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MEXICAN FEDERALS AND REBELS MEET IN DESERT PLAIN.

FOR NEW MARRIAGE LEGISLATION

Omaha Society Will Present Bill to Next Legislature—Florida Officers Decoyed to Death—Cannibalism in China.

Conejos, Mex.—Twelve hours of brisk fighting on the desert plains three hundred miles south of the American border, between a force of 5,000 rebels under Orozco and an equally strong body of federals under General Huerta resulted Sunday in a decided advantage to the government. The fighting began at daybreak and at nightfall the sandy mesas between here and Yermo, fourteen miles north, where the insurgents were gradually forced back, were covered with dead and wounded. Nearly 500 are believed to have been killed and wounded on both sides.

Want Marriage Laws Amended. Omaha, Neb.—The local society for the prevention of crime has prepared for presentation to the next session of the legislature a bill amending the marriage laws of Nebraska by which it is hoped to stop the growth of the divorce evil as well as decrease crime and pauperism and general race deterioration. The proposed law forbids the marriage of confirmed paupers, criminals, imbeciles and drunkards and persons suffering from contagious and venereal diseases. Governor Aldrich has approved of the bill and has promised to recommend it in his next message to the legislature.

Eleven Will Compete. Lincoln.—In the fifth annual state championship debate of the Nebraska High School Debating League, which will be held on High School Fete day, Saturday morning, May 18, at the University of Nebraska, eleven representatives of schools in all sections of the state will compete for the honors. These contestants will be members of the teams that have now the championships in the several districts into which the seventy school league is divided.

Cannibalism in China. Shanghai.—Reports of terrible suffering from starvation, and horrible tales of cannibalism, have been brought here by courier from the districts of Kiangsu and Anhwei. Famine has been imminent since last September, when the floods swept over the rice fields and ruined the crops. It is said that one-third of the population, already starved to death, and in their desperation the survivors are eating each other.

Much Progress in Red Cross Work. Washington.—More progress has been made in first aid work in the United States during the last four years by efforts of the American Red Cross than during all the preceding period, although this country is still behind many others in this work. According to Major Charles Lynch, U. S. A., in charge of the Red Cross first aid department had instructed about 15,000 persons last year.

Officers Decoyed to Death. Gainesville, Fla.—Marshall C. H. Slaughter and Deputy Sheriff Charles White of Archer, Fla., were decoyed to a lonely spot near here at 3 o'clock Sunday morning and assassinated. J. Manning, another deputy, feigned death and escaped after being wounded. He shot one of the murderers, capturing him and three of his sons, who are now in jail.

Eastern Stars at Fremont. Fremont, Neb.—Five hundred members of the Order of the Eastern Star, will gather in Fremont this week when the annual grand chapter session will be held here. The lodge requires the delegates from the various chapters to attend.

To Test Otoe County Soil. Washington.—C. G. Smith of the department of agriculture has gone to Nebraska City to prepare for a soil survey of Otoe county, which the department has authorized, after several months of effort on the part of Congressman Maguire. Chemical tests will be made of every acre of soil in the county, and the work will require the entire summer to complete. This is the first work of this character done in Nebraska since 1906.

Were After Life Preservers. London.—It came out during Friday's hearing that the firemen of the Titanic, when the water entered their quarters, raided the third class saloon for life preservers. Certainly, as is pointed out, they were not needed by passengers, as the vessel carried only a small proportion of her complement of third class passengers. That importance is attached to the action of the firemen, however, is shown by the answer to the question put by Lord Mersey as to how the firemen reached that part of the vessel.

FLOODS GET WORSE

LARGE FORCE WORKING TO PROTECT BATON ROUGE.

FOR BETTER FARMING METHODS

Illinois Will Try Innovation in Scientific Farming—Heavy Rains in South—Amusement Clause Yet Undecided.

