

BUBONIC PLAGUE IS BREAKING OUT

LAS VACAS IN HANDS OF THE FEDERALERS. EXECUTION ALSO RUMORED

Despite the Nearness of the Conflict, All Juarez Turns Out to Bet Its Spare Pesos on the Ponies. Wilson, Though Going to New York, Is Keeping a Close Watch on Developments in Mexico.

PANAMA, Nov. 28.—Passengers arriving today from Guayaquil report a virulent outbreak of bubonic plague there.

In the last three days there have been 160 deaths from plague and 70 from malarial fevers.

This condition is believed due to the unsettled state of affairs and the lack of attention people are giving to civic health, owing to the closeness of the fighting. The revolution there is spreading rapidly.

EAGLE PASS, Nov. 28.—According to dispatches, Las Vacas yesterday fell into the hands of the federalers after a desperate fight, in which a hundred or more were killed on both sides.

The rebels were outnumbered. Eighty of them made a gallant final stand against odds.

It is reported, though not confirmed, that the federalers executed several hundred non-combatants at San Carlos, several miles from Las Vacas.

EL PASO, Nov. 28.—All uarez yesterday forgot the bloody war being waged around it and the citizens and rebel soldiers all turned out to the opening races of the season at Juarez track.

General Villa occupied a box. There was no disturbance.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—President Wilson has arranged to keep in very close touch with the Mexican situation while in New York tonight and tomorrow.

He has arranged with Secretary Bryan to repeat to him all the important messages from the South.

It has been learned that Wilson assured Sir William Tyrrell, secretary to the British Foreign Minister, that official advice indicated that the British consul at Tuxpam greatly exaggerated the gravity of the situation.

It is expected that some foreign property will be damaged during the fighting, but Carranza has assured the United States that this will be paid as soon as the rebels are in control.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The battleship New Hampshire sailed from Vera Cruz to Tuxpam last night.

WILSON WOULD END THE STRIKE BY ARBITRATING

DENVER, Nov. 28.—Secretary of Labor William Wilson and Governor Ammons of Colorado are working to bring about an end to the labor disturbances in the Trinidad mining camps. They urge immediate arbitration.

A joint letter from the secretary and the governor has been sent to the mine operators and to the miners, asking for an early settlement of the strike. Both sides have taken the matter under advisement.

According to the proposal made by the officials, the two factions will each select three members of a board of arbitration. These six are to select a seventh.

In case the seventh man cannot be agreed upon by the other members of the board, he will be chosen by President Wilson.

At this conference, it is proposed to arbitrate the question of higher wages for men. The board will also be expected to devise methods of adjusting future disputes, in order to avoid other strikes.

The latter proposition is to take the place of recognition of unions. Pending the settlement, it is asked that the miners resume work.

MILITANT SUFFERS NOW ROASTING THE CLERGY

LONDON, Nov. 28.—The bishops having persistently neglected to suggest public prayer in the churches for God's guidance in the question of women's enfranchisement, have not been smitten with the terrible curse of spiritual blindness; they have thrown aside all pretense of decency and religion," says an indignant letter of protest against the "cat and mouse" act received today by the Archbishop of Canterbury and York, from the Suffragist Churchwomen's Protective Committee.

"Before the eyes of agnostics and atheists," continues the protest, "they have openly allied themselves with corrupt politicians and white slave traders, by sanctioning methods of unheard-of brutality toward women who, whether right or wrong in their methods, are earnestly striving to

bring into this nation some degree of purity and christianity.

"We desire to express the indignation and loathing with which we regard the action of the bishops in allowing the 'cat and mouse' bill to pass the house of lords. It is tragic enough that our legislators should be capable of even considering a measure which inflicts upon good and public spirited women torture which no humane person would ever inflict upon murderers or brother-keepers. But churchwomen—and indeed all Christians—had at least a right to expect that the lords spiritual would be present in the upper house to denounce, in the name of Christianity, a measure the mere proposal of which must rank England far below the ignorant nations, to whom, with inconceivable arrogance, she sends missionaries.

