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## MEXICALI INVADED

MEXICAN REBELS CAPTURE TOWN ON THE BORDER OF CALIFORNIA.

## CUSTOMS HOUSE IS SEIZED

Movement a Prearranged Plan for a General Insurrection in Northwest Part of Diaz's Republic—Invading Band Led By Gen. Leyva.

Mexicali, Mex.—The first border town to be captured by the insurgents, Sunday was in full possession of the Mexican rebels. It was taken at daylight by a band of eighteen.

The only man to lose his life was the Mexican jailer, who hesitated to release his prisoners. He was shot with a rifle, thrust through the window of his office, and instantly killed. The customs house was seized. Reinforcements are said to be flocking to the rebel standard from the surrounding country.

The capture of the town is the first sign of activity of the rebels on the western coast of Mexico. The move was a complete surprise. It is declared to be a part of a general plan for the seizure of all cities in the northwestern section of the republic.

Mexicali is a small town inhabited chiefly by natives of Mexico, on the southern side of the international line and directly across the border from the California city of Calexico. It is situated on the Imperial valley branch line of the Southern Pacific railway, forty-one miles south of Imperial Junction.

Two men were in command of the rebel invading party. Leyva, who appeared to be chief in command, gave his title as "El General in Jefe de las Tropas Insurgentes." His aide was Simon Barthold, a socialist agitator from California, known in Los Angeles and various coast cities.

### RUSSIAN WORKMEN ON STRIKE.

Employees of Eastern Chinese Railway Fear Ravages of the Plague. Harbin, Manchuria.—Added to the horrors of the plague 8,000 Russian workmen on the Eastern Chinese railway, fearing the disease, have gone on strike because the administration refused to dismiss 1,500 Chinese laborers and provide passes to enable the families of the Russians to return to their own country. The strikers have been out and stationed along the line to protect the Chinese. The Russian workmen, without homes and small resources, are likely to prove a source of grave danger, and it is probable that additional troops will have to be provided.

### Held to Grand Jury.

Colonial Beach, Va.—Three members of the crew of the Irene Ruth, an oyster dredge plying on the Potomac river, aboard which a mutiny occurred, when Capt. Allen Dorsey was killed, his negro cook drowned and his first mate fatally injured, have been held to the grand jury. It was with difficulty that the sheriff restrained the posse which captured the mutinous crew in the woods from committing violence. The mutiny is supposed to have arisen over money difficulties.

### 1,000 Reds March Down Broadway.

New York.—A thousand men and women marching down Broadway behind a large anarchistic banner brought out the police reserves, whose forcible arrest of the alleged leaders caused a small riot. The parade followed a meeting in an East Side hall at which was announced the execution in Tokio of a dozen persons charged with plotting against the life of Japan's consulate.

### Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Washington, D. C.—Dr. Louis Toledo Herrarte, the Guatemalan minister to the United States, has been appointed minister of foreign affairs in the cabinet of that country.

### Bryan to Speak in Arizona.

El Paso, Tex.—William J. Bryan will speak in Arizona on behalf of the state constitution to be voted on February 9. He opens in Bisbee on February 5.

### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City, Io.—Saturday's quotations on the local live stock market were as follows: Top beefs, \$6.50; top hogs \$7.50.

### First Time in History.

San Diego, Cal.—A commissioned officer of the United States navy flew an aeroplane Saturday for the first time in the history of the navy. The flight was made by Lieut. Theodore G. Ellison in a Curtiss biplane.

### Ambassador to Tokio.

Berlin—Count von Rex, formerly German minister to China, has been nominated as ambassador to Tokio to succeed Baron Mumm von Schwartzenstein.

# HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

### PERSONAL.

President Taft forwarded to congress the reciprocal trade agreement which has been negotiated by the representatives of the governments of Canada and the United States. The agreement provides for free exchange between Canada and the United States of wheat and other grains; dairy products, fresh fruits and vegetables; fish of all kinds; eggs and poultry; cattle, sheep and other live animals. Printing paper is also to become free on the removal of all restrictions on the exportation from Canada of pulp wood.

Funeral services over David Graham Phillips, the author, who was killed by Fitzhugh C. Goldsborough, insane violinist, at St. George's Episcopal church, New York city, were attended by a throng of writers and men in other walks of life.

The body of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of Christian Science, was removed from the receiving tomb and buried in a lot on the shore of Halcyon lake, Mount Auburn cemetery, Cambridge, Mass.

Lawrence C. Phipps, the Denver millionaire, married Miss Margaret Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Platt Rogers, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride's parents in Denver.

