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FAIR SUNDAY, BUT IT IS STILL COLD.

A nice Sunday is forecast for Saturday morning, but the prognostication for the 24 hours including the day of rest is that it will be fair and warmer. The temperature for the day was started in being half way fair and some little warmer Saturday, and the weather man promises to have on his best atmospheric suit Sunday.

The temperature at 6 o'clock Saturday morning was 18, but it got a little nippler soon after that time and the mercury sank to 12 degrees, which was recorded as 8 degrees warmer than it was at 8:15 Friday morning.

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Four Are Robbed by Mexican Bandits in Guerrero, on Balsas River.

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Robbed of their arms in a country infested with bandits, wild beasts and alligators, four Americans had a rather unpleasant experience down in Guerrero, Mexico, on November 19. They arrived in El Paso today, none the worse for their experience, however.

The Americans are John E. Pelton, of Pasadena; Robert Bolam, of Los Angeles; C. L. Wilson and C. E. Blumhagen, of Reno, Nev., and they arrived in El Paso this morning in route home. They were in the Balsas country inspecting the Balsas river with a view to establishing a route home. They took a 24 foot barge down the river from Balsas City, 180 miles south of Mexico City, to the mouth of the river. They found many alligators in the water and had several close calls in shooting the rapids, and if their boat had been swamped, the alligators would probably have devoured them.

It was while in this dangerous section of the country that they were stopped by a band of men operating under the standard of Jesus Salgado, known as the "El Paso" band. They were given a receipt for the rifles, and by Alvaro Rodriguez, but the alligators, the Americans think, would have refused to recognize the receipt if the party had been spilled out among the swamps.

No effort was made to take money or anything else from the Americans; the bandits merely wanted guns and ammunition.

They were armed with a pass from president Francisco I. Madero, but the Salgado contingent did not pay any attention to it; they also had a pass from Salgado himself, but this did not save their firearms.

The Americans found the river Balsas could be made navigable, they say, by dredging some water, but they were not met at the mouth of the stream by the steamer Ramon Corral and taken to Matamoros from which place they went back to Mexico City.

New Mexico Is Asked to Trade Several Sections Close by to Government.

WOULD MAKE FORT BLISS BIG POST

An effort is being made to have the 26 sections of school land which is owned by the territory of New Mexico in the tract north and east of Fort Bliss, transferred by the territory for government land in other parts of the territory, or to obtain a release upon this land, in order that the nine townships which have been surveyed adjoining the Fort Bliss reservation may be obtained for a large tract, maneuvering around an additional land for the proposed fort enlargement.

The nine townships, including 224 sections of 640 acres each, were set aside by the government for the use of the territory or state of New Mexico for school land, the proceeds from the sale of which were to go to the territorial school fund.

Now that the entire tract—three townships north and three east, just across the New Mexico line—is wanted by the government for additional fort reservation and military land, the government land in some other part of the state, in order that the block of nine townships, or more than 200,000 acres, may be utilized by the government when needed.

A survey has been made of this land by the government and the necessary steps taken to obtain possession of the entire tract.

Examination of Stomach of Dead Man Said to Reveal Strychnine.

MAN DIES IN MUCH AGONY

A second examination is to be made by city chemist Lamb of the stomach of Walter Beebe, who came to his death suddenly Tuesday night at the Plaza hotel.

Mrs. Walter Beebe was arrested Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock by chief of detectives Stansel, on the charge of having administered strychnine to her husband; the warrant was issued from H. F. Stacy's court. Mrs. Beebe was found by the husband at 10 o'clock on Grande street, and was taken to the county jail, protesting her innocence at every step.

The fact leading up to the arrest were that on Tuesday night Dr. J. D. Love was called to attend to Beebe's case. Arriving at the Plaza hotel, he found the man very weak, and to all appearances very sick. The man complained of a great pain in his stomach, and told the doctor that he had been given no medicine except some cough syrup. Several minutes later he died in convulsions.

This aroused the suspicions of detective chief Stansel and corner H. F. Stacy, who ordered that an examination be made of the stomach, fearing that poison was the cause of death. Dr. J. D. Miller and Dr. J. D. Love examined and removed the stomach. Since Wednesday, city chemist Lamb has been at work on the matter, reporting Friday afternoon that everything indicated a "strychnine chromate reaction, this test being confirmed microscopically and by analysis. With this evidence, the woman was arrested.

Mrs. Beebe has refused to see anyone, and has nothing to say except that she is innocent. She will be given a preliminary hearing Saturday afternoon.

