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DAY AND NIGHT REPORTS.
WEATHER FORECAST.
Fair tonight and tomorrow.

EL PASO, TEXAS,
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TWO SECTIONS TODAY.

FEDERALS QUIT OJINAGA;
MARCH TO MEET REBELS;
BATTLE EXPECTED SOON

RESIDIO, Texas, Dec 17.—That the rebels are at least in the vicinity of Ojinaga is evidenced by the activity of the federal garrison. Between two thousand and three thousand federal infantry and cavalry slipped out of Ojinaga Wednesday today, heading in a southeast direction for Mulato, a village less than 18 miles from here, where 3000 rebels under Gen. Maclovio Herrera are reported to have arrived Sunday night. Gen. Orozco and Caraveo were in command.
If the Villistas are close to Ojinaga, as their movements would indicate, there is a probability that the forces will clash immediately.
Machine guns and two cannon were carried southeast with the forces under Orozco and Caraveo. No accurate estimate of the number of rebels at Mulato is available, although the federals say there are nearly 3000.
Gen. Ortega's rebel division is rumored to have appeared at a point forty miles north of Ojinaga Monday, but this is not confirmed.
Gen. Mercado was not at headquarters yesterday afternoon when an Associated Press man visited the town. His family was among the 45 refugees who crossed the line Wednesday.
Heavy rains have made roads in this section heavy and it is believed military activity on the other side of the line will be interrupted by weather conditions.
Few refugees remain in Ojinaga, from the appearance of the town.

FIRE OVER TERRAZAS ESTATE
LINES INTO
THE U. S.

Mexican Federals Near Ojinaga Reported to Have Shot Across Border.

HORSE REPORTED
TO HAVE BEEN SHOT

RESIDIO, TEX., Dec. 17.—Mexican federal soldiers fired across the American boundary Monday night near India, about 21 miles north of Presidio, according to unconfirmed reports received here by Max McNamee, commanding officer of the border patrol.
Twenty-five or 30 shots are said to have fallen across the line, killing a horse. A detachment of United States cavalry was sent here to investigate the affair.
Telephone reports from the Spencer ranch, about 10 miles north of Presidio, that the federal soldiers were firing across the line at houses on this side.
Further unverified reports reach Presidio that a federal soldier, armed, has been arrested on this side of the line.
In case it is found that federal soldiers are really responsible for the shooting, Gen. Mercado, commander at Ojinaga, will be requested by military authorities here to take steps to prevent recurrence of the affair.
United States officers here are inclined to think the reports exaggerated.
Nearly six troops of American cavalry are on duty here now, the squadron from El Paso having arrived.

REBELS ARE CAMPED
CLOSE TO TAMPIO

Refugees Are Transferred From the Washburn Camp.
Returned to the Port.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Rebels to the number of 4000 are reported, in advice received from rear admiral Fletcher, to be camped northwest of Tampico.
Normal conditions prevail in the port city, refugees having been safely returned to the city from the American warships. The transfer was made by the army transport Sumner, which will remain at Tampico.
The state department issued a statement today stating that consular officers at Chihuahua, reports that many of the statements published relative to conduct of the "Constitutionalist" forces into Chihuahua are without foundation, as also are reports of discourtesy to them on the part of the revolutionist leaders.

TO BE GIVEN HALF HOLIDAY
TO DO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

So that the reclamation service men can do their Christmas shopping early, a half holiday will be given the reclamation service employees in El Paso on December 20.

SOUTHERN DELEGATES
MAY BE CUT DOWN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Differences over a plan to reduce the representation of southern delegates in national Republican conventions were submitted to a subcommittee by the Republican national committee today.
When the committee met today, after deciding not to hold a special convention, it was thought a report from a special subcommittee headed by national committeeman Warren, of Michigan, offered a solution of problems of changing the representation, but the entire committee failed to agree.
New Apportionment.
The Warren committee agreed on a plan of reapportionment providing for four delegates at large from each state, one from each congressional district and one additional from each district where the total Republican vote was 35 percent or more of the total vote cast. No district, however, would have more than two delegates, no matter how large the Republican vote. States having congressional at large would be entitled to one vote for each.
The congressional election of 1910 probably will be used as the basis for determining the exact representation in each state. Territories and the district of Columbia would have two delegates each. The plan provides also

ZAPATA CLOSURES IN
FEDERAL DISTRICT

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Dec. 17.—Rebels who have penetrated the federal district and who yesterday clashed with federal troops at Milpa Alta and San Lorenzo, are said to be accompanied and directed by Emiliano Zapata. Felipe Neri and Genevo de la O. Other southern rebel leaders are reported nearby and in daily communication with Zapata.
General Zapata is alleged to have taken possession of Nepanpa ranch, a few miles from Milpa Alta. At one time this property was a favorite resting place of Gen. Porfirio Diaz.
According to government reports received at the capital today, a further rout was administered to the rebels at San Lorenzo yesterday. After the engagement the followers of Zapata took refuge in the rough country at the base of mount Ajusco, 20 miles south of Mexico City.