Consecration of Rev. Edward D. Kelly as auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Detroit to assist Bishop Foley took to Ann Arbor, Mich., hundreds of church men, including Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore and Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul.

Stephen W. Glazer and his bride, formerly Roberta Buist de Janon, the youthful heiress to \$10,000,000 by the will of her grandfather, are passing their honeymoon at Los Angeles, Cal. She refuses to make any statement further than to admit she is married.

For the first time since the debate in the United States senate in the case of Senator William Lorimer of Illinois began mention was made of the reported interest of the president in the unseating of that senator. The reference was by Senator Paynter of Kentucky, who was a member of the subcommittee which made the investigation into the charges.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Judge E. R. E. Kimbrough of Danville, Ill., who started the investigation into the traffic in votes in Vermillion county, was a witness before the grand jury. Judge Kimbrough admitted the truth of the reported distribution of bags of money on election day. Only he said the distribution was for legitimate campaign expenses.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Laura Farnworth Schenk, on trial at Wheeling, W. Va., charged with poisoning her husband, John O. Schenk, reported that they were unable to agree and were discharged. The jury stood 11 to 1 for acquittal.

Senator A. E. Cummins of Iowa addressed the United States senate in opposition to retaining in the senate William Lorimer, senator from Illinois, whose election is alleged to have been accomplished by bribery. He was severe in his criticism of the "inadequacy and irresponsibility" of the report of the subcommittee which investigated the charges.

A north-bound Canadian Northern passenger train ran into the caboose of a snow-bound freight at Melford, Sask., injuring seven men who were sent to dig the freight train out of the drift.

The strike of cigar makers, which has lasted seven months, was called off at Tampa, Fla., by the joint advisory board.

Park Commissioner Stover of New York has received a letter from Walter Kasang of Norwich, N. Y., who writes that he has a calf with a rabbit's tail. Instead of walking or running like an ordinary calf, the writer says his calf hops.

Fifteen ballot boxes used in the general election last November were found in the waterworks reservoir at Perry, Okla.

Subpoenas in the vote-selling scandal in Vermillion county, Ill., were issued and placed in the hands of the sheriff for immediate service, for Circuit Judge Kimbrough, who started the investigation; for Mayor Platt and half a score of the most prominent politicians in Danville.

President Taft issued peremptory orders to the American minister at San Domingo that there must be no war between San Domingo and Haiti. These two nations have been quarreling for over a year about a frontier line. Both armed for the conflict and sent troops to the scene of trouble.

A plan to assault the Vermillion county jail at Danville, Ill., and lynch Harry Thomas, negro, confessed assailant of Detective Charles Saunders, was discovered by Sheriff John T. Shepard. A score of deputy sheriffs was rushed to the jail and an armed patrol placed around the building.

The United States is pressing its proposal for the lease of the Galapagos islands. The offer of the American government, it is now stated, is \$35,000,000 for a lease of 99 years, and Ecuadorian sovereignty is guaranteed.

Organized labor felt the restraining force of the Sherman anti-trust law, when a jury in the United States circuit court at New Orleans returned a verdict of guilty against three members of the New Orleans Dock and Cotton council, charged with conspiracy to interfere with foreign commerce.

If the senate approves the plan, a financial protectorate will be established by the United States over Honduras. The president will send to the senate a treaty embodying this proposition which has been negotiated by the state department.

Announcement was made by officials of the Pullman company at Chicago that arrangements have been completed for the application February 1 of their new rate rules, which include a nation-wide reduction of 20 per cent. in practically all upper berth rates and a cut ranging from 25 cents to \$1 on 20 per cent. of all lower berths.

Monmouth, Quincey and Kewanee, Ill., at special elections voted on the commission form of municipal government. The first two rejected it, while Kewanee adopted it.

Revelation of several attempts to buy the editorial support of the New York Journal of Commerce in favor of the ship subsidy legislation was made to the house ship subsidy investigating committee by Alfred W. Dods-worth, business manager of the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin.

To defend the memory of their progenitor from the attacks provoked by the use of his portrait on the silver service of the battle ship Utah, descendants of Brigham Young met at Salt Lake City, Utah, and appointed a committee to see Governor Spry.

In an explosion of a large tank containing ammonia in the Locust laundry at Philadelphia, two women were killed, 15 to 20 girls were slightly injured and 250 other employees, mostly young women, were thrown into a wild panic.

Celiba, Honduras, fell into the hands of the Bonilla revolutionists after a day of infantry and artillery fighting, in which ten were killed and many wounded. General Lee Christmas, chief, and the provisional president of Honduras, is in control of the town and his soldiers are guarding those streets not occupied by American and British bluejackets.

