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## MOWED DOWN BY FEDERAL FIRE

### Rebels Attempt To Take Ojinaga From The North

**Renew Attack From The West—Several Hundred Casualties Attend The Assaults, The Fiercest Of The Ojinaga Campaign—Wounded Constitutionlists Under Care Of The American Red Cross—Federal General Martinez Among The Injured**

Presidio, Tex., Jan. 5.—More than 4,000 rebels, the combined forces under General Ortega and General Rodriguez, renewed the attack on Ojinaga and stormed the town from the west. The fight from the new position seems to have given the rebels a slight advantage and they rapidly advanced on the garrison.

Early in the day the rebels attempted to take the garrison from the north, but this proved disastrous to them, and many of their troops were mowed down from the terrible resistance put up by the federals.

Retreating from the arroyo, a mile and a half from the garrison, the rebels under the command of Ortega moved to the Conchos river and there joined the forces of Lon Rodriguez and resumed their attack.

The rifle and cannon fire of the rebels has been very effective and more than 70 of the government forces are said to have been killed and 150 wounded. The federals believe that the rebel losses are equally as heavy, and reports have been received in the town indicating an enormous death list.

Two thousand federal cavalry left Ojinaga at dusk, headed for the arroyo a mile and a half from the city, and will make an effort to flank Ortega's section of the attacking army near the Conchos river. This step was taken when the assault from the combined rebel force became so fierce that the rebels began to drive in the federals.

Fifteen wounded Constitutionlists crossed to the American side and were taken in charge by the Red Cross nurses. Federal Brigadier General Martinez was seriously wounded and is now on his way to Marfa, having crossed to the American side for medical treatment.

Both the rebel and federal armies have sufficient food and ammunition, and if the government forces stand

by their guns it will be days before the rebels will be able to capture Ojinaga, if at all.

Major Luis Terrazas, third grandson of General Luis Terrazas, multi-millionaire land baron of Chihuahua, of the federal army at Ojinaga, was shot in the foot. The federal desertions have almost stopped since the men were paid.

The dead so far is estimated at 200 for both sides, with about 300 wounded on both sides, a total of 500 casualties since the fighting opened a week ago. The rebels claim to have 4,000 men and the federals 4,000.

#### Opposes Intervention.

Washington, Jan. 5.—"Intervention in Mexico is out of the question," said Representative Bartholdt, a Republican member of the house committee on foreign affairs. "We shall not consider the proposal, a moment. Forcible intervention in Mexico would mean war. I think the pacific policy of 'watchful waiting' devised by President Wilson is one of the greatest achievements of the administration."

#### Villa Leaves For Ojinaga.

Juarez, Mexico, Jan. 5.—General Pancho Villa left Juarez for the front at Ojinaga to take command of his forces, which have been unsuccessful in taking the town from the federal forces in the battle which has raged for the last week.

#### "Mona Lisa" Again In The Louvre.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The "Mona Lisa" is hanging again in the position it occupied in the Salon Garra of the Louvre, from which it was stolen nearly two and a half years ago.

#### Man Found Dead In Bed.

Marysville, O., Jan. 5.—Frank Michaels, 59, residing near Catawba Station, was found dead in bed. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

## MOTHER JONES DEPORTED FROM STRIKE DISTRICT

Denver, Colo., Jan. 5.—Mother Jones was forcibly deported from the coal strike district after her arrival at Trinidad from El Paso. On orders of General Chase, a detachment met her at the station, took her from a

Santa Fe train, kept her under surveillance until a Colorado & Southern train for Denver arrived, and then put her aboard that. She had meant to make a speech at a mass meeting of strikers at Walsenburg.

## BELVEDERE NOT LOST IS IN WINTER QUARTERS

Nome, Alaska, Jan. 5.—A courier departed from Herschel island late in November, a month after Captain Louis Lane and Ebneg Draper left the steamer Polar Bear in the Arctic. The courier brought to Nome a letter from Haze Dobbs, a moving picture operator, on the whaler Belvedere, which some have feared was lost with Stefansson's steamer Karluk. The Belvedere is surrounded by immense icebergs in winter quarters 15 miles off shore and 70 miles from Herschel island. Dobbs writes that

the crew has constructed a large building on shore and is well provided for refuse should the Belvedere be lost in the ice pack. They had seen nothing of the Karluk.

#### Deputy Oil Inspector Dead.

Newark, O., Jan. 5.—George W. Horton, 55, appointed last fall as deputy state oil inspector, died from heart trouble at his home here. He had been ill a long time and had never been able to fulfill the duties of his office.

