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NEW REBELLION IS LAUNCHED IN MEXICO

WEST ANNOUNCES HE IS NOT GOING TO CALL ANY SPECIAL SESSION

Says if There is Anything Wrong With Statutes and It Would Result in Another Legislature Not Being Elected It Would Be a God-send--Old Officers Would Hold Over, With Exception of Governor--Not Likely Election Will Be Impossible, However, as Voters Can Get Six Freeholders to Swear Them In.

The election muddle will remain a muddle so far as Governor West is concerned. This the governor affirmed in commenting on an article in this morning's Oregonian, in which Hon. C. N. McArthur and J. H. Upton, a member of the legislature pointed out that under the law as it stands now the county clerks are compelled to have their registration books open on May 15, and at the same time must have them in the hands of the election clerks on that day, on which the state primaries are to be held.

continue as they are, for under a recent opinion of the attorney-general all would continue to hold office, and none could resign until their successors were elected and qualified; there will be no special session to remedy the conflict of the laws.

However, there will be an election, just the same, though the voters may, many of them, or for that matter, all of them, have to get six freeholders to swear for them while they swear at the governor.

Governor's Views. The knocking out of the Gill bill by the supreme court, which at the same time held that the old registration law was in force, caused the muddle. In discussing the matter, the governor said:

"If anything is the matter with the election laws, so that it would prevent an election, it would prevent the election of another legislature, which would be a God-send." Continuing, he said: "If there would be no election, all officers would hold over, and all things

ULTIMATUM DELIVERED TO GOVERNOR AMMONS IN REGARD TO STRIKE

Trade Unionists Demand Recall of Troops and Removal of Adjutant-General.

TRIAL BY CIVIL COURTS

Demand Made That Strikers Now Held by Military Authorities Be Turned Over at Once.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Denver, Colo., Dec. 15.—Five hundred unionists marched on the state house today to deliver an ultimatum to Governor Ammons in connection with the Colorado coal field strike.

The delegation included representatives from locals throughout the entire state. They wanted the militia recalled from the strike-bound districts. Also, they demanded the removal of Adjutant-General Chase, Judge Advocate Boughton and other high officers of the state national guard. Finally, they insisted that the strikers now held prisoners by the military authorities be turned over to the civil courts for trial.

Given Five Days. The governor was given five days within which to make up his mind whether or not to comply with these demands. If he failed to do so, they announced they would begin immediately the circulation of a petition for his recall.

The delegation carried several American flags on its march from union headquarters to the capitol. As they went the delegates sang the "strike song" to the air of the "Battle Cry of Freedom." Mother Jones and union officials led the procession.

Favor State Wide Strike. With few dissenting voices the convention adopted resolution last night favoring a state-wide strike of all union labor in sympathy with the miners. The state federation's executive committee was authorized to call the walkout without further instructions and at a moment's notice.

Governor Ammons refused emphatically to accede to the demands. It was believed the unionists would nevertheless await the expiration of the five-day period named in their ultimatum before acting. If he sticks to his decision it was understood a general strike will then be called and circulation begun of the petition for the governor's recall.

KILL PLAN TO AID POOR

Governor West's plan to have the emergency board create a deficiency of \$50,000 to provide employment for the unemployed of the state by building highways under the supervision of the state highway commission went down to defeat at a meeting of the board held today, for proceeding on the theory that the board could not legally create a deficiency, all the members, save the governor, voted against it.

The plan of most of the members to compel the governor to call a special session of the legislature to ostensibly remedy the situation, also went down in defeat, for, proceeding on the theory that a special session would be a "worse calamity than the unemployed situation," the governor emphatically informed the members that he would not call it.

Will Have New Plan. After his motion to have created a deficiency of \$50,000 for the highway commission to provide employment for the men without work, bread and shelter, the governor came back with a motion that a \$50,000 deficiency be created against his office for their aid, but it was lost for want of a second.

The governor smilingly took his defeat, and announced that tomorrow he would announce a plan which he believed would materially relieve the unemployed situation. What it will be is problematical. Possibly he will proceed and create a deficiency, and allow the next legislature to take care of it, but that is merely conjecture, for he may settle on some other plan.

Take Defeat Gloomily. The members of the board, who had set their hearts upon prevailing upon the governor to call a special session, took their defeat gloomily, for it sounds the death knell upon legislation they desired enacted. Through the morning mouthpiece of the organization a lengthy article appeared today on the need of a special session, and hopes had no doubt been entertained of prevailing upon the governor to call one for the unemployed situation.

The meeting was addressed by Labor Commissioner Hoff, J. A. Mascoe, representing a committee of the Central Labor Council, Portland, and Harr McClintock, representing the Unemployed League, of Portland. The declaration was made that between 6000 and 7000 men are out of employment in Portland now, that there will be more, and the board was earnestly appealed to to come to their rescue.

Should Be Aided. "In my mind there is no question, but that these men are in need of assistance, and in my mind there is no question but that the board should come to their rescue," said Labor Commissioner Hoff.