CITY FLOODED WITH BAD MONEY.

The panicky condition growing out of the refusal to redeem state bank bills was augmented today by the flooding of the city with this currency by refugees, chiefly Spaniards from the northern states, each of whom brought an accumulation.
The refugees applied to the Central bank, which had posted notice it would redeem bills to half their amount. Banks of issue were unable to ship silver for the redemption of the paper on account of the refusal of an express company to carry the money through districts where rebels are numerous.

ASKS U. S.
TO BUILD
EMBASSY IN MEXICO

Bryan Urges \$150,000 Appropriation For New Embassy Building.
CHANGES PLANNED
IN THE MONEY BILL.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Secretary of State Bryan asked the house foreign affairs committee today to include in the pending diplomatic and consular appropriation bill \$150,000 each for embassy buildings in Mexico and Tokio and \$140,000 for Berna.
He was asked if he did not think it would be advisable, under the present Mexican situation, to pass over the Mexico City building for the present, but he replied that he would not. He said that the United States should hesitate about buying embassy property there.
Mr. Bryan emphasized that the government should provide embassies so that poor men would not hesitate to accept.
Debate Alaskan Railway.
In the house, the Alaskan railway bill, involving the leasing of government ownership, was debated.
C. E. Mahoney, of Denver, vice president of the Western Federation of Miners, declared against the bill, saying that the proposed lease of the Alaskan railway to the Michigan copper districts at the rules committee hearing.
Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, urged the interstate commerce committee to report his bill to require all steel cars on railroads within four years.
Representative Fowler, of Illinois, and Marsh Lambert, of Shawneetown, urged the rivers and harbors committee to appropriate \$50,000 to repair and lengthen levees at Shawneetown.
W. A. Gazann and James L. Gibson, of Seattle, declared the requirements of the law for the Puget Sound vessels, at the merchant marine committee hearing.
The judiciary committee heard a delation from the American Bar association in advocating the removal of technicalities in judicial procedure.
May After Money Bill.
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All other Democratic members of the senate tonight it is proposed to eliminate the deposit guarantee from the bill. The news front constitutionalist made treasury notes redeemable in gold and arrange, if possible, for a final vote Thursday night.
Other changes are favored by many Democratic senators. The prohibition against "member banks" extending any of the benefits of the new federal system to "non-member banks" probably will be modified.
Efforts will be made to bring about an agreement of Democratic senators on all amendments, which then will be offered in the senate by chairman Owen.
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Senator Owen made a lengthy argument last night in support of a provision of the new federal system of the proposed new regional bank notes and the present national bank notes available for use as reserve at the option of the federal reserve board.
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Another reply to senator Root's charge that the Owen Democrats would open the door to inflation of credit was made by senator Martine.

Priest, "Inspired,"
Wants to Tell His
Own Story of Murder

New York, Dec. 17.—Hans Schmidt, slayer of Anna Amuller, today notified his attorneys that he was under a "divine inspiration" to take the stand and tell his story in his own way. The inspiration had not extended to his lawyers at noon and they were still undecided whether to call him or not.
Mrs. Elizabeth Schadier, Schmidt's favorite sister, who came here from Germany with her father to testify in the Follette case against the opium operators in the Michigan copper districts at the rules committee hearing.
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ROOSEVELT COUNTY
HAS MUSICAL TURN

Tax Rolls Show \$15,512 in Musical Instruments; Total Valuation is \$8,257,842.
Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 17.—The revised assessment rolls from Roosevelt county have been received by the traveling auditor showing that the wealth of that county totals \$8,257,842, of which \$2,550,321 is taxable as against \$2,134,026 last year. Roosevelt county apparently is rich in some things and very poor in others. The jewelry of its household is valued at \$1,982,000, while the musical instruments are given at \$15,512. The valuation of the household furniture is \$2,527,842.
The biggest taxpayer is the railroad, assessed at \$1,942,614. There are 133 miles of telegraph and telephone lines valued at \$17,982,000. The biggest item is 98,670 acres of agricultural land valued at \$2,527,842.

