

# U. S. TROOPS IN FIERCE BATTLE WITH MEXICANS

Hundreds of Shots Exchanged at International Bridge When Gang of Smugglers Attempts to Cross River.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 26.—For an hour and 45 minutes last night American and Mexican soldiers exchanged shots across the Rio Grande near the Santa Fe international bridge in the southern section of El Paso.

The river at the scene of the encounter is less than 150 feet wide and upward of 500 shots were exchanged.

One American, Private Linn, an infantry man, was struck in the hip by a bullet. One Mexican, who was directing the fire from the Mexican side of the river, was seen to topple from his horse.

### Shooting Was General.

According to the officer in command of the infantry company on duty at the bridge, the firing commenced when several groups of Mexicans supposed to have been smugglers attempted to cross the river. It is not clear whether the first shots came from the Mexican or the American side, but within a few minutes the shooting became general on both sides.

On the Mexican side soldiers, many of them mounted, were stretched out for a distance of 300 yards and kept up a constant fire apparently directed at the custom house and the immigration service station at the American end of the bridge.

The soldiers of the American bridge guard returned the fire briskly, shooting whenever they could discern a moving figure on the opposite bank of the river and at the flashes of their opponents' rifles.

### Mexicans Retire from River.

At 11 o'clock the firing ceased almost as abruptly as it had begun, the Mexicans retiring from the river bank toward the business center of Juarez.

The shooting caused intense excitement in South El Paso, which is inhabited almost entirely by Mexicans. Asked over the telephone for an explanation, the officer in charge of military headquarters at Juarez declined to make any statement beyond saying that the affair was trivial and that it was ended.

Since the United States authorities a month ago inaugurated a rigid enforcement of the passport regulations, thousands of Mexicans have been denied admission here, and the officers believe that those who attempted to cross tonight were men who had been rejected and were trying to effect an entrance into the United States under cover of darkness.

At midnight all patrols along the river had been strengthened and no further trouble was looked for.

### Traffic Bureau Manager Attends Hearing in South

Proposed increases in freight rates on classes and commodities from New Orleans to Omaha and other Missouri river cities are giving the Omaha shippers some concern. C. E. Childie, manager of the traffic bureau of the Commercial club, has gone to Memphis, Tenn., to attend a hearing before a special representative of the Interstate Commerce commission on these proposed increases. The railroads have asked authority to file drastic increases in rates on classes, and on practically all commodities. Mr. Childie says this would disturb the relationship of Omaha and other Missouri river cities to interior Nebraska and Kansas points. It would place Omaha at a serious disadvantage compared with interior Nebraska competitors in the handling of freight originating in the south.

### Deny Shipping Munitions For German Supply

Washington, Jan. 26.—Customs officials today denied that ammunition had been shipped to Denmark recently for supply of Germany, as asserted by the American Defense society in an open letter to Senator Chamberlain.

No ammunition has been cleared for Denmark or other north European neutrals, it was said, although a large consignment of cartridges ordered by Denmark before the United States entered the war now is held at New York, export license having been refused.

### Fire Damages Vessel Under Control of U. S.

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 26.—Fire broke out on board the American steamship Deep Water, lying at a pier here, this afternoon. The vessel was towed into midstream and 40 minutes later it was reported that the fire was under control.

Except that it broke out under No. 5 hatch, nothing could be learned at this time as to the origin of the fire or the damage done.

### U. S. Forest Regiment Wants Recruits at Once

Washington, Jan. 26.—Six thousand men are wanted at once to bring the 20th engineers (forest) regiment up to full strength.

Officials of the forest service have been asked by the War department to aid in securing recruits, who must be drawn from lumbermen, logging railroaders, road builders and motor truck drivers.

### Volcano is Threatening.

Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 26.—The terrible beauty of the latest activity of Kilauea, the largest active volcano in the world, has taken on a more sinister aspect as the lake of bubbling lava rises toward the rest of its crater.

Latest reports say that only 15 feet remain before the molten body streams over its cone.

## Former Mrs. Grover Cleveland Opposed to Premature Peace



Mrs. Thomas R. Preston, who is the widow of former President Grover Cleveland, and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, right, are two of the first women elected to the executive committee of the League to Enforce Peace, of which former president Taft is chairman. They will aid in arousing sentiment against a premature peace and for a permanent peace after the war.

## PEOPLE TAKE KEEN INTEREST IN Blair Mother Writes and Asks Name of Lad Who Was Given Outfit of Clothing NEWSBOYS HELPED BY THE BEE

The world never grows weary of helping a boy. Girls, as a rule, do not seem to need help as often as the boys. Men and women never become so biased that they are unmoved at the sight of a boy in distress, or are not heartened at the sight of a boy who has been "put on his feet."

