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## ARRANGE ARMISTICE AND THEN BREAK IT TO RESUME FIGHTING

### Federals and Rebels in Mexico City Said to Have Had Desperate Battle.

### WIRE FAILS TO THE SOUTH

Telegraph Operator Sends One Message to Laredo.

### NO FURTHER NEWS RECEIVED

### Truce Was to Have Lasted Until Monday Evening.

### NO ANSWER TO BE SENT MADERO

Reply to Personal Appeal that Intervention Be Delayed Drafted, but on Final Decision It is Not Dispatched.

### BULLETIN.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—An armistice of twenty-four hours was arranged between the federals and rebels at 2 o'clock this morning, and effective until 2 o'clock Monday evening. The terms were agreed to by both President Madero and General Felix Diaz.

LAREDO, Tex., Feb. 16.—The truce arranged between the government and rebel forces at Mexico City was broken this morning, according to the telegraph operator at Mexico City who was in communication with Laredo at noon. A desperate battle was in progress at that hour, he said. The wire failed before further details could be given. Attempts to re-establish communication with the capital this afternoon were unsuccessful.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Hands off Mexico for the present was the decision of President Taft and the cabinet, reached at a prolonged session, which lasted until the early hours of yesterday.

Mr. Taft and seven of his advisers gathered in the White House, after reviewing the situation from every point of view and considering particularly the proposal of an armistice in Mexico City, during which non-combatants are to be removed with the creation of a neutral zone for the American embassy, determined to reaffirm the nonintervention attitude of the United States, but meanwhile keeping the army and navy ready for instant action.

The cabinet meeting broke up just after 12:30 p. m. Secretary Knox announced that Secretary Hilles would prepare and make public the only statement to be given out. The other members of the cabinet referred all inquiries to Mr. Hilles.

### Statement by Hilles.

His statement was as follows: "At a meeting of the cabinet tonight various dispatches from Mexico were considered and it was decided that the information so far received afforded no basis for a change in the policy of the government of the United States already indicated many times in the last two years."

It was practically determined that no further communication would be sent to President Madero at this time.

### Two Conferences Held.

President Taft held two conferences with the cabinet. The first meeting broke up after a half hour's talk, permitting the president to attend the Cannon dinner.

The early cabinet meeting followed a conference between President Taft, Secretary Stimson and Brigadier General Crozier, president of the Army War college, who were called once again to go over the plans that would be put into effect in case intervention became necessary. If the army were sent into Mexico, the transports would be dispatched from Galveston, Tex., instead of Newport News, it was learned.

New orders regarding the conference, but Mr. Stimson and General Crozier were told to be ready for any emergency. The president was still of the opinion that intervention would be unnecessary.

### Asks People Not to Force War.

The president said he hoped that the disputing dispatches from Mexico would not arouse the American people and that the pressure upon congress would not become so great that a majority would feel called upon to respond to a demand for intervention. According to his latest information there is little sentiment in congress for intervention.

President Taft spent less than an hour at Speaker Cannon's dinner and hurried back to the White House, where seven members of the cabinet were awaiting him in the executive mansion proper.

In addition to the army officers at the earlier conference, Brigadier General (Continued on Page Two.)

## William M. Jones, Oldest Man in State, Dies at Age of 100

FALLS CITY, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—William M. Jones, who died yesterday morning at his home near Ruba, was the oldest man who lived in Richardson county so far as the record is known. His age was 100 years 5 months 8 days. He was born in Tazewell county, Virginia, September 8, 1812. His father was Scotch and his mother German. The general arrangements will not be completed until the son, Lewis, returns from home.

Mr. Jones was married at the age of 19 and set up housekeeping in 1833 in Jackson county, Ohio. He had a wooden plow, utilizing a large iron stump for the plow share.

In 1838 Mr. Jones moved to Dakota county, Nebraska. He crossed the Missouri river on the ice March 10, 1838, with his family and stock. He had six head of cattle, two horses, three yoke of oxen and \$200 in gold. He took up government land, built a log house and went to farming. The second winter was so fierce that all his cattle froze to death except one yoke of oxen. This caused such discouragement that Mr. Jones disposed of his land for \$100 and moved south to Leavenworth county, Kansas, and settled on the Delaware Indian reserve. He remained here a few months, going to Texas and later to Oregon, returning to Nebraska in 1865. He settled near Ruba, where he bought a half section from a squaw-man for \$600 in notes and horses. He had lived here continuously ever since.

