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TOTAL DEATHS IN BATTLE MAY REACH 1,500

MANY PERISHING OF STARVATION IN BIG DESERT

Parties of Rebel Soldiers Searching for Victims of Battle Won by Them--Medical Attention, Surgical Supplies and Hospital Accommodations Are Inadequate--Men With Torn Bodies Care for Themselves as Best They Can--Believed Scores Will Perish Miserably in Flight to Chihuahua--Villa's Failure to Pursue Is Explained.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] El Paso, Texas, Nov. 26.--Parties of Mexican rebel soldiers were searching the desert south of Juarez today for the victims of their battle with the federals Monday and Tuesday.

Estimates of the number killed varied from 300 on both sides to a total of 1500. The first figure seemed certainly too low. The latter was perhaps an exaggeration. The wounded, however, were fully twice as numerous as those who perished outright.

Medical attention, surgical supplies and hospital accommodations were so inadequate that only those with the most desperate hurts received the slightest treatment. Men with bodies torn by shrapnel or with crushed and broken bones cared for themselves as best they could, stolidly and uncomplainingly.

El Paso physicians and nurses did their best, but were completely swamped, and from the rebels' appeal to the Red Cross no response had yet been received.

That it will be some time, perhaps several days, before the number of casualties in the battle could be determined, with even approximate accuracy, was evident.

Thirst Kills Many. The fight raged along a 20-mile front and throughout the entire length of this line the opposing forces surged forward and backward, in many instances for several miles at a time, so that there was an immense area of desert to be searched. Of the wounded who still remained on the field today there was not much hope of finding any alive.

Thirst alone, if nothing else, it was believed, would have finished them. Rebels Will Learn Losses. The rebel losses, their officers said, would be comparatively easy to learn, when the are gathered together again, by a simple process of setting those down as dead who are unaccounted for.

The federals, however, fled into the desert to the southward, where, without food or water, and forced, through the loss of their trains, to tramp 200 miles to their base at Chihuahua City, it was believed they would perish by scores, more miserably than if they had fallen before rebel bullets.

Rebel officers, indeed, asserted that there were enough of their own men besieging it to prevent the fugitives from getting even into Chihuahua City, but this was doubted here, Americans believing that General Villa drew off every available man from the state capital for his descent upon Juarez.

Has No Ammunition. Villa's failure to pursue the fleeing federals was explained today. He had little ammunition.

The general today assured officials of the Juarez Jockey club that there would be nothing to prevent racing from beginning tomorrow on the track on the Mexican side of the border. No further fighting was to be expected in the vicinity, he said, and foreigners would be perfectly safe in attending the meet.

Over One Thousand Killed. El Paso, Texas, Nov. 26.--That more men were killed in Monday's and Tuesday's fighting between rebels and federals south of here than in any Mexican battle since the American invasion

was the most definite information to be obtained early today from Colonel Juan Medina, commanding at Juarez, in General Villa's absence.

Medina would not even hazard a guess as to the figures, but soldiers who were in the fight said the number killed alone must be well over 1000. Villa was expected back from the front this afternoon with detailed information.

Villa sent by telegraph to Medina last night the following news of the outcome of the engagement: "I have the satisfaction of announcing to you that my forces have routed the federals. Besides defeating the enemy we have captured all their artillery and three of their trains. The federal forces are now in disgraceful retreat to the southward."

There was no intimation in Villa's dispatch that the rebels were pursuing the fugitives.

Rebels Have Tampico. Vera Cruz, Nov. 26.--Persistent, though unconfirmed, reports circulated here today to the effect that the federals evacuated Tampico yesterday, and that the rebels immediately occupied it.

A 25-car train load of federal soldiers was on the way here from Mexico City. An attack on the city by rebels has been expected for some time.

Federal Defeat Reported. El Paso, Nov. 26.--Confirmation was lacking of a report that General Gonzales, who recently captured Victoria, had defeated 2000 federals, marching to retake the town. The story, however, was believed by rebels. It was said to rest on the authority of a telegram from General Carranza to General Villa.

SEVERELY BURNED. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Albany, Or., Nov. 26.--J. J. Harkins, a prisoner in the Albany city jail, was burned severely last night when fire started in the city jail. He will recover, however, physicians say. Local police officers assert that Harkins started the fire. Harkins denies the charge, saying he had no matches. He was in for drunkenness.