"If the bishops really sanctioned the bill without realizing what it would involve, the only way in which they can save the church from everlasting disgrace is by immediately and publicly acknowledge their terrible mistake, and by agitating for the repeal of the act before the murder of any of the women is completed."

KLAMATH TEAM LOSES A GAME

Klamath county high school lost its chance for the Southern Oregon football championship Thanksgiving, when the Ashland high school eleven defeated them 19 to 0.

The game was played at Ashland and in addition to the advantage of playing on their grounds, the local boys phone over that the Ashland referee even resorted to coaching during the game, besides giving the visitors none the best of the decisions. The team will be home this evening.

FIREPROOF FILM TO BE DEMANDED

PARIS, Nov. 28.—Prefect of Police Hennion today notified all motion picture manufacturers, dealers and theatre managers that within a short time he will permit no more inflammable films, such as are now in universal use, to be manufactured or exhibited.

His circular states that experiments conducted before him have proved that fireproof films can now be made and are perfectly practical. The time limit will be fixed as soon as it can be found out what delay manufacturers need in order that no hardships may result.

WASHINGTON GETS O. K. FOR SURVEY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Government surveyors, who have just been checking up some of the lines reputed to have been run by George Washington in his days of chain and compass have found them good.

About 1751, according to tradition, George Washington, then 19 years old, ran out for Lord Thomas Fairfax the line between what was then to be Augusta and Frederick counties, Virginia, this being only a part of a great deal of surveying which he is said to have been engaged upon at that time.

These two counties were separated from what was then Orange county, and the grant to Lord Fairfax was supposed to extend westward to the Pacific ocean.

Subsequently these large tracts were further subdivided, so that the "Fairfax line," as it is generally known, runs now between Rockingham and Shenandoah counties, with the original Augusta and Frederick counties to the south and north respectively.

SAY STEAMERS ARE SHUT OUT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—An illegal combination on the part of the California Terminal railroads to shut the steamers Yale and Harvard, owned by the Pacific Navigation Company, out of business between San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego, is alleged in a complaint filed by the steamship line with the Commerce Commission.

The company says it maintains a first-class passenger service, but that the railroads arrange to shift the passengers to the Pacific Coast Steamship Company and the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company by an agreement.

STRIKERS NAMED FOR POLICEMEN

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Nov. 28.—Commissioner Cole of the Department of Public Safety today appointed thirty-two striking employes of the General Electric Company as special policemen.

They were instructed to see that none of the pickets forcibly interfere with workmen desiring to resume their positions with the company.

NELSON IS FREED OF THE CHARGE

NONE OF CHARGES WERE PROVEN

Potato Buyer's Claim That He Was the Victim of Circumstances Is Sustained in San Francisco Court. With Attorney Shaw, He Will Return Tomorrow and Will Resume His marketing of Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—H. L. Nelson, the Klamath Falls potato buyer, who was arrested and brought here under charge of stealing \$500, has been freed.

After the evidence against him was introduced this morning, Attorney W. H. Shaw moved for a dismissal, upon the ground that the charges were not proven. This was immediately granted.

Nelson and his attorney leave this evening for Klamath Falls, where they will arrive Saturday evening. Nelson will resume his potato buying at once.

Charges of obtaining money under false pretenses by Detroit people were also investigated, and it was found that these were entirely unsubstantiated. It is believed here that the potato buyer was the victim of circumstances.

Nelson was arrested here a couple of weeks ago, but it was not until late last week that extradition was granted. While awaiting the action of Governor West, Nelson remained in the city.

To his friends, Nelson stated that the money he was alleged to have stolen was given him on a note, and he says he also owed the man \$1,000 more on notes. He declared that persons had been influencing the note holder and advised him to resort to the criminal courts to collect the money.