## SCENES IN MONTREAL, WHERE WATER FAMINE EXPOSES CITY TO CONFLAGRATION



DELIVERING WATER AT HOUSES

FILLING WATER SLED FROM HYDRANT.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—A mile of hose stretched to the St. Lawrence river saved Montreal, stricken by a water famine, from a conflagration. On a

count of the break in the waterworks in-take pipe, which has caused a water famine here for several days, the hydrants were all but useless. The fire destroyed a block of stores and houses at St. Hubert and Ontario streets and caused \$300,000 damage before it was checked. With only one weak stream of water at its disposal the fire department was obliged to depend upon chemical extinguishers. Dynamite was sent for, but before it arrived coupled hose brought plenty of water from the river, and the explosive was not used. The plight of the city is most serious. Water for drinking and cooking purposes can be obtained only from sleds carrying water barrels.

## PROGRESSIVES WILL HAVE FULL TICKETS IN OHIO

Columbus, Jan. 5.—Ohio Progressives in conference here did not nominate a state ticket, suggest any candidate for state offices or start any booms. They went on record, however, as favoring nation-wide prohibition, woman's suffrage and local government instead of appointive commissions. They oppose amalgamation with either of the old parties and decided to have a ticket in every county and district in the state and to nominate a full state ticket. The Progressives also adopted resolutions favoring local government instead of appointive commissions; recognizing the need of better roads and pledging support to highway improvements; declaring for use of all monies received from the sale of vehicle tags or licenses in road improvements; declaring in favor of raising the personal property exemption from \$100 to \$500; opposing party nominations for judicial offices, and demanding a simplification of legal procedure.

#### President Attends Church.

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 5.—President Wilson attended the First Presbyterian church of Biloxi. The officiating clergyman was Rev. William Megginson. There were only a few persons in the auditorium when the big Whit House car rolled up, but within 15 minutes every seat was crowded. The desire of the president for privacy, however, was respected.

## SEN. MOORE PULLS OUT

Staubenville, O., Jan. 5.—State Senator Justin A. Moore has withdrawn as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress in the Eleventh district. This leaves Former Senator Marshall N. Duvall as the only candidate from this county.

## JUMPS TO HER DEATH

Cleveland, O., Jan. 5.—Mrs. Otis A. Thompson, 34, crazed with pain, broke away from nurses who guarded her in a hospital here and plunged over the balcony of the ground floor to her death. Her neck was broken. Mrs. Thompson was operated on and had been in constant pain since.

#### Author-Physician Dead.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, noted author and physician, died at his home here. Death was due to an acute attack of grip, the seriousness of which was accentuated by his advanced age, 85 years.

#### Engineer Killed.

Toledo, O., Jan. 5.—Herman Raitz, engineer at the Lake Shore roundhouse, was struck by a Lake Shore passenger train and instantly killed. Raitz was on his way to work when the accident occurred.

## SAYS THE COURTS WERE SET ASIDE

Borah Scores Use of Martial Law in West Virginia Strike.

## MEN PUNISHED EXCESSIVELY

Senator Declares That the Military, Under the Direction of the Governor, Superseded All Constitutional Courts and Imposed Sentences Not Authorized by Any Standing Laws. Submits Statement of Fact.

Washington, Jan. 5.—A severe arraignment of the authorities who administered martial law in West Virginia from September, 1912, to June, 1913, when the Cabin Creek and Paint Creek coal mine strike troubles were in progress, is contained in a subcommittee report made public by Senator Borah, a member of the senate committee that conducted an investigation into all phases of the West Virginia disturbances.

Senator Borah's statement holds that the military authorities, acting under the direction of the governor, superseded all constitutional courts in West Virginia, imposed sentences not authorized by any standing laws, and took over all the duties of the civil courts of the district; and that at the time such martial law was being enforced there was no evidence that the civil courts had been intimidated, or that they would have failed to perform their duties faithfully.

The complete report of the investigating committee has not yet been prepared. Each member of the committee, which included Senators Swanson, Shields, Martine, Borah and Kenyon, was charged with the preparation of a portion of the report.

After briefly reviewing the incidents of the establishment of martial law and its maintenance in the Cabin Creek and Paint Creek districts for nearly a year, Senator Borah's statement says:

"That during the reign of martial law a number of individuals were arrested, tried and convicted and sentenced and punished for offenses alleged to have been committed by them.

"That these parties were arrested upon orders issued by the military authorities, and not by virtue of any warrant issued by the civil authorities or from the established courts of the state, and were put upon their trial, without the finding of any indictment by the grand jury, before a courtmartial created by the order of the commander-in-chief and composed of individuals selected by him.

"That the charges made against these parties thus put upon their trial were in the nature of specifications drawn up and presented by these military authorities, and upon these they were put upon their trial before said courtmartial, without a jury.

"That at the time these arrests were made and the trials and convictions had the civil courts were open, holding their terms as usual, disposing of cases and dispensing justice in the usual and ordinary manner.

"That in some instances arrests were made outside the military zone and at a time when martial law did not prevail, and when such arrests were made the parties were turned over by the civil authorities to the military authorities for detention, trial and punishment.

"That in rendering judgment and assessing punishment the parties were punished by terms of imprisonment unknown to the statutes in excess of the punishment provided for such offenses under the laws of that state."

## GOVERNOR TO TAKE HAND

Copper Mine Owners Criticized by Federal Agent.

