

BUSINESS MEN FAVOR CITY AUDIT

Expressions Heard From Many, Insisting That the Books Be Examined.

LETTER FROM A LOCAL AUDITOR

The expressions in favor of an audit of the city's books continue to be heard. Numbers of communications have come to The Herald over the telephone from people who wanted to say they were in sympathy with the movement to have the books audited, but could not for certain reasons be quoted. Several letters have also been received.

W. H. Shelton, of Shelton-Payne Arms company, said: "It seems to me that it would be a good idea to audit this city's accounts. I don't think it would cost near as much as some seem to think."

G. W. Emerson, of Emerson & Bowen: "I haven't given the matter much thought, but it looks to me as though no one ought to object."

S. Kranztor, of the Guarantee Shoe company: "I think it advisable to have an audit."

"I suppose there would be no harm in an audit and I think the people would like to know just how the money has been expended before voting another bond issue."

R. M. Turner, president of the El Paso Bank and Trust company: "I could see no possible harm in an audit of the city's books. As a business proposition, it ought to be a good thing equally with the audit of any other business."

Local Accountant Writes.

A letter from a local accountant says:

"As a prophet may have no honor in his own country, but may be a good prophet all the same, so an accountant may be a local man and yet be not ipse facto inefficient. That Haskins & Sells and the American Audit company (neither of whom, by the way, are chartered accountants) would make a good audit of the municipal affairs of El Paso I do not doubt. But that as good results could be obtained at less than half the cost by the employment of local accountants, I do not believe. Anyone who knows about such matters can tell you that municipal auditing does not differ in principle from the auditing of any commercial business. The only difference is that the statutes affecting the municipal accounts must be fully understood by the auditor and he must see that they are properly applied. For the rest, special training in audit work, intelligence and integrity are sufficient. You are, however, on the right lines when you press for a thorough audit. In many places, especially abroad, the municipal audit is kept up from month to month and an intelligible balance sheet with comparative statements published annually. In this way there is little danger of looseness of administration; costly special investigations, which are much more expensive and much less satisfactory than regular audits, are avoided; and the people know all the time just how their city stands financially. I wish you success in your efforts, whether an eastern firm or a local firm, or both, be employed."

CHOLERA CASE ON SHIP FROM ITALY

New York Health Officers Quarantine the Ship and Passengers.

New York, N. Y., June 13.—The North German Lloyd liner Berlin, which reached here today from Mediterranean ports, reported at quarantine today that a steersman passenger was taken ill with cholera four days after leaving Naples, and died 22 hours later. This is the first cholera case reported on an incoming steamship for many months.

The Berlin left Genoa June 1, Naples the next day, and Gibraltar June 5. Four days after leaving Naples, Enzo Braggio, a steersman passenger from Calabria, was taken suddenly ill and for 20 hours suffered violent cramps and other symptoms of cholera.

Braggio died June 7, and was immediately buried at sea. At quarantine, a bacteriological examination of cultures was at once begun. The Berlin was thoroughly disinfected. All of the 863 steersman passengers will be removed to Hoffman island and probably by tomorrow morning all of the 375 cabin passengers on the steamer will be released from quarantine.

Dr. Doty, health commissioner at quarantine, says he has no fear that the contagion will get a foothold.

SEAMEN'S UNION STRIKE IS TO START WEDNESDAY

Southampton, England, June 13.—The long threatened strike of the International Seamen's union has been definitely fixed for tomorrow.

THREE TEXAS WOMEN DROWNED IN CREEK

San Antonio, Texas, June 13.—Mrs. Lottie Nash and daughter and her sister, Mrs. Jennie Ellis, were drowned in a creek near Bandera, Texas, north of here, yesterday, while the first two named were endeavoring to rescue the other girl, who had got beyond her depth while bathing.

GOULD BUYS THE & G. N.

Palestine, Texas, June 13.—A committee, said to represent the Gould interests, today purchased the International & Great Northern railroad here at a record price. The road sold at \$12,645,000.

SURVEYING LINE UP THE VALLEY

Southwestern Surveyors in the Field to Obtain Preliminary Data.