Friends of Nelson posted the amount due on all the notes in a bank and wired the note holder he could have the entire amount, but he refused.

It was locally believed that Nelson's story was true, and he had the sympathy of all, especially as the arrest came during the time he was buying heavily in the potato market, expecting in a very short time to take up the notes.

Dr. Morrow was called to Vorden last night to attend Theodore Pulas, foreman of construction for the S. P. company, who is seriously ill.

George Tugnot is confined to his room at firemen's quarters as the result of a fall with a horse on the pavement last Sunday. After the mishap, Tugnot remounted the horse and went out in the country, and it was not until afterwards that the injury to his leg commenced to bother.

SUBJECTS FOR THESE GIVEN

The county school superintendent's office announces the following subjects for these for primary certificate applicants in the coming teacher's examinations:

Picture Study.
The Story Hour.
Play and Playgrounds.
The Montessori System.
The Kindergarten as an aid to the primary school.

Examinations for state certificates will be held at the Central School from December 17 to 20. The program follows:

December 17—United States history, writing, physiology, physical geography, reading, composition, methods in reading, methods in arithmetic.

December 18—Arithmetic, history of education, psychology, methods in geography, grammar, geography, American literature, physics, methods in language, thesis for primary certificate.

December 19—Theory and practice, orthography, English literature, chemistry, school law, geology, algebra, civil government.

December 20—Geometry, botany, general history, bookkeeping.

MAYOR SHANK QUILTS OFFICE

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 28.—Mayor Shank today resigned, to escape impeachment business men threatened to start because of alleged friendliness toward the labor unions.

A strike of the teamsters and chauffeurs is ordered to start Monday. Shank was given the choice of averting the strike, resigning, or being impeached.

Returns Home

Following a visit with the family of her brother, W. M. Montellous of the Klamath Development Co., Miss Ruth Montellous left Thursday for Alameda.

A Thanksgiving girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Herman at the Townsend Flats Thursday morning.

CAUCUS TALKS IS TO BE A BATTLE

DEBATE WILL BE STARTED IN SENATE MONDAY

Many of the Democrats Will Support the Republicans on Certain Measures in the Minority Bill. Night and Day Sessions Will Be Held to Rush Through the Second Big Administration Measure

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—The currency reform measure caucus of the Democratic Senators is progressing rapidly.

It is expected that they will finish the bill tomorrow night. Monday the debate will commence.

A day and night session will be held Monday and until the bill is acted upon.

There will be some fights against the Owens bill in the Senate by the Democrats, but in a measure the caucus has served to cool off some rebellious spirits.

It is really expected by the leaders that every Democrat but Hitchcock will support the bill as adopted by the caucus when it is up for final passage. However, several of the Democrats will support the Republican Senators on certain amendments.

The sentiment of the caucus is overwhelmingly against provisions for establishing more than twelve regional banks.

HAWAII SEEKS TO HAVE GOVERNMENT CHANGED

HONOLULU, Nov. 28.—A strong effort will be made here soon to have Hawaii's government changed from the territorial to the military commission form, according to a movement started today. To all outward appearances, it is safe to say that the demand will have the unanimous backing of the residents of the islands. That is to say, everybody who is "anybody" in Hawaii will be back of it. Very few people in Hawaii, however, are "anybody."

The islands are owned and controlled by an exceedingly small clique. Hardly more than half a dozen big estates hold title to practically all the land which is worth holding title to. The same interests own all the shipping, jobbing and even retail business of any great importance. Through their ownership of nearly every means of living on the islands these same interests, represented by a numerically very small group, control everyone who lives here. Whoever objects to their control is starved out in short order. The big interests have long wanted such a form of government as prevails in the Philippines. Their reason for it is very simple. Lorin Andrews, former United States district attorney here, expressed it concisely in a recent interview in San Francisco, cabled back to Honolulu and published in the local newspapers.