Orders have been issued by the war department to move United States troops, with pack trains, from Fort Sam Houston to Brownsville, Laredo, Eagle Pass and Del Rio, to patrol the Mexican border and prevent further shipments of arms and ammunition to the Mexican revolutionists from their agents in the United States.

A permanent tariff board of five members to investigate all questions for the benefit of congress is provided for in a bill unanimously agreed upon by the house committee on ways and means. The bill, effective July 1, contains substantially the provisions of the Longworth and Dalzell bills.

Bishops of a dozen or more Episcopal dioceses and hundreds of visiting clergymen gathered in St. Paul's church at Minneapolis and attended the consecration of Rev. Theodore Payne Thurston, rector of St. Paul's as bishop of the eastern diocese of Oklahoma.

Stendens, the Danish aviator, while flying at Copenhagen in a Voisin aeroplane, discovered when at a considerable height that his machine was on fire. Descending as quickly as possible, he reached the earth just in time to avoid serious injury.

The health of William Sprague, former governor of Rhode Island, who is in Paris, is such that his death would not be a surprise to his family, although his physicians say that he may live many months.

Charles J. Barth, one of Denver's wealthiest men, is authority for the statement that former Senator Thomas M. Patterson has sold the Rocky Mountain News of Denver to Senator Simon Guggenheim.

Following a quarrel, John Drost, twenty-two years old, shot and killed his father, Peter Drost, fifty-five years old, and wounded his nineteen-year-old sister, Phoebe, on their farm near Northbend, Wash.

The appropriation of \$100,000 to provide for the erection of a memorial arch at Valley Forge, Pa., has been urged on the national house of representatives in a communication from the secretary of war.

David Graham Phillips, the novelist and writer upon sociological problems, who was shot down in the streets of New York while on his way to the Princeton club by Fitzhugh C. Goldsborough, an eccentric violinist, died of his wounds at Bellevue hospital.

Capt. Charles Barr, the famous skipper of the yachts Reliance and Columbia when they successfully defended the American cup, died suddenly of heart disease at Southampton, England.

State Bank Examiner C. A. Glazier of Utah has assumed charge of the affairs of the Utah Banking company's banks at Lehigh and American Fork.

The division headquarters, freight houses and passenger station of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad at Aberdeen, S. D., were burned. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The war department does not view with favor the project for a joint encampment of the National Guard of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, and possibly of Iowa, in September next at Lake Contrary, near St. Joseph, Mo.

# GOVERNOR SCORES

CRITICISES ELECTION METHODS OF NEBRASKA'S METROPOLIS.

## COUNTY OPTION BILL COMES UP

Bill Introduced by Ollis Providing That 20 Per Cent of Voters is Sufficient to Submit the Question.

In his fourth special message to the present legislature Governor Aldrich criticises Omaha, City Clerk Dan Butler and the election officials of the metropolis.

He also makes a recommendation which, if adopted, would give the governor absolute control of all the election machinery of the city.

The message is a lengthy affair. It requires about 1,800 words for the executive to call attention to what he declares is an evil situation in the city of Omaha.

He charges indirectly that Omaha is governed by a "boss or gang," that its affairs are handled at a financial loss to the taxpayers and that its business is crippled and checked and suffers in many ways. After describing the picture of a city ruled by a boss or gang he names the city in the following language:

"It is to prevent this situation from getting a foothold in some cities and to destroy it in others that I urge upon you to give immediate attention early in the session to the situation that exists at the present time in our metropolitan city."

Action was deferred for further consideration.

### County Option Bill.

Ollis of Valley, one of the "insurgent" members of the majority side of the legislature, introduced a bill for the regulation of stock yards and presented the first county option bill offered in either house. The county option bill introduced by him follows the general plan of the county option conference held by county option republicans and democrats recently, with the possible exception that it provides for submitting the question of county option at a general election instead of at a special election. The friends of the bill became convinced that submission at a special election would add to the expense to be paid by tax-payers and that it would be better to submit the question at a general election.

The Ollis county option bill is senate file 118. It provides that 20 per cent of the voters is sufficient to submit the question and that submission shall not be had oftener than once in three years, each time at a general election. Petitions must be filed for submission not more than sixty days nor less than thirty days before election. A majority of those voting on the question shall control. The bill simply seeks to suspend the present license law as it applies to city, village and county boards when county option carries.

