

HUDSPETH TO BE SENT TO CONGRESS

Joe Sweeney Says All His Political Ambitions Have Been Satisfied.

SMITH TO HAVE ANOTHER DISTRICT

El Paso will get another congressman when the Texas legislature meets for a reapportionment. Texas is to have four new congressmen and El Paso is sure to get one of them. Representative W. R. Smith will be cut out of this end of the state.
Claude V. Hudspeth, who is serving his second term as state senator, and who, prior to his selection for that office, was a member of the lower house for two terms, and is a resident of El Paso, is a candidate for the job.
Commenting on the reapportionment, former mayor Jos. U. Sweeney said Tuesday morning: "Our district now runs all the way to Mineral Wells, and it is likely that a new district will be formed running up to Val Verde and giving El Paso a new congressman. This will leave Smith out in another district and we can have a man from our own city. El Paso will be the largest city in the new district and is entitled to representation by a man who knows the city and knows all of southwest Texas. I believe that Claude V. Hudspeth will be the man. He has the backing of the party here and will have strong support from this whole district, for he is the most popular man we have ever sent to the state senate. He will be a candidate for the office."
When asked about his own ambitions toward congress, Mr. Sweeney said: "I am not a candidate for any office. All of my political ambitions have been satisfied. I am now devoting my time to the practice of my profession. I believe El Paso should be represented in the next congress by a man right from this district."
"Mr. Hudspeth will be a candidate for the nomination and he will get it. His successor as state senator will probably be a man from the lower part of this district."

CLAIM SASONOFF ENDED OWN LIFE

St. Petersburg, Russia, Dec. 12.—The report that M. Sasonoff, who in 1908 assassinated minister of the interior Von Flohve, had died in prison at Seaurant was officially confirmed today. His death is attributed to suicide. It is reported that Sasonoff had been internally injured by flogging while in circulation. According to the governor of the prison, officers discovered a plot to release the political prisoners en masse. All communication of the prisoners with the outer world was stopped and corporal punishment was ordered for two prisoners. As a protest against these measures, the prisoners severed their arteries at the wrists, and three others, including Sasonoff, took fatal doses of morphine.

ROOSEVELT MAY RIP 'EM UP A BIT

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 12.—The address here this evening of Col. Roosevelt as the guest and only speaker at the banquet of the chamber of commerce at Yale dining hall, promises to rank among the notable occasions of this city.
Col. Roosevelt will select his own subject, and, as he has stated in a letter just received, that he will speak as the spirit moves, anticipations run high that he will deal vigorously with recent happenings in politics and national affairs.

STILL TIME TO BRING IN NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Herald's little hustlers did such fine work last week for the special prizes that the same cash amounts have been offered as prizes again this week. Last week's winners will be announced tomorrow as all of the new orders will have been verified by that time.
The chance to secure points for the big distribution of Christmas spending money closes Saturday, December 17, at 8 p. m. No subscriptions will be accepted for points after that hour. Next Monday morning the Herald circulation department will figure up the points for each boy and girl who has entered, and on the 22nd the big distribution will be made.

WITNESS AND ATTORNEY JAILED FOR CONTEMPT

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—Mrs. Alleen Christopher, the government's star witness in the prosecution of the brick trust, was today sentenced to 30 days in jail for contempt of court for refusal to produce certain information before the federal grand jury. Her attorney, John A. Harper, was sentenced to 70 days for his part in the same refusal.

LOS ANGELES HITS BUCKETSHOPS HARD

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—Six months in jail or a fine of \$500 is the penalty provided by the new ordinance for anyone who operates a bucketshop or patronizes one in Los Angeles county.
The penalty also extends to any person who rents offices for bucketshop purposes.
"Bucket shopping" is defined as "dealing in stocks or commodities without any actual purchase or sale and without any intention of delivering such stocks or commodities."

RAIN BREAKS DECLINES TO BE HEALTH OFFICER

A Large Section of the Country Without Moisture for Months Is Benefited.