"The question before this board is whether it is cheaper to provide these men with employment during the winter than to keep them in prison, for the state will have to do one of the two. Possibly you men of the board do not know what hunger means, but I do. I know, and I know that when men get hungry they are going to eat—going to have bread if they have to steal."

Must Get It Some Way. "I do not want to say to you gentlemen that you would steal, but I do say that if you ever suffered from hunger

LEWIS MEASURE FOR TELEPHONE-TELEGRAPH CONTROL NOT APPROVED

Wilson Administration to Have One Drawn Along Other Lines Soon.

WILL BE UP TO CAUCUS

Substitute Measure for Acquisition of Rapid Means of Communication to Go Before Democrats.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Dec. 15.—The bill drawn by Senator J. Hare Lewis, of Illinois, providing for government ownership of telephones, did not meet with the entire approval of the Wilson administration.

This much was made certain today when house leaders admitted they contemplated introducing at this session a bill providing government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines, framed at the direction of Postmaster Burleson.

Following an examination of Lewis' proposed measure by Burleson and his assistants, it was announced today that the former's bill would be withheld and an administration measure substituted and introduced, providing it meets with the approval of a Democratic caucus. It was expected that Representative Moon, chairman of the house postoffice committee, would introduce the bill.

It was considered certain that President Wilson favors government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines, but is undecided regarding the wisdom of taking them over at this time.

Favors One-Cent Postage. Burleson has advised the president that his department has a considerable surplus on hand and that the proposed one-cent postage plan could be put into operation at any time now. Burleson thinks, however, that simultaneous with the postal reduction, the government should initiate a plan for taking over the telephone and telegraph lines.

First Assistant Postmaster-General Roper said this afternoon that a committee has been investigating for six months a plan to take over the two public utilities and that it was expected to report soon.

"We feel," he said, "that English decisions holding that a telegram is a letter, and that the telephone, to all intents and purposes is the same as the telegraph, will sustain the administration in its move toward government ownership."

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 15.—Loss of approximately \$25,000 was entailed by a fire here early today that gutted the stores of the American Avenue Paint & Paper company and the Co-Operative Motors company.

Bonner Springs, Kan., Dec. 15.—Rolla Harvey, an alleged bootlegger, was shot and killed here today by a posse while resisting arrest. Marshal Eastling and Deputy Marshal Weber were wounded in the exchange of shots. Harvey sought refuge in the city hall, and was riddled with bullets by the posse, which surrounded it.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The currency bill was "railroaded" in the senate today, when the 15-minute speech rule became effective. A caucus, at which several proposed amendments will be discussed, was scheduled for tonight.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 15.—An unidentified three-masted schooner may have gone ashore between Point Elizabeth and Raft river, 50 miles north of here, according to a report brought by Indians to Moclips and telephoned here today.

Undertakers are men who follow the medical profession.

FELIX DIAZ IN LATEST MOVE TO UPSET HUERTA

Orozco and Salazar Active Leaders and Gomez Will Also Be in Lineup--Latest Development Explains Break Between Orozco and Salazar and General Mercado--Latter Wanted to Remain Loyal to Huerta--Orozco and Salazar Control About 4000 Men--Run on Mexican Banks Continues--Denied Huerta's Retirement Again Demanded.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] El Paso, Tex., Dec. 15.—A brand new rebellion began in Mexico today. Generals Orozco and Salazar were its active leaders, but with them, it was said, were Felix Diaz and Emilio Gomez. The leaders asserted, too, that General Zapata was willing to join them.

The latest development explained yesterday's break between Generals Orozco and Salazar and General Mercado at Ojinaga. Mercado remained loyal to President Huerta. Orozco and Salazar were determined to act independently. Being in a minority, Mercado lost his command, and may lose his life.

Why Orozco and part of the Ojinaga army left for the southward did not appear. It was thought possible he believed he could drum up recruits by a march through the country.

Between them, Orozco and Salazar control about 4000 troops, formerly in the federal reserve, well armed but not paid for a long time.

Six hundred more refugees, mostly Mexicans, arrived here today, from Chihuahua City.

No Demand Made. Mexico City, Dec. 15.—United States Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy and

Foreign Minister Madero joined today in characterizing as "only another lie" a story telegraphed to this morning's American newspapers, in which it was stated O'Shaughnessy had handed to President Huerta a modified demand for the latter's retirement.

Mexico Expects Attacks. Mexico City, Dec. 15.—The air was thick today with rumors of impending attacks on the capital.

The Zapatistas were closing in on it, according to one account. General Villa was about to march on it with 15,000 rebels from Chihuahua City, according to another. The rebel force beaten off last week from Tampico were about to descend either on Mexico City or Vera Cruz, according to a third. Bank runs continued. Big failures were expected momentarily.

Rebels to Attack Monterrey. Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 15.—Two hundred and fifty armed rebels left Matamoras today to join in an attack on Monterrey. They cut the railroad between Monterrey and Nuevo Laredo to prevent reinforcements from reaching the Monterrey federals.