The wife of Mr. Jones died October 12, 1909, at the age of 99 years 8 months 14 days. His son, Cass Jones, was formerly a representative from Richardson county in the Nebraska legislature.

### Farewell Banquet Given by Friends to Former Speaker

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Taft, cabinet officials, Chief Justice White, members of both houses of congress, past present and prospective, and a host of other political and personal friends of Representative Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois, former speaker of the house, featured the program and guest list of the farewell dinner to him tonight.

Plans had been made for approximately 600 guests. It was a feast of fun and a tribute of affection. The program abounded with novel features, merrily announced by the toastmaster, Representative J. Hampton Moore of Pennsylvania.

The scheduled speakers included the president, Chief Justice White, Speaker Clark and Representative Underwood of Alabama.

### Convicts Dig Tunnel; Warden Bars Escape

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 16.—"Don't dig, you may smother us, don't shoot, we'll come out."

When Warden Johnson heard these muffled words today from beneath the ground under his feet, he knew he had prevented an ingenious attempt at a jail delivery.

### EDUCATIONAL SUMMARY OF CUSTER COUNTY

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—For some time past County Superintendent Grimes has been getting together an educational summary of Custer county, and he has so far progressed as to give out the following results: Total number of children in the county between the ages of 1 and 21 years, 6,090; total number of students enrolled in the rural schools for 1912, 4,073; total number of students enrolled in graded schools for 1912, 2,545; total number of students enrolled in the county for the year 1912, 7,220; total number of high school certificates issued to date, 437. The total of high school certificates issued during last year was 198. Last year's average attendance in the county graded schools was 1,824, in the county rural schools 2,948, while the total average attendance in the county was 4,779.

### UNITED LIGHT COMPANY EXPANDS ITS INTERESTS

MAISON CITY, Ia., Feb. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The United Light and Railway company last night concluded a deal whereby the Mason City and Great Lake Railway, Peoples Gas and Electric company of this city, Mason City Heating plant and kindred interests controlled by the Brice interests will pass into their hands. The first improvement contemplated is an extension of the interurban line to Charles City to connect with the Illinois Central.

## CLIMAX OF SESSION IS REACHED IN IOWA

### Some of Biggest Questions Before Legislature Will Be Reached Before Week-End.

### TAX COMMISSION TO THE FORE

Public Utilities Board Bill Measure of Import.

### EMPLOYERS PUSH THEIR BILL

Compensation Act Opposed in Its Present Form.

### ROAD FIGHT GROWING WARM

Opposition of Automobileists and Commission in Form Proposed, But it is Likely to Prevail.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—During this week it is expected the Iowa legislature will devote a large part of its time to perfection of bills on the subject of the state tax commission, that of the public utilities commission, road legislation. The tentative bill for a basis for the administration of road building through a state highway commission is being considered with great favor by the members and it is expected that the friends of good roads will be able to get this through despite opposition of the automobileists and the lobbyists for the contractors.

The coming week will witness a very important hearing on the bills for a workmen's compensation act. The commission bill, which was framed by a commission which sat all last year, is the basis for the discussion. The representatives of large business, the employers of many people, have asked to be heard in opposition to the bill in its present form. They desire that the scale of compensations shall be decreased and the liability lessened, and they are generally opposed to the state supervision of the whole matter.

### Revenue Suggestion.

The legislature has before it as one of the important measures a proposed amendment to the state constitution which will permit of special taxation of railroads and the property of state-wide corporations. The amendment stands as follows:

Section 33. For the purpose of providing revenue for state purposes, the general assembly may provide for the exercise of special taxation of property as it may deem proper. When any class of property is exclusively taxed for state purposes, the property of that class shall not be otherwise taxed for general county, township or municipal purposes.

Section 2. That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Iowa be, and the same is hereby referred to the legislature to be chosen at the next general election, and that the secretary of state cause the same to be published for three months previous to the day of such election, as provided by law.

Resolved further, That should said proposed amendment be agreed to by a majority of the members of the said succeeding general assembly, the said proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Iowa at the general election in the year 1915.