DAMAGE BY WATER IN FORT WORTH

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 13.—Reports received here today from a large area throughout north and central Texas and the Panhandle say a slow rain is falling, breaking one of the longest droughts in the history of Texas.
The rainfall so far is slight, not sufficient falling to replenish the water supply. Practically no rain has fallen in Fort Worth in five months.
Following a long dry spell, rain put the power companies out of commission for a long time last night and this morning. Half of the town was in darkness last night and the elevators in many buildings are not running today.
The Postal and Western Union telegraph companies, who depend to a large extent on the power furnished them by the city's plant, were compelled to have power transmitted from Dallas by wire in order to operate.
A number of derailments occurred on the street car line, stopping traffic.
Many factories were forced to suspend work from two to five hours.
Secr. Gibbs, Texas Grain Dealers' association, today said the rains last night and today over the state will benefit crops 50 percent and estimated the total state yield for 1911 at 1,300,000 bushels. Secretary Shiller of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association declared the rain which broke a drought of several months will avert big losses by the cattlemen.
WANT ROBIN COOPER TO BE TRIED AGAIN
State's Lawyers Urge the Court to Nullify Acquittal of Carmack's Slayer.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 13.—A petition asking that the Davidson county criminal court declare illegal and void the proceedings by which the case against Robin Cooper charged with the murder of senator Edward Carmack, was dismissed, was presented this morning by all the attorneys who represented the state in the trial in which Robin Cooper and his father, Duncan Cooper, were convicted and by Sam C. Carmack, brother of senator Carmack. It charged that the effort to acquit the defendant was a fraud upon the state. Judge Neil refused to allow the petition to be filed. The next move will be to take the case before the supreme court on a writ of certiorari.

EXAMINER CLOSES BANK AT QUANAH

Quanah, Texas, Dec. 13.—Because it was carrying too much paper past due, J. B. Moessman, National bank examiner closed the Quanah National bank here but the depositors will be protected. All depositors are signing agreements to accept 10 percent in 30 days, another 10 percent in 60 days and another 10 percent in 90 days, another 10 percent in 120 days and the balance at the rate of 10 percent per month after that. J. J. McAdams and others guarantee the payment in full of all outstanding obligations. It is announced the bank will open again.

ASK FOR CITY TAX ON STREET FLOWERS

El Paso florists feel that they have a grievance. They believe the council should protect them against street vendors of California flowers.
"We pay city and county taxes; pay rent the year around, and the money we spend for supplies and labor all help to increase El Paso business," said a local florist.
"The street corner dealers that sell California flowers pay nothing toward the general expense of the city. Every El Paso florist is glad to sell one flower or any number of flowers. It never was left for the street corner men to introduce sales of less than a dozen. We do not believe that street corner florists should escape a city tax any more than street corner dealers in groceries or hardware."

NEW BRIDGE PUTS ANCIENT FERRY OUT OF COMMISSION

Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 13.—The international railroad bridge, connecting Brownsville and Matamoros, Mexico, which was formally announced open to traffic yesterday, has been used for transportation of freight for several months, but for some reason was closed to pedestrians and vehicles. The ferry boat, which has been in operation between the two cities for half a century, will be discontinued with the new year.

EL PASO PREFERRED TO BECOME MEMBER OF STATE HEALTH BOARD INSTEAD

Ysleta Company Ordered to the Border in the Vicinity of Ojinaga.

WORSHAM WILL REMAIN HERE

Dr. B. M. Worsham, of El Paso, was tendered the office of state health officer by governor O. B. Colquhoun, but declined it because it would have necessitated his moving to Austin and giving up his residence in El Paso.
However, he has been appointed a member of the state health board, and says that he is pleased with being selected because he did not seek the office.
Dr. Worsham, who is at present a member of the El Paso school board, was for 13 years superintendent of the state insane asylum at Austin. He will probably continue as a member of the school board, as there is no conflict between his position as a trustee and that of a member of the state board of health.

HEAVY FLOODS IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

Genoa, Italy, Dec. 12.—Railroad service to France is still interrupted in consequence of the storm. Several streets in this city are flooded and many houses in country districts are surrounded by water, the occupants making their escape in boats.
Milan, Italy, Dec. 13.—Many streets in the suburbs of Milan have been flooded by the overflowing of the river Olona. Several villages in Lombardy are inundated.
Rome, Italy, Dec. 13.—Reports from many points in Italy indicate a continuation of the heavy storms, the flooding of towns and villages and serious damage to crops. The victims are few, for the people have had ample time to escape the threatening waters, and in some cases have abandoned their homes. The river Po is close to the high water mark.

RECORDS SMASHED IN TREE PLANTING

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—As many trees will be planted under the direction of the forest service on national forests of the country during the present fiscal year as were set out during the last five years combined, according to a special forest officer. This is the beginning of a plan to increase as much as possible each year the number of trees set out. Eliminations and additions to forest reserves are practically completed and it is now possible to form some idea of the permanent boundaries of the forest reserves.

