

Magdalena Bay Invasion Story Is Merely a Hearst Hoax

U. S. SOLDIER IS FIRED UPON BY MEXICANS

American Infantryman Wounded While on Border Patrol Duty Near El Paso

Commanding Officer Submits Report of Incident to the War Department

Little Children See Their Father Murdered in Cold Blood by Bandit

EL PASO, Tex., May 5.—The shooting of Private John Baker of the Twenty-second Infantry while on border patrol duty was done deliberately from the Mexican side of the river, according to Colonel E. S. Steever, who completed a thorough investigation today.

Baker was reclining on his elbow near the river bank when he saw two Mexicans on the other side. The latter dodged into a clump of bushes and fired at him twice. One bullet shot one of the soldier's fingers and scraped his foot.

Colonel Steever has reported details of the affair to Washington.

Sons Witness Murder

Following the robbery of the Mormon colony store at Colonia Diaz, in the state of Chihuahua, yesterday by Mexican bandits and the killing of one of the robbers by pursuing colonists, information was received here today of the murder of J. D. Harvey, one of the colonists, by the brother of one of the bandits.

Harvey was at work in his field when he was approached and shot and killed by the Mexican in the presence of his three small sons. The murderer escaped. There is much excitement among the colonists on account of the affair, and while the entire country is under the domination of rebels, they announce their intention of remaining for the protection of their property by force of arms if necessary. Telegrams have been sent to Senator Smoot of Utah and Senator Fall of New Mexico, apprising them of the situation.

Mildly Jeers Gomez

El Monitor, the organ of General Orozco, the rebel commander in chief, this morning's issue of which was received here tonight from Chihuahua, jeers mildly at the proclamation naming Emilio Vasquez Gomez as provisional president of Mexico.

Colonel Pascual Orozco Sr., returning from Chihuahua tonight, announced that the proclamation of Emilio Vasquez Gomez as provisional president of Mexico had the full sanction of his son, the rebel commander in chief. The elder Orozco said also that he would be minister of war in the new government until his son, when freed of his duties in the field, could take his place.

Passengers who arrived from Chihuahua declared that Orozco had succumbed to pressure in withdrawing opposition to Gomez.

Both Ask Recognition

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Simultaneously with the arrival of Senor Manuel Calero, the new ambassador of Mexico to this country, Dr. Policarpo Rueda, representative of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, provisional president of Mexico, appeared in Washington to ask this government to recognize the belligerency.

"The uprising has been confined to the state of Chihuahua," said Ambassador Calero's statement in part, "in spite of what has been said to the contrary and is daily being repeated in the United States. Disturbances exist, it is true, in other portions of the republic of Mexico, but these are not political in character, but are rather brigandage on a greater or less scale. My government, while successfully combating these movements, is earnestly striving to find a remedy for the problem, and has, in this connection, already accomplished some most important work.

No Hostile Feeling

"I must most emphatically deny that there exists any such thing in Mexico as an anti-American feeling. There are perhaps some Americans who may have received injury, either to person or property at the hand of the bandits, but this happens everywhere. The government is making and will continue to make every possible effort toward protecting all interests, both domestic and foreign."

In his statement, which is addressed to the American people, Dr. Rueda declares: "The provisional government is in a fully organized political state, capable of discharging the duties of a government by enforcing the law and protecting life and property and meeting its foreign obligations."

"It holds two states and many cities and towns; it has an established seat of government; it is supported by the

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Thomas A. Edison announces that the crowning feature of his inventive life will be a revolution in the methods of education. He proposes to teach boys and girls through the medium of the photographic film what they have heretofore painfully learned through printed words, figures and diagrams.

Edison argues that in this way the facts about any concrete thing can be learned to the maximum of efficiency and with the minimum of effort.

The great inventor already has accomplished enough in his experiments to prove the practicability of his idea, and he declares that he will devote his remaining years and millions of money to putting his system into practice.

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NEW YORK, May 5.—Thomas A. Edison will devote \$3,000,000 and the next eight years of his life to the simplification of scientific instruction through the medium of the film.

Microscopic and astronomical revelations which baffle the child mind and the limited absorbing powers of un-schooled adults will be made clear and easily comprehensible by the substitution of the film for the book—the eye.

