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## TEN KILLED IN JAUREZ FIGHTING

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ICO IS REPORTED TRAN-  
QUIL.

## FEDERAL TROOPS IN PURSUIT

Rumor That Tuxpam Has Gone Over  
to Rebels is Denied; No New  
Developments.

Jaurez, Mex.—Ten men were killed Sunday in engagements in the vicinity of Guadalupe, between insurrectionists and federal troops, according to unconfirmed reports received here.

Two irregulars were reported killed, including Lieutenant Pimental, at Guadalupe through which 50 cavalry men, under command of the lieutenant, passed Saturday night, en route to Jaurez from El Porvenir, where they had been stationed. The cavalrymen camped a short distance outside the village, according to the reports, and rode into the town Sunday morning, shouting "vive Villa," "vive de la Huerta." The men were slain in a brief engagement with fiscal gendarmes.

The insurrectionists split into three groups, some retreating toward Jaurez, another party riding towards the hills and others moving toward San Ignacio. At the latter place a second battle was reported, in which eight men, including fiscal guards and soldiers, were killed.

Tampico, Mex.—The situation here and in this vicinity is tranquil. A rumor was in circulation here that Tuxpam had gone over to the rebels, but it was said this was untrue. A telegram received from the commander of the garrison at Tuxpam said there had been no new developments in the situation; that the entire oil region was under control of federal troops loyal to President Obregon. This dispatch added that the drilling of oil was continuing actively.

Federal troops are continuing their pursuit of Cesar Lopez de Lara, former governor of the state of Tamaulipas, who several days ago joined the rebel movement. The rebels entered the town of Jimenez, in the state of Tamaulipas, about 125 miles northwest of Tampico. Pursuit of them is being hampered by lack of communication in that region.

## Crop Value is \$3,322,695,000.

Washington.—Value of the country's principal farm crops this year was placed at \$3,322,695,000 by the department of agriculture in its final estimates of the year. Revised figures of last year's crops, placed their value at \$7,449,804,000 and the 1921 crops at \$5,629,248,000.

The acreage of the important crops this year is placed at 350,698,100 acres, compared with 351,094,470 in 1922 and 348,431,500 in 1921.

Production figures, revised on the basis of the latest and fullest information available and the value, based on December 1 farm prices, for the principal crops follow:

Corn, production 3,054,395,000 bushels and value \$2,222,013,000; winter wheat, 572,340,000 and \$543,825,000; spring wheat, 213,401,000 and \$181,676,000; all wheat, 785,741,000 and \$725,501,000; oats, 1,299,823,000 and \$539,253,000; barley, 198,135,000 and \$106,955,000; rye, 63,023,000 and \$40,804,000; buckwheat, 12,920,000 and \$12,894,000; flax seed, 17,429,000 and \$36,686,000; potatoes, 412,392,000 and \$339,322,000; sweet potatoes, 97,177,000 and \$95,091,000; hay (tame) 89,098,000 tons and \$1,253,364,000; hay (wild) 17,528,000 tons and \$137,603,000; all hay 106,626,000 tons and \$1,390,967,000; tobacco 1,474,786,000 pounds and \$298,936,000; cotton, 19,081,000 bales and \$1,563,347,000; cotton seed, 4,476,000 tons and \$205,538,000; clover seed, 1,233,000 bushels and \$15,027,000; sugar beets, 6,893,000 tons and \$49,890,000; beet sugar, 884,000 tons, (value not given); cane sugar (Louisiana) 169,000 tons (value not given); maple sugar and syrup, 33,533,000 pounds and \$7,780,000; sorghum syrup, 830,001,000 gallons and \$27,595,000; peanuts, 636,462,000 pounds and \$43,078,000; beans, 15,740,000 bushels and \$57,480,000; grain sorghums 105,619,000 bushels and \$99,353,000; broomcorn, 68,300,000 tons and \$11,130,000; onions, 16,318,000 bushels and \$22,011,000; cabbage, 740,000 tons and \$17,183,000; hops, 17,770,000 pounds and \$3,329,000; cranberries, 610,000 barrels and \$4,423,000; apples, (total) 196,770,000 bushels and \$201,110,000; apples, (commercial) 24,403,000 barrels and \$95,979,000; peaches, 45,702,000 bushels and \$64,043,000; pears, 16,390,000 bushels and \$21,053,000; oranges, 34,800,000 boxes and \$64,080,000.