"The change will be a good thing for the business interests of the islands," said Andrews, "because all the offices will be filled from Washington and the objectionable elections will be dispensed with." The "objectionable elections" are what the big interests do not like about the territorial form of government. The islands must have labor and there has been a scarcity of it ever since Oriental immigration was stopped. To offset it, workmen have been brought in in large numbers from Southern Europe in recent years. This laboring population has not yet been seriously troublesome at the polls, but a second growth of them, native born and entitled to vote, will be reaching the right age in the near future to become a menace to the ruling class. The native-born Japanese have been a source of worry for some time. Hence the agitation for a change in the form of government.

WATER USERS AND ATTORNEY CONFER

In order to make it thoroughly clear to Legal Adviser Taylor of the reclamation service just what the Klamath Water Users desire in the taking over of the first unit, power development, etc., a meeting of the directors was held Wednesday night, which was attended by Mr. Taylor and Project Engineer W. W. Patch.

At the meeting it was explained that the several features were combined in the one petition in order to get them before the department of the interior, to ascertain which could be given the quickest attention. These will be followed later by separate petitions, it is thought, covering one distinct feature.

BIG LUMBER DEAL IS CLOSED TODAY

The big lot of lumber piled on Oak street has just been sold by J. Frank Adams. H. H. Edmonds is the purchaser and this evening he leaves for San Francisco to arrange for its disposal.

There is 300,000 feet b.m. in the lot, which consists of No. 2 shop and better. Mr. Edmonds has arranged for its sale to Chicago firms.

Announcement is made by Dr. Stephen S. Wise of New York that neither President Wilson nor Secretary Bryan have abandoned the idea of pressing a new commercial treaty with Russia that would recognize the passports of American citizens "without distinction of religion or race."

HAD WATERMELON ON THANKSGIVING

TOM LYONS, BY UTILIZING HIS CELLAR FOR COLD STORAGE, ADDED JULY FRUIT TO NOVEMBER DINNER

Turkey, pumpkin pie and other delicacies were features of all sorts of Thanksgiving dinners, but there are very few who added to the menu watermelons. This, though, was done by Tom Lyons, who has a ranch a few miles from here on the Midland road.

Lyons raised melons with good success this year, despite stories from over the Sklakyous to the effect that there is a killing frost every few nights in the summer. About two dozen of these melons were placed in the cellar, which was converted into a cold storage plant, and melons will also be on the Lyons table at Christmas time.

COUNTY WARRANTS ATTACKED BY THE SAME PLAINTIFF

MORE THAN \$60,000 IS AFFECTED BY SUIT

Is the Second Action Brought Against the County by Henry Rabbes Through Attorney Kent—Seeks to Enjoin Payment of Big Sum Due to Holders of Warrants Against the County.

Holding that at the time the warrants were issued, the county was indebted more than the constitutional limitation, Henry Rabbes has commenced a second suit to enjoin payment of a number of warrants.

The action was filed late Wednesday by Joseph S. Kent. It has a bearing upon the validity of warrants worth between \$60,000 and \$75,000. The previous Rabbes suit involved warrant indebtedness of a quarter of a million.

The present suit seeks to enjoin Sheriff Low from receiving any of the warrants for taxes and County Treasurer Siemens from paying them. The other defendants, those issued the warrants, are:

First National bank of Weed, Western Union Telegraph company, Sam Summers, S. O. Johnson, G. L. Dimmick, George W. Kimball, William Wright, G. A. Taylor, Sadie B. Smith, Rose Clayton, Klamath Falls Northwestern and Mrs. Mary Griffith.

JACK CRAWFORD IS A BENEDICT

MERRILL, Nov. 27.—In the presence of many friends, Rev. Acheson last evening performed the ceremony uniting Jack Crawford and Miss Margaret Cottrell in the bonds of matrimony. The wedding was solemnized at the Richlieu hotel, Mrs. Bertha Balls acting as hostess.

