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EL PASO, TEXAS,
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TWO SECTIONS TODAY.

MEXICAN FEDERAL IS KILLED
FIRES AT
TROOPER
OF U. S.

Americans Return the Fire
as Men Run Back to the
River; Kill One.

MEXICANS WERE
STEALING HORSES

PRESIDIO, Texas, Dec. 18.—Two
Mexican federal soldiers, believed
to be stealing horses, fired upon
United States soldiers last night on
the American side of the line, two
miles west of Presidio.

Luis Orozco, no relative of Gen.
Orozco, was killed as a result of his
temerity, but his companion, Faustino
Flores, escaped to the Mexican side
unharmed.

The shooting caused much excite-
ment and there was an inclination
to believe that the Mexicans
meant harm to the United States
troops in some manner. This is not
credited by the officers of the American
troops.

When questioned after he had been
brought by Americans from the scene
of the shooting to the military
hospital here, Orozco admitted that he
and his companion were on the
American side when the brush took
place. He claimed that they had come
across to deliver a note to Mexicans
who were hiding in a hut 200 yards
from the river.

The Americans went toward the hut
to investigate. When about 200 yards
away, two men rushed from the
hut and started running toward the
river. The patrol called to them to
halt. The only answer was a shout
of one of the fleeing Mexicans.

Then the Americans returned the fire
and one federal trooper was killed.
The other man, who was believed to
be the one who fired the shot, was
killed by a bullet from the American
troops.

Major McManis, commander of the
Big Bend district, will probably send
a written explanation of the incident
to the federal government at Ojinaga.
Private Orozco is alleged to have fired
the fatal shot. Ten or a dozen shots
were exchanged in all.

NEW SHIPS ARE SENT
TO MEXICAN WATERS

Warships Returning From the Medi-
terranean Cruise Will Relieve
Ships at Veracruz.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Several
changes among American warships in
Mexican waters were ordered today.
The gunboat Wheeling will go from
Tampico to New Orleans, so her crew
may have shore leave. The gunboat
Delphi will move from Dominican
waters to Mexico. The cruiser New
Orleans has been ordered from the
Puget sound yard to relieve the cruiser
Maryland at Topolobampo.

The battleships Connecticut and
Kansas, detained at Guantanamo,
Cuba, on their return from the Medi-
terranean cruise, because of smallpox
on the Ohio, probably will proceed for
Veracruz within a day or two to re-
lieve the New Hampshire and Louisi-
ana which will sail north.

In the meanwhile the battleship
Michigan will remain on duty in the
gulf until relieved by the Ohio, which
has been ordered to Charleston, S. C.,
for fumigation.

Admiral Fletcher reports to the
navy department that the German
steamer Bremen had left Tampico
for Veracruz. The Hamburg steamer
Bolivia is still at Tampico.

LEGAL TENDER OF STATE BILLS
IS URGED BY MEXICO BANKERS

MEXICO CITY, Mex. Dec. 18.—Bankers
representing the National bank, the
Bank of London and Mexico and other
banking institutions, want president
Huerta to issue a decree making state
bank notes legal throughout the re-
public.

A guarantee fund to be subscribed
by the state banks and deposited in the
national bank and a government guaran-
tee of bank notes is the program the
bankers consider necessary of main-
taining in circulation a sufficient
amount of the medium of exchange.

MATRASS STOCK IS
DESTROYED IN FIRE

In the fire which occurred in Juarez
Tuesday evening, a large amount of
wholesale matress stock belonging to
E. B. Welch was destroyed. The Globe
Manufacturing company, which is
owned by Mr. Welch, had its storage
warehouse adjoining the fire. The
stock was a total loss.

RUSSIAN MINISTER CONFERS
WITH LIND AT VERACRUZ

Veracruz, Mex. Dec. 18.—The Russian
minister to Mexico, Dr. Alexander D.
Stolevski, conferred here today for
some time with John Lind, the personal
representative of president Wilson. The
Russian diplomat is on his way to visit
the Panama canal.

He said on board the Morro Castle
for Havana.

GRAND DUKE BORIS SAYS
HE WAS NO COWARD IN
BATTLE; GETS APOLOGY

Suit Growing Out of Magazine Pub-
lication Is Closed After Testimony
in High British Court.