Beebe is said to have been convicted at one time in the district court of El Paso on the charge of murder. Additional light, it is thought will be thrown on the case after the second examination, which is now being made by city chemist Lamb.

Reign of Terror Existed for Months at Army Garrison in Kansas.

FORMER MARSHAL MINIMIZES DAMAGE

Junction City, Kan., Dec. 16.—The arrest of a sixth soldier on the charge of being implicated in the explosion by dynamite at Fort Riley and the discharge from custody at Kansas City of Mrs. Anna Jordan, charged with complicity in instigating the explosion, has been followed by a statement by W. H. Mackey, deputy warden of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., and formerly United States marshal for Kansas, who investigated the explosion and fires at Fort Riley.

He says that neither the Rev. Mr. Brewer nor Mrs. Anna Jordan were implicated in the crime. Brewer, he said, was in Texas at the time and never returned to Junction City, Kan. In explaining his investigation of the explosion, Mackey said that the person supposed to be the Rev. Mr. Brewer, who is said to have been seen near the fort preceding the burning of the barracks, was a man who attended the ball game played last night between Fort Riley and Junction City. Mackey said that he was certain that this man greatly resembles the former chaplain and was mistaken for him.

Mr. Mackey continued: "By the time the disaster was the work of some soldier or soldiers, and the parties accused had nothing to do with it."

Mr. Mackey said the damage done at the fort would not exceed \$50,000, and that the report that it would amount to \$1,000,000 was an exaggeration.

In a statement of the few army officers who could be induced to talk privately, the officers declare that Fort Riley for nine months has been as near a state of terror as any military garrison in the past can get. Not only were there frequent incendiary fires, but the command officers of the post had received frequent reports of soldiers plotting with death and the work with destruction.

Night and day since early last spring Fort Riley has been under more than 100,000 eyes, and the headquarters of the army constantly at the home of the commissioned officers and guards have spent every night in the fear of the destruction of the house by dynamite.

It is not known when, if ever, the Rev. Mr. Brewer will be brought here for trial. J. R. Harrison, United States marshal for Kansas, says he cannot be brought here before charges against him are dropped in Oklahoma. The Rev. Mr. Brewer is it will be necessary for some one from here to go there and make the charges, he says.

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EXPLOSION PICTURES SHOW DYNAMITE PLOT

Detective Submits Photographs to Grand Jury Showing Simultaneous Explosions in Various Parts of the Country—Letters Found Prove Many Implicated in Dynamiting

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ARROUSED OVER RESOLUTION BY SULZER

Ambassador Makes Protest to Secretary Knox and the President.

MAY ATTEMPT TO MODIFY WORDING

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—What in diplomatic language is interpreted here as practically a threat by Russia to sever all friendly relations with the United States in the event that congress goes ahead with its plan to abrogate the treaty of commerce between the two countries has been made to president Taft and secretary of state Knox by the Russian ambassador, George Bakmeleit.

Ambassador Bakmeleit protested against the Sulzer resolution for the abrogation of the treaty on the ground that its final adoption would be inconsistent with the long friendship that has existed between the United States and Russia.

While neither the president nor secretary Knox was alarmed over the turn of affairs, it was said at the white house a determined effort would be made by senate leaders to modify the Sulzer resolution.

When informed of this, Mr. Sulzer, chairman of the house committee on foreign relations, declared that he saw nothing insulting to "sensitve Russia" in his position and believed it would be passed through the senate without modification.

To Be Acted Upon Monday.

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COMPROMISE TO BE REACHED IN CHINA

If Dynasty Does Not Accede, Pekin Will Be Taken

Shanghai, China, Dec. 16.—A census taken among the representatives of the Republicans, now assembled in convention at Nanking, shows that a large majority of them is in favor of a republic, but at the present crisis of Dr. Sun Yat-sung, generalissimo of the revolution, and the Republican party, whose names have not heretofore been mentioned, should counsel a compromise, the end of the trouble may be in sight.

Should the conference at Shanghai fail to reach an agreement, the Republican military leaders are confident that they can eventually take Pekin.

It is believed Tang Shao Yea is advising premier Yuan Shi Kai, to accept the presidency of the republic with Dr. Sun Yat-sung as vice president. It is thought that the Manchui dynasty will be forced to abdicate.

Twenty-three missionaries, mostly American, and other in the inland mission at Pekin, has returned here with 23 missionaries from Tai Yuan Fu. Only four missionaries now remain in the central part of Shan Si province, the missionaries in Southern Shan Si also are getting away.