JEWISH RESIDENTS ASK PARDON FOR RUEF IN PETITION

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Another petition asking Governor Hiram W. Johnson to pardon Abe Ruef, serving a 14-year sentence in San Quentin for bribery, was circulated here today. It read: "We, Jewish residents of San Francisco, hereby petition for the pardon of Abraham Ruef. We fully admit his

guilt, but we think if pardoned he would make a good member of society. "Others have not expiated their crimes and we think justice should be tempered with mercy."

CHRISTMAS CANTATA. Sunday evening the beautiful cantata by R. Huntington Woodman, the "Message of the Star," will be given by the choir of the First M. E. church. Mr. Mendenhall, the director, extends a cordial invitation to all those who enjoy choral work of the highest type. The cantata is brilliant and dramatic in character, as well as varied and musically in its treatment. The exercises begin promptly at 7:30 this coming Sunday evening.

Dope Fiend's Case is Warning to All to Avoid Morphine

Shaking in every limb as though he were suffering from ague and nearly on the verge of hysteria, John Booth, a well known local character, was held before the county court this morning and examined for his sanity. The constant use of morphine for the past 35 years is concerned, the man was released upon the condition that he leave the city at once and not return. He begged to be allowed to leave, saying that the asylum treatment here would kill him. The commitment papers are still on file and Booth was given to understand that if he showed up in Salem again, he would be taken directly to the asylum.

Booth, after much pleading with Dr. W. H. Byrd, who was making the examination, was allowed to administer himself a "shot" of morphine and he soon gained control of his nerves. On account of Booth being a slave to the habit for 25 years and over, and his case entirely hopeless insofar as a cure is concerned, the man was released upon the condition that he leave the city at once and not return. He begged to be allowed to leave, saying that the asylum treatment here would kill him. The commitment papers are still on file and Booth was given to understand that if he showed up in Salem again, he would be taken directly to the asylum.

BEWARE OF THOSE WHO PRETEND TO BE AGENTS

The Capital Journal was informed today that an agent is circulating around the city soliciting orders for the Christmas edition of The Capital Journal at five for 15 cents. The edition will sell at five cents per copy and will be sold only through the newsboys and news agents and at the office of publication. No solicitors are employed and the agent reported today has no authority whatever.

TO DYNAMITE REPTILES. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Diego, Cal., Dec. 15.—A den of rattlesnakes, supposed to contain thou-

sands of the reptiles, is to be dynamited to get rid of them in a bunch, if plans of the city water department are carried out.

The snakes' den is above the Morena dam site, 65 miles from this city, and is in the way of men working to develop the waterheads. The workmen report that snakes are particularly dangerous this year, giving little or no warning with their rattles.

STRIKERS GET ULTIMATUM.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Calumet, Mich., Dec. 15.—Mine managers in the strike-bound Michigan copper country notified their men today that unless they report for work by tomorrow morning the importation of non-unionists will begin immediately to fill their places.

It should be one of the best means of self-happiness to make the destitute and dependent happy.

Mother of Anderson is Seriously Injured in Car Collision

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 15.—Mrs. L. L. Anderson, mother of Bud Anderson, the lightweight pugilist, is suffering today for serious injuries sustained in a collision between the automobile in which she was riding with her son, Fred, and another belong to Dr. J. T. Wall, on the Broadway bridge in Portland last night. Mrs. Anderson's face was badly cut and it was feared she suffered internal injuries. Fred Anderson was bringing the automobile to Portland for shipment to Bud at Los Angeles. A warrant charging Dr. Wall with reckless driving was issued but Mrs. Wall, his wife, claimed that the phys-

ician's chauffeur was piloting the car. Immediately after the collision the driver of Dr. Wall's car attempted to speed away from the scene of the accident, but Fred Anderson leaped on the running board of the machine and clung there until he learned its number.

20,000 UNEMPLOYED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—A committee of clergymen have appealed today to Acting Mayor Whiffen to offer employment in the 19 city parks to jobless men. According to the ministers, 20,000 men in Los Angeles are without employment, and means to give them work must be devised at once.

CITY TAKES STEPS TO BRING CASE BEFORE SUPREME COURT

The defendants in the case of the Salem Brewery Association against the City of Salem this morning filed their surety bond in the circuit court preparatory to the perfecting of an appeal to the supreme court. The plaintiff was given a decree permanently enjoining the defendants from attempting to carry into effect certain amendments voted and passed at the city election held on December 1.

SCHMIDT RECOVERS FROM NERVOUS COLLAPSE SUSTAINED

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] New York, Dec. 15.—Hans Schmidt, on trial for the murder of Anna Amulder, had recovered from a nervous collapse, suffered last night, when he appeared in the court room today. He was unusually pale, however. Apparently he took no interest in the proceedings.

The report of a commission, which examined witnesses in Germany at the request of the defense warden. It showed the defense was read. It showed as a "mental specialist and hypnotist." A vivid imagination is as dangerous as a little learning.

The Weather

The Dickey Bird says: Oregon: Fair tonight and Friday, except cloudy tonight and Friday northwest portion with probably rain; variable winds, mostly southerly.

