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FEDERAL ARMY IN TIGHT PLACE

Supreme Question Is Whether
To Fight Or Continue
Running.

REBELS ARE STILL ADVANCING
Four Thousand Federals Under
General Mercero Practically
Bottled Up.

Presidio, Texas, Dec. 11.—Whether the Mexican Federal army under Gen. Salvador Nercado, numbering 4,000 soldiers now on the United States border will make a stand at Ojinaga against the rebels advancing to that point, or whether they will continue their retreat into the State of Nuevo Leon is at present the most absorbing question in the revolutionary movement in Northern Mexico.

Practically the entire strength of the Federal army, reduced by its flight from Chihuahua and by the apathy of many of its soldiers, is crowded into the little village opposite Presidio. It was to this point they fled in the hope of obtaining money and provisions. Toward them is marching a rebel army of about equal strength, with the avowed purpose of surrounding the town and bringing to a test whether any Federals are to remain in the North.

The rebel reports were that Gen. Francisco Villa was directing the movement and the rebels were advancing in two columns but probably would not reach Ojinaga in force for a week. Even should the Federals decide to retreat, information from rebel sources said, they could not get away without a fight, for the rebels under General Nercero, who pursued the refugees from Chihuahua, were within striking distance of the town.

Indications in Ojinaga were that the Federals would make a stand. Trenches were dug, guns were mounted on the hills and provisions were carried across the river. Generals Nercero, Orozco and Salazar were particularly active in directing the fortifications after communication had been opened with Mexico City.

For some reason the civilian refugees who accompanied the army from Chihuahua were allowed to cross to the American side only a few at a time. Those who crossed, representing wealthy families whose lives were thought to be in danger at the hands of rebels, went immediately to the nearest railway station at Marfa Texas. It was said civilian families were being held in Ojinaga in the belief that the rebels would not attack non-combatants.

That the rank and file of the Federals looked upon the prospect of any more fighting with disfavor, was manifest. A score of soldiers in ragged uniforms saluted the American cavalrymen on the border and wistfully inquired whether they might cross the river. Answering in the negative, they said they would desert if they were attacked by the rebels. The fact that the Federal troops have long been without any pay was thought to have determined their attitude.

CHILDREN HELP RED CROSS SEAL SALE

**YOUNGSTERS AID IN FIGHTING
THE GREAT WHITE
PLAGUE.**

Children are among the most eager buyers of Red Cross Seals, and many a little boy or girl sets a real example of generous giving to the "grown ups." For illustration, a teacher in a Massachusetts school tells of one small, shabby girl who brought in a penny for a seal, and the next day purchased another. She then looked up into the teachers' face with great satisfaction and asked, naively: "There! How many people do you think that will cure?"

An urchin in another school, after hearing the teacher explain about the Christmas Seals and how all the money raised by the sale of them will go toward fighting off the white plague, came to his teacher's desk the next morning and bought a stamp. Then he lingered, and the teacher inquired what he wanted to see her.

"Will that really go to give medicine for sick people and help cure 'em?" he inquired.

"It will help," was the answer.
"Go, but buy that seal!" he exclaimed, his face shining.

Mrs. W. B. Cochran



Mrs. Cochran is the wife of the former congressman from New York and daughter of Henry Clay Ide, former minister to Spain.

RIO GRANDE REACHED PORT IN GOOD SHAPE

**BUREAU OF NAVIGATION WILL
INVESTIGATE FAKE WIRE-
LESS REPORTS.**

Brunswick, Ga., Dec. 11.—Twelve hours overdue, the Mallory Liner Rio Grande arrived here early today on her trip from New York, captain and crew eager to learn the origin of reports that the steamer had played a part in a deep-sea rescue off the North Carolina coast. Disjointed bits of wireless messages told Captain Davis of the Rio Grande that the United States Revenue Cutter Service was seeking his ship, believing 197 passengers had been taken off her by another steamer during a fire at sea.

