

MEXICAN NEWS IS CONFLICTING

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAYS ALL'S ABOUT OVER

Censorship, It is Admitted, Permits Transmission of Only Such News as Favors Government.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—"Order has been re-established in all the republic excepting the district of Guerrero, in Chihuahua, where a faction of about 200 men are not completely reduced."

Situation Probably Under Control. El Paso, Tex., Nov. 24.—While it is admitted that with the censorship established by the Mexican government only such information as is favorable to the government is allowed to come through, it is the general belief that the situation is well under control.

The most important development of the night was a report that disturbances broke out in the territory of Tepic, on the west coast. A heavy force of troops has been sent to Tepic from Mexico City.

No fighting was reported from revolutionist strongholds last night. George Sharpe, a cattle man who arrived on the Mexico Northwestern train attacked by revolutionists Monday, declares that at San Andreas, 40 miles west of Chihuahua, the train was met with hot rifle fire from the revolutionists, concealed behind vacant houses.

At the first volley a lieutenant and several soldiers were killed outright. Three women and a young child were among those killed.

Further casualties were averted through the quickness of the engineer, who pulled open the throttle and drove the train swiftly beyond the fire of the revolutionists.

The federal forces at Parral fear they will be unable to hold the town against insurrectionists' attacks. Reinforcements have been called for. In an effort to dislodge the insurgents it is expected a battle will occur before the end of the day.

Arms and Ammunition Seized. Ciudad, Porfirio Diaz, Mex., Nov. 24.—Arms and ammunition in large quantities, shipped from St. Louis and New York, were seized by the government forces at mining camps at San Pedro, Santa Barbara and other points, according to latest reports. It is asserted that \$75,000 worth of rifles, cartridges and high power explosives were taken by Diaz's troops, most of them being shipments from the United States.

Torreon Reported to Have Been Captured.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Nov. 24.—Employer of the Federal telegraph lines in Ciudad Porfirio Diaz says Torreon has surrendered to the rebels and that the Maderistas now invest the city.

All arms and ammunition at that point have been confiscated by them, but the owners were told to call at rebel headquarters at Laredo and they would be paid for the guns.

A report declared to be unfounded was in circulation here that Francisco J. Madero had been captured by federal troops. Consul Luther Ellsworth places no confidence in it, saying he would have received notice if Madero had been taken.

General Fructos Garcia, commanding the Mexican troops in Ciudad Porfirio Diaz, denies positively that President Diaz has been killed as was reported in a private wire to Denver. He says Diaz has the situation well in hand.

War on Dangerous Haipin.

Berlin, Nov. 24.—The president of the Berlin police has declared war upon the dangerously protruding hatpin, issuing a proclamation warning women to cease using long pins or turn the points so they will not be a constant menace to the public.

PICK MR. MANN FOR MINORITY LEADER

Progressives Plan to Shelve "Uncle Joe" in Favor of the Illinois Representative.

New York Herald Syndicate, No. 1502 H. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, speaker of the house of representatives, will never be minority leader in the new democratic house without a bitter fight. Many republican members elect who are arriving in Washington declare emphatically that another man is certain to be chosen.

The movement against Mr. Cannon is not of a haphazard growth. Some of the most influential men of the house are behind it. They have selected as their candidate Representative James R. Mann, of Illinois, who for several years has had the reputation of being the most active and hardest working man in the house.

It has been conceded even by Mr. Cannon's friends that his chances of being speaker again, if the house had gone republican, were gone. Insurgency in the republican ranks has not been stamped out by the success of the democrats at the polls.

Representative Mann, who has been selected by the insurgent element for the republican leader, is a remarkable man in many particulars. He is playfully called the "great objector."

In fact he has for several years been regarded by many republicans and democrats as the real legislative leader of the house.

As the exigencies of debate have required, Mr. Mann has time and again assumed the role first of republican and then of democratic floor leader. He is always in his seat and never lets a bill, no matter how unimportant, or any amendment, slip by without the closest scrutiny.

The democrats themselves concede that he could harass them more than any other man who will be in the new house.

With Mr. Mann on the floor as minority leader and Asher Hinds, speaker Cannon's expert parliamentarian, by his side as a member from Maine the democrats need a champion. Champ Clark of Missouri, as the new speaker, will have all he can do to decide the parliamentary questions presented to him by these two men, especially as there is no expert parliamentarian to stand at his side.