London, England, Dec. 18.—The grand
duke Boris of Russia, a cousin of the
emperor of Russia, testified in rebuttal
today in the lord chief justice's court
to allegations of misconduct and
cowardice brought against him in a
magazine article. In connection with
this article he brought suit for libel
against the Frank A. Munsey company,
but the suit was settled out of court
on Dec. 8. The grand duke, however,
wished to clear his character publicly.

He swore that there was no founda-
tion for the libel, denied that he had
been guilty of misconduct and testified
that he had been constantly under fire
for a fortnight during the operations in
the vicinity of Liao-Yang in Manchuria,
when the Japanese and Russian armies
fought a desperate battle in August,
1904. He said he had participated as an
officer in the fighting in which the
army under Gen. count Keller engaged
the Japanese and in which Gen. Keller
was killed.

Henry E. Duke, counsel for defend-
ants, then apologized to the grand duke
on behalf of his clients, saying the
article was a fabrication and that he
had no knowledge of Mr. Munsey. He
admitted that the words used were ex-
aggerated and that he had not been
able to object to the article. The case
was then closed, the defendants
agreeing to pay all the costs.

SENATE AGREES TO CONTINUE
PRESENT CLEARING HOUSE
SYSTEM.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—
Another modification of the
currency bill to permit clear-
ing house associations to continue their
present system of bank examination
and report has been agreed upon in the
senate. Protests from clearing house
associations saying the usefulness of
the associations would be destroyed
under the restrictions of the bill caused
the change.

The senate debate continued today
with a limit of 15 minutes for each
senator.

RESTRICTED GOLD RESERVE.

Senator Hitchcock's proposal to in-
crease the gold reserve from 35 to 45
percent was tabled by a vote of 42 to
40.

Senator Bristow asked whether the
Democratic managers had decided to
drop the deposits guarantee. Senator
Owen replied there was nothing in the
rumor and that a conclusion had
been reached, but he would not say
whether the provision was to be re-
tained in the bill.

Another amendment by senator
Hitchcock to increase from \$3,000,000
to \$5,000,000 the capital required for
each regional reserve bank was tabled
43 to 39.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR
REDEMPTION OF NOTES.

With a limit on debate and the
majority in hand to support the Owen
bill, amendments were defeated with
rapidly. One proposal was to make
a compromise between the eight of the
Owen bill and the four of the Hitch-
cock plan, but this was not adopted.

Another amendment by senator
Hitchcock to increase from 30 to 40
percent the maturity date of paper
money was also defeated, 39 to 43.

TO VOTE ON BILL FRIDAY.

An agreement for final vote on the
currency bill on the legislative day
of Friday, December 19, was reached
in the senate late yesterday. The
agreement provides that debate shall
be limited to 15 minutes for each
senator on each amendment or on the
bill itself.

While the legislative day may run
over into Saturday, the expectation of
senate leaders is that the bill will be
passed before midnight Friday night.

If important amendments are pending
at that time, however, a recess may
be taken until Saturday morning, as
the Republicans want to see the
agreement until the Democrats
promise they would not keep the
senate in session all night Friday.

VOTE DOWN AMENDMENTS.

The senate defeated senator Hitch-
cock's amendment to extend the guaran-
tee of bank deposits to state banks
that joined the new system, as well as
national banks. Senator Owen ex-
pressed his approval of this idea, but
the Democrats would not support it
because it had not received the en-
dorsement of the caucus. A motion by
senator Hitchcock to increase from 30
to 40 days the maturity date of paper
money at the regional banks, was also
defeated, 39 to 43.

DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE SECTION.

The Democratic conference last night
revised the reserve section. The re-
vised gold reserve behind the notes
was increased from 35 percent, as pro-
vided in the Owen bill, to 40 percent,
with a tax of one percent on depletion
of the reserve down to 32 1/2 percent.

An attempt to fix an arbitrary limit on
the amount of notes to be issued failed.

Other amendments adopted provide
for the use of a part of the surplus
earnings of the regional banks for
building up the gold reserve and for
an increase in the compensation of the
members of the federal reserve board
from \$10,000 to \$12,000, as provided for
in the Hitchcock amendment. The
provision that all the member banks
must receive the proposed new notes at
par was approved.

REDEMPTION OF NOTES.