TUCSON EXTENSION SEEMS ASSURED

The El Paso & Southwestern Railroad company has put surveyors in the field running a preliminary survey up the Rio Grande in the direction of Las Cruces, north of El Paso.

General manager H. J. Simmons says it is merely an investigation party; that the surveyors wish to secure data on the character of the soil, the cost of construction, and other matters connected with building a railroad. He says it has not yet been decided how far the road will be surveyed. It is reported, however, that the line is to be run to the Elephant Butte dam or a point near there, and that the Southwestern means to be ready to enter the field first if the prospects appear feasible for a railroad line.

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It is more than likely that the Southwestern will be in the field in competition with any other concern when the time comes to talk business, but as yet the general manager has nothing to say beyond the fact that data is being obtained as to cost, feasibility and prospects for tonnage.

The Tucson Extension.

Work has commenced west of Benson that looks like extension to Tucson. Men are engaged in digging at certain points along the line to ascertain the character of the soil and the amount of work that will be necessary in excavating and grading. Mr. Simmons says that no definite decision has yet been reached regarding construction from Benson to Phoenix and Tucson. It is pretty generally believed, however, that the road will be extended to both towns; several officials of the company have so stated, and the bonuses have about all been raised. The stockholders in New York have yet to order the work to proceed.

It is the idea of the Southwestern officials to build the Tucson and Phoenix extension for the purpose of reaching the Salt river valley at Phoenix and bringing the products of that valley into its mining camps at Bisbee, Douglas, Macosari and Cananea. At Phoenix, the road would also have connection with the Santa Fe to Los Angeles, whereas at present, its only connection for California is with the Southern Pacific at El Paso and Benson.

BLACKHAND BOMB THROWERS RESUME

Two Bombs Explode in Chicago Saloon and Injure Several.

Chicago, Ill., June 13.—Two bombs were exploded simultaneously early today on the north side within four blocks of one another. Each bomb was exploded in a saloon owned by an Italian, and the police believe they were set off by members of the Black Hand in a blackmailing scheme.

SEVENTY HOUSES AT WHITEWRIGHT BURN

Whitewright, Tex., June 13.—Forty-three business houses and 27 residences were destroyed and numerous other buildings were damaged late today by a fire which originated with the burning of a quantity of trash in the rear of a store. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Two persons were injured. Derison sent aid and the fire was finally brought under control.

GERMAN AVIATOR FALLS WITH BIPLANE FOR 125 FEET

Magdeburg, Germany, June 13.—The first serious accident of the National Aviation circuit race, occurred when Carl Mueller, in attempting a landing, fell with his biplane from a height of about 125 feet. The aviator suffered a concussion of the brain, but may recover.

Lindpainter and Koenig, reached Schwerin this morning, the distance from Magdeburg to Schwerin is 11 miles.

RAIN WASHED DOWN HOUSES YEARS AGO

Present Wet Spell Recalls the Time That Rafts Were Used in the Streets.

HOTEL WAS THEN PARTLY DESTROYED

According to old timers, not since the coming of the railroads in 1881, three decades ago, has the rainy season in El Paso begun so early, as the present one, inaugurated by Sunday's and Monday's rain. The present phenomenal storm breaks the time-honored meteorological record. As far back on the character of the soil, the cost of construction, and other matters connected with building a railroad. He says it has not yet been decided how far the road will be surveyed. It is reported, however, that the line is to be run to the Elephant Butte dam or a point near there, and that the Southwestern means to be ready to enter the field first if the prospects appear feasible for a railroad line.

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The "First Rain" 30 Years Ago.

This first storm of the rainy season recalls to Judge L. H. Davis, a still more remarkable and memorable "first rain" that struck El Paso in 1881, just 30 years ago, the year the railroads first entered the little adobe village of El Paso. According to those who had come to locate that year in El Paso it had not rained a drop since the preceding August of 1880, a period of 11 months of continuous drought. Occasional clouds would pass over the little town without even dropping a tear of pity, as if to mock the weary newcomers, but these were rapidly followed by the desiccating, torrid desert heat of the relentless sun. On every direction loomed up phantom mirages of the desert, which surrounded the Oasis of El Paso valley.

