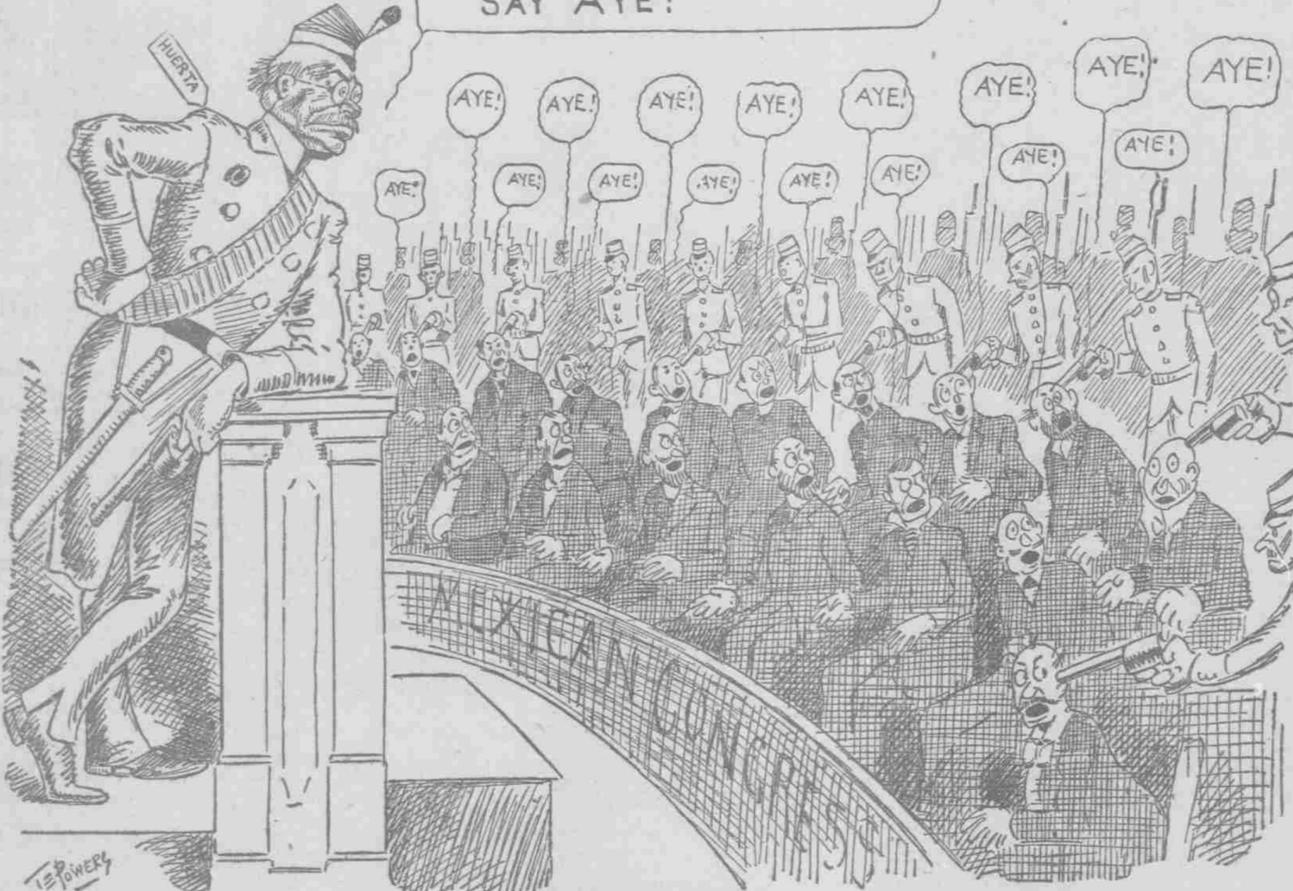


The Mexican Congress Is Unanimous For Huerta!

(Creations of this Noted Cartoonist are regular features of The El Paso Herald.)

(ALL IN FAVOR OF MY STICKING) SAY AYE!



"Fresno Dan" Wins and "Dakota Dan" Loses in Suit For Fortune

Boston, Mass., Dec. 28.—The supreme court approved the claim of "Fresno Dan" today when Judge Sheldon confirmed the report of Gilbert A. A. Peavey, master in the case that the California man and not "Dakota Dan" is Daniel Blake Russell, heir of the late Daniel Russell, of Melrose, whose will has been contested for several years.