The conference also decided to re-
model the section providing for the en-
trenchment of state banks and trust
corporations into the new system and
to provide for a provision whereby
regional banks would be required to
keep a fund intact in the treasury to
provide for the redemption of outstand-
ing notes. All of these changes, with
several other minor amendments, were
referred to the Democratic committee
on currency to be framed in detail.

The conference took no action on the
question of deposit provision of the
bill.

Defer Probe of Strikes.
Democrats of the house rules com-
mittee conferred today over prospective
investigation of the Colorado coal
strike and the Michigan copper strike,
but concluded to defer action.

Train Postoffice Bills.
Every new proposition in the post-
office appropriation bill, including an
item of \$2,000,000 for increased pay for
rural carriers, has been eliminated by

RANSOMS
DEMANDED
BY VILLA

Mexicans Forced to Pay For
Privilege of Coming to the
Border.

SEVERAL HUNDRED
REFUGEES COME IN

WALTHY Mexican families are
being refused permission to
leave Chihuahua without the
payment of a ransom, according to
passengers reaching here on a train
from Chihuahua at 7 o'clock Thursday.
More than 500 Mexican and American
refugees were aboard. They reported
that Villa's representatives were at the
train and made a number of Mexican
families of wealth leave until they had
paid ransoms ranging from \$1000 to
\$2500. Luis Siqueros and his family
were taken to a train collector and
reported to have paid \$5000 for the
privilege of coming to the border. Pedro
Correa, another wealthy man, was
also forced to pay tribute to the
rebel treasury, the refugees say.

The refugee train left Chihuahua
Wednesday and arrived at the border
early Thursday morning without in-
terruption along the route. The Ameri-
cans on the train say that conditions
are as near normal in Chihuahua as is
possible under the present conditions.
They report that Luis Terrazas, Jr.,
is still being held by Villa.

The arrival of the refugees caused
the customs service men to get an
early start Thursday morning, as it
was necessary for duties to be cleared
and the bridge to be opened. The
American customs men at the bridge
for the custom inspection be-
fore the train could pass. The
Americans at the border are having
difficulty in securing accommoda-
tions at the hotels and rooming houses,
as they are already crowded with
Spaniards, Germans, French, Italian and
Mexican colonists.

All of the available rooming houses
in the city are filled with refugees
and many are going to Alamogordo,
Las Cruces and even to Los Angeles
for better accommodations.
Among the American refugees who
arrived here were: Dr. H. H. Field,
Dr. Bancroft, J. H. King and
W. J. Mathewson, Thomas Cousins and
Oscar Kaufman.

TOURISTS SEE NO TROOPS
FROM CHIHUAHUA TO JUAREZ

Cross country touring in Mexico is
again being hampered by the rebel
army. The big Loser
st. which belongs to the Chihuahua
smelter, arrived in front of the Sheldon
hotel Wednesday morning covered with
dried mud from radiator to tail light,
its driver, Mike Lawless, unburdened
and unaccompanied by any other
supporters, Dr. C. W. Watt and J. G. New-
ton, of the smelter force, looking like
two refugees. The smelter
Tuesday and slept beside the road be-
low Villa Ahumada Tuesday night.
They say that no troops are to be
seen between Chihuahua and Juarez,
and nothing has happened in Chihuahua
since the last train came to the
border.

COL. ALBERTO TERRAZAS IS
NOT BELIEVED AT OJINAGA,
BY FATHER, GEN.
LUIS TERRAZAS, SO FAR AS IS KNOWN

Col. Alberto Terrazas is not believed
at Ojinaga to see his father, Gen.
Luis Terrazas, so far as is known at
the time of his arrival here. He is
supposed to be in Ojinaga with the
federal volunteer corps which he
organizes.

U. S. CONSULAR AGENT IS
ON WAY TO MEET VILLA

George C. Carothers, consular agent
for the United States at Torreon, ar-
rived from Washington Wednesday
evening and will go to Chihuahua on
the next train. He is going on special
mission for the American government
to see Villa.

CAUCUS TO PIN POLLEY.

Postmaster Benjamin Burleson's de-
claration for the principle of government
ownership of telegraph and telephones,
as outlined in his annual report, un-
doubtedly will be followed by a Demo-
cratic caucus in the house in January,
which will decide how far the project
is to be made an administration policy
in congress.

President Wilson has been giving the
project careful study and administra-
tion supporters say he has not pressed
it on congress at this time because of
the enormous expense involved.