ARREST OF POWERS
STARTS NEW SCANDAL

San Francisco, Cal. Dec. 17.—When David Powers, one of the principal witnesses in the government suit against the Western Fuel company, was arrested on a charge of seducing a girl, a scandal broke out in the Western Fuel case Tuesday, and just as the scandal broke out in the Western Fuel case, officers and employees were getting under way.
A special session of the grand jury was called to question the girl, her relatives and others. Counsel for the government instantly raised the cry of "conspiracy." Powers said a warrant had at first been returned because of lack of evidence, and that the girl's friends had been willing to call guilty if his family could pay \$10,000. Powers is a former employee of the Western Fuel company.
Powers was arraigned in police court today on a charge of seducing a twenty-year-old girl under promise to marry. He pleaded not guilty and asked for an immediate trial, but the district attorney's office confessed unfamiliarity with the case and a continuance of one week was granted.
There was no meeting today of the federal grand jury to inquire into the charges of the government's attorneys that the arrest of the witness was a part of a conspiracy to discredit the government's case. No warrants have been issued thus far.

VASQUISTA PLOT FOUND
TWELVE MEN ARE ARRESTED AND AMMUNITION SEIZED
BY THE CITY DETECTIVES

CITY detectives late Tuesday afternoon secured 8000 rounds of rifle ammunition, eight rifles, eight automatic pistols, and a quantity of smaller ammunition in a rooming house in the 200 block on South El Paso street. The detectives claim that the headquarters of a Vasquista junta are located in that neighborhood, but they have been unable to find it.
Following the capture of the ammunition and fire arms, the detectives, among others, arrested Jose Diaz, said to be a former captain in Salazar's army. With Diaz, Antonio Suarez, Felix Espinosa, G. Montante, P. Cassisco, Manuel Carrillo, Alberto Vasquez, Gregorio Matamoros, Manuel Ortiz, Pedro Portillo, Francisco Alvarez and S. Martinez, were also arrested. The detectives maintain that the men are Vasquistas, and believe they were preparing to cross the line into Mexico sometime Tuesday night.

ATTEMPT SWINDLE
ON JUAREZ RACES

Banker Saves North Dakota Man From Being Victim of Two Men Arrested in St. Louis.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 17.—Roy Langdon, who lives in North Dakota, protested vigorously against the arrest of two men who gave their names as John J. Murray and Fred Owens and who were taken to jail on charges of attempting to swindle Langdon on a fixed horse race at Juarez, Mexico.
It is charged that a confederate of Langdon's and Owens offered Langdon a profit of \$2,000 if he would deposit \$1,000 to show good faith.
Langdon said the race had been fixed.
Langdon, Murray and Owens and a third man put up \$50 to bet on a race and were told by the third man that they had won \$100 each. A deposit of \$1,000 was asked of each man to provide that they could pay if they lost.
Langdon telephoned the cashier of a bank at Woodlawn for the money, but he refused it. He then secured the money personally from the bank, but the cashier telephoned the police here to save Langdon from his new found friends. The third man escaped.

25 VICTIMS OF
COLORADO MINE

New Castle, Colo., Dec. 17.—Twenty-five bodies of the 37 men killed in yesterday's explosion at the mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company have been located in the rooms of the west entry. After a rest of an hour, wearied rescuers started into the mine with pick and shovel to release the corpses imprisoned by broken timbers, stone and coal.
With the coming of day Newcastle, relieved of the tense excitement of yesterday, was just beginning to realize the full meaning of the catastrophe. Women thronged the morgue for a final glimpse of husband, brother or father.
Tentative plans were made today for a general funeral at which the victims of the disaster would be buried in the same cemetery where relatives of victims of the explosion in 1896 still go to mourn for loved ones.

Recall of Colorado
Governor Is Urged
By Labor Delegates

Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—Having passed resolutions for the recall of governor Ammons, speedy recall of the militia from the coal fields and for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes, it is not likely the 500 union labor delegates in convention here will call a strike in sympathy with the United Mine Workers.
Resolutions are that the convention will appoint a committee to call a statewide strike of all unions represented if it finds conditions warrant, but this could be made effective only through the national officers of the unions.
Other resolutions ask the removal of Gen. John Chase as commander of the militia, seek the recall of Jefferson Farr, sheriff of Huerfano county, and urge Colorado's delegation in congress to support congressman Keating's resolution for a congressional investigation of the Colorado coal situation.

SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES
MINERS TO COLORADO CAMPS

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 17.—A special train bearing 170 miners from Pennsylvania, bituminous coal, is scheduled to arrive here today. This is the largest shipment of strikebreakers imported since the strike was called in the southern fields.
A party of 15 strikebreakers arrived here this morning from Joplin, Mo., and were sent to the Cameron mine.

ITALIAN POLICE SPY ON
AMERICAN GIRL TOURIST

Rome, Italy, Dec. 17.—Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador, has requested the Italian foreign office to investigate the circumstances surrounding the surveillance by the Italian police of Miss Dorothy A. McVane, daughter of Dr. Silas McVane, of Boston, former professor of ancient and modern history at Harvard university.
Miss McVane, who has been making a tour of southern Italy, which included the city of Lecce, Brindisi, and the naval base of Taranto, found that she was being shadowed by the police and that her correspondents had been intercepted.