### Initiative and Referendum.

H. R. No. 1, the initiative and referendum bill, as drawn by the Nebraska direct legislation league, was reported from the house committee for passage. It is now on general file. The report was favored by nine of the eleven members. Grossman of Douglas, democrat, and Sagl of Saline, democrat, serving notice that they would insist on an amendment when the bill comes up in committee of the whole where it is made special order for February 1. It is understood that both favor an increased petition from that called for in the bill and wanted it to read 25 per cent both for initiating and for referring measures. The bill as recommended calls for a 10 per cent initiative and a 5 per cent referendum petition. So far as is now known no effort will be made to require a majority of all votes cast at the election shall be required for passing any such measure.

The measure was made a special order of the day for Wednesday, February 1, at the afternoon session.

### New Commandant.

Governor Aldrich has issued a commission to Henry Howard of Elk Creek to be commandant of the soldiers' home at Milford. The commission is to take effect February 1. On that date Dave Rowden leaves the home and will consign the institution to the mercies of a republican administration.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 26.—Governor Aldrich's charges against the conduct of the last election in Omaha, as contained in his sensational message of Wednesday, created a storm in the senate Friday morning.

### A Memorial Building.

J. W. Steinhart of Nebraska City appeared before the finance committee in support of the bill which seeks to have the state appropriate \$20,000 for a memorial armory at Nebraska City on the site of Fort Kearney, the first military post to be located west of the Missouri river. Mr. Steinhart had copies of documents to show that the United States government examined the location as early as 1836 and that ten years later the actual construction of the fort was begun.

### Capital Removal Bill.

Bailey of Kearney has introduced the much-talked-of removal bill. He does not appear as the author of the measure, which is on the contrary signed by twenty-seven house members. It is understood that the capital removal association, with headquarters at Kearney, drafted the bill and had it introduced. Bailey has rather stayed in the background in handling the bill and did not care to introduce it. Hence he spent some time in securing signatures for a joint introduction of the proposition. The bill was printed in full in some of the western newspapers interested in its fate the day before it was presented in the house. Representative Bailey had the bill in his possession much of the time before he got it in shape to introduce.

As drawn it provides for the submission in 1911 at the fall election, all cities who desire to do so being eligible to compete in the contest for the prize, providing always that they are west of the west line of Lancaster county. If a majority of all votes are cast in favor of all the competing towns, the capital shall be removed. If none of the candidates for the capital receive a majority of all votes cast in favor of capital removal, then in that event a second election must decide between the two high candidates.

### Makes Some Appointments.

Governor Aldrich has exercised his power under the guaranty of deposit law in making appointments of employees of the state banking board. The guaranty law permits the governor to make all appointments for the state banking board of which he is one member. His appointments are to take effect when the mandate of the United States supreme court upholding the Nebraska law is received by the district court of the United States. The governor desired to make the appointments in advance of the arrival of the mandate in order to get rid of applicants for position. With few exceptions he has reappointed the employees chosen by the old banking board.

### Universal Game License.

Dan Gellus, state game warden under the administration of Governor Shallenberger, has secured the introduction of bills embodying the recommendations made in his biennial report. Most of these are changes in the game laws which have already received hearty indorsement from the sporting fraternity.

One provision is for a universal sportsman's license of \$1.10, the 10 cents to be retained by county clerks. The proposed law provides that all persons must have such a license to hunt anywhere in the state except upon their own land.

House pages have developed into a body of aggressive and persistent lobbyists. They are after a raise in pay and, if they do not get it, it will not be because of any lack of juvenile argument used upon members. House pages have been receiving for years \$1.50 a day, but the senate is more generous this year and has allowed its pages \$3 a day. The youngsters in the house think they are entitled to the same amount and have secured the promise of Representative Fries to introduce a resolution for them allowing the amount.

### Against Hypnotism.

Anderson of Kearney wants to prohibit exhibitions of hypnotism and animal magnetism where such exhibitions are given for gain. He introduced a bill which provides "that any person or persons who shall thereafter take part in the practice, assist in, or become a subject in giving a public open exhibition, or seance, or show of hypnotism, mesmerism, animal magnetism, or so-called psychical powers for gain shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor."

### Lincoln Monument.

Daniel Chester French of New York city, the sculptor commissioned to design and execute a statue of Abraham Lincoln which is to be placed on the capitol grounds in Lincoln, has written the committee which has the memorial monument in charge that he has shipped his two models to Lincoln, and that he will arrive here January 30 to confer with the committee.

### In Memory of Paul Morton.

Horton of Douglas offered a resolution on the death of Paul Morton, who died suddenly in New York Thursday evening. The resolution states that Paul Morton was formerly secretary of the navy and the son of one of Nebraska's greatest citizens and was himself a Nebraskan. The resolution was adopted and copies will be sent to Mr. Morton's family.

