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## Yuma Coolest Place In Entire Country

### OFFICERS OF 21ST INFANTRY BANQUET AT MINGS' HOTEL

(By B. F. FLY.)

Col. D. J. Baker, Jr., commanding officer of the Twenty-first Infantry, acted as toastmaster at one of the most unique banquets ever staged in Yuma. Last night was the time, and the spacious dining room of the new Southern Pacific hotel was the place. Earlier in the day covers had been ordered for an even dozen, but later in the afternoon the order was changed to the "lucky thirteen," that being the recognized lucky number for the famous 21st Infantry.

The occasion was a sort of farewell dinner to Col. F. H. French, the honored and beloved regimental commander until a few days ago, when he was appointed a member of the general staff, a position that falls to the lot of but few men in the army, and therefore a position that is very much prized in army circles, for to the general staff is left the policy of the entire army. It is upon their judgment that the President and Secretary of War must depend in times of war, or in preparing for war. In fact the general staff is regarded as all-powerful in military matters of every character.

Col. French is greatly beloved by

every man in his regiment. He is not only every inch a soldier, as his long record amply testifies, but he is one of those soldiers who at all times and under all sorts of circumstances looks out for his men, and honors his superiors. That he was not recently promoted to a brigadier-general was a source of great disappointment to his regimental officers and men in the line, but the genial Colonel has not given utterance to a single note of discontent or disappointment. There were upwards of thirty colonels, from which number three were to be promoted. He was not lucky enough to draw the prize, but as matters have turned out he drew a greater prize by being assigned to the "general staff." It was in honor of this that his former regimental staff officers tendered him the banquet last night, for he is now merely on waiting orders, and liable to be called away at almost any hour.

There were quite a number of speeches made during the course of the evening, Colonel Baker's praise of his former commanding officer being appropriate and pathetic in the extreme. They all realized that never again would they have Colonel French

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### COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION YUMA VALLEY SUNDAY

The Yuma County Singing Convention will be held at the Valley M. E. church next Sunday morning, beginning at 10:30. Following is the program furnished by Pastor Smith of the Valley Baptist church.

Opening Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"....By Congregation  
Invocation.....Rev. Lovejoy  
Song—"My Soul's Convert".....  
.....Valley M. E. Choir  
Quartette—"Come to the Cross".....  
.....Cox, Power, Smith, Power  
Mixed Quartette—"Tis Morn".....  
Mrs. Heigle, Miss Morrow, Mr. Clay and Mr. McClure  
Solo—"Sweet Spirit Hear My Prayer"  
.....Miss Mae Elliott

Quartette—"Seeking the Lost" ..  
Clayton, Farmer, Haynes and  
and Drummond  
Song—"My Song and Story".....  
.....Valley Baptist Choir  
Music by Convention.....  
.....Led by Mr. Sandring  
Dinner  
Beginning at 2 o'clock—  
Convention Singing, led by Harry Cox  
Song—"The Beautiful City".....  
.....Valley M. E. Choir  
Solo—Selected.....By Miss Morrow  
Song—"Evangelize the World"....  
.....Valley Baptist Choir

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Casement's execution set for Aug. 3.—Deutschland Held for Another Week.—Irish Member Suspended from British Parliament.—American Note Against Blacklist Cabled Last Night.—House Bucks Naval Bill.—Candidate Hughes Conferred With Leaders.—N. Y. Mob Attacks Street Car.—Revised List of Dead at Cleveland.—Austria Withdraws from Galicia Before Superior Russian Pressure.—Heavy Death Rate at New York.—President Urges River and Harbor Bill.—Kitchen says North Carolina May Go Republican by 25,000.—Bandits Hugging Texas Line.—Gen. Trevino not Removed. Calles Has Not Repudiated Carranza.—Early Settlement of Mexican Dispute Bright.—Today's News Hot Off the Wires.

The criminal misrepresentation of Yuma weather by press reports emanating from Los Angeles has long been exasperating to those who know the truth. The following dispatch this afternoon is a fair sample. Read it:

CHICAGO, July 27.—A period of intense heat unequalled in fifteen years covers the western plains states and is expected to continue till the end of July. Chicago started today's temperature with 84, the hottest place in the country except Yuma. Lowest during the night, 84. Hottest night in history. Not a leaf stirring in Canadian Northwest, whence relief must come.

Why this misrepresentation? Eighty-four in Chicago is equal or much worse than the top notch for Yuma ever could be, 119½, which stands as the record for Yuma is cool compared to the present Chicago heat, and a dozen towns of the Imperial Valley, below sea level, west of Yuma are hotter by far, but Harrison Gray Otis and William Randolph Hearst never mention the fact. The Yuma temperature at 100 and a humidity of 15, which is a fair average for a Yuma summer day, is seldom oppressive and it is outrageously unfair to class Yuma with Chicago at 80 or Central Missouri at 108, as was the case two weeks ago.

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### PEOPLE OF IMPERIAL VALLEY AWAKENING FROM LONG SLEEP

(By B. F. FLY.)

The people of Imperial Valley are at last awakening from their Rip Van Winkle siesta. But it has taken a long time to make them open their eyes. It was just one year ago that their great danger was pointed out in these columns. Since that time it has been pointed out to them time and time again that their canals were silting up so rapidly that their crop losses would amount to millions of dollars for the lack of water. Instead of taking the good, friendly advice given them through these columns they heaped ridicule on me through their various valley papers and enlarged their farm area. And what's the result?

They are now in a most deplorable condition. They have something like 400,000 acres of fine land planted to all the various crops that are known to thrive in that splendid section, but they have water enough at the present time to irrigate a scant one-tenth of the cultivated area. And they continue to get less and less water with each succeeding day, and this awful situation will continue to become worse until their new diversion dam is made sufficiently strong to check the entire flow of the mighty Colorado. I made a visit to the diversion

dam late yesterday afternoon and watched the workmen for about an hour. They have four small steel cables stretched from bank to bank at a point about 500 feet below the Allison dam of last year. These cables are about five-eighths of an inch in diameter, even smaller than the cable upon which the ferry boat is operated, a short distance above the old dam, and which snapped in two last winter with almost fatal results to four or our citizens. Strung on these four small cables are several small barges upon which willow limbs were piled to convey from one side of the river to the other. With bated breath I watched the first two barges start on their way across the river, about a dozen workmen accompanying the barges, the latter being tied to the four cables. They got about 100 feet away from the California bank and then, well—they became stuck hard and fast. The cables had become embedded in the river sand, and work and tug and pull as hard as they might the barges remained stuck hard and fast. I watched the operations until the sun drove me away. In the meantime the bank of the river was alive with work-

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### 100,000 PEOPLE RUSH FOR WASHINGTON LAND OPENING

SPOKANE, Wash., July 27.—Four little girls are to begin here drawing from a big iron drum the names of persons who registered from July 5 to July 22 for land in the Colville Indian reservation. The first name drawn is to have the choice of selecting any 160 acres or 320 acres of land, according to classification, within the south half of the reservation. The registration closed at midnight July 22 and Judge McPhaul, superintendent in charge of the registration and drawing, estimated that 100,000 persons had registered.

It is thought 4,000 names will be drawn by the conclusion of the first day's drawing. These persons will

receive three notices informing them at what time and place they are to appear and select land. The first 100 will select September 5. After the first 100 have selected their land others in the order in which their names were drawn will be asked to make selections.

The land is mostly lightly timbered and can be used for grazing. The better part of the reservation was allotted to the Colville Indians. After the fortunate ones have indicated their selections they will be allowed ten days in which to go to the land. They then may finally conclude their bargain with the United States or forfeit their chance.