Another interesting phase of the question is that the man who is chosen floor leader by the republicans will be the acknowledged candidate for speaker should the republicans regain control. It has been generally expected that Mr. Cannon would be given the complimentary vote of the republicans for speaker, but here again trouble arises.

Progressives, who were selected on an anti-Cannon platform, are seriously asking themselves whether they can consistently vote for "Uncle Joe" even though there is the slightest chance of his being elected.

AN AGED COUPLE SLAIN IN HOME BY BURGLARS

Housekeeper Heard Fatal Shots, and Huddled Under Bed While the House Was Ransacked.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 24.—Rev. Andrew L. Armstrong, 69 years old, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Dutch Neck, 10 miles east of here, and his wife were murdered last night at their home by burglars.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

"COME OPEN THE GATE"

RAILROADS AND TRUSTS ARE GIVEN SHARP RAPS

Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress Demands Reforms—Urges Congress and States to Amend Laws.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 24.—Railroads and trusts were given sharp raps yesterday afternoon in resolutions introduced by Governor Stubbs of Kansas and unanimously adopted by the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress.

One set of resolutions urges the national congress to enact legislation providing for the valuation of railroads in detail, ascertaining the investment in railroad properties and separating the cost of the properties in detail to the end that the interstate commerce commission may act promptly and intelligently and the public be required to pay only what is reasonable on the investment of railroads in property used in the public service.

This resolution concludes: "It is the firm conviction of this convention that the railroads of the trans-Mississippi country are on present rates raising a fair return on any reasonable and fair basis of valuation."

A second set calls upon the national congress to amend the Sherman anti-trust law, making it mandatory and providing imprisonment for all violations.

Another resolution in part follows: "We urge upon the congress of the United States the enactment of a law to regulate the issuance of stocks and bonds of interstate railroads and which carry interstate commerce without trenching upon the right of states to regulate their corporate and domestic affairs."

"We urge upon the several states that they each regulate the issuance of railroad securities."

"That in both state and national legislation the limitation placed upon such issues and sales of such securities, the rights of both the state and federal government be fully preserved under the constitution."

Still another set of resolutions is worded thus: "That we urge upon the interstate commerce commission that it corrects the abuses by prescribing rates to the Gulf ports which with due regard to cost of service and distance are reasonable and which are not based on rates to and through these so-called gateways plus the rates back over the same line and thence to the Gulf."

Brown Wins.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 24.—Brown university football season class this afternoon with the annual contest with the Carlisle Indians. Brown is a strong favorite.

FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING; LIFE LOST

Thousands of Dollars Damage in McDowell County—Jim Flynn Burned to Death.

Marion, Nov. 24.—A blackened and charred body supposed to be that of Jim Flynn, a white man, was found on Mt. Ida, a mountain just outside of the city limits of Marion Tuesday evening by men who were fighting the forest fire which has been raging over this and adjoining mountains since Sunday night.

Some time during Sunday night the forest which covers the mountain caught fire and fanned by a strong wind it soon spread over hundreds of acres of fine timber land. Monday morning Flynn and a party of other men started to fight the fire in an effort to prevent it from spreading to the property owned by D. A. Knapp.

It is supposed that a burning tree of limb fell upon Flynn and pinned him to the earth rendering him helpless against the mad rush of flames which nearly entirely consumed his body.

When Flynn did not return Monday afternoon searching parties were organized and a hunt for the man began which did not end until this evening when the searchers came upon a mass of charred, burned and smoking flesh. It was hardly recognized as being the remains of a human being.

The ground around the body showed evidence of a fierce struggle made by the man in an effort to free himself from the limb or tree which had pinned him to the ground while the fire crept closer and closer until it reached his body.

Holes in the ground around the spot showed where the man had dug his heels in the ground in a frantic effort to free himself and escape the dreadful death which was creeping down the mountain side.

After finding the body the searchers obtained a box and into this they put the burned mass of flesh. Burned shoes were the means of identification. Flynn leaves a wife and several children. He was a butcher by trade.

Tuesday evening it looked as if the fire would spread to Grant's mountain and destroy thousands of acres of fine timber land. The few houses on the mountain were destroyed. The loss of timber, houses, etc., will reach several thousands of dollars.

Killed by Explosion of Natural Gas.

