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FEDERAL AND REBEL

Not Doing Any Fighting. News Is Scarce.

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Little is known here regarding the events connected with the contending forces now in the field, by reason of the interruption of railway and telegraph service. So far as engagements are concerned both parties seem to be in a state of masterly inactivity.

At last accounts the rebel force which was at Guadalupe and which retreated on the approach of the federals under Gen. Navarro, are supposed to be located between Moctezuma and Villa Ahumada on the national lines, busy no doubt destroying bridges and cutting wires. They are known to have burned 50 box cars belonging to the national lines, and a lot of material used in construction work.

A federal force under Col. Escudero and Col. Gordillo have set out for Moctezuma, while another body left Juarez for the same point expecting to encounter the rebels there.

Navarro has gone out from Juarez for the South and it is expected will operate along the national lines.

Blanco, who was making for Sonora, switched his force off to an attack on Ascencion which he entered and is reported now on his way to Casas Grandes.

En Route to Siberia.

Tuesday morning there was at Nogales Mr. W. W. Mackie, agriculturist for the Richardson Construction Company, whose work in the Yaqui delta has been described in THE OASIS. Mr. Mackie was en route to Siberia in a professional capacity to make a report upon some lands and an irrigation enterprise in that far off region. His visit to northern Asia at this time is in the interest of Mr. John Hayes Hammond, who is vice-president of the Richardson Construction Company, and has under consideration an investment in a similar enterprise in the dominions of the Czar of Russia. Mr. Mackie expects to be absent from Sonora about two months.

Visited the Gringo Mine.

Monday and Tuesday there were at Nogales Messrs. C. L. Wright of Webb City, Missouri, and C. J. Smythe of Omaha, Nebraska. The two gentlemen are directors in the the Arizona Gold Mines & Milling Company, of which Mr. Wright is the president. They arrived Sunday evening, and on Monday they went to Patagonia, thence out to the Gringo mine, which is the property of the company named. They returned to Patagonia just in time to catch the afternoon train into Nogales, and remained here until Tuesday morning when they went to Tucson, thence to their Eastern homes.

The gentlemen were very well pleased with the Gringo, and their visit is believed to presage vigorous operation and further development of the property, which has now 1100 feet of underground work and a good ten-stamp quartz mill.

Mr. Wright is a prominent busi-

ness man in Webb City, and has the confidence of the business public in his part of the country. Mr. Smythe is an eminent lawyer, practicing in Omaha, and was attorney general of the state of Nebraska. He is well and widely known also, and the shareholders in the company named are fortunate in having their affairs in the hands of gentlemen so competent to care for them.

Annual Election.

Wednesday the Santa Cruz Club Auxiliary held its annual election, and the following named ladies were selected as officers to serve the ensuing year: Mrs. George B. Marsh, president; Mrs. H. M. Clagett, first vice president; Mrs. W. A. O'Connor, second vice president; Mrs. I. Burgoon, secretary; Mrs. Otto Herold, treasurer; Mrs. H. K. Chenoweth, Mrs. E. Titcomb, Mrs. D. P. Snelling, Mrs. A. L. Gustetter, directors.

Elected Officers.

At the recent annual meeting of the Nogales Building & Loan Association the former officers were re-elected, and Mr. Frank J. Duffy was made counsel for the Association, vice Eb. Williams deceased. The officers are W. F. Overton, president; E. Titcomb, vice president; H. M. Clagett, secretary; H. R. Renshaw, assistant secretary; First National Bank, treasurer.

Making a Fine Showing.

From Mr. W. J. Partridge, who is in from Oro Blanco this week THE OASIS learns that there has been made in the Austerlitz property of Doctor A. H. Noon of Nogales, a very fine showing. The tunnel which has been run a distance of 175 feet, has cut a ledge of good ore twenty-three feet in width, but the principal ledge which the tunnel is running to cut is more than one hundred feet farther. Mr. Partridge holds that in the Austerlitz there is the making of a great mine.

To Begin Boring.

Tuesday the West Mexican Coast Oil Company sent out to the point on the Mascareñas rancho selected for commencing operations a shipment of timber, lumber and supplies, and work has commenced in preparation for installation of the boring machinery, which is now en route. Against it arrives everything will be in readiness, when it will take but a very short time to begin boring. Operations will be watched with great interest, for all experts who have examined the surrounding region have pronounced it a very promising field for exploitation. Everyone in Nogales feels the keenest interest for development of a valuable and productive oil field at their very doors will mean a great deal for the future development and prosperity of the town.

The work is in charge of Mr. H. N. Stevens of Nogales, Mr. John Young is building the derrick and Mr. Charles Brinton an experienced driller will have charge of the boring operations.