STRIKER FATALLY SHOT DURING RIOT IN CALUMET ZONE [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Calumet, Mich., Nov. 26.--During a mine strike riot here today Philip Mieloch, a striker, was fatally shot in the back. Lloyd Lyman, a mounted deputy on guard at the Calumet property, was arrested, charged with the shooting.

The outbreak resulted from an attempt by deputies to arrest strike sympathizers accused of stoning strike-breakers on their way to work. Rioting was general throughout the strike zone.

May Eliminate Commission Men

Hundreds of Egg Producers Interested in San Francisco in Plan for Municipal Plant.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Nov. 26.--As a result of last night's conference between several hundred egg consumers and representatives of the Sonoma County Egg Producers' Association, one of two things will be done, persons who took a prominent part in the meeting said today, to reduce egg prices.

If the supervisors can be prevailed upon to open a municipal cold storage plant, the producers will ship all their eggs to it so that commission men will be deprived of all chances to juggle prices, or, the supervisors refusing, the producers propose to form a co-operative society of their own to build the plant. The proposition was to establish a direct-from-producer-to-consumer system freeing out all middlemen.

J. M. Murphy, the speaker of last night's meeting, summed up the situation thus:

Egg-producers are getting no more for eggs now than at any other time. Prices are high because fresh eggs are scarce and the commission men have a monopoly on the cold storage supply.

QUARTER MILLION LOST.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Edmonton, Alberta, Nov. 26.--The McKinney block, in the heart of the wholesale district here, was destroyed by fire today. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

UNABLE TO TELL HOW HIS NURSE DIED AND HE NEARLY PERISHED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Nov. 26.--J. C. Montgomery, rich owner of the Modesto apartments, found nearly asphyxiated by illuminating gas in his suite, with Miss Mary Lovett, his trained nurse, already dead, was recovering at the Emergency hospital today, but was not rational enough to give an intelligible account of the tragedy.

DARING ATTEMPT TO ROB CANADIAN BANK FRUSTRATED BY MAN

Thrilling Encounter Staged Before Bandits Are Foiled Completely.

CAPTURE IS POSSIBLE

Posse in Close Pursuit and It Is Believed That All Men Involved Will Be Jailed.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New Westminster, B. C., Nov. 26.--A daring attempt to rob the British North America Branch Bank at Agassiz, B. C., was thwarted yesterday by the prompt action of Alex. Webster, a husky citizen of that town. Mr. Webster was leaving the bank after having deposited a sum of money therein when three men, who had evidently just landed from the noon train, rushed at the entrance. Webster knocked down the first with a blow of his fist and hurled the second back against the third, his rapid action preventing the use of the shotguns with which the men were armed.

Webster then jumped back inside the bank, slammed the door and dropped on the floor inside. Almost at the same moment the robbers fired, the shots piercing the door above Webster's prostrate body.

Realizing that the game was up, the robbers fled, firing a farewell shot that pierced the big window of the bank, and vanished in the direction of Harrison Hot Springs, pursued by a posse of citizens.

Provincial police later arrived on the scene and all exits were blocked. The capture of the amateur robbers is imminent.

The Weather. WHAT WILL IT BE LIGHT OR DARK WARM OR COLD? The Dickey Bird says: Oregon, rain tonight and Thursday; brisk southerly winds, high along the coast.

NONE OF ELECTIONS OF NOVEMBER 4 WILL BE AFFECTED IS OPINION

Attorney General Discusses Decisions of Supreme Court Tuesday.

NO NEED REGISTRATION

Mistakes of Legislature Cannot Deprive People of Constitutional Right, He Declares.

None of the elections held in the state will be affected by the decision of the supreme court holding the last registration law unconstitutional. This is the opinion of the attorney-general, and it is backed up by supreme court decisions. The decision created consternation all over the state, because it was thought the fact that so many votes were cast by persons not registered, or at least, not registered under the old law, and whose votes were not sworn in, that the election might be declared void, and that the bills referred, the U. of O. appropriations and the workmen's compensation bills among them would be left in the waste basket and of no force. The attorney-general holds that those registered under the Gill law, the last registration law, were no doubt entitled to vote, they were allowed to vote by the election judges, and their votes are legal. If under the constitution they were entitled to vote, the provisions of the registration law were simply directory as to methods, and the mistakes of the legislature could not deprive them of their constitutional rights.

