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ARMS BEING SMUGGLED IN

United States Sympathizers Pouring Rifles into Mexico—Officer Commanding U.S. Troops Finds It Impossible to Keep Munitions From Being Sent to Rebels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—How the American border patrol has found it well nigh impossible to enforce the embargo against the shipment of arms and ammunition into Mexico, was described in a report from Brig. General Bliss, commanding the forces on the border, made public yesterday at the War Department.

Gen. Bliss complained of the vagueness of the law declaring instructions to the army are so general that too much of a task was imposed upon the troops and junior officers. He recommended that two of the best equipped officers of the Government's legal force be sent down to travel along the line and decide question of doubtful rights and powers.

In this connection the general referred to instructions sent to him last June to hold troops in readiness to go to the aid of the threatened American consular representative at Piedras Negras. For several days the general pointed-out the question of possible peace or war rested entirely upon the discretion of this consul, as it was a foregone conclusion that the American soldiers would have had to fight their way into Mexico if the necessity of protecting the consulate had arisen.

PROF. LAVELL STILL MISSING

Professor's Disappearance More a Mystery Than Ever.

HAMILTON, Dec. 2.—In spite of the country-wide search that is now in progress, no tidings have been received of the missing man, Professor Lavell. His wife received word yesterday that he has passed through Ingersoll on Nov. 15, but she says he was in Columbus, Ohio, then. Her belief is that he is still living, and that he boarded a train near the spot where he left his coat and a note in a newspaper. She thinks that he went to Niagara Falls or Buffalo. The fact that he left a note, she thinks, indicates that he felt he was about to be arrested.



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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Bertha Nellis was held yesterday from her residence, Line street, where the Rev. H. S. Osborne conducted a solemn service. Interment was at Stirling.

Little Boy Lost A little boy named Hanna aged 3 years wandered away from home on Monday and was missed for some time. He was later found.

ROBERTS AWAITS INSPIRATION

Evan Roberts, the Welsh Revivalist, Explains Seclusion.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Evan Roberts, the young Welshman, who seven years ago led one of the greatest religious revivals known in the principality, and who mysteriously disappeared from public view at the height of his fame and has since lived in absolute seclusion with Mr. and Mrs. Penlewis at Leicester, has at last broken silence about himself. Writing in a religious paper, he says that, like Paul, he is a bond servant of God and can do nothing except as the spirit moves him. Throughout his seclusion Mr. Roberts has refused to see his aged father, his brothers or his nephew, or to hold any intercourse with them. On Saturday all of them traveled from Wales to Leicester to seek an interview with the recluse, but their pleadings were in vain.

For weeks past public interest in the revivalist's strange conduct has been keen, and in view of the possibility of trouble on the occasion of his relatives' visit on Saturday Mr. Penlewis' house was guarded by half a dozen police. A crowd watched the arrival of the visitors, and sympathized with the old father as he was refused to see him, but there was no disturbance. Evan spends his life as a mystic. He writes a good deal in collaboration with Mrs. Penlewis, who is a well-known religious worker, and in the article in which he describes himself as a bond servant of God, he deprecates the attacks made upon her, declaring that she is a veteran in heavenly things.

MAY FINISH ON THURSDAY

Western News Enquiry Will Last Most of This Week.

OTTAWA, Dec. 1.—It has practically been decided that the western freight enquiry will end probably about next Thursday after being before the Railway Commission at Ottawa on Wednesday, December 3rd.

RADIAL RAILWAY IS PLANNED

Hydro Electric Line Suggested From London to Stratford.

ST. MARY'S, Dec. 1.—A scheme for a Hydro radial line from London to Stratford through St. Mary's is being formulated at the C.N.R. To-day, M. K. Cowan, K.C., counsel for the Province of Saskatchewan, will put Alex. Macdonald, of Winnipeg, on the stand to give evidence as to how a schedule of rates he (Macdonald) had compiled was drafted by Mr. Macdonald was a railroad man for several years, and his schedule is awaited with interest by both sides.

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Philadelphia Publisher Will Give Them to Scottish Nation.

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BROKE PLATE GLASS WINDOW

Two young men last night got into a quarrel on Front street in front of the New York Cafe and the scrap drifted to the plate glass window of Mr. Benj. Smith's poolroom, which was broken. The battle ended up when the participants were parted in the middle of the road. Magistrate Masson tried the youth this morning on charges of disorderly conduct. One pleaded guilty and the other was found guilty after trial. Each one was fined \$25 and costs, amounting to \$55.

THIRTY YEARS IN PRISON

Peter Derosch, Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Murder, is Pardoned—Leaves Kingston 1 Toronto—Oldest Prisoner—Sees Electric Railway for First Time.