On January 17 The Bee published the picture of a newsboy as he appeared before and after he had been fitted out by this paper with suit, shoes, cap, mittens, collar and tie. Those pictures brought the following letter from a mother who lives in Blair, Neb.:

"Seeing the little boy photo in Thursday Bee, January 17, he certainly has a bright face and looks fine in his new clothes that your paper furnished for him and many other newsboys. If possible, I would like to know his name, and has he a mother and father? I am very much pleased with the little fellow. I love children greatly and he is so bright. I have kept the picture of him. Let me know about him."

During the week the following letter was received from a widow who is "holding down a claim," 35 miles from the railroad near Capwell, Neb.:

"Do you know of any relief committee that would send me two shirts and

a pair of overalls for a little boy 10 years old? Can you do anything? This is a poor little boy and he has no shirts or overalls to wear to school. He has a stepfather and his mother has a new baby and several other children. I have helped this little boy myself and I am a widow woman trying to hold down a claim 35 miles from town. He didn't get any toys for Christmas and he never had a toy in his life. Will be thankful for anything you will send."

Mrs. G. W. Doane, general secretary of the Associated Charities, happened to have some clothing in her stock suitable for a boy 10 years old, so she arranged a bundle which was forwarded.

### Holdup Men Rob Conductor And Motorman of Street Car

Clyde Leslie, conductor, and Art Tinker, motorman, employed by the street railway company, were held up and robbed of \$8 Friday night. They were eating lunch in the car at Tenth and Valley streets when the holdups entered the car and at the point of a gun took the money changer on Leslie's belt and other money in their possession.

## MAY USE OMAHA CLUB IF NEED IS ACUTE

Members Take Patriotic Stand in Regard to Red Cross; Present Building Not Suitable.

If the need ever becomes acute the Omaha club, like all other clubs, will give over their quarters to Red Cross or other war work. This was the sentiment expressed by members at the annual meeting Friday night.

Their club building is not at present suitable for Red Cross work, as suggested by prominent Omaha Red Cross workers, and would not give them more space than the Baird building, the members decided. The floor space is cut up into small rooms.

The second floor of the Elks' club rooms is a proposition now being considered by Gould Dietz, head of Omaha Red Cross chapter. Any proposition involving a floor space of 5,000 square feet in downtown buildings where there are passenger elevators will be considered.

Arthur P. Guio was elected president of the Omaha club at the meeting Friday night, succeeding E. M. Fairfield. E. M. Morsman, jr., is the new vice president; Charles L. Deuel, secretary, and John E. Wilbur, treasurer. The directors include Harry Doorly, Randall Brown, J. E. Davidson, Earl Gannett, W. A. Pixley and Arthur Keelins.

## Bolsheviki to Continue Peace Conference at Brest

Copenhagen, Jan. 26.—The national Russian congress of soldiers' and workmen's deputies, to which the Bolsheviki government referred the question of war expenses, has authorized Foreign Minister Trotsky to continue the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, a Petrograd dispatch reports.

M. Trotsky will return to Brest-Litovsk early next week.

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\$48.00 Full size, square tube, solid Brass Bed ..... <b>\$25.00</b>	\$12.00 Golden Oak Rocker, with Spanish leather auto cushion seat, for ..... <b>\$9.00</b>	\$20.00 White Willow Fireside Arm Chair ..... <b>\$10.00</b>	\$39.50 Ivory Bed, full size, for ..... <b>\$30.00</b>
\$50.00 Full size, square tube, solid Brass Bed ..... <b>\$30.00</b>	\$63.00 Overstuffed Arm Chair, upholstered in mulberry velour, for ..... <b>\$50.00</b>	\$50.00 Fine William and Mary Settee, with cane back and spring cushion seat. <b>\$37.50</b>	And many other pieces of desirable bedroom furniture bearing similar reductions.
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\*Quite likely the pieces of china needed to complete your set are in this sale, at prices that will delight you. —or, perhaps, it's an ornament that you especially admire. —perhaps glassware of illusive color and quaint contour. —and it may be one of those amazing knitting bags every woman must carry. —perhaps we say—why, it's probable because they're on sale in

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\$8.75 French Wilton, 27x54, at ..... <b>\$6.95</b>	Several \$59.50 Mahal Wilton Rugs, 9x12, for ..... <b>\$49.50</b>
\$13.75 French Wilton, 36x63, at ..... <b>\$10.95</b>	Several \$61.50 Bundhar Wiltons, 9x12, for ..... <b>\$49.50</b>
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\$9.50 Scotch Chenille, 36x63, at ..... <b>\$4.95</b>	\$68.25 Whittall Anglo-Indian, 8-3x10-6, for ..... <b>\$57.50</b>
\$28.00 Tapestry Cross Seam Rug, 9x12 ..... <b>\$16.75</b>	\$35.00 Seamless Velvet Rug, for ..... <b>\$27.50</b>
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\$35.00 Axminster Cross Seam, 9x12 ..... <b>\$21.95</b>	\$37.50 Axminster Rug, 9x12, for ..... <b>\$29.50</b>
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