Mrs. Clay Cann acted as bridesmaid and the groomsmen was L. M. Harter. The room where the ceremony took place was prettily decorated for the occasion with crepe streamers, flowers, palms, etc., in a very tasteful manner.

The bride was becomingly attired in white mesaline and lace, and the bridesmaid was gowned in lavender mesaline and lace.

Following the ceremony the guests were invited to the wedding repast. This proved to be one of the biggest and most enjoyable suppers ever served here.

There was much jollity at the table, and the speakers made plain the esteem in which the contracting parties are held. The bride has been known by all here for her many charming characters and her lady-like manner, and the groom is known all over the country as a good fellow, both in and out of the prize ring. For the last year he has been engaged in real estate business here.

The groom owns a residence south of town, and there the couple will reside. They received many useful and beautiful presents from their Merrill friends, among them dishes, silverware, books, table linen, etc.

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WOLGAST'S FRUIT RANCH GETS HIM INTO COURT

MEDFORD, Nov. 28.—Civil and perhaps criminal action will be started by persons victimized by Ad Wolgast in his four-flush play of buying a ranch near Medford. Papers are being drawn for civil action to be instituted in the Michigan courts to recover money spent upon Wolgast's order and criminal action in Oregon for conspiracy to defraud by J. F. Barkdull and Claude Miles, who have been bounced out of approximately \$1,500 by the pugilist.

Wolgast sent Barkdull, says the latter, a check on a Michigan bank, for \$750, and instructed him to buy a team and wagon and other farm fixtures. Barkdull deposited the check and drew \$700 against it for these purchases. Then the Medford bank in which the check had been deposited, was notified that payment had been stopped by Wolgast, but Barkdull was stuck for these and other expenditures. A day or two after the purchase of the team, the ranch foreman, a former trainer of Wolgast, sold presumably upon wire from Wolgast, the team and other equipment for less than half the price and skipped with the money.

Other expenses were incurred upon written and telegraph instructions, and payment upon checks to pay stopped, giving the appearance of conspiracy to defraud.

Damage suit is also threatened by Mr. Heath, from whom the orchard at Brownsboro was purchased, as no care was taken by Wolgast and it became badly infested, despite warnings from inspectors to clean up.

BOOK TRUST IS KILLED

United Press Service
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The United States Supreme court today denied the right of publishers to maintain arbitrary sales prices on copyrighted books. By this the tribunal refused to establish a "copyright monopoly" similar to the "patent monopoly" decreed in the Dick Mimeo-graph case.

The decision was made in the fight of the H. R. Macey company of New York against the American Publishers' Association and American Booksellers Association. It was charged that they composed a national book trust.

The suit was brought under the Sherman anti-trust law, and sought to enjoin the associations from enforcing their contracts, and alleged combinations to fix prices on both copyrighted and uncopyrighted books, and from controlling the supply and sale of such books.

That the associations combined in 1901 to secure "unreasonable and extortionate profits" and to prevent competition, was charged. In evidence, a resolution of the associations "was produced in which it was agreed that the books should not be sold to persons who sold them at less than the fixed arbitrary price established.

The Macy firm refused to join the association, and claims that it was "black listed" and put on a "cutoff" list, and refused purchases of books to sell. It secured books from other sources, maintaining that the publishers or copyright owners could not afterwards dictate prices at which such books should be sold, contending that control of the publishers ceased when the books were in the open market.

Opposes Gambling in Futures

In an address before the New York Cotton Exchange former Senator J. L. McLaurin of South Carolina proposed a heavy tax on sales of cotton where there is an element of gambling. He condemned the present system because prices were fixed by the supply of cotton in New York warehouses. He urged the exchange to lead in the movement, instead of being driven by congressional action.

Big Wheat Acreage Planted

Farmers of Oklahoma have planted more than 2,000,000 acres in fall wheat, against 1,623,000 acres last year.