## DEATHS AND INJURY WHEN TRAIN HITS CAR.

Toledo.—Two persons were killed and a third sustained a broken back when the automobile in which the trio was riding was hit by a New York Central passenger train at Millbury, eight miles east of here. The dead are Mrs. Dennis D. Downing, 55, and John Reith, 65, residents of Millbury. Dennis Downing, 63, husband of the woman and driver of the automobile, is in a hospital with a broken back.

## FIND SIX FROZEN TO DEATH

WORST BLIZZARD IN THIRTY-FIVE  
YEARS IN NEW MEXICO  
REPORTED.

Body of Mexican Found Standing By  
Brush With Match in Hand; Snow  
in Tennessee.

El Paso, Texas.—Searching parties in New Mexico, following the worst blizzard in 35 years, have found the bodies of six persons who were frozen to death during the heavy snow storm of the last few days, according to word received here.

The body of a Mexican was found between Corona and Vaughn, in Guadalupe, standing beside a pile of brush, a match clutched in his hand. Four other members of his family and a sheep herder had frozen to death a few yards away.

The bodies of six members of another family, Mrs. Anton Montoya, her son, Juan, and his wife, and her three children, who were frozen to death, were taken to Capitan. Anton Montoya, 60, was the only member of the family to survive. They were traveling by wagon.

San Francisco, Calif.—Northern and central California had the first general heavy rainfall of the season with the prospects of continued showers that may even extend into southern California, according to the weather bureau here.

The precipitation was heavier on the coast than in the interior. San Francisco received more than three-fourths of an inch of rain in the 24 hours.

The storm warnings which were sent out from Point Reyes, north to the Canadian border were extended southward to San Francisco. Mariners were prepared for gales.

Washington and Oregon received rain during the past 24 hours with heavy precipitations in the eastern sectors of those states. Nevada and Idaho also were in the moisture belt, the weather bureau reported.

Briston, Tenn.—Va.—Snow began falling in this section about 10 o'clock and a drop in temperature was recorded throughout this section of southwest Virginia. It is reported the snow has reached a depth of three inches in nearby mountains.

Girl Jumps Six Stories and Lives.  
New York.—After celebrating her resignation from Women's Wear, in order to travel, Anita Sutcliffe, 23 years old, of Brooklyn, left 26 girl companions whom she was entertaining at luncheon at the Hotel Brevoort, in Greenwich village, ascended to the sixth floor of the hostelry and leaped to the street, crashing through the roof of a sedan parked outside. She was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, where surgeons said she would live.

## Three Killed in Auto Crash.

Charleston, S. C.—George B. Hilton, who was injured in an automobile accident near Charleston, when his brother, Hamilton H. Hilton, and Thomas Smith were instantly killed, died at a local hospital. Dr. Charles I. Goodwin, of Holly Hill, driver of the machine that ran into the three men who were walking along the road, is in custody of the coroner.

Dr. Goodwin is quoted as saying that he was blinded by glaring lights of two approaching automobiles at the time and did not see the pedestrians until too late, although he applied his brakes at once, upon realizing that they would be struck.

## Cement Manufacturers' Dissolve.

New York.—Federal Judge Knox signed a decree dissolving the Cement Manufacturers' Protective association. On October 23, Judge Knox ordered dissolution of the association on the ground that it operated in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. His decision was reached after extended litigation by the government. In his order, the judge extended the dissolution to include all the corporate and individual members of the association. He also ordered the association to discontinue the practice of interchanging statistics regarding production and granted all other decrees sought by the government.

## \$800,000 FIRE IN CHARLOTTE

SMITH-WADSWORTH STORE, H. C.  
LONG, EFIRD ANNEX AND  
BELK'S GARAGE BURNS

## STARTS IN HARDWARE STORE

Fire Under Control After Hard Work  
By Firemen, Aided By Trucks and  
Men From Gastonia.

Charlotte.—Fire which was discovered a few minutes before 8 o'clock Sunday night in the rear of the Smith-Wadsworth Hardware company, on East Trade street, swept through the hardware building, the building occupied by the H. C. Long company, the La Mode, Eifird's annex, on East Trade street, and through Belk Brothers' garage, Warren Barber shop, and George A. Newman's Tire shop on College street, damaging property and stocks to the amount of \$500,000 to \$800,000, it was estimated, before being put under control at about 11 o'clock.

The flames were first seen when they burst through the elevator shaft near the center of the Smith-Wadsworth building, breaking through the roof and illuminating the sky. It is believed, however, by fire department officials, that the fire originated in the rear of the Smith-Wadsworth building, and worked its way to the elevator shaft before being discovered.