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Mrs. Vanderbilt, in Critical Condition, Seeks Her Husband

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NEW YORK, May 5.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt Jr., who had been steadily improving since an operation was performed last Wednesday for appendicitis, has had a sudden and serious relapse and tonight her condition is said to be critical.

Physicians and nurses have been in constant attendance since the operation. Every effort has been made to keep from the public news of her real condition.

It is known that tonight efforts have been made to locate her husband, who has been living in separate apartments at 49 East Fifty-second street.

MAJOR BUTT'S POST TO REMAIN UNFILLED

President Pays Tribute at Memorial Services

[Special Dispatch to The Call] WASHINGTON, May 5.—The place of Major Archibald Butt as personal aide to the president will not be filled because there is no one with the necessary qualifications to fill it.

This became known after the memorial service in the National theater this afternoon, when the president in the presence of 3,000 persons, had paid tribute to the memory and character of Major Butt.

Not one of the nine military aides which constitute the staff has been assigned to the duties performed by the young Georgian nor, it is said authentically, will one be appointed.

CRIMINALS JOIN REVOLT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

Troops Subdue Fighters and Many Are Killed

[Special Cable to The Call] LISBON, May 5.—Details of the revolt among the prisoners at Lamoal show that 400 political prisoners, well supplied with arms and money, had enticed 450 criminal prisoners to join them in a revolt in which the wardens connived.

All escaped into the courtyard, where a great fight took place with the militia. The troops subdued the fighters. It is impossible yet to ascertain the number of victims. A number of bombs were found.

DORR GOES EAST TO FACE MURDER CHARGE

Stockton Man Will Leave Today With Lynn Detectives

[Special Dispatch to The Call] STOCKTON, May 5.—William A. Dorr will start on his journey to Lynn, Mass., tomorrow, where he must stand trial on the charge of having murdered George Marsh. Inspectors Kane and Burkes will take the prisoner east. Miss Thomas, head nurse of the local emergency hospital, will accompany them. Dorr's health is so poor that this was deemed advisable.

SANTA CLARA STRUCK BY BASEBALL; MAY DIE

Oscar Kohner Is Knocked Unconscious on Diamond

SANTA CLARA, May 5.—Oscar Kohner, a son of Town Trustee Max Kohner, was struck on the head with a pitched ball while playing at San Juan today in the game against Hollister. He was unconscious for several hours. He was removed to his home here tonight and it is feared that he is badly injured.

PODSZUS-FRITZ IS MARRIAGE MAKER

Herr Direktor Makes Matrimonial Tree, With Count Buds, to Bloom Yet

[Special Dispatch to The Call] CHICAGO, May 5.—Chicago's newest international matrimonial tree burst into full bloom yesterday at the Congress hotel.

On its branches were European counts, near counts and wouldbe counts in profusion.

Beneath it stood the gardener who had made it blossom. He has a sort of blooming name—Podszus-Fritz Podszus, herr direktor of the marriage plant. He slipped smoothly from New York, bowed his way past traffic policemen, doormen and bell boys to the desk.

"A room, if it please your august selves," said the herr direktor, "I come to bring joy to Chicago and would myself prepare."

After that the urbane visitor was quite at home. He prepared himself to sartorial perfection, placed in his pockets copies of his "matrimonial news"—the name showing plainly—and paraded down Peacock alley. A glance was sufficient. He danced gracefully to the glancer and with a succession of bows presented his card. It promised "perfect satisfaction to persons of refinement seeking marriage."

The herr direktor's methods are simple. He is laden with the names and qualifications of European nobles in temporary financial distress. The permanence of the distress depends on the speed of the herr direktor.

He matches his eligibles with American girls possessed of many American dollars and, if the lady is so good, a modicum of good looks. That is not necessary, he explains. It is the heart that counts—not the face—and the heart has a dollar sign.

There is no troublesome courtship, no worry, no publicity. The girl with the dollars sketches roughly the qualifications that she may be particular enough to desire along with the title. The herr direktor looks at his notes. Presto, it is done! If it is not done right there is no collection, and he will try again and again. He makes loving couples blossom where none would grow before.