If this opinion is correct, the supreme court decision has no effect on the local option or any other election held recently and so far as the registration is concerned the elections were perfectly legal. However, there are many attorneys who do not take this view of it and the matter may again find its way to the supreme court before it is finally settled. If, however, the elections were held void on account of this registration muddle, it would leave the U. of O. appropriations, the Workmen's Compensation bill, the County Attorney bill and the sterilization bill up in the air and inoperative.

GERMAN WOMEN SEEK VOTES. Berlin, Nov. 26.--A petition for the enfranchisement of women was among those presented when the reichstag met

Late News Bulletins

Washington, Nov. 26.--Drastic plans to hasten currency legislation were made at the senate Democratic conference here today. It was decided to begin holding sessions immediately from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m., daily, without a holiday recess. At these sessions the three currency bills before the upper house will be considered, the Democratic senators being pledged to support the caucus draft.

San Francisco, Nov. 26.--Fresh egg prices slumped today. The wholesale rate was 54 1/2 cents per dozen. The retail price averaged 65 cents. The high mark of last Saturday was 65 cents wholesale.

San Francisco, Nov. 26.--There was a heavy storm at sea off the Pacific coast today, and fears were felt for small shipping.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 26.--The Grand Trunk "Block-I" shops here burned early today with \$1,000,000 loss.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES HELD AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH TOMORROW

The Festival of Thanksgiving will be solemnized with the usual ceremonies at St. Joseph's church at 10 a. m., beginning with the prayer for the church and civil authorities, followed by high mass sung by the choir under the direction of Prof. D. F. Langenberg. Rev. A. Moore, pastor, will be the celebrant of the mass. Rev. G. A. Maher, assistant pastor, will deliver the sermon.

The following Thanksgiving program is for the down-town churches, and will be given in the Presbyterian church Thursday, at 10:30 a. m., Dr. E. N. Avison presiding:

- Organ, "Cavalier," Buff, Miss Colony. Doxology. Invocation, E. E. Marshall. "Holy, Holy, Holy." National Thanksgiving proclamation, P. F. Schrock. Hymn, "America," congregation. Prayer, F. T. Porter. Response, choir. Anthem, "Come Ye Thankful People," Heyser. Scripture lesson, A. A. Winter. Solo, "A Song of Thanksgiving," Frances Allister, Mr. Gill. Thanksgiving sermon, H. T. Babcock. Offertory, violin, Miss Schultz. Hymn, congregation. Benediction. Nunc Dimittis, choir. Postlude, "Postlude in F," West, Miss Colony. Choir leader, Prof. R. B. Welch; Misses Wilson, Judd, Hyde and Mrs. Wilson; Messrs. Armstrong, Gille, Cackran and Schramm.

SWEAR IN

While the decision of the supreme court may not affect any election so far held, it will shut out all from voting hereafter who do not swear in their votes. At future elections, and until a registration is perfected, and that means the coming city election, all voters will have to swear in their votes, for none are registered. These affidavits can be taken before a notary public, justice of the peace or any officer authorized to administer oaths, and can be taken at any time before the election as well as on election day. It will be well for those wanting to vote to prepare their proofs in advance, for, with nearly 6000 votes to be cast, it is readily seen that the election judges cannot begin to take care of all. It is a pretty bad mess, and work in advance is the only way to overcome the difficulty.

WILSON TO MAKE BIG WAR MOVE

President Said to Contemplate Action Which Will Have Grave Results.

CONSUL IS QUOTED AS MAKING TALK

Emissary John Lind Is Summoned from Tuxpan Because of Plan.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Vera Cruz, Mex., Nov. 26.--That the Washington administration was preparing to take another step in the Mexican situation which might precipitate grave results, was stated here this afternoon by United States Consul Canada.

He made the statement in explanation of an announcement that Emissary John Lind was expected to return immediately from Tuxpan to Vera Cruz. The expected development, he said, made the emissary's presence here desirable.

What the step was or what its probable result would be, Canada would not say.