Immediately after the discovery of the fire a general alarm was turned in and at 8:25 p. m., all street lights and street car power lines were shut off, completely paralyzing trolley transportation throughout the city until 11:40.

Mayor J. O. Walker, fearing the spread of the flames to adjoining buildings, and realizing that the city meanwhile was without fire protection in other sections, placed telephone requests with the fire departments of Concord, Statesville, Monroe, Gastonia and Mooresville. Gastonia, Monroe and Mooresville fire apparatus responded promptly. The truck from Monroe made the trip of 25 miles to Charlotte in 40 minutes, with seven men under the charge of Chief G. B. Caldwell. Gastonia's truck came with eight men in 40 minutes, and the Mooresville truck arrived in 30 minutes with 15 men. Statesville's truck with eight men arrived in 35 minutes.

Estimates of Loss.  
The loss sustained by the Smith-Wadsworth Hardware company will amount to \$250,000 but is fully covered by insurance.

The four-story structure occupied by the wholesale department of the hardware company on North College street is owned by Belk Brothers, damage to which will be between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Sosnik and Sosnik, a Winston-Salem firm, were proprietors of the H. C. Long and La Mode store, 33 East Trade street. They purchased the H. C. Long business about six months ago. Value of their stock is estimated at \$25,000.

The three-story structure was owned by Mrs. W. I. Henderson, whose loss was estimated by S. T. Henderson, her son, at \$25,000, the loss being fully covered by insurance.

Damage of about \$100,000 was caused by the total destruction of the Belk garage and warehouse above.

## Columbia Offers Aid.

The aid of the Columbia, S. C., fire department was offered to Charlotte by Mayor W. A. Coleman in the emergency. The offer of help from Columbia was conveyed by the Associated Press to Mayor Walker of Charlotte.

Thousands of persons, attracted by the fire, thronged the streets within two blocks of Independence square in the steadily falling rain. Police had great difficulty in keeping the crowds back from the fire zone, especially on the College street side of the block.

## Find Charred Bodies of Women.

Jefferson, Ga.—Discovery of the charred and almost completely burned bodies of two women in the smoldering ashes of an abandoned farm house a half mile from Clarksboro in Jackson county, and the disappearance of Mrs. Mag Simmons, 36, and her daughter, Lizie, 15, led to the organization of a posse to search the surrounding country for clues in the belief that the women were slain. The body of the older of the two women was believed by the husband of Mrs. Simmons to be that of his wife. He said she had left Jefferson for Athens in response to a note from there asking her to come to Athens.

## TWENTY-TWO PROBABLE LOST IN WRECK OF STEAMER.

Norfolk, Va.—Hope of finding alive any of the sixteen missing members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer, Runa, off Frying Pan Shoals on the North Carolina coast, was abandoned by coast guard officers here upon receipt of a message from the cutter Modoc that the second of two lifeboats launched from the Runa and been found with all of its occupants dead.

The first lifeboat, picked up by the American tanker W. W. Mills Saturday morning in the vicinity of Frying Pan gas buoy, contained four survivors. Later the tanker picked up another survivor clinging to a floating door, and the five are now thought to be the only ones saved.

The second lifeboat, reported by the Modoc, is thought to have contained six bodies, although the message did not state how many had been recovered. Early messages said that the boat was adrift in the storm with six men aboard. This boat was the one found. While officials have not been advised definitely, they are of the opinion that the crew of the Runa numbered twenty-seven men, twenty-two of which met death.

## NORTH CAROLINA 1,020,000

GOVERNMENT NOW PLACES ESTIMATE AT 10,081,000  
BALES.

At Average Price of 31 Cents It Is  
Worth \$318,613; Fourth Most  
Valuable.

Washington.—Total production of cotton for the 1923-24 season was placed by the department of agriculture at 10,081,000 equivalent 500 pound bales in the final cotton report of the season, that quantity is 167,000 bales less than the department forecast on November 2.

The crop amounts to 4,821,333,000 pounds exclusive of linters, and at the December 1 average farm price of 31 cents per pound, is worth \$1,494,613,230, making it the fourth most valuable crop ever grown. It is the sixth crop that has been worth a billion dollars or more.