WOMAN IS CHARGED WITH WRITING SLANDEROUS LETTERS

Settling Invention Traps to Bring Disgrace Upon Objects of Abuse, and to Gain Money for Self. Oakland, Cal., Dec. 28.—A confession that she has written hundreds of letters defaming the character of prominent people and demanding sums of money, is said to have been made by Mrs. Mary L. Christman, wife of a plumber, who was arrested Monday night.

AMUSEMENTS

GREAT PICTURE AT BIJOU.

The Weekly No. 73 and a two part special, "For the Love of a Torreador," which is a great picture in many ways, will be shown today at the Bijou. "For the Love of a Torreador" is a Chinese release taken in Spain at a great expense and contains many of the most daring and exciting scenes imaginable, among which is a bull fight that is a genuine fight such as they put on over in Spain.

"ZOE" AT GRECIAN TODAY.

"Zoe" (the much talked about picture, will be shown at the Grecian today and tomorrow. The first show will start at noon, after that an exact time schedule will be arranged. Phone 5389 after 12 noon for the time of starting of each show thereafter.

AT THE ALAMO.

At the Alamo today and tomorrow the picture of Oliver Doud Byron's famous play, "Across the Continent," in four big reels will be given. As a piece of stage craft this feature stands unexcelled in the history of filmland.

AT AUDITORIUM SKATING RINK.

A New Year's ball will be given at the Auditorium skating rink on Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 8 p. m. to 1 a. m. Admission will be 50 cents. Dancers are all requested to arrange hair and face baby-like. If no desired, costumes can be secured at rink at an extra cost of 25 cents.—Advertisement.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SOUVENIR BALL.

A New Year's eve ball will be given tomorrow night at Ryan's Dancing academy, with special features and special music.—Advertisement.

The ordinary cost of a Want Ad in The El Paso Herald is 25 cents. It reaches an average of about 25,000 readers each issue.

MOUNTAINEERS MAY BE SMOKED OUT

Father of Clan Leader Is Sent Into Mine Depths to Induce Son and Companions to Surrender.

Pineville, Ky., Dec. 28.—Tom Hendrickson, father of "Happy Jack" Hendrickson, leader of the mountaineers who several days ago sought refuge in an abandoned coal mine near here after a battle with a sheriff's posse, entered the mine at noon today in an effort to induce his sons and their companions to come out and surrender to the military authorities.

Tom Hendrickson was taken from the Pineville jail, where he had been held on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the killing of J. W. Miller.

If this step does not prove effective the authorities may try to smoke the men out with sulphur fumes.

TELLS OF BUYING CIGARS; RELEASED

Christmas cigars were furnished free by the C. P. Hickman cigar factory to a number of unknown smokers. There were 24 boxes of cigars taken from the Hickman factory, on San Antonio street, on December 14. Six boxes of these cigars were bought by Marshall Jackson, a negro, who is manager of the "Working Man's club," on Oregon and Second street. Jackson appeared in federal commissioner's court Tuesday morning and testified to buying the cigars and was released after he had testified that he had purchased the cigars upon advice of the city detectives.

AMERICANS CAN GET IN ON CHINESE RAILROAD CONTRACTS

Pekin, China, Dec. 28.—Hints have been thrown out here that if the United States desired, it would be favored with an ample share of the railroad contracts now being distributed as part of the Chinese government's scheme for the development of the country. Regrets are expressed in influential quarters that no representative of America is among the numerous concession seekers at present in Peking.

TERROR OF DESPERADOES DIES.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 28.—Ran Scott Kelley, aged 27 years, El Paso county's first sheriff, the terror of desperadoes who roamed the Rockies in the early '40s, died at the Milo Stratton this morning. The man who had laughed at death hundreds of times when he needed nerves and wits, died from enlargement of the heart.

DEATHS AND BURIALS FAIL TO FIND HOW MAN WAS KILLED

Neck of Body Jammed in Trunk Was Broken, But Apparently When Trunk Lid Was Closed.

New York, Dec. 28.—An autopsy performed today on the body of a man jammed in a trunk and dumped at an east side tenement doorway yesterday failed to reveal the exact way in which the victim had come to his death. The neck was broken, but this is believed to have been when the trunk lid was closed, more than likely after death.

SHRINERS' OFFICERS TAKE THEIR POSTS

Shriners installed their officers for the year Monday evening at the Masonic temple on West Missouri street. It was also decided at this meeting to have a ceremonial session at the temple on January 24, and plans for a ball are also being considered. The usual banquet which is given after the Shrine ceremonial will be dispensed with at this ceremonial.