The Rio Grande carried freight only. The only incident of the trip was a storm off Hatteras, which caused the delay in arrival.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Suspicion that fake wireless messages may have been sent out by some amateur reporting disaster on the steamer Rio Grande, has led the Bureau of Navigation of the Department of Commerce to start an investigation. The penalty is fine or imprisonment, or both. The messages were received at New York and Norfolk Sunday night telling of fire aboard the Rio Grande and saying 197 passengers had been taken off the vessel and later returned.

The dispatches, read by many wireless operators about Virginia capes, were transmitted to the Revenue Cutter Service which immediately rushed two ships to sea and later turned them back after communicating with the Rio Grande herself and being assured she was in no need of aid.

Revenue cutter officers and wireless officials finally concluded that the S. O. S. calls were false. Every available agency of the Government will be used to investigate the affair.

NO POLICE COURT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Owing to the absence of Mayor Albert H. Bangert and the illness of Mayor, pro tem, Wm. Ellis, there was no session of the Police Court yesterday afternoon.

STUDY CIRCLE TO MEET.

The Study Circle of Centenary Epworth League will meet Friday evening at eight o'clock with Mrs. Whit Gaskins on East Front street. It is hoped that every member will be present.

It is hard luck that comes easiest.

THOMAS WILL BE NEXT POSTMASTER

**Say His Friends Who Left Last Night For
Washington to Confer with Senator F. M.
Simmons—Friends of Other Candidates Are
Also Hard at Work—Interest at Fever Heat**

Attached to the Northbound train last evening was a special Pullman car in which were a party of prominent New Bernians who were enroute to Washington, D. C., to confer with Senator F. M. Simmons, chairman of the Finance Committee of the United States Senate, and to urge that he appoint John C. Thomas as postmaster in this city.

In the party were Col. James A. Bryan, Ex-Judge O. H. Guion, Assistant District Attorney Ernest M. Green C. J. McCarthy, one of the managers of the New Bern Ghent Street Railway Company, T. D. Warren, attorney for Craven county; W. B. Flanner, clerk of the Superior Court; Dr. E. C. Armstrong, a prominent physician and capitalist; J. S. Miller, one of the leading merchants of the city; T. P. Ashford, another reputable merchant; Wm. Dunn, banker; Owen Dunn, editor; A. T. Dill, an alderman and large real estate holder and H. M. Groves, auditor for Craven county.

It can be seen that the party was composed of some of the representative citizens of New Bern and each one of them was firm in the belief that their favorite, Mr. Thomas, will be appointed

to fill the vacancy made vacant by the dismissal of J. S. Basnight. Naturally the members of the party had considerable to say in favor of Mr. Thomas and until the train pulled out each one of the gentlemen was engaged in earnest conversation on the subject.

The party will arrive in the capital city this morning and will at once call on Senator Simmons and put their facts and arguments before him. Senator Simmons told a newspaper correspondent yesterday that the appointment would not be made until next week and the delegation will have ample time to put up a strong plea for Mr. Thomas.

The friends of L. G. Daniels, S. H. Lane and Frank Weathersbee, the other candidates are hard at work for these gentlemen and each believes to his favorite stands just as good a chance for the place as the other man.

However, whichever way the tide turns after the appointment has been made and the turmoil ended, each one of the defeated candidates, as well as their friends, will have the satisfaction of knowing that they put up a strong fight for the place and had the fortunate candidate guessing up until the very last minute.

SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL LOTS TO BE SOLD

**"WOODROW PLACE" SCENE OF
ACTIVITY NEXT WED-
NESDAY MORNING.**

Next Wednesday morning fifty choice lots at Woodrow Place, New Bern's newest suburban residential section, will be placed on sale. This will be the second sale held on this property and from present indications it is believed that it will be even better attended than the first, which incidentally was a complete success in every way.

