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20 KILLED IN MEXICO BATTLE

DESPERATE FIGHT IS WAGED ON THE RIO GRANDE.

INSURRECTOS BEAT FEDERALS

A Band of Eighteen Rebels Holds at Bay 175 Federal Troops All Day and Drives Them Back—A Newspaper Correspondent Slightly Wounded.

Comstock, Tex., Jan. 12.—More than twenty men were killed in a desperate battle between the Mexican federal soldiers and a small party of insurgents on the bank of the Rio Grande west of this point yesterday.

The insurgents had only eighteen men and for three hours they held at bay about seventy-five rurales and about 100 infantry soldiers. When darkness ended the battle the insurgents held the field and the federal troops had withdrawn a couple of miles and camped.

The insurgents left a couple of hours later for their mountain headquarters, fifty miles away, carrying their wounded with them.

Of the eighteen insurgents, two were killed and seven wounded.

E. S. O'Reilly, a correspondent with the insurgents, received a slight wound.

PORTUGAL'S STRIKE COMES TO AN END

MINISTER OF INTERIOR WITH-DRAWS RESIGNATION, TROUBLE CEASES.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The strike of the commercial employes of Portugal has ended, the railroad strike probably will be settled today and the minister of the interior has withdrawn his resignation, submitted yesterday as a result of the labor troubles, according to a cablegram received by the state department today from the American charge d'affaires at Lisbon.

UNCLE SAM TAKES A HAND

Those Who Executed Two Americans in Nicaragua, Must Pay Penalty.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Actuated by the determination that those responsible for the execution of the Americans, Cannon and Grace, during the Nicaraguan revolution, shall be prosecuted, the state department today asked Consul Moffat at Managua for a report on the situation.

Death of Mrs. C. C. Johns. Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Special to The News: Mrs. C. C. Johns, wife of C. C. Johns, secretary-treasurer of the state press association, died at St. Elizabeth's hospital in this city today. Cancer was the cause of death.

APPROVE PEARY PROMOTION.

House Committee on Naval Affairs Would Make Him Rear Admiral.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The Bates bill proposing that congress extend thanks to Captain Robert E. Peary and retire him with the rank of rear admiral as a reward for his polar achievements, was approved today by the house committee on naval affairs.

Pass \$35,000,000 Bill.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The house passed today the executive and judicial bill, carrying approximately \$35,000,000, and then adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late Senator Hughes of Colorado.

RAILROAD RATES EXORBITANT.

Live Stock Man Says That Taft Should Stop Proposed Advance.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 12.—That the freight rates proposed by the railroads of the United States would be a direct and admitted violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and that a strenuous fight should be made to defeat the plan was declared by Judge Samuel Cowan, attorney for the National Live Stock association, in an address before the annual convention of the organization.

"If this association has not courage to stop this advance in rates by forcing President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham to prosecute the railroads," he said, "it should disband at once."

Ike T. Pryor, former president of the Texas Stock Raisers association, presented the annual report of the committee of transportation which asserted that the Santa Fe system had made a profit of 59.3 percent.

A TOWN IS BURNING.

Welch, W. Va., Is Threatened With Total Destruction.

Welch, W. Va., Jan. 12.—A fire which started in Hudson Bros. saloon here early today has destroyed several buildings and threatens the entire town. Bluefields has been requested to send fire apparatus to assist the local department which is unable to conquer the flames. The loss so far is estimated at \$100,000.

ADMITS KILLING HER BABY.

Nebraska Mother, Aged 23, With Six Children, Murdered One. Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 12.—Mrs.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Maximum	21
Minimum	5
Average	13

Barometer at 29.90
Chicago, Jan. 12.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Snow tonight and Friday; much colder. Cold wave west portion tonight and east portion Friday.

Nettie Mowhat, wife of a farmer living near here, was arrested on the charge of killing her 4-week-old baby. The woman, who is but 23 years old and the mother of six children, confessed to killing the baby, saying she had too many children to care for. Authorities who examined her assert she is insane. She is in the custody of the sheriff.