EL PASO STREET CORNER IS SOLD

Final transfer of the northeast corner of El Paso street and Broadway was made Tuesday morning by Horace B. and Charles B. Stevens to Juan S. Hart and Beverly G. Thomas. The purchase price being \$52,500.
For some time purchasers have had an option on the property, which fronts 48 feet on El Paso and 120 feet on Overland street, and includes the Louvre saloon and the Crescent theater.

AMERICAN FLEET IN VIOLENT FRENCH STORM

Brest, France, Dec. 13.—A violent storm raged over the harbor today. The visiting American battleships—Minnesota, Idaho, Mississippi and Vermont—held firm by their anchors, but the French armored cruiser, Edgar Quint, was driven on the beach. It was floated later by tugs.

DATE SET FOR CHEMICAL COMMISSION TO GO TO WORK

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The senate Monday ratified a protocol changing the dates fixed for the ratification with Mexico of the Chemical case which involves title to the Chamizal tract in El Paso, Tex.
The time for the presentation of the respective sides of the case was extended to February 15, 1911, and the first session of the commission was fixed for May 15.

MINERS OF THE COUNTRY BALLOT FOR OFFICERS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 13.—Union miners all over the country today are balloting for their international officers. Results will not be announced until the annual convention at Columbus, Ohio, next month.
President Thomas L. Lewis is opposed for re-election by John P. White, of Oskaloosa, Ia., president of the Iowa district.

Ysleta Company Ordered to the Border in the Vicinity of Ojinaga.

Ysleta, Tex., Dec. 13.—Capt. Hughes, commanding the ranger company here, received telegraphic orders today to report at once once with his command to the sheriff of Presidio county at Marfa. The order came from the adjutant general of Texas and is due to the activity of the insurgents about Ojinaga and other points on the Texas border opposite to the Presidio county line. The sheriff considers the condition serious and fears that there will be much lawlessness on the Texas side of the river.

TROUBLE FEARED FROM REFUGEES

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 12.—Ruidosa and Presidio have telephoned to Marfa for assistance, and sheriff Chastain has wired for rangers, who are expected today. They will be stationed at points where trouble is feared. No actual fighting is reported yet.

BIG SCARE AT THE CHISOS MINE

Texas Official Writes of the Excitement in the "Big Bend" Country.
An Austin dispatch to the San Antonio Express says:
The recent activity of Mexican revolutionists along the Texas border was witnessed by one of the state's land agents, who writes to this city of the apprehension at Terlingua, where the Chisos mines are located. It appears that at one time the Mexicans were in the notion of raiding the commissary of the Chisos company and securing the money just received in anticipation of payday. It is a considerable sum, as the mine and camp has a large number employed.
This state official's letter says: "We met armed bands of renegades, were spied on by rurales, were surrounded by Mexicans scared to death, and the 'banditos' should raid them. I watched one chap creep out of the brush and scan our camp with fieldglasses from across the river (Rio Grande). I set my instrument and through the glass I could see seven of them in the brush and this chap making up his mind who and what we were."
"All night we could hear them riding the river trails and almost every Mexican that passed our camp had a wet horse—crossed the river (Rio Grande).
Two old Harlan (Mexican) cooks was scared to death. He thought he was between two fires and somebody was sure to get him. When we got through with the work and went back to the Chisos mine we found that they had just got in a consignment of pay day and were sure the mine and commissary would be wrecked that night. The letter then tells of shotguns being issued to the white men, who kept them shouldered as they walked around the camp. Some time before two shots had been taken at the mine superintendent and he did not know when fire would open again. But "I" passed off quietly and our bluff struck and I think the Mexicans thought there was at least a company of United States regulars on hand and they shook the job."

MEXICO PREVENTS SALE OF PAPERS TO NATIVES

All the news "butchers" on the Mexico North Western line are being warned not to handle any Mexican newspapers. Passengers who arrived on Monday from Laredo, Mexico, were issued to the newspaper at Rosaria. He was told not to bring any Mexican newspapers in the country, but that American newspapers could be sold. This is to keep the natives from reading accounts of the fighting.

EXECUTION DENIED

Laredo, Tex., Dec. 13.—Official denial is made of a report telegraphed from Nuevo Laredo that three alleged revolutionists had been sent from that city to Monterey to be executed. The report is declared, originated with the arrest of two Mexican rurales for fighting and of a suspected revolutionist. The three were sent to Monterey for hearing.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY DEFEATS CAMBRIDGE

London, Eng., Dec. 13.—Oxford university defeated Cambridge by a score of 23 to 15 in the annual Rugby football match today.