New Orleans.—Heavy rains and high winds have played havoc over a large area of the flood district, and many places that had been considered practically safe are now facing threatened levee breaks and inundation. The rains and winds are general over a section extending about 100 miles up the river. At Baton Rouge and New Roads the situation is particularly grave. Lashed by a forty-mile gale, water at Baton Rouge, already within a few inches of the top of the levee, is being blown over the embankments into the town. A large force of men are working trying to protect the city. It is estimated at New Roads that four inches of rain fell there Friday. Grave fears are felt for the inhabitants of that section, who were ordered to places of safety after four

MAJ. GEN. BARRY.



Gen. Thomas H. Barry, now superintendent of the military academy at West Point, will be the next commander of the eastern division of the army, succeeding the late General Grant.

days of improved conditions. That town had been a concentration point for refugees for the territory farther north, but the overflow from the Torras has again become threatening.

To Try New Scientific Farming. Chicago.—A movement to put a country agriculturist in every county of the state, to make a study of local conditions and suggest plans for scientific farm management for the purpose of obtaining a larger crop yield has received impetus from the announcement of a gift of \$1,000,000 from a Chicago concern to further the plan. The project is fathered by the crop improvement committee of the council of grain exchanges, which includes mercantile bodies in many of the principal cities of the country. Epitomized, the project calls for the co-operation of the commercial, agricultural and educational forces of each county, the appointment of a county committee on crop improvement and county development, and the appointment of a trained agriculturist by the local committee to act as a general adviser on agricultural matters, organize farmers' clubs, arrange for exhibits of farm products, and co-operate with the superintendents of schools in teaching the rudiments of agriculture.

Minneapolis, Minn.—Paragraph 260 of the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal church still is undecided and the question of whether dancing, card playing and kindred amusements are to be left only to the "conscience" of the members of the church remains a bone of contention in the committee on the state of the church.

Socialists May Nominate Debbs. Indianapolis, Ind.—Eugene V. Debbs will again be nominated for president, in the opinion of socialist leaders who are gathered here for the national convention, which opened here Sunday. Others mentioned for the head of the ticket, if Debbs should decline, were Emil Seidel, Milwaukee; Job Harriman, Los Angeles; Max Hayes, Cleveland; Duncan McDonald, Springfield, Ill.; and Charles Edward Russell, New York.

Praised Penitentiary Conditions. Lincoln.—After an all evening conference with Governor Aldrich, following half a day spent inspecting the state penitentiary, Major R. W. McClaughry, warden of the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., returned home. He will make a report to the governor on what he saw, his opinion of the entire institution, and his recommendation of needed changes. He was not reticent about it, but talked freely, giving unstinted praise of the efforts being made by Warden Melick and Major Anties.

IT LOOKS DIFFERENT IN THE SPRING



HARMON MAY TAKE THE STUMP

CARRIED SECOND READING IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Will Try to Offset Bryan's Attacks—England's Prime Minister Gets an Ovation—Troops Stay in China.

London.—The government has carried the home rule bill on its second reading in the house of commons by a majority of 101 as against 94 for the first reading. The vote was 273 to 271. It was the most largely attended house of the present parliament. Both sides had done their utmost to secure every favorable vote. Mr. Balfour, former opposition leader, and Mr. Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, returned from Weymouth in order to be present. The announcement of the figures showing an increased majority occasioned enthusiastic demonstrations on the government side, and the prime minister was given a great ovation on leaving the house with his wife and daughter by the crowd assembled.

Gov. Harmon to Take the Stump.

Columbus, O.—When Governor Harmon returns from Cleveland, after making an address before a reunion of foreign organizations, he will confer with his campaign managers relative to his itinerary for a tour over the state in an effort to offset the effect of Colonel Bryan's attacks upon him. Although it has not been definitely decided, it is stated that Governor Harmon may spend all of this week on the stump.

To Remain in China.

Washington.—The Fifth United States infantry, which forms part of the international force sent to China to keep open the railway from Peking to the sea, probably will remain there for some time to come, although part of the marine guard already has been withdrawn. American Minister Calhoun has not indicated that it would be desirable to take the troops away at this time and unofficial advices received at the war department tell of unsettled conditions still existing along the railway line.

Holy War Talk Increasing.

Paris.—The call for all Moslems to participate in a holy war, which was launched at the start of the Turkish war, is according to the correspondent of the Temps in Tunis, secretly enveloping all Islam and moving steadily from tribe to tribe in every Mohammedan country.