FREIGHT RATE RAISE IS FURTHER HELD UP

SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED INCREASES OF FREIGHT RATES

Washington, Jan. 12.—Further suspension of the proposed freight advances in official classification and Western Trunk line territory probably will be from February 1 to March 17—forty-five days. Announcement of the suspension may be made later today.

TWO YOUNG BOYS DIE UNDER TRAIN

THEY LAY WITH HEADS ON RAIL, APPARENTLY WITH SUICIDAL INTENT.

Springfield, Mo., Jan. 12.—Two boys believed to be Soney Stoffie of South Greenfield, Mo., and Roy Plogge of Falls City, Neb., were killed by a freight train near Holman, Mo., four miles east of here today.

The boys were lying with their heads resting upon the rail and it is believed they committed suicide. Stoffie was 14 years and Plogge 17, according to papers found on their person.

THREE CHILDREN CRIMATED

Trio of Little Tots, Left Alone in Home, Burn to Death.

Minneapolis, Jan. 12.—Gladys Booth, aged 4 years, Andrew Booth, aged 2, and Evelyn Booth, aged 1 year, were burned to death and Mrs. Bertha Booth, the mother of the children, was seriously burned by a fire which destroyed their home at 3234 Forty-first avenue south. Mrs. Booth had left her babies alone in the house while she went to a neighbor's house on an errand. She received her burns while trying to rescue her children when she discovered the house in flames.

ROSEBUD AGENT REPRIMANDED

Circular Letter Regarding Implements, Recalled by Department.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The bureau of Indian affairs has ordered the withdrawal of the circular recently issued by Superintendent Wood of the Rosebud Indian agency directing that the Indians be allowed to purchase no farm machinery except of makes controlled by the trust, and the superintendent has been officially reprimanded by the department for his action in issuing the circular.

The circular was brought to Congressman Hitchcock's attention some time ago by Nebraska implement dealers who were being discriminated against in favor of the trust.

Mr. Hitchcock took up the matter on the floor of the house with Congressman Burke, chairman of the Indian affairs committee, who first denied the existence of such a circular and later, when Mr. Hitchcock produced a copy of it, tried to defend it. Mr. Hitchcock also demanded an investigation by the bureau of Indian affairs, with the result stated.

The bureau states that it finds the superintendent's motives were no improper but that he erred in judgment.

FATAL WRECK IN MISSOURI.

Two Killed, Twenty-five People Injured in a Collision.

Fredericktown, Mo., Jan. 12.—Two were killed and twenty-five persons injured when a passenger and freight train on the Iron Mountain rail collided at Marquand, a small town six miles south of here.

Among the dead was the engineer of the passenger who was the father of the freight engineer. The dead: William Homes, Fredericktown, Mo. W. A. Paul, Bismarck, Mo., engineer of passenger train.

The passenger was the regular southbound local. The freight train was trying to make up time and to get into the siding at Marquand when the passenger arrived at 4 o'clock. Two trains met just outside of the town. Both engines were demolished and the mail, baggage and chair cars of the passenger train thrown from the embankment.

The injured passengers, all of whom were from towns nearby, were taken to the Missouri Pacific hospital at St. Louis on a special train. No other fatalities are expected.

AN OMAHA MAN DECLINES PLACE

GROSSMAN REFUSES TO ACT AS COMMITTEE HEAD.

NO CORPORATION TOOL, HE SAYS

With This Exception, House Standing Committees Are Provided—Resolution Calls for Probing of McBrien's University Extension Funds.

Lincoln, Jan. 12.—Special to The News: With the exception of the chairmanship on corporations, which was refused by Grossman of Douglas, the house standing committees were all provided this morning as recommended by the committee.

Mr. Bulla submitted the report and it was adopted without question, as a resolution to have the speaker appoint the committees had designated.

Immediately after the vote Grossman was on his feet and after denouncing in strong terms the insinuations that have been made against the Douglas county delegation as corporation tools, positively refused to accept the corporation committee chairmanship. It is considered very likely that it will be offered to Shoemaker of Douglas.

To Investigate McBrien.