Witnesses report that the rebels fought badly during the battle with the imperial troops on Dec. 14 at Nyang An, Kan, where the latter gained a victory. The rebels abandoned guns, ammunition and camp equipment and left 40 killed and 200 wounded on the field. The war was thus cleared to Tai Yuan Fu.

Ting Fang protested against operations in the province of Shan Si during the armistice, but premier Yuan Shi Kai replied that an armistice in the district rendered a forward movement necessary. The rebels have destroyed part of the Tsin-Tsin-Pukow railway near Pakow.

GOVERNORS RETURN FROM EASTERN TRIP

Arrive at St. Paul in Snow Storm, but Receive Ovation

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 15.—Although snow was falling when the governors special arrived here from their tour of the east, there was a big crowd at the station to greet the party, and each was enthusiastically received. Members of the party were escorted by the governor's special, and a battery of 17 guns, and mounted police to the north end of the city.

At the show each governor spoke briefly. Gov. Harmon was especially well received. He pointed to the fact that the government special made more stops in Ohio than in any other state, and said his presence here was due to the fact he had been invited to participate in the coming of the people who they had met and the reception they had received.

Governor Burke, of North Dakota, said the west had learned as much about the east as the east had learned about the west. He said the east regarded the west as a younger sister and that for every dollar expended in the west there is a corresponding one in the east.

At noon the governors were guests at luncheon given by the association of commerce, after which they rested until evening, when the individual governors were the dinner guests at the homes of leading St. Paul citizens.

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MAJTORENA GOES TO MEXICO CITY

Distribution of Yaqui Indian Lands to Be Arranged at Conference

Governor Jose Maria Maytoarena, of the state of Sonora, is here en route to Mexico City, received a message Saturday regarding the distribution of the lands in the Yaqui river valley of Sonora among the tribes of the Yaqui nation. The four Indian chiefs who have been here awaiting the arrival of the Sonora governor, left Friday evening and will be joined by the governor at the capital.

FINDS HE IS UNDER CHARGE OF MURDER

Fort For Rurales Is Being Built at Parral to Fight Bandits

Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico, Dec. 16.—Florencio Torres who returned to this city on a visit about 10 days ago after an absence of eight months, and who was met at the station by an angry mob as he was about to leave for Monterrey, is a prisoner charged with murder growing out of the shooting of a young man in the insurrection ranks who, along with many others, participated in the attack on Parral last November 21. Torres with other business men, was commissioned by the political authorities at the time of the attack to take up arms and help defend the town.

Legally, it is said, there can be no charges made against him, his arrest is said to be the work of enemies.

The Centro de la Cruz mount overlooking this city is being made into a permanent fort by the addition of a large trench and breastworks. It is said that the rifle force of this section will be housed in it and that the old quarters of the corps across the river will be abandoned.

The recent depredations of bandits in this vicinity has brought about this change for protection to this section.

FIRST STRIKE OF HOLSTON.

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Houston, Tex., Dec. 15.—The first killing during the strike of Harriman line shop men here occurred today when Thos. Lyons, a carpenter, was shot dead in the Southern Pacific railway yards. Lyons came here from Kansas, where he had been arrested. No arrest has been made.

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TURKS DRIVE BACK ITALIAN OUTPOSTS

Constantinople, Turkey, Dec. 16.—A special dispatch to the Tamin says the Turkish troops and Arab irregulars attacked the Italian outposts in the outskirts of Benghazi and succeeded in driving them back onto the main body.

CHARLIE HORN IN WHITE HOPE RANKS

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—Chas. Horn, heavyweight boxer, joined the ranks of the "white hope" when he bested Denver Jack Geyer in a four round bout at Resounding risk. Horn surprised the local fight circles with his assortment of punches and his ability to knock Geyer up with the punch. Geyer successfully stood off Carl Morris, the Oklahoma hope in a short distance bout in New York quite recently.

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AFTER REBELS NEAR DOUGLAS

ENGAGEMENT FOUGHT NEAR ARIZPE, SONORA

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 16.—A company of 50 left Agua Prieta today for Nazcozal to intercept bandits fleeing from Cananea. Soldiers from Cananea are also in pursuit. The bandits are said to have doubled their strength during their stay in the mountains. There are now about 30. A fight is expected today.

Jesus Maria Herrera, a former captain of insurgents, wounded in the battle of Agua Prieta, has taken the field against Madero with five men. They are said now to be in the vicinity of Colonia Morelos. A command of federals left today in pursuit.

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Official Canvass in State Election Is Completed by the Board

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 15.—Although the official canvassing board completed this afternoon Valencia, the last of the counties,