Joaquin Miller's Daughter Becomes Hermit In City



New York, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Miss Juana Miller, daughter of Joaquin Miller, the famous "poet of the Sierras," is living like a hermit in the heart of New York. Like her father, she has renounced the world for the sake of the muse. She lives in a small room and pays only \$2 a week for her food. She is trying to rival her father in writing poetry. Her motto, which is a part of her life, is "You must reap what you sow; you must sow a lily-white star," which means, she must keep away from the allurements of New York and Bohemian life. Miss Miller's father, lives in a cabin he has built on the heights outside of Oakland, California.

UNCLE SAM SELLS CHRISTMAS GOODS

Smuggled Articles From Mexico Keep Crowds Out in the Cold.
Today is "old hoss" day at the federal building. Goods seized during the past year by the customs officials were sold to the highest bidder.
Drawnwork, waist patterns, silk hose, gloves, pottery and almost every other imaginable thing that the smuggler takes a fancy to were sold under the hammer.
A pair of little green something or others with ruffles on the bottom brought a laugh from the crowd and six bits from a man fancier.
One woman became so interested in a bunch of black silk hose that she did not notice her hat feather tickling the man behind her almost to death.
A young man thought he was buying cleave bands, but they turned out to be silk garters with fancy buckles and an abundance of lace trimmings—but he did not care; it's near Christmas and he can get rid of them.
An elderly man raised the bidding on a bunch of drawwork dollies and walked away with a nice Christmas present for his wife, while another bought a basketful of little clay figures for the children back east, with whom he is not able to spend Christmas this year.
It was cold, standing on the steps of the postoffice, but the auctioneer warmed things up a bit and women, always looking for a bargain, pulled their coats about them and let the wind blow.

ATHLETIC GIRLS IN A FIRE PANIC

Fifty of Them in Scant Attire-Rescued From Burning Building.
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 13.—Fifty screaming, hysterical girls attired in gymnasium clothes were rescued from the roof of a burning building at 311 to 313 Wabash avenue today by firemen.
The girls were engaged in a gymnasium drill in the school of physical culture when a fire broke out.
When the smoke began pouring into the hall the girls feared to descend to the street, and the instructor, giving them no time to don their clothing, marshaled them to the roof. From the roof the frightened girls were carried down fire escapes. None was injured, but there was some tall scampering for a neighboring building, where the girls hid themselves from the smiles and stares of thousands of spectators, and where they were supplied with more complete costumes.
Besides the physical culturists 40 girl employees of desk and carpet companies occupying the building were assisted down fire escapes. The fire did damage amounting to \$100,000.

BRINGING HOTEL MAN BACK TO THE CITY

J. G. McNary, who has been spending the past month in New York, is in Chicago, en route home and will leave there Thursday for El Paso. He will be accompanied by W. A. Ullman, secretary and legal representative of Andrews & Co., hotel brokers, and will come prepared to arrange for the construction of a hotel to cost \$1,000,000.

BEGIN SUGAR WEIGHING PROBE AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, La., Dec. 13.—The federal grand jury today began an exhaustive investigation of the methods of the sugar weighing at this port. Special agents of the department of justice are here to assist in the inquiry.

TWO KILLED, ONE HURT IN BISBEE BIGHT FIGHT

Bisbee, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Parker Bowling and D. H. Faulk were killed and Ernest Duber probably fatally injured at midnight last night in a fight with unknown foreigners in Brewery gulch.
Duber states that he and the murdered men had interfered in a quarrel between some boys and the foreigners and the latter drew knives and attacked the Americans, inflicting deadly wounds.
Duber fled and succeeded in reaching the porch of a red light house, where he fell.
Police hurried to the scene and removed the bodies of Bowling and Faulk to an undertaking parlor. Duber was given medical aid and was found to have had his left lung punctured by a silfetto. An energetic search is being made for the murderers, who are supposed to be Italians.
The authors of the murders have been identified as Italians. Probably they are now in Mexico. One of them is said to be an anarchist who came recently from Pittsburg, Pa.

