MAY BE HEARD IN OPEN MEETING ON "LEAK"

Senator Stone Denies Having Profited From "Leak" on Wilson's Peace Note to Belligerents, But Admits Secrets of Government Moves Have Found Way Out of the Department of State.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—Chairman Henry of the house rules committee today refused to call the committee together to investigate the alleged "leak" in connection with President Wilson's note to belligerents.

Instead he introduced a resolution empowering congress to regulate the New York stock exchange. Advance information on the note reached the exchange before the note was made public, and certain government officials are alleged to have profited greatly from the "leak."

After conferring with Thomas W. Lawson, who declares he knows who "leaks" on important government moves are common, Congressman Campbell demanded that Lawson be heard in an open meeting. Senator Stone today denied that he profited by the news "leak," and bitterly denounced Lawson. He admitted however, that "secrets have found their way out of the state department."

Banks Must Report WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—John Skelton Williams, comptroller of currency, today issued a call for a statement of the condition of all national banks at the close of business December 27th.

Senate Won't Endorse WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 2.—The senate again today refused to vote on the resolution endorsing President Wilson's peace note to belligerents.