

Insurgents and Federal Troops Meet on March

After Brief Skirmish Troops Withdrew and Rebels Continued Their Advance Toward Mexican Capital. TAMPICO WILL BE ATTACKED SOON Gunboat Will Assist the Insurgents in Their Attack Against City—Celaya Now in Hands of the Rebels.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The forces of Adolfo de la Huerta and General Sanchez which are advancing toward Mexico City met a detachment of Federal troops yesterday near Beza del Monte on the Puebla-Vera Cruz border.

Will Attack Tampico. Vera Cruz, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—The gunboat Zaragoza is preparing to sail for Tampico to assist in the attack on that city which is to be undertaken by troops of Governor Lopez de Lara, of Tamaulipas, in conjunction with troops commanded by Gen. Martinez.

Telegraph Communication Restored. El Paso, Dec. 11.—Telegraph communication with Mexico City which was cut Saturday when rebels destroyed the railroad to Canitas has been resumed.

THIS IMPORTANT MONTH FOR SOUTHERN METHODISTS There Will Be Five South-wide Conferences in Various Sections.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—December, according to present indications, will be an important month for Southern Methodists. During this month, it was indicated today, there will be five south-wide conferences in various sections of the country and two international and interdenominational meetings.

Sunday School Council of the Church at Nashville, Tenn., December 11-18. Conference on Evangelism at Nashville, Dec. 11-12. Evangelists and General Singers Southern Association to be held at Memphis, Tenn., December 19-20.

International Convention of Student Volunteer Movement at Indianapolis, Ind., December 28-January 1, 1924. The College of Bishops will be attended by some 25 general Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, representing the southern and foreign areas.

Seventy thousand delegates are expected to attend the International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement at Indianapolis. This convention is held only once in a student generation.

MOB DISPERSES Had Gathered For Purpose of Seizing Slayer of Police Chief.

Hazlehurst, Ga., Dec. 11.—Having learned that Warren Waters, held for the slaying of W. J. Kealey, chief of police here, had been moved from the Mt. Vernon jail to Macon, the mob which organized last night and threatened to take the prisoner has dispersed, according to long distance advice from officials. Waters is in the Macon jail.

Revolutionary Movement in Lisbon. Lisbon, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—A revolutionary movement broke out in Lisbon last night but was promptly put down. The energetic action of the government obliged the rebellious elements to surrender, and order was restored without bloodshed. Conditions today are normal.

School Bond Election. Charlotte, Dec. 11.—Charlotte voters today were to decide whether or not \$2,000,000 of bonds should be issued for public schools.

Men You Will Hear About



This is the committee representing progressives in the House of Representatives that conferred with Floor Leader Nick Longworth and drew from him consent to liberalize the rules of that body.

THE COTTON MARKET

Better Feeling Created by Sharp Rally After Early Weakness in Liverpool. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 11.—A sharp rally after the early weakness in Liverpool created a better feeling in the cotton trade here today at the opening of the market. First prices were first at advances of 20 to 45 points.

Cotton futures opened firm: December 33.40 to 33.50; January 32.75; March 33.30 to 33.40; May 33.40; July 32.60.

Must File Primary Expenses.

New York, Dec. 11.—The State Attorney General's office today took preliminary steps to compel the New York Anti-Saloon League to file an account of its full primary and general election expenses for 1922.

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH COURT LEADS OTHERS

Handles More Cases Per Judge During 1922 Than Any Other State in Union. (By the Associated Press.) Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 11.—The North Carolina State Supreme Court led all others in the forty-eight States of the Union in the handling of its 1922 docket, according to a report compiled by John H. Denison, associate judge of the Colorado Supreme Court, and made public here tonight by Tennessee Court officials.

The total number of cases disposed of during the period by all the State Supreme Courts was 17,700 or about 58 cases per judge per annum, considerably below the average number of cases handled by the judges of the North Carolina and Tennessee courts.

