

Mexico City Objective Of Insurgent Soldiers

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OFFICIALS SURE. REVOLT WILL FAIL

Seizure of Jalapa is Made Public But It Is Declared That the Rebels Have Lost Most of Power Now.

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Watching for Gen. Rodriguez, Chichauhua City, Mexico, Dec. 10.—Military authorities have ordered patrols throughout the northern end of the state to investigate the report that Gen. Nicholas Rodriguez has crossed the Rio Grande with a body of men and was threatening Juarez.

Rodriguez headed an uprising one year ago between Juarez and Chihuahua and was successful in preventing rail traffic between the two cities for several hours.

Jalapa Captured, Mexico City, Dec. 8.—Via Laredo, Dec. 10 (By the Associated Press).—Capture of Jalapa, capital of the state of Vera Cruz, Saturday morning by rebel forces, was officially confirmed here tonight.

Mexico City, Dec. 9.—Via Laredo, Texas, Dec. 10 (By the Associated Press).—President Obregon, accompanied by his staff, left Mexico City tonight for Ira Panto, for the purpose of reviewing a division of troops under General Amaro, who is preparing to begin an advance upon the rebellious forces in Jalisco.

Northern Mexico Feels Revolt, El Paso, Texas, Dec. 10.—With the interruption of rail communication between some border points and towns in the interior of Mexico, and reported plans for military help from garrisons in this section for Torreon, northern Mexico has begun to feel the revolt against the Obregon government.

Negro Reformatory to Be Built, Raleigh, Dec. 10.—The negro reformatory, authorized by the 1923 session of the State Legislature, will be constructed in the near future if present plans materialize.

Cox Heads Harding Association, High Point, Dec. 10.—J. Elwood Cox, local banker, has accepted the appointment as chairman of the Harding Memorial Association for North Carolina, made yesterday by Governor Cameron Morrison.

John M. Morehead Very Ill; J. E. Carson Seriously Sick, Charlotte, Dec. 8.—John M. Morehead and J. E. Carson are both seriously ill in this city.

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FOUR INQUIRIES BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

To Get Facts Concerning Wreck on New York Central Railroad Yesterday.

Forsyth, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Four investigations were launched today into the wreck of the New York Central 20th Century Limited here yesterday when nine passengers were killed and a number injured, five seriously.

The railroad's inquiry launched shortly after one section of the limited pulled into the rear end of another section which had stopped to investigate the wrecking of an automobile on a grade crossing, was in charge of six officials of the company from New York and Cleveland offices.

OKLAHOMA PASSES THE ANTI-KLAN BILL. Measure, However, Only Forbids Mask and Does Not Require Publication of Roster.

Oklahoma ity, Okla., Dec. 7.—The Lower House of the Legislature today passed without amendment the Senate Anti-Klan Klan Bill. The vote was 71 to 15. The bill, which prohibits the mask but does not make public the names of members, now goes to Gov. M. E. Trapp for his signature.

PREMIER BALDWIN HOLDS ON TO HIS POSITION. Understood He Will Retain Premiership Until Parliament Meets Next Month.

London, Dec. 10 (By the Associated Press).—Prime Minister Baldwin arrived in London today and shortly before noon had an audience with the King at Buckingham palace.

With Our Advertisers. Spratt Bros., on Effalo and McGill streets, Forest Hill, are going soon into their new quarters next door to Joe Gaskel's store, and rather than move their stock they will offer one-third off for cash.

Big Amount of License and Gas Taxes. Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 10.—The auto license department of the Secretary of State has collected more license and gas taxes in the first five months of the fiscal year begun on July first than was collected during the entire twelve months previous, according to a statement made here tonight by Secretary of State, W. N. Everett.

Invited to Opening of Longest Tunnel. Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Simmons and Overman have received invitations from B. F. Stapleton, mayor of Denver, Colorado, inviting them to take a trip as their guests over the Mountain Park and Berthoud pass, where it is proposed to construct the Moffat tunnel, to be the longest tunnel in the United States, being over six miles long, and which would materially shorten the distance from New York to San Francisco, and open one of the most prolific undeveloped sections of the United States.

Railroads Must Maintain Watchmen at Crossings. (By the Associated Press.)

Average of \$23.05 For Leaf Tobacco. Durham, N. C., Dec. 10.—An average of \$23.05 per hundred for the first three months of the selling season was made in the sale of leaf tobacco at auction warehouses in Durham according to figures announced by T. W. Scott, secretary of the board of trade.

Two Killed in Clash. Athens, Dec. 10.—Two persons were killed and twenty wounded in a clash yesterday at a royalist mass meeting between royalists and republicans. Troops restored order.

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Dr. C. Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Movement, arrived in this country recently in the interest of his organization.

Continued Search for Colored Highwaymen. During Hunt Last Night at Elizabeth City John Bray Was Accidentally Shot.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 10.—John Bray, city manager of Elizabeth City, was accidentally shot last night while engaged with a posse in searching for Leroy White, negro, wanted on charges of committing five highway robberies in the last four days and shooting one man, Manager Bray received a charge of buckshot in the shoulder when he attempted to take the shotgun out of an automobile. J. T. Thompson was held up by the negro last night and robbed of \$21. O. C. Bray, who was shot by the highwayman last Friday, is in a critical condition.

Sticks to Negro. Washington, Dec. 10.—The name of Walter L. Cohen, New Orleans negro republican leader, was sent to the Senate today by President Coolidge to be controller of customs of New Orleans district, despite a protest made to him a few hours previous by the two Louisiana Senators.

