

ALL DAY FIGHTING ON CHRISTMAS

Mexicans Had No Time to Hang Up Their Stockings or Gather Around Tree, While Bullets Flew.

MOVE OUT OF RANGE

No More Shots are Expected to Cross the Border at Naco Since Maytorena Makes Change.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—All day fighting Christmas resulted in victory of the Villa forces over Carranza's army. The forces of San Luis Potosi, according to official advices to the state department tonight from Tampico.

The battle began at Velasco, about a hundred miles west of Tampico. The Carranza forces fought stubbornly, but were finally driven back to Comalban. Last reports were they had temporarily checked the advance of Villa's troops, but were preparing to fall back on Tampico. The commander of the Carranza army in this district is General Luis Caballero, governor of the state of Tamaulipas. He recently won several important successes over the Villa forces in that vicinity, driving them out of his state, and holding possession of the Panuco oil fields. His defeat is regarded here as a serious blow to Carranza's cause.

Disparities to the state department from Vera Cruz contained no mention of reported fighting on the outskirts of the city. Officials pointed out that the report probably was wrong as the convention forces were last operating nearly 150 miles west of Vera Cruz.

War department officials were elated tonight over the success of General Hugh Scott's negotiations with the Mexican factions at Naco, but were awaiting the general's official report before commenting on the retirement of General Maytorena's troops from the border. It is improbable that the troops will be moved from Naco, however, until the restoration of normal conditions seems more assured.

Anticipating a general exploitation of charges by General Palafox that he and Special Agent Canova were implicated in an alleged bribery of \$250,000 to effect the escape of General Turbide, former Carranzista, Consul John R. Silliman some time ago reported the incident to the state department. General Palafox, Gutierrez's cabinet minister of agriculture, and ardent Zapata, was originator of the bribery charges. Reports from Mexico City today were to the effect that Gutierrez himself is now reiterating the bribery charges. Silliman is known to have reported to Secretary Bryan that charges of an alleged connection of himself or Canova with the incident were preposterous. Silliman has the complete confidence of Bryan and also the president.

No official cognizance will be taken by this government, it was learned positively tonight, of bribery charges of either Palafox or Gutierrez. General Turbide is now en route to the United States, his release from Mexico.

City and safe conduct being guaranteed upon demands of the state department.

Moves His Trenches.

NACO, Ariz., Dec. 26.—It was believed here tonight that all danger to Americans here from the rifle fire of the two Mexican belligerent factions at Naco, Sonora, across the border, which resulted in the killing and wounding of more than fifty persons during the past few weeks, and created such a tense situation that General Hugh L. Scott, chief of the United States army, was sent to the scene, was ended by the removal this afternoon of the Villista force under General Maytorena to a position out of rifle range of the town.

Maytorena's movement of troops was believed to have been made as the result of an agreement with General Scott, who interviewed him yesterday. Early today it became known that several bombproofs Maytorena had constructed in front of his lines, had been destroyed. Shortly after noon it was noticed his first line trenches had been deserted. Later on his commands moved in detachments to a new position he had chosen. Maytorena's removal, it is believed here, was a distinct triumph for General Scott's diplomacy.

MILK WOMAN WAS WRATHY

German Shell Punctured Two of Her Cans While She Was Delivering.

[By William Phillip Simms, United Press Staff Correspondent.] WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AT RHEIMS Nov. 26.—(By mail to New York)—One can get used to almost anything—even to being bombed. For more than two months now, the inhabitants of this city have been shelled intermittently, hundreds have been killed and wounded, and still the life of the place is going on about the same as usual.

Our party had Thanksgiving dinner at the Hotel Du Nord which a Madam De Camp is managing in the absence of her husband at the front. A 16 year old waitress was ladeling the soup for us. A shell landed in the street almost directly in front of the hotel and exploded with a deafening crash. The windows rattled, but the waitress' hand poisoning the brimming ladle never trembled. The soup went in the plate quite as if nothing happened. Not a drop was spilled.

"Madame," said a captain of dragons, "why don't you close your hotel and get out of danger?"

"I employ a number of girls here," she said simply. And though we are not quite making expenses now days I don't want to throw them out of work."

As we left the hotel we heard the shells whistling overhead, most of them falling in the direction of the cathedral which we had permission to visit. As we emerged upon the street, a shell burst two squares down to the right. A little boy, was standing near where the projectile fell. When the explosion came he ran forward, grabbed up a little dog and scurried to shelter under the arcade forming the sidewalk. A woman was delivering milk from a push cart nearby. She escaped death. But two of the milk cans were punctured and the milk poured out upon the sidewalk. When we came up she was scolding the German "barbarians" as she called them in her picturesque champagne dialect. "They stop at nothing," she exclaimed, pointing at the great puddles of milk now spread into the gutter. "Louvain, Antwerp, Arras, our belle cathedral" and then with a wonderful anticlimax—"and now look at that."