### College Fight Less Bitter.

Since the discussion before the legislature of the whole college controversy there is less of bitterness to be found among the members and those who are discussing the matter. It was disclosed that as a matter of fact a large part of the fight is one of personalities, which have little to do with the merits of the case involving the contemplated changes ordered at the colleges. The result is that the members of the legislature are disposed to pass up the whole matter and attend the more important business of the state as quickly as possible.

The legislature has before it a bill to define what shall be the courses of study at the colleges and also a resolution to compel the board to rescind its action. But neither one has been as yet favorably reported.

### Hog Serum Laboratory.

It now seems probable that the laboratory for the manufacture of hog cholera serum will be removed from near Des Moines to a point in Story county not far from the state college where the work will be placed in charge of the college and be taken away from the state veterinarian. The house committee has reported a bill to that effect.

The legislature is not likely to appropriate as large a sum as demanded for the eradication of the hog cholera, but to provide a laboratory so that all the serum can be secured that will be needed.

### For Care of the Children.

"The American Baby Health Contest Association."

This is the name of a new organization with headquarters in Iowa. Its object is to disseminate the gospel of "Better Babies."

### Defies Three Bandits and Saves Valuables

C. B. Hoover, 323 Seward street, defied three negro highwaymen last night at Thirtieth and Cumby street and received a bad gash in the head from the butt of a revolver, but saved his valuables. The men held him up in a lonely place and started pursuit when their prospective victim fled, but they were frightened away when a passing car came along.

## The Hundred Million Dollar Baby



From the Philadelphia Record.

## BIG BANK ROBBERY SOLVED

### Four Under Arrest in Havana for Stealing \$200,000.

### SUBSTITUTE PAPERS FOR BILLS

Man Who Planned Theft from Cuban Bank Confesses and Implicates Messenger and Book-keeper in Restaurant.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—The mystery surrounding the theft of \$200,000 in American currency in Havana, Cuba, last September has been solved. Four men accused of the crime are under arrest in Havana and one of them has confessed, according to a cablegram received by the St. Louis police today from Havana.

The arrests and confession resulted from the attempt of Ramon Llano, a Cuban, to get foreign exchange on two of the stolen \$10,000 bills at the Third National bank of St. Louis last week.

Llano was arrested and held for the Cuban authorities, and, acting on information he gave, the Havana police arrested Jose Fernandez Vina, Manuel Arias, Emanuel Llano and Antonio Ayala. According to the cablegram from Havana Vina has confessed that he planned the robbery and Emanuel Mayo, who has been held in connection with the crime since last October, has been exonerated.

### Teller Wrongfully Accused.

Vina's story, as received here, is that Ayala, who was a messenger for the National Bank of Cuba, and Arias, a bookkeeper in a restaurant, plotted to rob the bank, and when Emanuel Mayo, a teller in the bank, last September gave Ayala an envelope containing \$200,000 in currency to be mailed to the National Park Bank of New York, the messenger took the envelope to the restaurant at which Arias was employed.

There the currency was taken out of the envelope and advertising circulars placed in a similar envelope which was mailed to New York.

Before the bogus envelope reached New York, Arias changed one of the \$10,000 bills into French gold. This bill came back to the National Bank of Cuba and the arrest of the teller followed.

### News from Auburn and Nemaha County

AUBURN, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The farmers and business men of this community have adopted a plan of meeting weekly at the court house and discussing certain measures before the legislature and passing resolutions and sending the same to the members from this county, stating the sense of the meeting as to certain measures. Three meetings have already been held, and meetings will be held every Saturday until the close of the present session.

Mrs. Glegg died at her home six miles north of here yesterday. She was about 72 years old and leaves a husband and two small children. The funeral will be held from the Methodist Episcopal church here, and interment at Glenwood cemetery.

Fred Kuse and Miss Ida A. Walker of the Charter Oak neighborhood were married last week.

## Lincoln Traction Sold to Outsiders; Control Given Up

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—It is becoming evident that all the efforts of the city of Lincoln in the years gone by to get from under foreign control of its street car service has gone for naught.

It has now developed that eastern capital has again got hold of the Lincoln Traction company, for the Moore syndicate of Detroit, the same outfit which is backing the Commonwealth Power company, yesterday gained control of a large block of traction stock by purchasing the interests of J. C. Seacrest, J. L. Miller and Charles Stewart of Lincoln, the latter giving way to Sanford Ladd of Detroit on the board of directors.