A resolution to investigate the funds of the university extension work made by Jasper L. McBrien was introduced by Prince of Hall early in the morning's session.

The house today voted down E. Hospodsky's resolution to allow each member fifteen cents a day for postage.

Revolt Against Omaha.

The insurgent of the democrats by rising in their might succeeded in knocking out a good many chairmanships that had been slated by the Douglas county element. Bulla and Grossman, both of Douglas county, were displaced. It amounted to a protest against Douglas county domination.

In the compromise effected Bulla gives up the chairmanship of live stock and grazing to Skeen, but remains a member of the committee. He said he was glad to step aside for so good a man as Skeen and is more anxious to see the delegation work harmoniously with the state than for personal honor.

Quackenbush gets the chairmanship of judiciary in place of Grossman, who is given the chairmanship of corporations.

Following is a list of the important chairmanships assigned: Judiciary—Quackenbush. Railroads—Gerdes. Insurance—Kotouc. Corporations—Grossman. Cities and Towns—Moriarity. Finance, Ways and Means—Gallagher. Privileges and Elections—Lawrence. Engrossed and Enrolled Bills—W. Z. Taylor. Revenue and Taxes—McKissick. Appointments—Reagan. Roads and Bridges—Botts. Live Stock and Grazing—Skeen. Public Lands and Buildings—East man.

Penitentiary—Fuller. Other Asylums—Grueber. Banks and Banking—Sage. Fish and Game—Metzger.

The first Sunday baseball bill of the season was introduced by Leidigh. It permits licensing Sunday baseball between 1 and 6 in cities of more than 1,000.

CHINA'S ASSEMBLY DISSOLVED.

National Session Ends After Stormy Clashes With Throne.

Peking, Jan. 12.—The national assembly which met on October 3 was dissolved after a session both stormy and characterized by frequent clashes with the throne and the grand council, but which nevertheless had been productive of good, intentions of the special mission being to prepare the way for a general parliament in 1913.

The edict of dissolution was read in the assembly. The grand councilors, with the exception of Prince Cheng, were present. The prince regent did not attend the final session.

The palace and the assembly each appear to have learned a lesson from the deliberations. The throne has been made aware that the people are determined to have a voice in the government. The radical element has been made to understand that ill-vised legislation or movements designed to undermine the central government will not be tolerated.

Find Cecil Grace's Aeroplanes.

Brussels, Jan. 12.—The Chronicle says the wreckage of Cecil Grace's aeroplane has been washed up on the beach at Mariakerke, Belgium. The cap and glasses belonging to Cecil Grace were picked up in the North sea off Mariakerke about a week ago. Grace has not been seen or heard from since December 22, when he was lost while attempting to cross the English channel from Calais to Dover.

Oklahoma Weather Change.

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 12.—The thermometer registered 80 degrees above zero at 2 o'clock, marking the hottest January day in the history of Oklahoma. Within eight hours the temperature had fallen fifty-two degrees, it being but 28 above at 10 o'clock.

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



ANTICIPATION REALIZATION

FOUND POISON IN STOMACH

SIoux CITY CHEMIST TESTIFIES IN HOGREFE CASE.

TRIED IT ON FROG, FROG DIED

A Neighbor Testifies to Mrs. Hogrefe's Death—Dr. Williams and Dr. Morris Took Out the Stomach and Sent it to Morningside College.

Wayne, Neb., Jan. 12.—Special to The News: The state introduced a number of witnesses yesterday in the Henry Hogrefe murder trial. The evidence was resumed this morning.

The first witness was Charles E. Miller, stepfather of Mrs. Hogrefe, who said his daughter sustained a slight paralytic stroke as a child, which left her slightly lame, but otherwise she was perfectly healthy. He had always been a friend to Hogrefe till his daughter's death.

Dr. J. J. Williams, coroner, who conducted an inquest with Dr. Morris of Wisner, testified that they removed the woman's stomach and sent it, in two boxes of salts, to Dr. W. W. Scott, then chemist at Morningside college, Sioux City.