Minneapolis.—Z. H. Austin, president of the Hennepin County Democratic club, and Guy A. Thomas, a prominent democratic leader, have announced that headquarters for William J. Bryan for president would be opened in this city at once.

Will Meet to Decide Contests.

New York.—The republican national committee will meet in Chicago Thursday afternoon, June 6, to decide contests among delegates to the republican national convention. The call for the meeting has been issued by William Hayward, secretary of the committee. This will be the earliest meeting held for many years by the committee and will give it twelve days to consider contests before the convention opens on June 18.

Fremont Gets Next Meeting.

Hastings, Neb.—At the closing meeting of the State Association of Commercial clubs Wednesday, Fremont was chosen over McCook as the place of meeting for next year. V. E. Wilson of Stromsburg was chosen president for the ensuing year. The other officers elected are: Secretary-treasurer, R. B. McFadden, Hastings; vice-presidents, E. H. Westcott, Plattsmouth; P. B. Fodrea, Omaha; James Henderson, Central City; Ed Lemkuhl, Wahoo; Max Uhlig, Holdrege, and Willard F. Bailey, Kearney.

FLOOD CONDITIONS IMPROVING

ROOSEVELT GETS DELEGATION FROM SUNFLOWER STATE.

Situation in South Continues to Improve—Kansas Instructs for Roosevelt—To Advance on Federals.

Independence, Kan.—Adopting strong resolutions favoring the entire progressive movement, and leaving out the time-honored custom of laudatory planks in praise of state and government officials, the republican state convention Wednesday named four delegates-at-large to the national convention with iron-clad instructions for Theodore Roosevelt for president. William Allen White of Emporia was endorsed for national committeeman. From the minute the convention opened the one hundred and four delegates bearing instructions for President Taft were working to get through some of the things they desired, but the Roosevelt majority of 790 was too great.

Refugees at Baton Rouge.

New Orleans.—Generally, the flood situation in the lower Mississippi valley is much improved. Another day of sunshine gave the workers on the levees some advantages and reports are favorable as far as more breaks are concerned. Pitiful tales of suffering continue to come in from several sections. There are now 40,000 refugees at Baton Rouge. About 500 were taken there from New Roads, to which place they had been sent from the surrounding territory.

To Be the Turning Point.

Orozco Headquarters. Near Escalon, Mexico.—General Pascual Orozco has given the order to his troops to advance on the federals. The latter have been coming northward from Torreón. Within a short time the greatest body of rebels and government troops that has ever come together will clash in what is expected to be the turning point of the present revolution. Two columns of 10,000 men each have moved along parallel lines east and west of the railroad to attack Bermijillo and Mapica.

Grand Island, Neb.—C. C. Johns of this city, secretary of the Nebraska Press association, announces that the program of the coming session of the association at Lincoln on June 3, 4 and 5, is nearly completed and will be sent out at once. The program will include all Nebraska speakers on topics pertaining to the interests of the publishers of the state.

Berlin.—The trial begun on March 26 of the men charged with being responsible for the wood alcohol poisonings which occurred at Christmas. Two salesmen named Zastrew and Meyen were given two months in jail.

May Not Adjourn for Some Time.

Washington.—That neither early adjournment nor a recess of congress during the national convention periods is among the probabilities was made clear in the senate at the beginning of the discussion of the metal tariff bill Tuesday. Senator Cummins addressed the senate, saying he would do all he could to prevent either recess or adjournment until after the revision of the metal, the sugar, the wool and the cotton schedules.

University Place.—The seventeen-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wallen of this place was strangled to death Tuesday afternoon. The child was playing in the yard in front of its home with another older child and the rope on a swing became wrapped around its neck.

Omaha.—Mayor Dahlman and his six associates, labeled by him the "square seven," were victorious in Tuesday's municipal election, the first under the commission form of government.

GET FIVE DAYS' LEAVE

YOUNG LADY SUCCUMBS TO GAS FUMES.

NEWS FROM OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity.