Christmas Presents That Would Not Please

THE question, "What will I give him?" always arises when Christmas is but a few weeks off.
Now there are some things that some men do not want, and it is well not to give inappropriate things.
Mayor Kelly, for instance, would not be very well pleased with a bill of sale to the city hall—it's too little.
City clerk Charley Fassett would be hopping mad if any of his friends gave him a new waterworks franchise to make up.
Alderman Percy McGhee would have seven conniption fits if his friends presented him with a cigar case or a dozen bottles of beer.
Alderman Sam Blumenthal might be happy if he got a roll of music for the happy family.
Alderman W. S. Clayton would not be very happy if he were presented with a price list showing that the bottom had dropped out of the grain market.
If he were told that no more new buildings could be erected in the city next year.
You would get waterworks engineer P. H. Todd's anger up if you gave him a pipe; he doesn't want it.
City assessor Louis E. Behr would stand on his head if the city council notified him that the valuation on all city property was to be reduced a few hundred thousand during the coming year.
City health officer W. H. Anderson would lose his temper if he were told that all houses in the city were sanitary and it was useless to tear any more down.
Judge Eylar would tear his hair if for Christmas somebody gave publicity to a rumor that he was going to get married in January.
County clerk Park Pitman would show you the door if the legislature were to pass a bill ordering all old county records destroyed.
Sheriff Peyton J. Edwards would go on a rampage if he were notified that the sheriff is not allowed to play golf.
Police chief Ben Jenkins would quit his job if the city council were to tell him he could take no more trips to California.
To make Joe Escobedo lose his temper, just let the men higher up tell him that El Paso county will not have an auditor.

FIGHTING AT PEDERNALES REPORTED

Passengers Arriving From Chihuahua Declare the Two Armies Have Met.

MANY DEAD ARE ALSO REPORTED

At last they are at it and—unless supposedly reliable reports are untrue—real fighting is in progress at Pedernales, where the 800 federal soldiers and an unknown number of insurgents have been maneuvering for nearly a week. The engagement is reported as general.
When the Mexico North Western train arrived in Pedernales early Monday afternoon, women and children piled into the coaches, and packed the train. They tumbled through the doors and windows, and frightened children crawled beneath the seats. They said that fighting had been in progress since Sunday morning only about three miles from the town. An American mining man who saw the battle from a distance, said that there were many dead, but that he could not tell which side had the advantage. The country in which the fighting was in progress is of hills and table lands.
News of the fighting reached passengers on the eastbound train before their arrival at Pedernales. At Rosaria an inspection of the train was made by insurrectionary officials, and a well dressed Mexican was questioned regarding his identity. Only by showing a passport signed by an insurrecto jefe politico did the Mexican avoid being removed from the train. It was whispered that the inspectors were seeking a federal official who was escaping from the country.
It is reported that the fighting at Pedernales, insurrectionary soldiers is inspecting the Mexico North Western trains as before, and the road is being patrolled by insurgent cavalry. It is thought that the engagement with the 800 men under Gen. Navarro has been precipitated by the further movement of troops from the city of Chihuahua.

TROOP ACTIVITIES AROUND TORREON

Paper From That City Tells of Trains of Soldiers Arriving.
That the talk of troop activities in northern Mexico is not "idle border gossip" is apparent from the fact that even the very careful newspapers in Mexico are printing developments. The Torreón Enterprise of Saturday said:
"Troops in large numbers are being rushed to the state of Chihuahua for a concentrated effort to outpace and capture the last of the insurrectionary bands which are operating in that section. Trains and carloads of troops have passed through Torreón daily for this purpose."
Gen. Hernandez has taken active command of military operations in the state of Chihuahua in place of Gen. Plata and will show his usual activity in the supervision of riots and the capture of offenders against the federal government.
"A train of 25 cars loaded with cavalry and accoutrements, passed through here yesterday afternoon bound for Chihuahua."
"Last Sunday 50 troops were dispatched to Comies, Dgo., from the barracks at Torreón."
"Two days later a special train arrived here from Mexico consisting of about 25 cars bearing 500 cavalrymen of the seventh regiment whose destination was Comies, where they were to receive further orders. It is believed that these troops went to Chihuahua."
"It was reported here that bands of armed men were seen in the vicinity of Bermejillo but no further news of them was had."

FIND HOOKWORM IN FRISCO IMMIGRANTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The hookworm has been discovered in Chinese, Hindu and other immigrants from the far east arriving on the Pacific coast. The public health and marine hospital services regard the situation as critical. A rigid inspection has been established at San Francisco and other Pacific ports. Elephantiasis also has been discovered among Chinese immigrants.