KELLY POOL CHARGE
MADE AGAINST FOUR

Jesus Aguirre, said to be the proprie-
tor of the pool hall at 10 Broadway,
was arrested by the police early Thurs-
day morning on a charge of operating
a "Kelly" pool game in his establish-
ment. T. H. McMahon, Willie Burk and
J. E. Roy, arrested with Aguirre, were
docketed on charges of playing the
game. The bonds of Aguirre was fixed
at \$200. The bonds of the others were
placed at \$25.

DENY U. S. HAS SENT
NEW NOTE TO MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—The re-
port published in the United
States that a new note had
been sent by the United
States government to provision-
ally president Huerta is untrue,
according to Querido Moheno,
the Mexican secretary, and New-
ton O'Shaughnessy United States
charge d'affaires.

BAKERS IN ONE THREATS;
REFUSE MONEY TO HUERTA

PARIS, France, Dec. 18.—Efforts of the Mexican government to raise money in Europe in order to meet the interest on its obligations falling due in January have thus far been fruitless. The Paris and London banks which took \$20,000,000 of the loan authorized by the Mexican congress in the spring, and an option on the unused remainder, decline to exercise their option even for a few millions.

Mexican minister of finance Adolfo de la Lanza, now in Europe, brought with him authority from Gen. Huerta to intimate to the banks here holding the option that they must either exercise it or surrender it. The bankers refuse to do either.

A threat has been conveyed to them cautiously that their option may be revoked, so that the unused portion of the loan may be placed elsewhere. The bankers have replied resolutely that the contract cannot be revoked summarily, as Mexican credit would be in a worse condition after such a revocation than it was before.

FEDERALS MAY
ATTACK JUAREZ,
NOT CHIHUAHUA

PRESIDIO, Texas, Dec. 18.—The dispatch of large quantities of rations across the border from Presidio, today following the receipt of urgent messages from the war department at Mexico City, ordering Gen. Salvador Mercado to take the offensive against the "Constitutionalists," gave rise to a belief that the federal troops which have been entrenched here since their retreat from Chihuahua, were preparing to attack the Villa forces somewhere.

Mercado had previously stated that unless the rebels attacked Ojinaga soon, the federals would leave for the interior. He then announced that he would try to recapture Chihuahua, but it is believed here that should he actually assume the offensive, he would more likely move toward Juarez, which is less strongly defended than it was before Villa took a large part of his army to Chihuahua.

Some of the federal officers today expressed the belief that the capture of Juarez would be more advantageous to the federal cause than that of Chihuahua, on account of the importance of the former place as a port of entry.

SAYS HE WILL ATTACK CHIHUAHUA.

"Unless the rebels attack us in a few days, we will leave here and march against them at Chihuahua City," Gen. Salvador Mercado, commander in chief of the federal army of the north, made this definite assertion in his camp here today. He said Ojinaga would be evacuated and the entire federal army under his command would march toward Chihuahua.

The commander's statement was given without the usual reservation attached to military plans. Others professed to believe, however, that the rebel forces in Chihuahua, the most important city in the far north, were too strongly entrenched to invite an attack by the federals.

WILL COOPERATE WITH OTHER TROOPS.

However, another federal column is reported as marching north from Torreon towards Chihuahua and Mercado may be counting on cooperating with this column and defeating the rebels.

The federal general intimated that he merely drew out of Chihuahua city to escort to the border a number of prominent refugees whom he knew would be killed by the rebels if caught, and in order to draw the rebels south from Juarez and scatter their forces.

Gen. Mercado would not comment openly on the reason for his evacuation of Chihuahua, however, except to say that his flight to the border at this point, opposite Presidio, Texas, was to enable him to communicate with Mexico City. In Chihuahua he had no way of obtaining orders or money for the troops.

TO REPLENISH SUPPLIES.

"We came here to replenish our provision train and to communicate with the war department at Mexico City," continued Gen. Mercado. "Our orders are to attack the rebels. There seems to be little prospect of a battle here, for the rebels have not yet appeared in large number in this vicinity. I never believed Villa's troops would be sent against Ojinaga, for we were ready to meet them with 5000 men and five batteries of artillery."

Should Mercado attack or surround Chihuahua, where Francisco Villa and the main body of the rebels are fortified, he would check any rebel activity toward Torreon, directly south.