Lincoln.—Although the final plans of the tenth annual convention of the Nebraska Postmasters' association, to be held in this city June 11, 12 and 13, have not yet been completed, it is settled that several of the high officials of the postmaster general's department at Washington, are to be here for the gathering. The postoffice department has issued official notice to the effect that every postmaster of the state will be granted five days leave of absence to attend the meeting, and it is expected this will increase the attendance of the annual gathering.

Succumbed to Gas Fumes.

Grand Island.—A Miss Clausen who was employed as a domestic at the home of O. A. Abbott, was found unconscious in bed, having apparently been blown out the gas before retiring. Physicians worked with her for 36 hours, but the case baffled all efforts to restore her, and she died without regaining consciousness.

Verdon.—Joseph Holecheck was killed in an auto accident near this place when the machine became unmanageable while going at high speed and suddenly turned over. Mr. Holecheck lived about half an hour after the mishap.

Looks Good for Fruit Crop.

Table Rock.—Although a week or two later than usual, this part of Nebraska has never looked prettier than at the present time. Even the peach trees, which are "killed," by the long, hard, cold winter, are a veritable wealth of bloom, promising an abundant yield of fruit.

Dedicate Non-Sectarian Church.

College View.—Union church at this place, represented by a membership of sixty persons, drawn from nine denominations, was dedicated Sunday. The organization recognizes no creed, it observes no rituals. Its motto is, "The Bible is Our Creed; God Our Leader."

Business Disqualifies Trustee.

Deshler.—Albert Caughey, who was elected village trustee, did not qualify, as there is a penalty for a town official supplying the town anything, and Mr. Caughey is owner of the only lumber and coal yard here. George Becker has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Initiated a Large Class.

North Platte.—The Knights of Columbus of North Platte initiated a class of eighty-one candidates into the order. This is one of the largest classes ever initiated in this section of the country.

NEWS FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Joe Teeter of Lincoln, newly appointed commandant of the soldiers home at Millard, has filed his official bond and taken the oath of office.

Fish Commissioner O'Brien has placed three thousand catfish and a few bass in the Blue River at Beatrice. He also sent a few black bass to Blue Springs.

Chief Game Warden Miller arrested three Greeks in Custer county on the charge of hunting without a license and killing game out of season. The men are employed by the Burlington railroad.

Victor Rosewater, a former regent of the university, has accepted the invitation to act as the Nebraska representative when President Hibben, of Princeton, is inaugurated. Mr. Rosewater is now in the east.

Populists of the state, who several weeks ago were making preliminary preparations looking to the holding of the national convention in Lincoln late in June, have not yet determined whether or not there will be such a gathering.

Residents of Newark have sent a complaint to the state railway commission asking that the Burlington be required to maintain a depot and station at that town.

Labor Commissioner Guye believes the agitation in favor of Jewish colonies in Nebraska has done some good; it has not drawn large colonies from Chicago. As a result forty families of Jews living in Nebraska have taken land under the Kinkaid homestead law in Grant county, near Hyannis and will endeavor to farm the soil and raise live stock.

Governor Aldrich has consented to deliver a Fourth of July address at Curtis. The state school of agriculture at Curtis has not been completed, but the citizens of the town propose to celebrate the Fourth in a patriotic manner.

Chancellor Avery is expecting to go to Chicago this summer to attend the annual convention of the department of higher education of the national education association. Mr. Avery is president of the department, and is billed for an address on the second day of the meeting. The sessions will be held July 8 and 9.

All He Wanted Was Just Plain Eggs.

A youth entered one of the "ham-and-row" cafes on Grand avenue and ordered eggs. "Up or over?" asked the man behind the counter. "I just want eggs," replied the prospective diner. "But do you want them up or over?" repeated the waiter, and again the guest asserted that he desired "only eggs." The third time the party of the second part insisted on his query, whereupon the patron, with a sigh of despair, said "I guess I'll take a steak."—Kansas City Star.

His Opportunity.

"Going to Wombat's wedding, over on the north side?" "Not I. I was engaged to the girl. Wombat cut me out." "Well, come to the wedding. You may get a chance to buff him in the jaw with an old shoe."

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