SWIFT VENGEANCE.

Orozco Orders Execution of a Rebel Jefe.

[Chihuahua Enterprise.]

A resident of Cusi who made a trip to this city on horseback gave an interesting account last night to an Enterprise reporter of the killing of Pantaleon Bustillos, leader of a rebel band, at that point last Tuesday.

"Pantaleon Bustillos, who for the past month acted as rebel leader, located at Cusi, on the 21st entered that town with a band of 20 men. He carried a Mexican flag, bearing across its folds the legend, 'Antirreeleccionistas, P. R. S.' As he rode through the main street of the town, with hat in hand, wreathed in smiles, he bowed to right and left receiving the salutations of the people like a veritable hero.

"Having passed the main street, his men disbanded leaving him with a group of five. At this juncture up came Juan Acuña, another rebel leader at the head of twelve on foot, bent on killing Bustillos, in fact charged with that mission by no less a personage than the insurrecto chieftain, Pascual Orozco, himself.

"He pulled his gun on Bustillos demanding his surrender. The latter reached for his weapon, but too late—a bullet plowed through his side. He fell from his horse, but struggling to his feet he ran around a house crying 'no me mate' where he was followed and dispatched at the hands of Acuña with three more bullets.

"His body was searched after he was killed and a big roll of bills as well as a bag of silver was found on his person.

"It was said he was ordered killed because he held up storekeepers for money and because too, he desecrated the Mexican tricolor by putting upon it his own name."

Was Detained.

A well known Nogales resident, who went up the Yaqui river on business a couple or three weeks ago and had not been heard from wrote home from Corral this week that he had just got down to that junction point by handcar from La Dura. He had seen General Torres and his army and had been detained by them; and had been detained and searched twice by the Maderistas, who ordered him to go to his hotel at La Dura and remain there. They opened and read a letter he was bringing out for another American addressed to his family. The gentleman wrote that neither party offered him any violence or insolence, but were very courteous and considerate in their dealings with him.

New Ephraim Building.

The new Ephraim building, on Morley avenue, is now completed and the Palace Saloon, which moved to the corner of International street pending demolition of the old structure and erection of the new one, has returned to its former location. The new building is a handsome two-story structure of reinforced concrete, and would be a credit to any town. The en-

tire ground floor is occupied by the Palace. Upon the upper floor are eight handsome office rooms, four in the front and four in the rear of the building with a spacious hallway between. Each of the front rooms is 20x14 in dimensions, while those in the rear are a little smaller. All the rooms in each set are connected and may be used singly or en suite. At the end of the hallway is a commodious toilet, and a spacious stairway at one end gives access from the street. In the building there is little wood, and it is completely fireproof.

The Battle at Sahuaripa.

Saturday of last week Mr. Ignacio Bonillas, the well known engineer, returned from an extended professional visit in the Sahuaripa district of Sonora, where he was engaged several weeks. Mr. Bonillas was in the vicinity of Sahuaripa at the time of the battle between the insurrecto Talamantes, from Navajo, and the federal force from Moctezuma under command of Chiapa, prefect of the Moctezuma district, and he gives the first clear account of the battle that has come out that is not colored. According to the account given by Mr. Bonillas there was some real fighting there, the killed upon both sides numbering about eighty, and some forty being wounded.

The fight occurred upon the twenty-eighth of January. The insurrectos took refuge in the church at Sahuaripa, which was surrounded by the federals, who occupied every point of vantage—housetops of surrounding buildings, etc. The insurrectos kept up a vigorous fire, doing great damage until their ammunition was exhausted. Then Talamantes emerged from the church, and surrendered. He said that his rebellion having failed he accepted the result and asked to be shot immediately, stipulating only that his two sons be shot first. He was accommodated. In a very few moments all three were dead.

There has been considerable misinformation about Talamantes. He was not an officer in the Mexican regular army. He was a rancher, living near Navajo on the Mayo river. Many years ago he was an officer, ranking as lieutenant colonel, in a regiment of state troops, and his service was short.

More Vandalism.

On the National Line between Jalisquillo and Jimulco a bridge was burned by the rebels. They boarded the train on its arrival and robbed the passengers of their arms and valuables. After sacking the express and robbing the passengers, they took the mail and burned it.

After the act of vandalism the bandits went in the direction of Torreon intending to destroy the Picardias bridge which is of stone and iron. This was guarded by 50 rurales, and they failed in their attempt. We are now without communication with Mexico City.—Chihuahua Enterprise.

Mr. W. Lincoln Wilson from Hermosillo, was at Nogales Tuesday morning en route to California.