EXPECT COOPERATION.

Federal officers have information that federal troops were moving toward Chihuahua from Torreon and that the return of Gen. Mercado was ordered in conformity with orders from Mexico City for an advance on Chihuahua from two directions.

Gen. Caraveo and Orozco have returned to Ojinaga with the column they led in the direction of Mulato two days ago, reporting that the rebels are not there. There are ten generals in Ojinaga, including Gens. Salvadore, Mercado, Aduana, Landa, Orozco, Caraveo, Romero, Martinez, Orpinal and Jesus Mancilla. Col. Lopez, Terrazas and Gueona are also with the federals.

Ojinaga will be closed as a port of entry Saturday, except in case of emergency, which means except in case of a battle, according to instructions from the customs department received here today.

This Is Mona Lisa, Found In Florence

May Irwin Dons Veil As Protection Against Bullets, Visits Juarez

"Son wrote: 'Stand Sideways to Avoid Bullets; I Haven't Any Side-ways.' Says Stage Favorite.
"When my boy in the east learned that I was coming to El Paso he wrote me and said: 'Mother, for heaven's sake, when you get to El Paso stand sideways to keep any of those Mexican bullets from making me a tailor made orphan.'
"The worst of it is, I haven't any sideways."—May Irwin.

Miss Irwin, who plays at the El Paso theater this evening, arrived Thursday afternoon, put on a veil as a protection from the southwesterly sun and Mexican bullets, and went strolling across the river to see the sights in the revolutionary town. She was so busy trying to get away from the hotel for her rubberneck run across the Rio Grande that she just didn't have time to be interviewed.

(Business of telephoning from the lobby of the Paso del Norte.)
"Is this Miss Irwin?"
"Talk president and voting; what can I do you for?" (Laughs.)
"I wish an interview for our paper."
"Consider that I have been interviewed at length and write it yourself. What do you wish to know?"
"Are you as fat as your press agents say you are?"
"Not fat, son—stout. That sounds so much more dignified. No not by half. I were would have to travel by freight. More laughs and big ones. You are sure to be disappointed when you see me tonight for I am not as large by half as I am said to be."

"Can't you give me a story for my interview?"
"Just one, for my taxi is waiting and it has locomotor tax and is getting interer time like a life term. I have a few laughs left but I intend to hang over to the El Paso people. I must go now. Duty calls."

There was a ripple of mellow laughter over the telephone from room 501, the receiver cut into the laugh and May Irwin, the woman with the wonderful disposition, was on her way to see the battlefields in Juarez.

WILSON TO TAKE
A HOLIDAY REST

President Plans to Go Away as Soon as He Signs the Money Measure— Gives Cabinet a Dinner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—An agreement to vote on the currency bill in the senate was reached today and President Wilson will probably leave Washington next Monday or Tuesday, having made president Wilson's plans for a vacation more definite. For this reason he will be searching for the two signatures he will be unable to furnish the president with any description of the men.

William G. Fottlingill, living at the Western hotel, Second and Stanton streets, missed a suitcase, a suit of clothes, shirts and other wearing apparel Wednesday night.

SHOOT NINE DAY BRIDE FOR
MEXICANS HOLD UP
AND ROB A NEGRO

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DINNER FOR CABINET.

President Wilson will give his first cabinet dinner tomorrow at the White House. A few invited guests outside the cabinet will be present, among them Harry Purdy Mitchell, mayor elect of New York.

CLAIM RATES UNFAIR
WHOLESALE COMPLAINTS ARE FILED BY COMMISSION
ON ALL ARIZONA ROADS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 18.—Alleging that all lumber rates between points in Arizona are unjust and discriminatory, the corporation commission has filed a complaint against every railroad doing business within the state. A general readjustment of lumber rates, on a distance basis, is sought. A hearing probably will be set for the second week in January, before the commission.

The present rates between San Pedro, California, and Bisbee, are taken as the basis for the rates the commission contends should be in effect in Arizona. The distance between those two points is 635 miles and the rate on mining timbers, for instance, is \$4.40 a ton. Higher rates are charged on the better grades of lumber.

For hauls not over 200 miles in length, over two or more lines, the commission is willing to allow a slight differential charge. Beyond this distance the commission will agree to no differentials. It is claimed that the railroads in their rate sheets, disregard differentials for long hauls.