"But such is war," she said, sighing.

Wants Naval Reserve.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Creation of a naval reserve and establishment of a nucleus for government control of executive business will be considered in executive session by the house naval sub-committee early next week. Secretary Daniels is sponsor for both proposals. He desires the reserve among ex-naval men and also asked government radio stations be permitted to handle commercial business. The latter tending toward government ownership as some members of congress contend, may meet with opposition in the naval committee, according to intimations from authoritative sources tonight. The creation of a naval reserve, however, apparently will have considerable support from both democrats and republicans.

CLEW'S CLOSING BUSINESS GOSSIP

Final Letter of the Year Deals With Conditions Past and Present and Looks Into the Future.

GETTING TOO CAUTIOUS

Many Reasons for Depression During This Most Remarkable Year of 1914 But Many No Longer Exist.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The quietness usual at this season of the year is intensified by the feeling of caution which exists in all parts of the country. It is a fair question to ask if this caution is not going beyond reason and reaching a stage where it must react, as all sentiment does when allowed to go to extremes? It is quite true there have been many reasons for depression in this extraordinary year of 1914. But many of these reasons no longer exist; some have been amply discounted, and others of a positively encouraging nature have not yet had an opportunity to exert their full influence. Among the reasons for uncertainty which no longer exist are the Mexican difficulties, the anti-trust and investigation manias and the tariff readjustment. These important problems absorbed attention during the first half of the year, but since then have been ignored, and for five months the market has had to unexpectedly face the most colossal war in history. The entire business world received a shock which it will take years to obliterate. So far as this country is concerned, however, the effect has been very largely discounted. Business quickly adjusted itself to war conditions, and is now going along nearly "as usual." In the future this market is more likely to be sensitive to news indicating peace than to news of an opposite character. The indications are that the war may not last as long as at one time feared; and, if peace should come within the next six months, the financial effects will prove less disastrous than anticipated, as all the belligerents are showing a much greater ability to meet the costs than was calculated upon. The war, therefore, while still a matter of great uncertainty, has been well discounted in this market, and should not produce any further material depression unless disasters occur which at the moment seem beyond the range of probabilities.

This brings us to another set of causes which are of a purely encouraging nature, and which thus far have had little or no effect upon business or stock market values. Chief of these is the clearing of the political atmosphere. There has been a most striking change in the attitude of the federal government and the legislature toward business interests. The disposition now is to aid, not hinder, business which has suffered seriously from unreasonable hostility. At just the time the country realizes that the Sherman law under the new interpretation is sufficient to protect the people against abuses of monopoly; and if any doubt that such score exists the new Clayton law makes assurance doubly sure. The beneficial effects of this change have not yet had an opportunity of expressing themselves. Business had adjusted itself to the new tariff; and, though some of the changes work harshly and may come up for rectification, the tariff as a disturbing element has been relegated to the rear. This favorable development has also escaped attention. Another step forward of supreme importance is the reconstruction of our banking system in accordance with long recognized necessities. The new federal reserve system made a splendid start on the road to sound and progressive banking. The country now has an elastic currency system; also a plan whereby the banking powers of the country are concentrated, with the power of control distributed somewhat in accordance with the importance of various sections. The new system is not yet in full working order, but has already shown its potentialities for good, and the country now possesses a financial organization better able to cope with financial crises than any which we have hitherto had. This is another favorable factor which has not been adequately reflected in either business or financial circles. Still another encouraging factor has been a good harvest, which saved the country from a serious setback and imparted positive optimism throughout the grain belt. We raised far too much cotton to benefit the south; but this will prove a not unmixed blessing, since cheap cotton must help both domestic and European manufacturers to place their industry upon a more normal condition. Lastly the interstate commerce commission granted the railroads permission to advance rates 5 per cent with certain well known exceptions. The decision was somewhat disappointing inas-

much as it is expected to increase revenues only 30 millions instead of 50 millions as at first stated; but its chief importance is the significant change of attitude on the part of the commissioners toward the railroads, which is in keeping with the change in the government attitude already noted.