Found Strychnine in Stomach. Dr. Scott testified to receiving the stomach in a glass jar, and the salts. He said he found strychnine in the stomach. A live frog died in fifty-five minutes from an injection of the stomach contents. There was no poison in the salts.

Mary Bergt, a neighbor to Hogrefes, arose at 5:30 on the day of the death and went to the pump. Mrs. Hogrefe came out, laughing and cheerful. At 7:30 Hogrefe came to Bergt's house to say that his wife was sick. Mrs. Bergt found Mrs. Hogrefe in a chair, her limbs rigid, head back. Mrs. Hogrefe said she had eaten salmon the night before, thought she was poisoned and feared she would die. Dr. Morris was telephoned for, but Mrs. Hogrefe went from one convulsion into another and died before the doctor could arrive.

TOURISTS ARE "HUNG UP."

An "Around-the-World" Company Goes Broke and Travelers Suffer.

Boston, Jan. 12.—The filing of the bankruptcy schedule of the Colver Tours company in the United States district court, showed that between twenty-five and thirty persons who had paid for tickets for a tour around the world are "hung up" at various points in Europe and Asia. The liabilities of the company aggregate nearly \$49,000, with assets of less than \$2,500.

Among those who had paid the company for a passage around the world are residents of Texas, California, New York, Ohio and Canada.

May End Chicago Strike.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Garment workers voted to give the strike conference board full power to make a settlement with clothing manufacturers. Peace negotiations will be opened today as a result.

The new peace proposition of the strikers is similar to the one submitted by the committee of the council and refused by the strikers, except that it provides for the reinstatement of all men and women now on strike, while the previous one placed a ban on all strikers suspected of acts of violence.

Tennessee Vote On Senator.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 12.—The first joint ballot for United States senator was taken by the Tennessee legislature and resulted: McMillin, 57; Sanders, 32; Fitzhugh, 22; Frazier, 18; Luke Wright, 2. Necessary for choice, 67. Only one ballot was taken.

OMAHA DRUGGIST SHOT BY ROBBER

REUBEN ELTON DYING FROM A BANDIT'S BULLET.

TWO MEN ATTEMPTED HOLD UP

Two Shots Were Fired, One Striking Elton's Hand and the Other Passing Through His Neck, Severing an Artery—Robbers Not Captured.

Omaha, Jan. 12.—Reuben Elton, a druggist at Twenty-fourth and Bristol streets, this city, is lying at the point of death from the effects of a pistol shot fired by one of two men who attempted to hold him up in his store last night.

Two shots were fired, one making a wound on one of Mr. Elton's hands and the other passing through his neck, severing an artery.

The robbers have not been captured.

MCALL ON THE TARIFF.

Says House Should Retain Its Power in Making Schedules.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Representative Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts, a member of the ways and means committee of the house, before the national tariff commission convention commended the present tariff board and urged that it be made a permanent body. He said in part:

"The prime purpose of such a commission is the scientific determination of the economic facts necessary for the information of congress, but what is of really more importance, for the information of the people.

"The cost of production here and abroad is a proper subject of inquiry but I doubt whether it deserves quite the importance that has been given it since it found a place in a political platform two years ago. If there are a hundred different concerns engaged in producing different articles, are we to take the cost of production of the most efficient one of these concerns or of the most expensive? If we take that cost which is the highest in fixing the tariff, the other ninety-nine are likely to fatten upon an unnecessary amount of protection.

T. R. SAYS WE EAT TOO MUCH.

The Colonel Declares Your Children May Suffer from Your Waste.

Boston, Jan. 12.—Colonel Roosevelt appeared before the Harvard forestry school and addressed the students.

During his remarks he said that if the people of this generation enjoy eating up everything our children and the nation for the next thirty years to come ought to have, we will show ourselves to be mighty poor citizens.

Bomb No. 50 in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—A dynamite bomb, the fifth in a series that has been attributed variously to gambling and labor influences, was exploded in the rear of a hardware store owned by Fred Werdel. The interior of the store was wrecked and the occupants of four flats above the store were badly shaken, several being thrown from their beds. Every window in the building was broken. Werdel declared he knew no reason why the bomb had been directed at his store and the police were unable to locate any evidence which would point to the identity of the person who placed it.