MRS. HARDING DETAINED

Remains in Marion, May Not Go to the Capital This Winter. Washington, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, widow of the late President, who had picked Washington as her future home, probably will not come to the Capital this winter, according to her friends here.

Word has been received that she has been detained in Marion by matters connected with President Harding's estate. She had intended to come here early this month, but friends who have been in touch with her say they do not expect her to take a residence in Washington until after the social season is over and possibly not until early next fall.

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FIRE-TONGUE

BY SAX ROHMER BEGINNING IN THIS PAPER DECEMBER 13

Every action lover knows Rohmer, author of tales in which east and west meet, of mystery, of furious action, of tensest excitement and the most gripping suspense and interest. The Romance of Surgery, The Devil Doctor, Blood of the Witch Queen, The Dream Detective are a few among his novels of the past.

Indians Not on Warpath. (By the Associated Press.) Nogales, Arizona, Dec. 11.—Reports from Hermosillo today officially deny rumors that Yaqui Indians in Sonora have taken the warpath as revolutionists.

BAPTISTS OF STATE IN ANNUAL SESSION IN GASTONIA TODAY

Enrollment and Organization and Representation of Reports Among First Business of Opening Session.

CONVENTION TO CLOSE THURSDAY

And Many Matters of Importance to Baptists of the State Are on Program.—Five Hundred Present.

Gastonia, Dec. 11.—Enrollment and organization, presentation of reports for past year, committee appointments and the keynote address to be delivered by Chas. L. Grayes, of Raleigh, were the chief matters of importance on the program of the opening session of the 33rd annual convention of the Baptist Church in North Carolina here today.

Many matters of importance to Baptists of the state are on the program for the meeting which will continue through Thursday evening. More than 500 ministerial and lay delegates already are here. Attendance is expected to reach the 700 mark.

ONE-ARMED FATHER, AT 62, WELCOMES HIS 28TH CHILD

Georgia Horse Trader Takes Pride in Fact All Were Born Under His Own Roof. Atlanta, Dec. 11.—"The Lord's will be done," says Leander Colbert Gentle, 62, and one-armed, who has just been presented with his 28th child, and whose philosophy of life is that the Lord will help all fathers who help themselves.

Gentle has been married twice. By the first wife he had 10 children, and by the second, who is now 42, he has had 18, 17 of the young ones still being alive.

Recently a prize was offered by his church for the man appearing with the greatest number of children. Gentle won with 12.—Some time he hopes to gather the entire flock of 17 together, two of whom live in Baltimore, one in St. Louis, nine in Chattanooga, and the others in Atlanta.

"I have never experienced a particle of trouble in providing a good comfortable home for them, and the new one is just as welcome as the first," said Gentle. "Thirty-three years ago I lost my left arm, and but for that could have done much better by them. I am known as a pretty shrewd horse-trader, and I can make a living for wife and children. The Lord has been good to me."

Portraits of Page and Grimes.

Raleigh, Dec. 11.—The acceptance by the State of the portraits of the late Walter Hines Page and the late J. Bryan Grimes marks the first formal ceremony of this nature since the new ruling of the effective. Heretofore the portraits have been accepted by the State during the term of Woodrow Wilson to the Court of St. James, and the latter for 22 years Secretary of State of North Carolina.

Big Before Christmas Sale at Parks-Bell Company's.

The Parks-Bell Company will on Wednesday morning, begin a Great Before Christmas Sale, during which they will offer big price reductions in every department. They want to reduce their enormous stock before stock-taking time.

Hiram Johnson Will Carry His Campaign to Coolidge's State.

New York, Dec. 10.—Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, will make a personal campaign in Massachusetts, home state of President Coolidge for the Republican presidential nomination, it was announced today by A. B. Murtha, one of the senator's eastern campaign managers.

9 P. M.

Will be closing time for our Store until after Christmas. New closing time schedule begins this date.

A Favorite



Mimi Derba's name is magical with Mexican theatergoers. She's one of the most popular actresses on the other side of the Rio Grande. And pretty, too, don't you think?