The above is a rather formidable array of favorable circumstances, thus far practically ignored in the financial markets which are usually the first to respond to such events. Only one explanation can be given for this failure to respond, and that is the war which overshadows and outweighs every other consideration. Until peace prospects are more definite stock market operations will have to be kept within conservative limits. A few stocks will benefit by the war, but all would benefit by peace; and all purchases whether on investment or speculative account should be made with both discrimination and conservatism. Additional favorable conditions with a direct influence upon values are the continued ease of money and the January investment demand which is close at hand. Our exports continue large and exchange is not far from the gold importing point. More or less foreign liquidation has taken place, but the offerings from thence have thus far been readily absorbed. The steel industry shows symptoms of improvement, and the decision not to reduce wages is regarded as an expression of greater confidence in the future. Railroad earnings are reflecting the prevalent dullness in business. Gross earnings often show heavy losses which are being partly offset by retrenchment in operating expenses. Dividend reductions exerted relatively small effect upon market values, having evidently been discounted in advance.

Suggests Roman Holiday.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] DENVER, Colo., Dec. 26.—John F. Freeze, convicted of murdering his wife here, who is now serving a life sentence for the crime, wants to furnish Denver a "Roman holiday." He wants to end it all, come out from behind the walls of the Canon City pen, plead guilty to the murder of Signe Carlzen, a Denver girl, found murdered on the prairie near here several years ago, and give Denver a "hanging bee."

"If it is a hanging bee they want in Denver," he said to a pen visitor, "go back and tell them I will go on the stand and swear that I killed Signe Carlzen. I wanted to die at the time of my trial on a charge of murdering my wife, but they gave me back my life. I want to die now, so here is the chance. I will be glad of the bloody sacrifice. Tell them now, sure and don't forget it."

At the time of his conviction of wife slaying, it was reported that Freeze had been suspected of killing the Carlzen girl also. The Canon City visitor put the question point blank whether he had killed Signe Carlzen.

"No, I didn't kill her," Freeze replied. "But why shouldn't I say I killed her? They would hang me then and it would be sure release from the cares and troubles that have been mine for years. Tell them I killed her and I'll stand by the statement in open court."

Panic on the Train.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—One man was killed and two others injured in a joy riding party tonight when the auto in which they were riding catapulted into a cut along the Long Island railway in Brooklyn. No sooner had the car landed on the track twenty feet below than it was struck by a train and passengers and chauffeur thrown out. The auto had been taken out of a garage without permission. When the train struck the car, an explosion of the gasoline tank ensued and lighted up the surrounding territory. Panics ensued among passengers of the train.

Rheumatism is Hero.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Fannie Schnitzer's rheumatism, the aged woman proudly proclaimed tonight, saved the lives of eighteen persons in a fire that destroyed a three story flat building on Indiana avenue today. Extreme pain from her rheumatism awakened Mrs. Schnitzer at midnight and kept her awake. Every other occupant of the building was asleep when flames burst from the basement. Mrs. Schnitzer sounded the alarm. A few minutes after the last dweller descended the fire escape, the walls caved in.

Threw Acid in Their Faces.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 26.—The police were searching tonight for William Hanick, 29, who is said to have thrown carbolic acid in the faces of his wife and her mother, Mrs. Sophie Benzenstein, when he went to their home to take his three year old son from their custody. Hanick and his wife separated some time ago and Mrs. Hanick has since cared for the child. Both women were seriously burned and the latter may lose her sight. Hanick escaped with the boy.

Mexico Needs Help.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—After four years of civil war, Mexico faces an "alarming shortage of food," Consul General Hanna telegraphed tonight. The American Red Cross society tonight, corn, beans, rice and staple food supplies are almost exhausted at Monterey, he declared, and with many severe winter nights, the poor people need blankets to keep from freezing. Hanna said he "purchased about 1,500 bushels of shelled corn which

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Goat Stew for Dinner. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Mike Supaloe missed his good goat, Leonidas today. His suspicions were aroused, he said, when he discovered the horns and beard of Leonidas in the yard of John and Gus Luntres. His suspicions were confirmed, he said, when the odor of a stew was wafted out of the Luntres kitchen.

"I could not be mistaken," wailed Mike. "I knew that smell. They were cooking my good goat, Leonidas." Judge Cavorly agreed that Mike ought to recognize the smell of Leonidas. He issued warrants for the arrest of Luntres Bros.

Funeral of John Muir.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERKELEY, Calif., Dec. 26.—The funeral of John Muir, the eminent naturalist, which will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Muir, the station on Contra Costa county, named after him, will be attended by many from the bay cities. The funeral will be under the auspices of the Sierra club, the University of Wisconsin Alumni association and the Wisconsin state society. A special train will run from Oakland to Muir. The funeral is to take place in a nearby glade selected by Muir himself some time ago. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. E. Stoddard.