BEACHEY TRYING TO GET OUT OF TESTIFYING AT INQUEST

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Diego, Cal., Nov. 26.--The coroner's inquest into the deaths of Lieutenants Kelly and Ellington, army aviators, called by District Attorney Utley, in spite of the fact that the accident was to military men, resulted today in a verdict of accidental deaths. No blame was laid. Lincoln Beachey, the civilian aviator, was a witness. Corporal Mix, of the army corps, said the type of Wright machine used in the army was unsafe.

San Diego, Cal., Nov. 26.--Officers from District Attorney Utley's office have been searching since early last evening for Lincoln Beachey, the aviator, to serve him with subpoenas for his appearance at 1 o'clock today at the inquest which Utley has called to learn the causes of the deaths of Lieutenants Kelly and Ellington, who died in an aeroplane accident Monday on North Island.

Beachey could not be found, and it is believed that he is dodging the officers in order not to give evidence against the government.

Utley declared today that a subpoena had been served upon Captain Cowan, who is in charge of the government aviation camp here, and that he would cause trouble for the army officer, who left here for the east last night in spite of the subpoena.

PRICES ARE IRREGULAR.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Nov. 26.--Narrow and irregular price changes marked opening dealings in stocks today. Amalgamated and the Harriman stocks were heavy, while Reading and United States Steel made slight gains. The engagement of \$3,400,000 more gold for export to Canada held prices in check. This makes a total of \$10,000,000 during the movement to Canada. Virginia-Carolina Chemical dropped 1/4. Bonds were irregular. The market closed dull.

70 Newsboys and Carriers to be Guests of Capital Journal at Big Thanksgiving Dinner

Of all the varied departments of The Capital Journal, there is none of greater importance than that of its newsboys, the wide-awake little hustlers who put it before the public and add to its circulation.

The balance of the force is engaged in making the paper, but these energetic little workers put it on the market and work vigorously to extend its sales and influence. Every afternoon their childish trebles can be heard calling, "Capital Journal," and this despite rain or storm, cold or discomfort. They are always on hand when the paper is out, as sure as death and taxes and certainly much more cheerful than either. They are loyal to the paper, energetic little sellers of their little stock of goods, the Capital Journal, and The Capital Journal is proud of them, one and all. Along with these little fellows who are laying the foundation well for the future, and who will soon be the business men of the city or state, is another lot of boys, who, like the newsboys, put the paper before its subscribers day after day, in storm and shine alike, with never failing regularity, and that is the carriers who distribute the papers over their different routes.

They, too, are an important cog in the machinery of the Capital Journal, and we want them, along with the newsboys and the public as well, to know that the Capital Journal appreciates their faithful work.

Last year, as an evidence of this appreciation the Capital Journal had all its loyal little army of workers as its guests at a Thanksgiving dinner at the Hotel Marion, and this year it will again be honored by having them, some seventy in all, surround a big table at the Hotel Marion, leaving it to them to also surround the big turkey dinner with mince or pumpkin pie and all the trimmings the big hotel will set before them. The dinner will be served promptly at 1 o'clock p. m., and while this is a little early for a fashionable dinner, The Capital Journal managers have in mind the fact that a newsboy's appetite, like that of all other healthy, growing youngsters, gets ripe early in the day. Besides, you see the boys have to be on hand about 1 o'clock to sell their stock of Capital Journals, and they would as soon miss their dinners as to miss their chance to sell papers.

Everybody about the office likes the youngsters and along with the management is well pleased to see the little

masters get their feet all under one table and enjoy a big Thanksgiving dinner all together. It is a small event in one way, yet how many of these same little fellows in the years to come will recall the occasion and remember that "Bill" or "Pete" or "Dutch," big business men then and leaders in the community, once took part in a Thanksgiving dinner with them when they were "just kids in Salem," selling Capital Journals, making a few nickels each evening and feeling as proud of it as they will in those days to come over floating bonds for a railroad, or pulling off some other big business deal.

Boys, the Capital Journal and every one connected with it, extend to you, one and all, their deep appreciation of your loyalty, manliness and good work. May you again, and still again, be the annual guests of the Capital Journal, until a bigger and better field opens before you, and you take your places in the business life of the big world; and with this it hopes for its own sake that when this time arrives, it may have another lot of bright-eyed newsboys and carriers to take your places as loyal and as worthy of the paper's friendship and esteem as are you.