WANTS TO BE ASSURED OF HARMONIOUS LEGISLATURE

Austin, Tex., Dec. 28.—Governor Colquitt was noncommittal today on the question of an extra session of the legislature as suggested by Lieutenant Governor Mayes. While it is generally admitted that there is need for an extraordinary session, the governor does not want to call one unless he is assured that there would be harmony between him and the legislature.

SCHMIDT JURY PONDERS QUESTION OF VERACITY

New York, Dec. 28.—The jury in the case of Hans Schmidt, the priest who killed Anna Amuller, after having been out since 1:05 yesterday, had failed to reach an agreement up to this afternoon. Judge Foster had the jury brought out to court about noon in response to a request from the foreman. One of the members was sick and wanted a doctor. The jurors finally went back to their room after Judge Foster had urged them to agree. The foreman said the question which caused the difference among them was one of veracity regarding statements as to the mental condition of the defendant.

THE COURTS.

41ST DISTRICT COURT. Dan M. Jackson, Presiding. R. H. DeBarry vs. El Paso & Southwestern Railway company, suit for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries; filed. Thomas D. Pryor vs. Anna Krause et al; suit for accounting; on trial. Mary W. Edwards vs. H. L. Edwards, application to sell property without husband's signature filed. Clara A. Mundy vs. W. F. Boik, trespass to try title suit; dismissed.

COUNTY COURT.

A. S. J. Espar, Presiding. Dan Hay, charged with carrying a pistol; complaint filed.

JUSTICE COURTS.

E. B. McClintock, Presiding. Ellis Bros. Printing company vs. C. A. Pryor et al, suit for \$40; filed.

COMMUTERS TO RIDE ON HYDROPLANE LINE

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 28.—Aeroblast for transportation is to be begun on a commercial scale between Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla., January 1. Three hydroplanes will be put in operation during of Tony Janus, the airman, direction of Tony Janus, the airman. The towns are 22 miles apart and separated by two bays. The schedule calls for about a mile a minute. The company claims to have enough bookings from commuters to keep the three boats busy.

REBELS CLOSE IN ON NUEVO LAREDO

Gen. Carranza and Gonzalez With 5000 Men March to Attack 12000 Federalists at Border Town. Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—"Constitutionalist" forces are reported to be closing in on Nuevo Laredo, in north-eastern Mexico. The federalists at Nuevo Laredo have 12000 men with machine guns. Gen. Jesus Carranza, brother of governor Venustiano Carranza, and Gen. Gonzalez are in command of a rebel army of 5000 marching to the attack. As there seems no avenue of retreat for the federal garrison, they must either defend their position in a frontal attack or cross the international line into the American town of Laredo. Most of the rebel troops in Nuevo Laredo are nine Americans beside Shelby J. Theriot, the American vice consul, and there are 21 Americans outside the city in his consular district. It is said at the war department that the efforts will be made by the commander of the American troops at Laredo, Texas, to keep spectators away from the border in the event of actual hostilities, the general order to the American troops still stands—to return any fire of bullets from across the line if they are satisfied that the firing by Mexicans is intentional. Related advices from Durango are to the effect that "constitutionalist" forces now occupy the Palacios and Lerdo. Before the abandonment of Torreon, the revolutionists are said to have moved large quantities of provisions, consequently food supplies are short. About 50 Americans remain in Torreon. About 8000 refugees, composed of the worse element of the population, are said to have recently scattered Durango from Torreon. Their lodging and feeding offer a difficult problem and serious trouble is feared.

GENERAL FIGHT AT OJINAGA REPORTED

Brigade headquarters at Fort Bliss were notified by wire Monday evening that fighting was in progress at Ojinaga. The message received from Presidio by Gen. Hugh L. Scott reads: "Fighting started this afternoon between the federalists and rebels and the engagement is still in progress two miles west of San Francisco ranch and six miles north of Ojinaga. Another fight is in progress at Milato, 20 miles down the river. Gen. Rodriguez with 2000 rebels is reported on the Conchos river near San Francisco. It is likely an engagement up the river. It is also reported that Gen. Toribio Ortiz, in command of the federalists from Chihuahua, has arrived near La Mula Pass. It is generally believed here that the rebels are closing in and a general engagement at Ojinaga is imminent."

JAPANESE OFFICERS REPORT IS DENIED

Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 28.—Reports published in America that 50 Japanese officers have applied for permission to attach themselves to the Mexican federal army are untrue. This is the statement of Mexican minister Pardo today. Francisco de la Barra left here today for Paris, Chihuahua minister of finance, has been entrusted him by the Mexican government, of thanking Japan for her participation in the Mexican celebration.