On a day when an unusually large crowd will be in attendance at the sale, the owners of the property have planned to give away, absolutely free of charge, to some person attending, a five passenger touring car.

This car was on exhibit down in the business section of the city yesterday, and it is a beauty. Some one will get this machine and everybody attending the sale will have an equal chance at it.

Miss Alfreda Sultan, who has been visiting her parents last yesterday for Allentown, Pa., to finish her course as a trained nurse. Miss Sultan will also take a post graduate course.

Harry Parker's Latest New York Musical Comedy "The Cabaret Girls"

Appear at the Athens today in an entire change, presenting:

"The Topsy-Turvy Girls."
Even this is new and different from anything ever before seen here. The act is good clean comedy all through.

PICTURES.
"The Scarf Pin."
A Lubin drama.

"The Struggle."
An unusual Western drama, featuring the World's most popular photographer, G. M. Anderson, of the S. & A. Company.

"Boy Wanted."
A very funny Edison comedy.

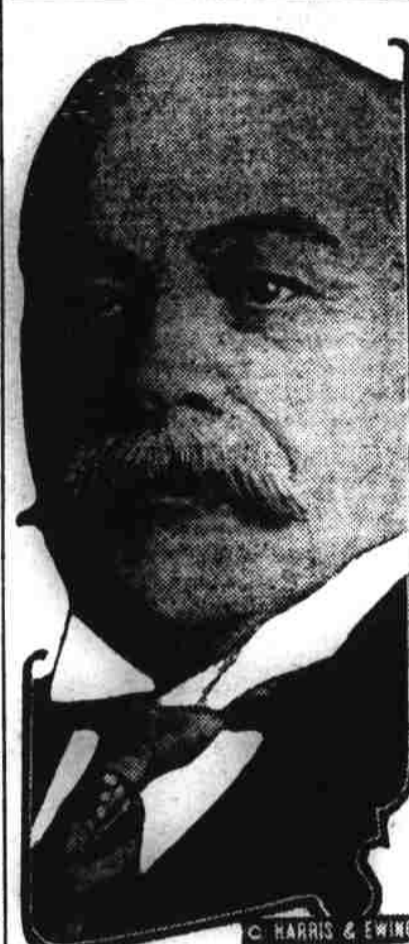
Another big musical Comedy Company all next week.

Meek and Hastings all star company presenting Tabloid Musical Comedies, with changes through the week.

This company has played the best and largest houses in Georgia, South Carolina and the Western part of N. C. They come to us as one of the best companies on the entire Southern circuit.

Matinee daily at 3:45, two shows at night, first starts at 7:30 second about 9:15.

John Ewing



John Ewing, of New Orleans, La., selected by President Wilson as minister to Honduras, is a brother of Robert Ewing, Democratic National Committeeman from Louisiana, and has been one of the editors of the Daily States, a New Orleans newspaper.

"PAID IN FULL" WAS PRESENTED LAST NIGHT

**NEW BERN THEATRE-GOERS
PLEASED WITH THE
PRODUCTION.**

"Paid in Full" was presented at the Masonic theatre last night, and those who witnessed the performance were well pleased. "Paid in Full" is a problematical play which attracts the audience from the rise of the curtain until the climax in the last act. The characters are everyday men and women and the series of complications and dilemmas which entwine around them are of such a nature that one wonders what will be the next move.

The play ends rather abruptly but the author had evidently thought well over the finale and could not have originated a more fitting end than that which takes place at the close of the fourth act.

Miss Eiley Connor, an actress with marked ability, handled the leading role and her work was superb. The other members of the cast capably handled their parts and received much commendation.

NEGRO HAD A CONCEALED WEAPON ON HIM.

Charles Moore, colored, was placed under arrest yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Lupton on a warrant charging him with carrying a concealed weapon. The alleged offender will be given a preliminary hearing this afternoon.

TWO UNUSUALLY ATTRACTIVE DISPLAY WINDOWS.