The list of eligibles includes counts galore, a baron or two and so many second sons of second sons, boasting a "von" or a "de" that he has quite lost track of them.

And his success? In New York it is wonderful. He says: "My humble services are appreciated. Chicago is further west. Still I should do well." He exhibited a letter—part of a letter, for everything is ab-so-lutely private—saying: "Hold that name until Monday, when I shall see you again." "Yes, I shall do well here," he said.

SOLDIERS TOLD TO FORCE MEN TO FIGHT FLOOD

Governor of Louisiana, Alarmed by Seriousness of Situation, Issues Drafting Order

Hundreds, Preparing to Flee, Are Impressed Into Service; 15 Parishes Inundated

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW ORLEANS, May 5.—Governor Jared Y. Sanders, alarmed by reports that the government engineers and state and municipal authorities in the flood swept district were having difficulty in impressing into service men in sufficient numbers to check the spread of destruction wrought by the rising waters, tonight issued orders directing the national guard of Louisiana to compel laborers to work on the levees.

If the workers in the various districts where conditions are most serious are reinforced, it is believed that the waters can be confined to the territory which already has suffered a loss in millions; otherwise a break at any one or two points inevitably will mean the inundation of additional thousands of acres and possible loss of life.

Immediately following the governor's order the troops impressed into service hundreds, many of whom were hurriedly assembling their household goods in preparation for flight. With few exceptions they offered no resistance and tonight are aiding in the work

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KAISER'S FRIEND TO GO TO ST. JAMES

Sensation Is Created by Appointment of Von Rieberstein as Ambassador

[Special Cable to The Call] LONDON, May 5.—A great political sensation has been caused here by the announcement from Berlin that Count Wolff Meternich will shortly be superseded as German ambassador by Baron Marshall von Rieberstein, the kaiser's close personal friend and the ablest diplomat in the service of the fatherland.

While the report comes unofficially, its accuracy is not questioned and it is accepted here as authoritative.

Baron Marshall von Rieberstein is the astute statesman who laid and operated the diplomatic train which Germany made paramount at the Porte. In diplomatic circles he is regarded as the most notable figure since the death of Dufferin called away the last of the old school of European masters of statecraft.

NEW YORKERS EAT HATS TO PAY BETS

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NEW YORK, May 5.—The Massachusetts primary mixup caused two New Yorkers, Albert Sedano, a contractor, and Harry Parker, a salesman, literally to "eat their hats."

Sedano wagered Taft to win; Parker pinned his faith to the hat which Theodore Roosevelt had tossed into the ring. Both wagered the drinks and to "eat their hats" in case of the defeat of their presidential favorites and both lost. A passing cop caught them chewing the last of the unbolted brims in an east side cafe and took them to the night court, where the magistrate dismissed them with a reprimand.

SPARK FROM WIRELESS PUTS LEOPARD TO FLIGHT

Operator Attacked by Beast Flashes "S. O. S."

NEW YORK, May 5.—While the Zazari, a steamer in the Brazilian nut and fruit trade was foundering in the sea 400 miles southeast of Sandy Hook a leopard sprang out of the darkness into the coop on the storm deck where James Pickerrill, wireless operator, was stationed.

As the beast crouched Pickerrill touched the key, instinctively flashing out "S. O. S." for aid. The leopard paused in the very act of rising from his haunches, turned tall and fled. The spark scared him.

The leopard later was caught and confined.

GEARY LINE STOPS MUNICIPAL ROAD BEGUN



Last car to go over Geary street track, with Cripman F. J. Brainerd (left) and Conductor F. Stanley in charge.

Workmen Tear Out Cable and Track As Last Car Reaches Barn

AFTER being a storm center for 10 years of the first local struggle for municipal ownership of street railways the Geary Street, Park and Ocean Railway company succumbed at 1:07 o'clock this morning when the last car pulled into the barn at Geary street and First avenue, after distributing a crowd of night owls from the turntable at Market and Geary streets to the

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JERE COOKE HIDES FROM PUBLIC GAZE

Unfrosted Clergyman Complains of Morbid Desire to Hound Him to Desperation

[Special Dispatch to The Call] NEW YORK, May 5.—Jere Knode Cooke and Floretta Whaley have been forced to move again.