Citizens of southwestern Nebraska have presented a petition to the senate asking that an agricultural college be located in that part of the state. It was referred to the committee on agriculture.

### Tax Collections.

Two bills having for their object the collection of taxes by special procedure were introduced Thursday in the house of representatives. One of them, H. R. No. 159, by Quackenbush, is revolutionary in character because it proposes to legalize the employment of private agencies for this purpose. The other, H. R. No. 164, by McKisick, allows extra compensation to county attorneys who bring suits and secure judgments against estates upon which the cow p realizes its tax claims.

# ALL OVER NEBRASKA

### Trains at County Seats.

In support of a bill requiring all passenger trains to stop at county seats, the following petition was addressed to the state senate: To the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

Gentlemen—The undersigned officers and members of the Citizens' club of Thedford, Neb., most respectfully represent to your honorable body that owing to the inadequate train service afforded by railroads in the Sand Hill regions of Nebraska the settlement, development and advancement of this portion of the state is seriously handicapped and retarded and the business interests needlessly burdened and restricted to the detriment of the entire state. In support of the above statement we desire to submit for your consideration the following statement of facts:

The county seats of Thomas, Hooker and Grant counties are distant from each other as follows: From Thedford, the county seat of Thomas county, to Mullen, the county seat of Hooker county, by rail is twenty-six miles. To go by rail from Thedford to Mullen requires thirteen hours, and to make the return trip requires fifteen hours, with two changes of cars on the round trip.

From Thedford to Hyannis, the county seat of Grant county, the distance is sixty-five miles and to make the trip requires fourteen hours, and to return sixteen hours, with two changes of cars on the round trip.

The result of such inadequate railroad passenger facilities is the almost total annihilation of all social and business relations between the points named.

Therefore, we hereby most respectfully petition for the enactment of a law that will require all passenger trains to stop at all county seat towns.

### Special Bailiff Shaw Loses.

Holt County.—Rafe Shaw, a special bailiff of the district court in Holt county, who had in custody a witness for the state for a period of eighty-three days, is not entitled to any pay for his services, according to a decision of the supreme court. The lower court had given Shaw judgment for \$208.60. The county appealed and this judgment is reversed and the cause dismissed, the supreme court holding that there is no provision of law conferring power on the district court to appoint a special bailiff to take and detain in custody for an indefinite time a witness for the state in a criminal prosecution and thereby create an indebtedness against the county in which such prosecution and thereby create an indebtedness against the county in which such prosecution was pending.

### Farmers and Merchants Re-insured.

Lancaster County.—The Western and Southern Fire Insurance company has agreed with State Auditor Barton to take over all the risks of the Farmers and Merchants' Insurance company of Lincoln, together with its assets. The hearing of the company before Judge Stewart was continued, and it is generally understood that the affairs of the company will be straightened out by this purchase by the Southern company.

### Man Falls, Breaking Ankles.

Buffalo County.—Bruce Heffron, a man about 30 years of age, fell from a cross beam at the new coal chutes being occupied by the Union Pacific railroad into a network of iron and concrete. His feet caught in a strut, wedged and held him there, and the weight of his body splintered his ankles. It is probable that one foot will be amputated.

### Humphrey Files Complaint.

Platte County.—The Humphrey Commercial club has filed a complaint with the Nebraska state railway commission against the Northwestern railroad because of its refusal to carry passengers on train 365, a freight going west at 5 p. m., and for not furnishing waiting room facilities at its depot in Humphrey.

### Inheritance Tax.

Gage County.—Mrs. William Scully, whose husband, Lord Scully, died in England a few years ago, filed in district court an answer saying that the estate is not liable for inheritance tax for the reason that Mr. Scully was never a resident of Beatrice. The property of Mrs. Scully is valued at \$200,000.

### A Successful Show.

Adams County.—The poultry show of the Nebraska Poultry association will go down in history as one of the most successful shows ever held by the state association. The exhibitors have nothing but words of praise for the management and also for Hastings as an ideal location for the annual event.

### Probable Fatal Fall.

Richardson County.—Mrs. Davy N. Jones, aged ninety years, sustained a fall and received a broken hip. Her old age and frail health precludes a setting of the injured member and it is feared recovery is impossible.

### An Attempt at Suicide.

Richardson County.—J. W. Wisdom, a farmer about 30 years old, living three miles southwest of Salem, attempted to kill himself by cutting his throat. He severed the trachea and just missed the jugular vein. He had been despondent for several days.