Manager J. H. Humphe, who has been with the company for many years, has resigned, and the position will be filled by J. N. Bramlett, a representative of the Commonwealth Power company, which, with the traction company, will be run together, and thus the bright hopes of the Lincoln people to have their street car system controlled by local people have gone glimmering.

While the people of the Capital city have been fighting corporation influences along other lines, they have closed their eyes in other directions and as a result foreign capital has again crept in the back door and the bright dream of local control of the street car system has come to an end.

## NOTES FROM BEATRICE AND GAGE COUNTY

BEATRICE, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maleski, former Beatrice residents, recently lost their home by fire at Edgewater, Colo., as a result of an explosion of the cook stove. Mrs. Maleski was severely burned about the face and hands. The loss is placed at \$3,000, partially covered by insurance.

Word was received here yesterday announcing the sudden death at Nebraska City of Mrs. M. D. Welsh, a former resident of Cortland, Pennsylvania, who was the cause of her death.

Charles Roscoe of Clinton was taken to the insane asylum at Lincoln yesterday by Sheriff Schick. He was ordered committed Thursday.

Myrtle Donohue, living near Cortland, was thrown from a horse and severely injured. Her foot caught in the stirrup and she was dragged some distance before being able to release herself. Although her condition is serious the attending physicians have hopes of her recovery.

The Neidhart Monument works yesterday filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The firm is incorporated for \$10,000 and the incorporators are Charles Neidhart and his daughters, the Misses Sophia and Amalia Neidhart. Mr. Neidhart has been in the marble business in this city for many years.

### MISSIONARY RALLY AT TECUMSEH CHURCH

TECUMSEH, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—A rally was held at the Christian church in this city Thursday afternoon and evening, which proved of great interest to the church people. The program was opened at 1:30 o'clock by Rev. E. M. Johnson of Lincoln, field secretary of the state missionary society, with a Bible lecture, which was both instructive and entertaining. He was followed by L. C. Oberlies of Lincoln, state superintendent of Bible school, who gave an address on "The Bible School Work." Mrs. Celia Scott Willard of Bethany, state organizer of the W. B. M. spoke upon "World-Wide Missions," giving suggestions for the best results obtainable in the work of the local society. At the conclusion of the afternoon meeting a reception was given Mrs. Willard by the women of the missionary society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Clark. Rev. Mr. Johnson occupied the evening in a Bible lecture.

## DEBATE SCHEDULE OUT

### First Series of District Contests Begins This Week.

### EACH SCHOOL HOME DEBATE

Executive Committee Announces Pairings and Selects Subject to Be the Commission Form of Government in Cities.

LINCOLN, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—For the first series of district delegates in the sixth annual contests of the Nebraska High School Debating League, the executive committee has about completed arrangements. In all but two of the twelve districts the pairings for the first round, the dates and places have in most cases also been arranged. Each school in the league will have a home debate this year. Those that do not win in the first series will at once be paired for the third-honor series.

### Series Starts Friday.

Next Friday evening, February 21, the series starts. Four debates are set for that evening at four Omaha, Weeping Water, Schuyler and Pawnee City.

"Resolved, That American cities should adopt a commission form of government." is the question under discussion.

The first series schedule as far as completed follows:

**Central District.**  
Superintendent Carl M. Chue, Geneva, director.  
Ocala meets Central City.  
Geneva meets David City.

**Eastern District.**  
Principal L. Cummings, South Omaha, director.  
South Omaha-Belleview academy at South Omaha, February 21.  
Weeping Water—Ogawa City at Weeping Water, February 21.  
Schuyler-North Bend at Schuyler, February 21.

**East-Central District.**  
Principal V. L. Mays, Lincoln, director.  
Schedule not announced.  
Contestants: Lincoln, Havelock, Teaching College High school, Wilber, Teachings, Nebraska Military academy, University Place.

**Northern District.**  
Superintendent A. C. Whitford, Ainsworth, director.  
Ainsworth-O'Neill at Ainsworth, February 21.  
Pierce-Atkinson at Valentine, February 21.

**North-Central District.**  
Superintendent E. T. Corvan, Albion, director.  
Norfolk-Madison at Norfolk, February 21.  
Albion.