MEXICO NEEDS MORE MONEY FOR INTEREST

Paris, France, Dec. 28.—Adolfo de la Huerta, Mexican minister of finance, has gone to London in the expectation of arranging there for a loan sufficient to pay the January interest on the railroad bonds. The loan advanced by the international banking group to the Mexican government to enable it to pay the interest falling due in January amounted to \$5,000,000.

REBELS ATTACK TRAIN AND ANNIHILATE MILITARY ESCORT

San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Thirty military escorts were killed and 18 are missing as the result of an attack by rebels upon a passenger train on the Acapulco-Saltillo branch line railroad at Iplina, 50 miles northwest, Sunday. The rebels numbered 150. Only two of the escort are known to have escaped. It is reported that the rebels dynamited another military train at Las Tablas.

REBEL MAJOR SHOT IN JUAREZ SALOON, IS REPORT

It is reported that a rebel major was shot last night about midnight in the Black Cat saloon in Juarez, and that he died this morning as a result of the wound. This report was current among the rebel sympathizers in El Paso, but could not be verified.

PISTOL SHOT CAUSES CLOSING OF SALOONS

The firing of a pistol Monday night in a Juarez saloon by an intoxicated Mexican resulted in an order by Gen. E. A. Benavides, garrison commander at Juarez, that all saloons be closed temporarily. No one was struck by the bullet, though the saloon was crowded at the time.

REFUGEES SAY FEW REBELS IN CHIHUAHUA

Practically All Have Been Sent Either to Torreon or to Ojinaga; Villa to Go South Soon. Ten or 12 Mexican refugees arrived in Juarez Monday night by train over the Mexican Central railway from Chihuahua. One passenger coach two carloads of soldiers and half a dozen empty cars made up the train, which left the state capital Monday morning. They say few rebel soldiers now are in Chihuahua. Conditions in Chihuahua are nearly normal, according to the arrivals. Gen. Villa is still in the capital, but it is reported that he will leave in a day or two for the front at Torreon. No news of events around Torreon is available in Chihuahua, say the refugees. Most of the rebel troops in Chihuahua have been sent to Ojinaga or Torreon. A review of troops was held Tuesday morning in Juarez by Gen. Benavides. The review was not a general one but consisted of a visit by Gen. Benavides to the barracks in Juarez, where the soldiers were lined up for inspection.

ESCUDEIRO'S STATEMENTS WERE UNAUTHORIZED, IS ASSERTION

Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Francisco Escudero's statements, given out in the interviews in the United States, relating to diplomatic and racial relations between the United States and Mexico, directly caused his removal from the secretaryship of foreign relations in Carranza's cabinet. This is made clear in an official announcement in the Constitutionalists, the official organ of the insurgents. The Constitutionalists article said: "We have been authorized to declare that such declarations of attorney Escudero had no official character whatsoever, since they were not made after consultation with the commander in chief as is necessary in all such cases. Any declarations, such as they were, are required to be signed and authorized by the commander in chief. These declarations, made without previous authorization, caused attorney Escudero's withdrawal from the secretaryship of foreign relations of which he had been in charge."

NO TROOPS IN SIGHT OPPOSITE SIERRA BLANCA

Fort Bliss was advised by the troops stationed near Sierra Blanca that no rebel or federal troops had been seen opposite that station either Monday or Tuesday. A detachment of 85 recruits was sent from Fort Bliss to the 13th cavalry on the patrol district. Of this number 21 went to the second square at Columbus, N. M., and the remainder were distributed among the troops of the 13th stationed in El Paso.

GEN. ALVAREZ BEVOKES PASS INTO MEXICO ORDER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The order requiring all persons to have passes to enter Mexico at Ciudad Portillo Diaz was revoked by Gen. Alvarez, so far as it applies to the American consular officials. The American consul at Ciudad Portillo Diaz is open from Monday.

VILLA HAS LEFT CHIHUAHUA

Gen. Villa has been absent from Chihuahua for two days, according to reports Tuesday afternoon. It is not known if he is directing the attack on Ojinaga or has gone to his army camp just north of Torreon.

Redress For Loss of Missionary's Wife and Children Is Sought

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Redress for a missionary's loss of wife, children and property has been asked of the international claims commission, sitting in Peking, through the efforts of senator Norris. The American legation at Peking has been instructed to submit a claim for E. R. Burkman of Loomis, Neb., whose wife and two children were murdered and whose property was burned during the Chinese revolution of 1911 and 1912. Burkman himself has steadfastly refused to make a claim of damages, because of an agreement he had made with the Scandinavian Alliance union that he would not ask redress for any damages or loss he might sustain.

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Mr. Jack Studies Astronomy

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