BIG SHAKE-UP IN THE ATLANTA POSTOFFICE

Irregularities in Weighing Newspaper Mail Results in Discharge of Three Employees.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday ordered the removal from the postoffice service of Edward F. Blodgett, superintendent of stations, and of James F. Norton and S. S. F. Giles, clerks, all in the Atlanta postoffice, as the result of gross irregularities in the weighing of newspaper mail.

The order followed an investigation of the Atlanta postoffice matters which the postoffice department declares covered a series of years and resulted in the loss of many thousands of dollars to the department. The department announced in connection with this order a general investigation of methods of weighing second class mail throughout the country is now being conducted by inspectors with the idea of detecting and bringing to an end such irregularities as those disclosed in Atlanta.

Because of inefficiency in the discharge of his duties the superintendent of railway mail service at Atlanta, L. M. Terrell, who failed to take the precautionary measures required by the postal regulations to prevent the irregularities, was transferred by the postmaster general's orders from his place of responsibility to a place in the service.

Supt. G. W. Pepper of the railway mail division, having headquarters at Cleveland, has been assigned to Atlanta to supersede Supt. Terrell. Clyde M. Reed, superintendent of the division of railway adjustments in the postoffice department, was sent to Cleveland to take the place of Supt. Pepper. Mr. Reed's position has been filled by the promotion of C. H. McBride, formerly assistant superintendent of the division of railway adjustments. The evidence obtained in the investigation at Atlanta has been submitted by the postmaster general to the department of justice and that department will determine the question of prosecution.

SAVES SIXTEEN FAMILIES FROM IMMINENT DEATH

New York, Nov. 24.—At the risk of being blown to pieces, Policeman Fay rushed into a tenement house today, extinguishing the fume of a bomb in time to save sixteen families from imminent death. The bomb, with spluttering fuse, was discovered by the janitor, who called the policeman.

Fairmont, W. Va., Nov. 24.—When Clyde East attempted to light a fire in the kitchen range today, acetylenized natural gas exploded with such force as to wreck the building and blow three members of the family into the street.

Mrs. East was killed under the timbers and wreckage. Other members of the family are in critical condition.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy weather tonight and Friday with moderate temperatures.

NAVAL MUTINY AT RIO JANEIRO

Crews of Two Warships Demand Increased Pay and Abolition of Corporal Punishment.

DREXEL REACHED A DIZZY HEIGHT

Went up Until the Ink in the Needle of His Barograph Ran Out—9,970 Feet Was Registered.

PLAYED AROUND IN SKIES 15 MINUTES TRYING TO GO UP

Machine Descended So Swiftly That the Daring Aviator Was Nauseated—Did Not Suffer from Cold.

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—J. Armstrong Drexel broke all aeroplane altitude records yesterday when he climbed above this city until his Blériot monoplane was unable to make further progress in the rarified atmosphere. The ink in the needle of his barograph ran out at 9,970 feet, which was accepted as a new world's record last night by Clifford B. Harmon, chairman of the national council Associated Aero Clubs of America, and King Duffy, secretary of that body.

The instrument is the same one which Johnstone carried when he made the former record of 9,714 feet at Belmont park on October 31. It was brought to this city under seal by Mr. Duffy in order that the record made would be official.

Mr. Drexel left the aviation field at Point Breeze in the extreme southern part of this city at 2:35. He landed at Orelind about 20 miles north of the spot where he had started, at 4:45. In his climb he had traveled at least 30 miles to the northward, for when he started to descend, after trying for fifteen minutes to force the machine higher, he glided down for a distance which he estimated at about six miles. So swiftly did the monoplane descend that the aviator was nauseated. However, he reached an open field and brought his machine to the ground without injury.

Mr. Drexel announced last night that he would fly the machine back to the aviation field today. He was greatly disappointed when he found that the barograph had failed to record an even ten thousand feet. "The air was so light it was impossible to make the machine ascend another foot," he said. "The engine would not carry it any further, and I was up at the extreme altitude for more than fifteen minutes, jumping the machine in an effort to secure a greater height."

Mr. Drexel said that while it was very cold, he did not suffer like he had done when he made his previous record of 8750 feet at Lanark, Scotland, and 8370 feet at Belmont park, because he was more warmly clad. In less than five minutes after Drexel began his flight the monoplane was only a speck in the heavy sky.