## The estimated production by states,

in 300 pound green bales, follows:  
Virginia, 50,000 bales; North Carolina, 1,020,000; South Carolina, 795,000; Georgia, 580,000; Florida, 12,000; Alabama, 800,000; Mississippi, 617,000; Louisiana, 385,000; Texas, 4,290,000; Arkansas, 620,000; Tennessee, 220,000; Missouri, 115,000; Oklahoma, 620,000; California, Arizona, 83,000; all other states, 87,000.

About 85,000 bales additional to California are being grown in Lower California, Old Mexico.

## Wilmington Exports Cotton.

Wilmington.—Since July 1, the beginning of the present fiscal year, there has been exported to foreign countries from the port of Wilmington 53,841 bales of cotton, according to custom house figures. That is approximately the same amount that was shipped during the same period of 1922, and has an approximately value of \$5,000,000.

During the past week the cotton receipts at the port of Wilmington were 6,380 bales, for the same week last year 2,204 bales, a difference in favor of this year of 4,176 bales. The total receipts at this port since August 1, 1923, have been 88,541 bales; for the same time last year 66,558 bales, a difference of approximately 20,000 bales.

## Government Pays Seaboard \$750,000.

New York.—S. Davies Warfield, president of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company, said that the road had received \$750,000 cash in final settlement with the government for the period of public operation during the war. Announcement was made in Washington recently that negotiations between the company and the government had been concluded.

"The settlement," Mr. Warfield said, "was based on the annual rental value to the government of \$5,800,000 as compared with the so-called certified standard return of approximately \$6,500,000."

## Makes Big Offer For Hornsby.

Chicago.—Prompted, doubtless by the St. Louis National's price of \$250,000 for Rogers Hornsby's contract, President Charles Ebbetts of the Brooklyn Nationals made the astounding offer of \$275,000 for the St. Louis star. Baseball magnates and reporters collapsed into their chairs at the size of the offer. President Sam Breadon of St. Louis made no reply.

## CHRISTMAS RUM SHIPS ANCHORED

WEATHER AND PROHIBITION  
AGENTS COMBINE IN  
WARFARE.

## WOMAN HEADS SMUGGLERS

Threaten to Send Glimmering Bottle  
Boats' Hope of Disposing of  
Cargoes.

Highlands, N. J.—Icy gales kicked up such seas along the Jersey coast that all but seven of the Christmas rum squadron of 20 vessels weighed anchor and withdrew to the open sea to ride out the storm.

The weather and the heavily reinforced federal, state and county staffs of prohibition agents at sea and ashore, threatened to send glimmering the rum runners' last hope of smuggling through to the big cities the thousands of cases of whiskey and wine the rum fleet carries.

Not a bottle fisherman ventured out to the fleet. Their speedy craft, including those newly launched in the last few days in the hope of garnering some of the Christmas trade harvest, rode safely at anchor in the camouflaged liquor landing havens that abound in this and nearby coast towns.

Even the super-rum craft Louise, reputed flagship of a fleet of fast bottle-runners, said by revenue officers to be operated by a woman known to them as "Luck Lady," remained in her little land-locked basin at Key Port.

Prohibition officers ashore, however, were warned by revenue cutter sailors that "Luck Lady," whom they recently rescued from drowning when one of her bottle boats sank with a cargo on the way in from the rum fleet at night, had recovered and was actively directing the fleet of city-going liquor trucks and touring cars which she is reported to operate ashore.

"Luck Lady" is a prepossessing brunette of 30 and the head of a syndicate of whiskey smugglers that operates both water and land craft, the authorities say. She accompanied her own ships out to rum row, they say, bargained with the skippers there for supplies of imported liquor and directed the unloading and reloading into cars at the beach. She usually rode the "Louise" which, federal rum hunters whose mosquito fleet has tried to capture her, say is one of the fastest bottle-leggers on the coast.

## Three Killed, Eight Wounded.

Drew, Miss.—Three men were shot to death and eight were wounded—two of them seriously—in a man hunt which began when Joe Pullen, negro tenant farmer run amuck with a pistol and shotgun after fatally wounding W. T. Sanders, a planter, and battled with posess which drove him through a can break for several miles and into a drainage ditch east of Drew.

A posse of approximately 1,000 men had joined in the pursuit and plans were under way to pump 500 gallons of gasoline into the ditch where Pullen is believed to have taken refuge and set fire to it in an effort to drive him from his place of concealment.

## Immigration Conference Divided.

New York.—A clash between liberal and conservative views of immigration policy marked the closing session of the national immigration conference, which ended its two-day meeting without adopting resolutions or taking a formal vote on changes in the present quota law.