"Well I remember the wall of Lucas, the timer in the old Overland building, who with a hand pump and piece of hose tried to make an imitation sprinkle in front of his door when a passerby, a new arrival, remarked that it looked like rain," said Judge Davis. "Rain be damned," yelled the timer, "it never did and never will rain in this place. Why you must have just come in here and been victimized by some of those hand sharks and real estate liars, who are trying to sell to suckers. I have been here since last December and have been fooled the same way. I believe that any one who lives here over a year and drinks the water of the Rio Grande will never tell the truth again. Why, even those clouds you see overhead are liars and have been fooling us newcomers for the past six or eight months. I'll bet my tinshop against your hat that it never will rain in this place. Apparently Lucas and all the others who had recently come were justified in this."

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FEDERALS GUARD CHIHUAHUA WHILE INSURRECTOS CHAFE

Letter Determined to Enter the Town and Hold a Parade of Jubilation, but Federals Say Their Orders Are to Hold the Town for the Time Being—Feared That Insurrectos Would Wreak Vengeance on Enemies.

New York Millionaire and the Two Women Who Shot Him

Chihuahua, Mexico, June 13.—The Mexico military comedy continued here today. Four thousand federal troops, commanded by 13 generals, are patrolling the streets, determined that the victorious insurrecto army shall not enter the city. The insurrectos extend for 30 miles northward along the railroad to Sauc. The insurrectos are beating the ground with their guns in anger because, they say, white reports reach them of banquets at Mexico City, they, in spite of peace, are being kept in the field on short war rations.

An incident of the strained relation between the two armies occurred today when a federal lieutenant shouted "Viva Reyes" was shot and killed by an insurrecto, who smuggled himself into town.

While wonder is expressed that Mexico City does not promptly straighten out the tangle, governor Gonzales anticipates no serious consequences. He says in time the federal troops will evacuate and the insurrectos will be allowed to enter.

However, Gen. Orozco, Madero's foremost military chief, when interviewed at Sauc, frankly expressed dis-

Wants Artillery.

Gen. Gordillo Escudero, who is to leave Chihuahua with 1500 soldiers of the Mexican federal army, will cooperate with Viljoen and will probably arrive here in a few days. One company, or at least a half company, of United States troops will accompany the expedition on its way through the United States in order to see that order is observed. The rifles and ammunition of the soldiers will be placed in separate cars from those which they themselves will occupy and the American soldiers will stand guard over these.

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DIEGO REDO TO SAIL FOR SPAIN TO JOIN DIAZ

Los Angeles, Cal., June 13.—Senor Diego Redo, deposed governor of Sinaloa, Mexico, and his party, including brother and sister, will leave here today for New York, whence they will sail for Spain.

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MAGONISTA GETS ACTIVE

Are Offering Americans \$2 a Day to Fight Against Madero in Mexico.

U. S. SOLDIERS TO GUARD TROOP ARMS

Magonista recruiting agents have been operating in El Paso, according to information secured by officials of the Madero government here. Men have been operating in the cheap lodging houses on El Paso street, offering Americans \$2 a day and their transportation to lower California to join the Magonista ranks. There are also said to be other recruiting agencies on Fifth street, near the corner of Florence street, and still another on Hill street, near Second street, but the recruiting officers move about from time to time as they fear interference by the United States secret service men.

A report has also been received that many Mexican laborers near Carrizozo, N. M., were recruited and taken to a ranch near Olinaga, preparing for transportation to lower California to join the Mexican Liberal party, of which Ricardo Flores Magon is acknowledged to be the head, and which party is opposed to Francisco I. Madero.

Transporting Troops. No definite preparations have been made for the departure of Madero troops for lower California, but action is expected within the next few days.

Gen. B. E. Viljoen, who is to head the expedition that will proceed from Juarez to lower California to suppress the Magonista movement, is awaiting advices from Francisco I. Madero.

He says that he telegraphed Madero that if he would supply four field pieces he would take with 400 men, join Juan Cabral, who has 200 men at Tia Juana and proceed against the Magon forces.