Drexel made one circle after circle until it almost made one circle to watch the disappearing craft. When the monoplane finally disappeared from view on northern horizon, the curiosity of the crowd was at fever pitch and for more than an hour the one topic was if he landed safely. Word was finally received that he had landed at Orelind safely, twenty miles to the north, and a mighty shout went up from the anxious crowd and later, when it was announced that a new world's altitude record probably had been made, the cheering was renewed with more vigor.

THREE STRIKE LEADERS IN TAMPA FOUND GUILTY

City Was Unusually Excited When Jury's Verdict Became Known—Cases Hard Fought.

Tampa, Fla., Nov. 24.—Jose de la Campa, Britt Russel and J. F. Bartlett, leading members of the joint advisory board of the cigar workers of Tampa, were yesterday found guilty of "obstructing to prevent cigar workers from returning to work," and of "impeding cigar workers in discharge of law and order." Sentence was not passed as a motion was immediately made for a new trial.

The case has been one of the most bitterly fought that has been tried in Tampa in years. The array of counsel on each side was imposing, many practitioners who have long since given up criminal practice, assisting in the prosecution at the call of the citizens.

As a result of the finding of the jury last night the city was unusually excited. The verdict relieved much pent up feeling among leading business men who have seen the industrial structure wrecked through years of constant effort crumbling under the devastating influence of the strike, which has continued 24 weeks.

SEVERAL OFFICERS DEAD; FIRING STILL IN PROGRESS

Some Shells Fired into City—Rigorous Censorship Prevails, and the Details Are Meager.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—Private cable dispatches from Rio De Janeiro say the captain of the Brazilian battleship Minas Geraes was killed during naval disturbances. Earlier dispatches conveyed the news that the crews of several warships had mutinied. A vigorous censorship prevails.

Rio Janeiro, Nov. 24.—The crews of two Brazilian battleships today mutinied, demanding increased pay and the abolition of corporal punishment in the navy. Several officers were killed in the fighting. Some shells were fired into the city from the battleships.

London, Nov. 24.—A cablegram from Rio Janeiro says firing is in progress between warships in the harbor.

GOOD ROADS BODY FORMED FOR NATION

American Association for Highway Improvement Organized to Harmonize State Wide Movement.

New York Herald Syndicate, No. 1502 H. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Nov. 24. Harmony among states in the development of a great national system of highways is the aim of the American Association for Highways Improvement formed at a meeting of men of national reputation. The association responds to the movement for better roads, to take the roads problem out of politics, to install expert supervision and to broaden the purely local aspect of good roads to the development of a countrywide system.

Membership in the new organization is based upon acceptance of the application forwarded to its secretary and the payment of \$100 dues by outstanding members and by regular members. Annual meetings are to be held. There is a board of directors with wide powers.

James S. Harlan, member of the interstate commerce commission, was temporary chairman of the meeting, which was held at the Cosmos club. W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway; B. F. Younk, Alfred Noble and Lafayette Young are the members of the executive committee. Logan W. Page, director of the bureau of public roads, was elected president and headquarters will be established in Washington.

Other officers and the board of directors are: Vice president, W. C. Roberts; treasurer, Lee McClung; secretary, J. B. Pennybacker, jr.; organizer, W. H. D. Brown; board of directors, Louis Hill (chairman), James McCree, W. W. Finley, B. F. Younk, L. W. Page, Dr. E. J. James, E. D. Chapin, Bryan Lathrop, John Goodell, Melville E. Stone, Walter Page, Alfred Noble, Leonard Tufts, Lafayette Young, W. C. Brown, Joseph W. Jones, John A. Stewart, Lee McClung, James S. Harlan, Robert P. Hooper, George C. Diehl, A. G. Spalding, C. B. Barrett, Clarence Wilson, J. E. Pennybacker, jr.

The object of the association as shown by its constitution is "to harmonize and coordinate all efforts in the improvement of the public roads to the end that adequate and sufficient systems of road construction, administration and maintenance may be adopted in all the states."

Charged with \$125,000 Fraud. London, Nov. 24.—A. W. Finch, London agent of Philip Dodge & Co. of New York, was today remanded to jail, charged with having defrauded his employers on \$125,000 received in payment of a consignment of copper. Finch surrendered to the Liverpool police yesterday.

Five Killed by Explosion. San Bernardino, Cal., Nov. 24.—Five laborers were dead, the result of an premature explosion of dynamite at the Pacific rock cut, east of Redlands.