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WANT PRESIDENT TO WAGE BITTER FIGHT IN NOMINATION RACE

Now That Mr. Coolidge Has Announced Candidacy His Friends Are Anxious to Wage Very Progressive Campaign

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It Is Probable That the President's Name Will Be Put Before California People at Primary Contest.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 10.—President Coolidge not only has definitely entered the race for the Republican Presidential nomination next year, but some of his friends are preparing to put his name on the primary ballot in California, the home of Senator Hiram Johnson.

The entrance of the President into the California primary was indicated as probable today after a call at the White House by William H. Croker, republican national committeeman from California, and for a year a member of the anti-Johnson Republican faction in that state.

Mr. Croker declined to confirm or deny that he had urged Mr. Coolidge to give battle to Senator Johnson in his home state, but he declared that he wished his chances of heaven were as good as the chances of President Coolidge to carry California against Hiram Johnson.

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COMMITTEE PLACES DECIDED UPON AND BOTH SIDES SILENT

Reconvening of Congress Found Senate Committee Assignments Ready For Formal Action by Body.

DEMOCRATS TO MAKE CONTEST

In the House, However, Committee Places Had Not Been Decided and Nothing Could Be Done by Body.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 10.—The reconvening of Congress today found the Senate Committee assignments ready for formal action, and democratic leaders prepared to launch reorganization fight with a motion to proceed to the election of a president pro-tem.

Senate Republican and Democrat leaders finished work on the committee assignments yesterday, and the Republican selections were placed before the party conference this morning for approval.

After a brief session today, however, the House adjourned until Thursday to permit the Republican and Democratic leaders to complete the assignments.

Deadlock in Senate. Washington, Dec. 10.—The Senate was thrown into a deadlock today by a fight of the insurgents to prevent the re-election of Senator Cummins, of Iowa, the president pro-tem as chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee.

On the first ballot Senator Cummins fell three short of the necessary majority, his vote being 41 to 39 for Senator Smith, democrat, of South Carolina, and seven for Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, the recognized leader of the republican insurgent group.

Two Thousands Nomination Submitted. Washington, Dec. 10.—More than 2,000 nominations, including that of Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, to be ambassador to Great Britain, were sent to the Senate today by President Coolidge.

Among those nominated were Richard M. Tobin, of California, to be minister to The Netherlands; Frank McMannan, of Washington, D. C., and Mark W. Potter, of New York, to be members of the Interstate Commerce Committee; and Geo. H. James, of Tennessee, and Edward H. Cunningham, of Iowa, to be members of the Federal Reserve Board.

Edward P. Farley, of Illinois, Frederick I. Thompson, of Alabama, were named as shipping board members.

J. Walter Drainke, of Michigan, was nominated as assistant secretary of commerce, and George K. Burtess, of California, to be director of the bureau of standards.

Edwin P. Morrow, who retires tomorrow as Governor of Kentucky, was nominated to be a member of the public good of the railroad labor board.

Meekins Postmaster at Washington. Washington, Dec. 10.—Jeremiah C. Meekins, Jr., today was nominated by President Coolidge to be postmaster at Washington, N. C.

World Court Resolution. Washington, Dec. 10.—A resolution providing for the entrance of the United States into the world court after it had been divorced completely from the league of nations, was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Lenroot, republican, of Wisconsin.

Summer Schools in the State. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 10.—Superintendent A. T. Allen, of the Department of Public Instruction has completed plans whereby the summer schools of the State will be re-organized. The number of subjects for each term will be reduced and a definite course of training instead of haphazard picking of subjects will be in force.

The plan was worked out at a conference with eight of the nine heads of state summer schools in North Carolina. Only eight summer schools will be operated in the State this year, as State College will be eliminated from this phase of training and will in its place offer instruction in agricultural subjects for farmers. Colleges which have been approved as State Summer Schools for this year are University of North Carolina, North Carolina College for Women, East Carolina Teachers' College, Lenoir College, Wake Forest College, Lenoir College and Appalachian and Cullowhee Normal Schools.

Negro Couple Go Crazy at Same Time.—Wife Is Dead. Salisbury, Dec. 8.—Walter McCorkle, negro preacher, and formerly crack baseball pitcher of Livingston college, became insane this week and was taken to the institute at Goldsboro.

About the same time he lost his mind, his wife became violently insane and on account of her condition she was rushed through the country to the Goldsboro institution. She died soon after reaching Goldsboro.

Report Capture of Leroy White. (By the Associated Press.) Elizabeth City, Dec. 10.—Leroy White, negro, wanted here on charge of having committed five highway robberies and shot one man within the past four days, was captured at Edenton, N. C., today, according to telephone advices received shortly before noon. Officers left here at once to get the negro.

The first animal to succumb to a very cold temperature is the horse.

Sentence of Death



had been pronounced by the murder cult of the FIRE-TONGUE

on the super-detective, Paul Harley, and crouching under a window of the room where Ormus Khan, the group's leader, had spoken the word condemning him, was Harley himself, pistol in hand, listening. His was the mission to checkmate Ormus, to bring him to justice, and it was for this that the oriental had given the order for his removal—an order given in a different way as one would direct a servant to clear a table or close a window.

But Ormus had reckoned little with Harley's resource and daring. Of his alliance with Nicol Brinn, the American millionaire, sworn to aid the detective in saving the pretty English girl, Phil Abington, from Ormus's clutches; of the love-tie between his own cult's high priestess, Naida, and Brinn, the American.

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