SMUGGLERS AND DRY FORCES IN BIG FIGHT

Second Battle of Christmas Off Rum New in Progress. New York, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press).—Smugglers and dry forces today are fighting the second battle of Christmas off Rum Row.

A score of liquor carriers coming from the Bahamas and other points have found themselves blocked from landing their supplies in quantity by the coast guard cutters, harassing landing parties afloat and dry forces watching the liquor as it touches the beaches.

But Rum Row although checked, does not concede itself defeated. It now stretches along the coast from Long Island far down the Jersey shore, so as to render an attack of the coast guard less concentrated, and keep land forces on the jump.

SHRINERS IN CHARLOTTE FOR FALL CEREMONIAL

All Parts of State Represented at Fall Meeting of Oasis Temple. (By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, Dec. 11.—Members of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine were here today from all parts of North Carolina for the annual fall ceremonial of Oasis Temple.

AMERICAN DESTROYERS OFF FOR HONG KONG

Vessels Ordered to China in Connection With Situation at Canton. Manila, Dec. 11 (By the Associated Press).—Five destroyers of the American Asiatic fleet, left here this afternoon bound for Hong Kong.

MRS. VANDERBILT AGAIN TO HEAD STATE FAIR

Was Chosen Without Opposition.—Dr. Joseph H. Pratt Re-elected Vice President. (By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Dec. 11.—Mrs. Edith G. Vanderbilt was re-elected president of the North Carolina Agriculture Association here today.

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Trinity to Unveil Portrait of the Late Angier B. Duke.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Plans for further readjustments in the Veterans Bureau were said by Bureau officials today to include redistricting of the inspection service with eight districts instead of fourteen.

William Pinkerton Dead.

Los Angeles, Dec. 11.—William Pinkerton, world famous detective, died here this morning at the Hotel Biltmore.

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Washington, Dec. 11.—Senate Republican leaders today faced an indefinite deadlock over the nomination of Senator Cummins, of Iowa, president pro-tem of the chamber, for the chairmanship of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Unlike the House, however, which was in recess while the republican and democratic committees were pressing forward their work of making selections for the various standing committees, the Senate was able to function, and a resumption of the voting on the Interstate Commerce chairmanship was put off till late in the day.

The Senate democrats, meanwhile, withheld their contemplated move to force election of a president pro-tem, which, if it develops is expected to produce another deadlock after the present fight is finished.

Three ballots taken yesterday gave no sign of weakness on the part of the insurgents or either of the regular party groups. Seven insurgent votes went steadily to Senator LaFollette, and a ranking republican of the committee, and the democrats voted solidly for Senator Smith, of South Carolina.

The Senate resumed balloting today for the election of a chairman of the Interstate Commerce Committee, and Senator Cummins, republican, who now holds the dual position as chairman of the committee and president pro-tem of the Senate, received 41 votes for the chairmanship on the first ballot to 39 for Senator Smith, democrat, of South Carolina, and 7 for Senator LaFollette.

The vote was the same on the second ballot. Cummins' vote dropped to 39 on the next ballot, Smith holding his 39 and LaFollette his 7.

With Cummins four short of a majority the Senate went into executive session and later adjourned till tomorrow, when there will be more balloting, with but little chance of a break in the deadlock.

Favorable Report on Kellogg.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Nomination of former Senator Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, to be ambassador to Great Britain, was ordered favorably reported today by the Senate foreign relations committee.

View on Reparations. Washington, Dec. 11.—The Washington government "would view with favor" participation of American experts in the reparations commission inquiry committees now under consideration, it was announced today at the White House.

Treaties sent to Senate.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Several treaties negotiated during the recess of Congress, including the two-claims conventions with Mexico, were sent to the Senate today by President Coolidge.

More Readjustments for Veterans' Bureau

Latest Plans Call For Redistricting of Inspection Service With Eight Districts. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—Plans for further readjustments in the Veterans Bureau were said by Bureau officials today to include redistricting of the inspection service with eight districts instead of fourteen.

See "Green Stocking" at Central School on the night of December 14th.