China Has Serious Famine.

Peking, Jan. 12.—Famine conditions in China are becoming worse. It is reported that a thousand people are succumbing daily, many falling on the roadsides. Minister Calhoun expressed himself as hoping that the people of the United States would send further aid to the sufferers.

GAS EXPLOSION WRECKS STORE

THREE GIRLS MISSING IN A PENNSYLVANIA DISASTER.

LEAK IN METER CAUSE OF IT

Workmen Had Not Properly Connected Meter and as a Result a Five and Ten Cent Store Filled With Gas. Then It Exploded.

Connellsville, Pa., Jan. 12.—McCreey's Five and Ten Cent store, North Pittsburgh and Apple streets, burst into flames at 10 o'clock today when a gas explosion wrecked the building. The fire which followed communicated to adjoining structures.

Three young women clerks are missing, two clerks and the assistant manager and a carpenter are in the hospital dangerously burned, while a dozen or more other employees are in their homes suffering from injuries more or less serious. By noon the flames were under control and the property loss had been placed at \$75,000.

There were customers in the store when the explosion occurred, but the exact number is not known, nor have their names been learned.

The known missing are: Christobel Smith, aged 17, clerk. Nellie Mitchell, aged 19, clerk. Mary Wagner, aged 17, clerk.

Front Wall Carried Out.

There were about twenty customers in the store when the accumulated gas let go. The front wall was thrown into the street and in falling carried with it a large number of electric wires.

Ada Mitchell, a piano player employed in the store, complained to Manager Poff of the strong odor of gas and he went to investigate. Before his return the explosion had occurred.

Miss Mitchell, who was sitting by the piano, was hurled with the instrument from the back of the building through its entire length and into Apple street.

Clerks Caught Under Wreckage. Fire appeared to start in all parts of the building and within a few minutes other walls began to fall. Merchandise was scattered upon the floors, many clerks being caught under the wreckage.

Later it developed that there had been two explosions—one in the Citizens National bank, the front of which was blown out.

The cause of the disaster lies in the removal of a meter, it is stated. According to Manager Poff, workmen neglected to make the proper connections. Gas escaping from the pipes filled the store and probably the bank building. This was ignited in some manner and the explosion followed.

SENATOR CLARK GOES BACK.

Wyoming Man Gets Party Support and Will Return to Washington.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 12.—At a joint caucus of republicans of the legislature held last night, Senator C. D. Clark was chosen as the nominee of the party to succeed himself, the vote being 44 to 39. This means that Senator Clark will have the full party vote and will be re-elected to the United States senate.

5 MILLION FOR CANAL FORTS.

President Taft Sends Special Message to Congress Urging Action.

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Taft today sent to congress a special message urging the fortification of the Panama canal and recommended that an appropriation of \$5,000,000 for the initiation of the work on the proposed defenses be made at the present session of the congress. He forwarded with the message the report of the special army and navy board recommending fortification of the canal.

SAYS PEARY GOT NEAR POLE.

Expert Fixes Him at 1-16 Miles from the Exact Spot.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The house committee on naval affairs completed their examination of Captain Robert Peary on his claim to reaching the north pole. Hugh C. Mitchell, a skilled computer of coast and geodetic survey, testified that he handled Peary's observations. Mr. Mitchell said he had figured that Peary when he made his furthest camp he was less than five miles from the pole and that in his marches on that last day of his trip he passed within one and one-sixteenth miles of the actual pole. He did not fix Peary exactly at the pole.

Mr. Mitchell believed that Peary's observations could not be faked. The committee will hear Admiral Chester today and review the testimony at an early executive meeting with a view to passing on the bill for Peary's retirement as a rear admiral.

Gotch's Honeymoon on Stage.

Humboldt, Ia., Jan. 12.—Frank Gotch, the world's champion wrestler, was married here at 5 o'clock to Miss Gladys Oestrich, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oestrich. Immediately after the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Gotch left for Chicago where Mr. Gotch will appear upon the vaudeville stage for one week's engagement.