The former rector of August Belmont's church at Hempstead said today with apparent earnestness: "A portion of the public wishes to drive me to something desperate or criminal. It seems to have a morbid desire to hound me to desperation."

Cook has gone to his painting work and the mother of his children is with them at the home of their great grandmother, Mrs. Kaziah Whaley, in Hempstead, Long Island, where one of the little boys is down with measles.

When friends informed them Friday that a crowd of the curious was before the family house in Brooklyn, a floor of which they had taken, Cooke and Miss Whaley packed their belongings and left as secretly as possible Saturday.

CONVICTS DIG WAY OUT TO FREEDOM

SACRAMENTO, May 5.—Digging through the rotten wooden walls of four cells in the city jail between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock, William Brusco, an ex-convict, wanted in Reno for robbing and beating a Greek and suspected of robberies in this city, and Wesley Gordon, a negro, also an ex-convict, charged with robbing a wine store, made their escape today.

The police believe that the break evidently had been planned carefully by Brusco and Gordon and that Gordon crawled through a small hole between his cell and the adjoining one, where with the aid of a piece of iron torn from his bunk he worked on the bricks of the outer wall of the jail.

Each day before the rounds were made by the police Gordon carefully replaced the bricks.

CAPTAIN OF LOST TEXAS IS REMOVED TO PRISON

Pleas of American and Greek Consuls Unavailing

[Special Cable to The Call] CONSTANTINOPLE, May 5.—The captain of the steamer Texas of the Archipelago-American line, which was blown up and sunk by Turkish forts in the gulf of Smyrna a few days ago while flying the American flag, today was forcibly removed from the Greek hospital in Smyrna to a Turkish prison, where he is said to have been placed in a hospital ward. The American and Greek consuls protested valiantly against his removal.

ICE PACK TAKES TOLL FROM CUNARD'S ULTONIA

Strips Propeller From Steamer in Gulf of St. Lawrence

HALIFAX, N. S., May 5.—The Cunard Line steamer Ultonia arrived here tonight in a disabled condition, having lost her port propeller in an ice field in the Gulf of St. Lawrence while making for Quebec. Her passengers will be landed here in the morning and sent to their destination by rail. The Ultonia sailed from Southampton April 23 for Montreal.

VACANT LAND OFFERS NO MEANS OF LIVING

Thrifty Japanese Would Starve to Death If They Attempted to Colonize the Peninsula

WRECKS MARK FAILURES OF FISHING OPERATIONS

Lack of Water, Timber and Fuel Makes Vacant Strip Uninhabitable Even Temporarily

Bottom Falls Out of Manufactured Scare

Since the president transmitted the report of the state department on the Magdalena bay inquiry, the bottom has fallen completely out of the manufactured story that Japan was seeking a foothold on the west coast of Mexico. The state department's report showed conclusively that the United States has been fully informed from the first as to all the negotiations relating to Japanese fishing rights on the Mexican coast, and that these negotiations were not in any manner fostered by the Japanese government.

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The Hearst newspaper stories concerning the Japanese foothold on the west coast of Mexico and that country's possession of Magdalena bay have fallen flat. Even the department clerks smile.

An official of the state department said today:

Any one who knows anything about the western coast of California must smile at the idea that the Japanese covet possession of Magdalena bay or any other portion of the peninsula. It is wholly uninhabitable, owing to lack of water, timber and fuel.

Some years ago the Mexican government permitted the United States navy to occupy Magdalena bay for target shooting purposes, but the navy found that even temporary occupation of the bay was impracticable. Water was not to be had. The heat was intolerable. There is no settlement on the bay and no facilities whatever for maintaining a settlement.

The only use that Magdalena bay could have for any navy lies in the fact that it is absolutely vacant. It is suitable, therefore, for target practice, but entirely unsuited for a coaling station or for colonization. The Japanese are a thrifty folk and can live on little or nothing, but they would starve to death at Magdalena bay.

For years the Mexican government has granted concessions for fishing on both the Pacific and the gulf. These concessions have been granted without regard to the nationality of the concessionaires and have been merely a means of raising revenue for the government.

Americans, Germans, Italians, Englishmen and Japanese have all been granted these concessions from time to time. One by one they have failed and other ambitious schemes have taken their place.

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