Two of the most attractively decorated windows now being admired by the holiday shoppers are those of J. O. Baxter and S. K. Eaton. In the window at Baxter's and also at Eaton's there is an elegant display of jewelry and silverware suitable for Christmas gifts and the windows cannot fail to attract attention.

MINSTREL SHOW.

**Stag Club Will Cut Capers On
December 19.**

The members of the Stag Club are actively engaged at the present time preparing for the minstrel show which they will put on at the Masonic theatre on the night of December 19, for the benefit of the De Graffenried Colony Monument Fund.

This show will be well worth attending and New Bern theatre-goers are promised a rare treat when it is presented.

Self-love is not only self blind, but it's incurable.

PARENTS CAUSE GIRLS DOWNFALL

Neglect Their Daughters And they
Take "The Wrong
Road."

INVESTIGATION AT PITTSBURGH

**Probers Say But Few Women
Can Be Re-
formed.**

Pittsburgh, Dec. 11.—The Morals Efficiency Commission, in a report today to the City Council summarizing its investigation of the social evil in Pittsburgh, states that parental neglect is the principal cause of girls going wrong, and that from sixteen to eighteen is the dangerous age for girls.

Most of the women that came under observation were single. There were 84 widows and 119 women had been separated from their husbands. Out of 558 women, 406 had never had any children, and there were only five who had had three or more. Of 260 women, both parents were dead, and only 87 had both parents living.

Two came from wealthy families, 10 were well-to-do, 152 were in moderate circumstances, and the parents of 254 were poor. Married men, the commission asserts, make up a very large proportion of the frequenters of the red-light district.

"Nor does the church," it is added, "appear as any restraining influence. There were found 272 Protestants, 188 Catholics, 67 Jewesses, one Dunkard, one Spiritualist, one Freethinker and one agnostic.

They come from all walks of life. There were 135 daughters of laborers, 70 of farmers, 29 of miners, 21 of clerks, etc. There were three daughters of saloonkeepers, three of policemen, two of hotelkeepers, one of a rabbi and one of a bartender. Underlying all other causes, the commission says, was, perhaps, a predisposition, and 80 per cent. were feeble minded, born with defective intelligence and shiftless tendencies.

"Five years," says the report, "is a long average tenure of life for these women; then they go into the human wreckage of the gutter and the hospital until the Angel of Death spreads his pitying wings over their misery and shame."

Only 118 out of 518 of the women had been in a house of ill-fame over five years.

The number of these women who can be reformed, the commission says, is very small so small that out of over 500 investigated not more than 20 have quit. Committal to an industrial reformatory is suggested as the only ray of hope.

Less than 20 per cent. have any bank account at all, and those who save merely do so, as a rule, to provide for regular holiday escapades of extravagance.

The commission urges extermination of the evil, along with better housing, cheaper living and good family life, adding:

"Along with legislative and administrative efforts in this direction, we should have educational movements to inculcate a saner philosophy of life. Not, indeed, the sort of education which, by prolonging the period of young men's dependency (without regard to their mental qualifications or the needs of the community) to nearly the thirtieth year, causes marriage to be deferred and encourages prostitution, but the sort of education that makes young men self-supporting in honest industries, teaches them producers instead of parasites, teaches young women the neglected domestic vocations, and the forgotten virtue of economy, teaches them that true happiness is in the simple life and the love of home.

Church and school and press—the three great educational agencies of our time—have all neglected their duty in this regard. Pastors are true shepherds no longer; educators have stimulated the overcroding of the so-called learned professions which tend to exploit the producers; newspapers, by catering to silly sentiment and parading the extravagances of the imbecile rich, stir up imitative envy and foster foolish ideals.

The commission, of which Dr. A. Rhodes is chairman, has one married woman and two single women among its members.

It is about the easiest thing in the world for a girl to get a hat that is becoming—if she isn't over sixteen.