Houghton, Mich., Jan. 5.—Negotiations for the settlement of the copper miners' strike having failed, both sides to the controversy began to lay plans for meeting a prologation of the struggle.

Governor Ferris decided to make a personal inspection of the conditions prevailing in the copper region, while John B. Denmore, solicitor for the department of labor, started back to Washington, regretting his failure to bring about a settlement.

Copper mine owners of northern Michigan made a mistake in refusing peace plans proffered by the Western Federation of Miners, was the judgment pronounced by Mr. Denmore a few hours before his departure.

An error gracefully acknowledged is a victory won.—Gascogne.

## GIVES UP ITS DEAD

The Turbulent Sea Of The Atlantic Coast

Body of Miss Jessie McCann Washed Ashore.

## DISCOVERED BY A WATCHMAN

Coroner's Autopsy Discloses the Fact That the Young Woman Had Not Been the Victim of Violence of Any Kind—Police Believe It a Case of Suicide, but Girl's Family Say Death Was an Accident.

New York, Jan. 5.—The body of Miss Jessie Evelyn McCann has been found. The high waves washed it high on the shore at Coney Island, at a point not more than 10 feet from where she was last seen alive on Dec. 4. The identification is absolute. Although the body is in such shape that it did not aid the identification, three pieces of jewelry, the shoes and almost all the clothing that was left are those worn by the young social worker when she disappeared a month ago, according to her brother, father and mother and sister.

Coroner's Physician Reichers made an autopsy. He said that death was due to drowning and that there were no signs of Miss McCann having been the victim of violence in any form. He also said that the autopsy proved that there were no physical reasons evidenced after death which would have caused her nervous condition or which would have caused her to commit suicide. The police believe that Miss McCann did commit suicide, although the family said they believe it was an accident. The body was discovered by George Neusse, a watchman.

## MAN'S TORSO PICKED UP

All That is Left of Jewel, the Missing Aviator.

New York, Jan. 5.—The waves washed ashore at Edgewater, L. I., a man's trunk, armless, legless, headless. The body was taken to the morgue.

Although it is nearly three months ago, on Oct. 13 last, that a young aviator named Albert J. Jewel started to fly from Hempstead, L. I., to partake in an aviation meet on Staten Island, no one doubtless has forgotten the incident, for Jewel never was seen nor heard of again.

The man's trunk that an Italian found pouncing on the beach is all that is left of Jewel. It is the paper vest that the aviator wore that seems to identify the body almost beyond doubt. What happened to Jewel no one will ever know.

## Ocean Pounding Absecon Island.

Atlantic City, Jan. 5.—The north-easter that has been sweeping this section of the coast for 36 hours was turned on the lower end of Absecon island. A half-mile stretch of beach that jutted out into Little Egg harbor is buried under tons of water and sandhills, and small buildings disappeared. The gales swept in the highest tide recorded in 15 years to flood the streets of Longport and Margate City. The total loss on the island is placed at about \$100,000.

## OCEAN HAMMERS SEABRIGHT.

Hotel Crumbles Up and Fine Cottages May Go to Any Moment.

Seabright, N. J., Jan. 5.—Storm-driven and dismantled, Seabright is still struggling for its very existence against the Atlantic. All that fringe of the number cottages on the ocean's edge is in peril of destruction. A half-dozen of the smaller houses are already in the sea. The Octagon hotel has crumpled up into wave-washed splinters. The Peninsula hotel, the only other large one in town, may yet be swallowed up. One of the bigger houses, that of Mrs. Louis Fitzgerald, widow of General Fitzgerald, is a total loss. Ocean avenue, the town's thoroughfare, is partly under water. All gas has been shut off. There is still electricity.

#### Dies of Self-Inflicted Wounds.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 5.—Otis W. Gay, 66, an expert accountant, who shot himself four times in his apartment in a fashionable hotel here, died in a hospital. A wife and daughter living in Chicago have been notified. Gay and his wife were said to have been separated.

## STEAMER BLOWN ASHORE

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Outward bound with a cargo of oil, the tank steamer Brilliant ran into the gale and was blown ashore at the mouth of the Schuylkill river. The terrific northeaster hit the big tanker broadside, and with the heavy anchors dragging, the Brilliant went around. Two powerful tugs pulled on the steamship all day but were unable to drag the latter in deep water.

## KILLED BY CAR

Dayton, O., Jan. 5.—Cyrus E. Mead, 40, inventor of the Mead rotary valve engine, which has practically revolutionized the building of automobile engines, died here from injuries received a few hours previous when his automobile was struck by a Dayton and Troy traction car near his home, north of Dayton.

## KILLED IN COLLISION

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Five persons were killed and several others injured when a freight train struck a streetcar at a grade crossing. Identified dead: T. J. Caveney of Cleveland; J. T. Vall of Jackson, Miss.; Thomas Norfill, Memphis. The bodies of a man and a woman have not been identified. T. S. Ladd and Miss Lillian Troy were seriously hurt.