The last day's session also was enlivened when Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett, director of the Voluntary Parenthood league, started to read a paper on birth control as a means of solving immigration problems. She was stopped, despite her protest, by Peter J. Brady, conference chairman.

Among speakers adhering to a "liberal" immigration policy was Dr. Percy Siskney Grant, rector of the Church of the Ascension, who asserted the United States has no right to be particular about an individual who is needed industrially, when his condition can be changed and improved here.

"Since our native stock seems so shy of perpetuating itself," he added, "people should be brought here who keep close to nature. The country needs muscle and perseverance to build it up."

Advocating further restriction of immigration, Judge W. W. Tillet, of San Francisco, asserted that before the United States allowed more aliens to come in it should find out whether foreigners here were Americans or still loyal to their native lands.

## SHIP HOLLY FROM SOUTHPORT

New Industry For Brunswick County  
May Become Profitable to Help  
Out Farmers.

Southport.—The shipment of holly to the north in practically over for this year, in this county, as the time is not long enough to reach the markets where the holly is retailed. The shipments are comparatively small, some five or six cars, though this is, compared with no shipments last year, as there were no berries then, the amount of berries adding to the holly value. While the holly itself grows back quickly after being cut out for the holiday trade, annually, the fruitage is not regular, so that there may be only one year in three when the trees are filled with the berry, and so become a fine marketable and profitable product, to help out the farmer.

The fish oil shipments from here by rail this season, are estimated at about two-thirds in number of gallons, as compared with last year for the same period. Shipments of oil from here are convenient for both the up river factories, and those below this city, and also from the factory at Shallotte, twenty miles down the coast. From the factory barge into the car on track, the oil transfer is easily made. From estimates now on hand there will be 400,000 gallons of this fish oil shipped to northern points.

In the matter of furnishing fuel oil for oil-burning steamers, the W. B. and S. railroad is prepared to do so, provided that notice is given in advance. The railroad does not run a supply station, but it is equipped to enter into contracts. It supplies the government oil-burning dredge Comstock, with its fuel oil, the Comstock operating in dredging mostly on the Cape Fear bar.

Word from Columbus county tells the interesting story, that the boll weevil has been found in the cackle-weed, evidently taking his winter quarters in this apparently safe retreat, so as to be early on hand for the cotton of the next crop.

## Heavy Tobacco Sales in Wilson.

Wilson.—The official figures of sales on the Wilson tobacco market appearing in the report for the week ending December 6, made by H. B. Johnson, supervisor of sales, are as follows:  
Sales this week, 2,439,602 pounds. Amount sold for \$726,929.26. Average, \$22.41.

Sales last week, 3,154,934 pounds. Amount sold for \$726,929.26. Average, \$23.04.

Decrease, 715,332 pounds. Decrease, \$180,073.48. Decrease, .63.

Sales to date, 54,234,778 pounds. Amount sold for \$1,244,829.03.

## Two School Buildings For Pender.

Wilmington.—Walter Clark, local contractor, has been awarded the contract to erect in Pender county two modern school buildings which will cost when completed approximately \$100,000. Work on the structures is to begin immediately after the first of the new year, it was announced by Mr. Clark.

One building is to be located at Long Creek and the other at Atkinson. They are to be of the same general type of construction.

## Man Shot and Robbed.

Elizabeth City.—O. C. Bray, 44 years old, a local insurance man, is in the Community Hospital and is not expected to live as a result of a bullet wound in the hip and abdomen received as Mr. Bray turned to run when a negro believed to be Leroy White, attempted to hold up the white man in the factory district of this city.

The negro fired as his victim turned in flight and while the white man's body was bent forward. The bullet entered the right hip but was deflected upward into the abdomen, where it punctured the small intestines in four places.

## Hunting Good in Catawba.

Hickory.—While rabbit hunters report a plentiful crop of cotton tails and duck shooters have no complaint over the scarcity of waterfowl, bird hunters report the supply of quail short in this section this year. In the late summer good reports were received, due to a favorable hatching and raising season, but the opening of the hunting season found a greater scarcity of quail than in many years. Birds are to be found in comparatively few places, it is said, and many hunters have put up gun and given up.

Probably the largest kill of ducks reported in this section in two days was scored by James C. Shuford and Dan Chatham, two local shots, who spent two days at Bridgewater the latter part of November. They brought back 48 wild ducks, and distributed them among a number of friends. Mr. Shuford uses wild ducks, now domesticated, as decoys. Several years ago he ordered a pair from the northwest, and has raised from them.