**Northwestern District.**  
Superintendent L. J. Knoll, Randolph, director.  
Pierce-Creighton at Pierce, March 7.  
Randolph.

## SUNDAY BASE BALL AND REMOVAL BILL COME UP THIS WEEK

### Two Measures in Which Much Interest is Taken Scheduled for Action in the House.

### SENATE BILL FAVORED

Will Probably Be Substituted for House Measure.

### UNI REMOVAL ON THURSDAY

Whole Question Likely to Be Threshed Over.

### LINCOLN COUNCIL CRITICISED

Effort to Lay Tax on People at Large for Benefit of Business Interests of Part of City Brings Forth Many Protests.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Two measures in which the state at large is very much interested will come up in the house this week. The first is the Sunday base ball bill which has been recommended for passage. This bill is now the second on general file. When it is brought before the committee of the whole McKissick will ask that it be indefinitely postponed and there be substituted for it the senate bill which received the approval of the upper body. There is little doubt but the bill will pass the house and it is said to be certain that Governor Morehead will sign it. Pa. Bourke of Omaha has been down several times during the session and the other day he spent an hour with the governor. He said, however, that the pending legislation was not discussed.

### University Removal on Deck.

The question of university removal will be taken up by the house next Thursday and there promises to be some fight on this, providing the house members recognize the bills when they are read and they have the energy to wake up and get busy. Corbin at that time will bring up his resolution asking for the appointment of a committee to confer with the legal department of the state and prepare a contract to bind the city of Lincoln to put up the money its council has promised to buy land for the downtown campus. This action of the council has cut both ways.

### Eye on Main Chances.

It has shown to those members whose eyes are open that Lincoln cares nothing for the university, except as a business asset for the town. These business men are afraid if it is consolidated with the state farm another little business town will start up at the farm and they will be unable to get a trade of all the students. For that reason the city council, acting under the lash of the big business interests, is willing to tax the home owner and the day laborer to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars in order to make business for the big business interests.

And the legislature is about to let this be put over in the amendments to the Lincoln charter giving the council authority to make a 5-mill levy for park purposes and "university extension."

### Plan to Make Park.

In the meantime, it is being handed out to those in Lincoln who might be opposed to this tax in the interest of the big stores that Lincoln will use the campus for a public park.

In other words Lincoln is to get a public park at the expense of the state. That is, the state is to pay only \$200,000 for this Lincoln park.

One Lincoln paper came out with a story the other afternoon that four members of the Board of Regents had decided to favor the downtown site for the school, when as a matter of fact the regents took no action on the proposition made by the city council.

### Want Settlement Now.

Friends of the university insist that the question of consolidation with the farm should be settled this session. They fear that if the proposition of the Lincoln city council is accepted someone will enjoy the levy of the tax, and thus the matter will be held up in the courts for months and maybe two years. Thus everything will have to be done over again by the next legislature. In the meantime, with things unsettled, it will be doubtful if the legislature will provide for any more buildings on the present site.

### MORE ORGANIZATIONS JOIN THE CIVIC LEAGUE

At the regular meeting of the directors of the Omaha Civic League Friday, applications were received from the Real Estate exchange, Retail Grocers' association, Omaha Electric club and the "Prestige Mile in Omaha" club, and delegates were named as follows: Real Estate exchange, G. T. Morton, Paul W. Kuhns and Carl C. Wilson; Retail Grocers' association, C. A. W. Johnson, S. Rosenblum and T. H. Hansen; Omaha Electric club, G. W. Johnston, Israel Lovett and W. L. Burgess; "Prestige Mile in Omaha" club, Charles H. Grattan, William I. Kierstead and A. D. Nofhrup.

The Happy Hollow club has appointed the following delegates: H. C. Peters, J. E. George and Ed O. Hamilton and the Omaha Art guild, Doane Powell, J. Lawrie Wallace and Henry Raapke.

### LINDELL HOTEL NOW HAS ITS BAR AGAIN

(From a Staff Correspondent.)  
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—At last dear old Lincoln looks like "dear old Lincoln." The Lindell has come back into its own. It now has a barroom, which takes the place of the American Bible Home, which upon the advent of the saloon is moving around on N street. It is said the spirit of "Steve" Hoover now of Denver, hovered over the cash register the first night the barroom was open and thought of the time back in 1901, when something like \$41,000 passed over that bar in just three weeks.