Lewis is Hard at Work.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Modifications in the literacy test of the immigration bill, so radical as to practically eliminate that feature, will be made by the senate, according to the prediction of Senator Lewis of Illinois, tonight. On the other hand, Chairman Smith of the senate immigration committee, predicted passage

FRATERNAL CARDS

MASONIC. Third floor Masonic Temple, Seventh and Blondeau.

Eagle lodge No. 12 holds its regular meeting the first Tuesday evening of each month.

Gate City Chapter No. 7, R. A. M. Regular meeting second Friday of each month.

Hardin Lodge No. 29, holds its regular monthly meeting the second Monday evening of each month.

Elmira Chapter No. 40, O. E. S., holds its regular meeting the first Thursday of each month, Masonic temple, Seventh and Blondeau, Mrs. O. W. Sandberg, matron; Mrs. C. G. Melster, secretary.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

Hal', Seventh and Main streets. Keokuk Lodge No. 13, meets regularly Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Henry Schaefer, N. G.; F. O. Wright, recording secretary.

Pucketchuck lodge No. 43, meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Chas. Weld, N. G.; George W. Imme-gart, permanent secretary.

Pucketchuck Encampment No. 7, meets first and third Thursday evenings of each month. John Eisenhuts, financial scribe.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA.

GIBBONS HALL. Keokuk Camp No. 622, meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Our latch string is out to neighbors. John C. Wustrow, V. C.; J. A. Pollard, clerk.

B. P. O. BLKS.

Keokuk lodge No. 106, meets first and third Thursday nights at Elks' hall, Sixth and Blondeau streets. Club rooms open daily. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Dr. J. B. Howd, E. R.; Leroy J. Wolf, secretary.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES.

Keokuk Aerie, No. 683, meets first and third Wednesday of each month at Eagle's hall, 523 Main street. Visiting brethren cordially invited. Ralph Foulds, W. President; C. A. Noakes, secretary.

K. OF P.

Morning Star lodge, No. 5, meets at Fifth and Blondeau, K. of P. building, Tuesday at 7:30. N. J. Montague, chancellor commander; J. A. Burgess, K. of R. and S. Visiting knights fraternally invited.

PYTHIAN SISTERS

Keokuk Temple No. 256 Pythian Sisters meet every second and fourth Friday of the month at 8 o'clock at K. P. hall. Mrs. N. J. Montague, M. E. C.; Mrs. O. W. Rowe, M. of R. and C.

KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY KEOKUK COUNCIL No. 1093

meets the first and third Monday of each month at Hawkes' hall, at 8 o'clock. J. R. Hambleton, president; Ernest Best, financier; Mrs. Ralph Muse, secretary.

ROYAL ARCANUM

Keokuk Council No. 536 meets first and third Friday each month, Hawkes hall, Eighth and Main. Visiting brethren fraternally invited to attend. C. M. Kingman, regent; J. I. Annable, secretary.

LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE

Keokuk Lodge, No. 704, meets every Tuesday night at 8 p. m., in Moose hall, corner of Sixth and Main. Visiting brethren cordially invited. John G. Stadler, dictator. Ed. S. Lofton, secretary.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD.

Gate City Camp No. 81, "Woodmen of the World, meets second and fourth Mondays of each month at Lawkes hall, corner Eighth and Main. Visiting sovereigns cordially invited. Albert Kiefer, consul commander; Jos. M. Skinner, clerk.

COURT OF HONOR.

Keokuk Court No. 144 meets every fourth Tuesday of each month at Hawkes hall, at 8 o'clock. Visitors fraternally invited. R. F. Sullivan, chancellor; August C. Koch, recorder.

of the measure with the literacy test included.

The bill is the unfinished work of the senate. The administration opposes openly the literacy provision and Lewis is leading the fight to alter it.

He admitted that a majority of the senate is probably for the measure, but he believed that body would submit to the proposed changes. He was endeavoring to line up men representing the larger centers of population to combat what his belief is a coalition between southern democrats and republicans trying to force passage of the measure. Tonight he confidently predicted that the administration would be successful in its plan to adopt this test.

Marshall-Field Wedding.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Marshall Field, third grandson of the late Chicago millionaire, and Miss Evelyn Marshall, a popular New York society girl of this city, were granted a marriage license today.

Field stated he is 21 and Miss Marshall 25. The wedding date has not been fixed.

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