Wants Artillery. Viljoen says he will go without artillery, as he believes the Magonista forces will outnumber his men and he must have the artillery to set on foot a successful campaign.

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EVERYTHING IS NUMBER ONE IN MEXICO

At Present There Is No Prospect of Serious Opposition in Coming Election.

MUSTERING OUT REBEL TROOPERS

Mexico City, Mex., June 13.—With the former chief of the revolutionary forces out of the city, the scores of khaki clad men who have been wearing their cartridge belts filled with from 10 to 15 pounds of ammunition have been divesting themselves of their burden, and, for the first time since the triumphant entry of Madero, the capital has assumed its normal aspect.

These are the days of reconstruction. President de la Barra is working overtime to restore national tranquility and Madero is tendering his moral support and some practical advice. By the time Madero returns from his trip into the south it is not improbable a great majority of the men he formerly commanded will be at their former vocations. Both the government and the large corporations need laborers, and those who wish work will have no trouble in getting it. Immediately following Madero's inspection of Figueroa's troops they will be mustered out.

Mustering Out Insurrectos.

In Zacatecas and in the surrounding country the revolutionary army is breaking up. Most of the men are accepting the offer of a bonus, a horse and pay at a peso a day since they entered the service, although a few are availing themselves of the opportunity to enter the corps of rural police. The indemnity bills promise to be the most exacting work before the present government for some time. Announcement is made that the street car company, a Canadian concern, intends to ask Congress for the car window broken and the cars otherwise damaged by mobs, which have appropriated the rolling stock from time to time—once, the day Gen. Diaz was expected to resign and did not.

Spanish Hacienda Owners and Peasants.

A negative story comes from the state of Puebla. There, a number of Spanish haciendados who suffered considerable loss, will ask for no indemnity. The claims of American and other foreigners will be large, but those of the Chinese will be by far the largest. The Aguiles club, organized to further the political interest of Madero, will take charge of the flower battle this year, and the date has been fixed for June 25. This annual event usually is held in the spring, but this year the municipal authorities canceled it on account of the war.

Another organization has announced preparation for the observance of the centennial anniversary of the execution of Hidalgo.

Madero's Clear Field.

The absence of politics is beginning to be less interesting, however, since it is becoming more and more apparent that the first election is to be a one-sided affair. The withdrawal of Reyes and his promises to support early cabinet members has given much promise of a dangerous fight, and the Catholic party is not being taken any too seriously.

Pineda Makes Denial.

The possibility that the members of the old group, popularly known as the Cientificos, might reenter the field is not considered menacing by Madero partisans. Rosendo Pineda, the leader of the group now in New York, has published in El Imparcial a letter in which he denies his connection with any plot to assassinate Madero.

Gen. Manuel Gonzalez Cosio.

Gen. Manuel Gonzalez Cosio, former minister of war, will go to Veracruz, escorted by a rebel guard.

Chihuahua Reviewers' Troops.

Chihuahua, Mexico, June 13.—Between files of revolutionary troops under command of Anunsulo and Zapata, Francisco I. Madero, Jr., was escorted yesterday to the palace of Cortes. The rebel ranks extended from the station to the palace, now the building used as the state capital. Last night he was the personal guest of governor Juan Carreon. He left this morning for Balsa, returning to the capital Thursday.

The enthusiastic demonstration for the revolutionary leader was renewed at the beginning of his five-day tour through the southland.

Dozens of small surrounding towns contributed brass bands and a riot of color in celebration of the visit.

The party was escorted through the city by nearly 2000 former insurrecto soldiers. Among them rode Miss Esmeralda Cherria, the feminine rebel leader, who fought at Cuautlan and Yantepu, under Gen. Zapata.

The 'Herald' and Deming

(From Deming Graphic.)

The El Paso Herald is sure doing a good thing for Deming.

Arrangements have been made to get the first papers that go to press in the afternoon and rush them to the train by automobile and as soon as they reach Deming at 6:32 p. m., carriers will rush them to all parts of the city, C. C. Rogers and son having contract for quick delivery. A daily news service will be established at Deming and this section boosted all the time.

The Herald will be a mighty welcome visitor and ought to have its very large subscription list very much increased.