KINGSTON, Dec. 2.—Peter Derosch, aged 71, passed through the gates of the Penitentiary yesterday as a free man, after serving thirty years within the walls of the prison. Derosch was sent here from Vancouver, B.C., for murder for which he was tried, found guilty and sentenced to the hang. The mental condition of the man at the time of the murder constrained the Department of Justice to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

He is said to be the oldest prisoner in Canada. Derosch was brought from the coast to the penitentiary before Canada had a transcontinental railway. The long journey was made by stage coach and "prairie schooner," by boat for a short distance and a tramp to Sudbury, thence by train. When he was released yesterday, Derosch looked for the first time on an electric street car and an automobile. As he was leaving the big gates of the prison an automobile passed, Derosch sprang back and broke away from his escort, trying to get behind the walls of the prison. A street car then passed and the aged prisoner showed the same signs of terror. He was taken to the G.T.R. station on the street car, but for a time he refused to go near the car.

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LUCKY HAMILTON YOUNGSTERS

Hamilton Separate Schools Will Install Picture Machines.

HAMILTON, Dec. 2.—Following an order passed by the Hamilton Separate School Board at their meeting last night a series of motion picture films will be acquired for use in connection with geography instruction in the schools under the board's jurisdiction. The board recently purchased a motion picture machine to aid in making school courses more adaptable to the minds of young children. It was thought that the impression made by living pictures would be more lasting than the best of text-books could produce.

The children enrolled in the Separate Schools of Hamilton are the first in Canada to learn through this new method. Where the order of the board goes into effect they will be afforded the opportunity of seeing the life of the countries of the world pictured at life size. The wood-cuts of the old geographies will be discarded and the outlines and names of places will mean more than ever they did before.

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NO BULLETIN WAS SENT OUT

Bureau Lacked Facilities For Saturday Night's Warning—Expert From Meteorological Office Says Closing of Telegraph Offices Prevents Forecasts Sent Out.

GODERICH, Dec. 2.—Another session of the coroner's inquest in connection with the recent disaster on Lake Huron, was held here yesterday afternoon and a further adjournment was made to Saturday, Dec. 13, when it is hoped a conclusion will be reached. Coroner Hunter presided and Crown Attorney Seager conducted the investigation, which has developed into a general enquiry as to the conditions affecting lake navigation. Capt. Alex. Lawson, who navigated the lakes for many years in sailing craft, said that vessels should be compelled to use shifting boards. He thought, too, if some of the wooden lifeboats carried on some of the freighters were put into the water they would not float; the metallic boats were better. There appeared to be no boat drill, and the men would sail the freighters nowadays would not be able to handle the boats if they got them launched. Goderich harbor, he said, should be widened and deepened and with the completion of the breakwater it would be a good harbor.

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HUERTA IS TOTTERING

Wilson Says U. S. Will Wait For Usurper's Fall.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—"We shall not, I believe, be obliged to alter our policy of watchful waiting," said President Wilson yesterday in dealing with the Mexican situation in his message to Congress. He predicted that the collapse of the Huerta regime would take place speedily as a result of the internal troubles of Mexico. In his message the President said: "There is but one cloud upon our horizon. That has shown itself to the south of us, and hangs over Mexico. There can be no certain prospect of peace in America until Gen. Huerta has surrendered his usurped authority in Mexico; until it is understood on all hands, indeed, that such protracted governments will not be countenanced or dealt with by the Government of the United States."

COMPANIES REFUSE HIM OIL

Mexican Federal Railways Have Fuel Supply Cut Off by Action of Big Concerns—Seven Government Generals Surrender in Northern Provinces—Pres. Wilson Reads Message to Congress.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.—Preferring to incur the displeasure of the Huerta Government to a very practical manifestation of the rebels' wrath, the producers of oil companies of the republic yesterday cancelled their contracts for supplying the National Railways with fuel oil. This is regarded as one of the most serious blows dealt the Government, because it is likely to bring about early suspension of railway traffic, which would interfere greatly with military operations and would strike vitally at the commerce of the country.

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HAVE REACHED THE SIXTIETH MILESTONE

In Their Wedded Career—Unique Privilege of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vandewater, of Sidney, Who on December 7th Will Celebrate Their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Vandewater, a much respected couple of Sidney, have reached a period in their lives but few live to see, namely their 60th wedding anniversary. Mr. Vandewater met Miss Lucy M. Phelps, daughter of Dr. Obadiah Phelps of New York, while she was teaching school in Sidney over sixty years ago. Their friendship ripened into love and they were married at her home in Utica, N.Y. on Dec. 7th 1853. They have ever since resided in Sidney on the farm where Mr. Vandewater was born over eighty-four years ago. They still have in their possession the original deed his grandfather, Jas. Vandewater received from the crown in 1795. The family came from Holland and settled in New York when that place first became a British possession, later on coming to Canada. They have both led a very active life. Mr. Vandewater carried on an extensive dairy business in connection with his farm keeping as many as fifty cows. He was one of the prime movers in the dairying industry in this part of the country, always advocating that it was more profitable than any other branch of farming. In addition to this he operated a lumber mill for some years. Becoming wearied in this work he rented his farm and became engaged in overseeing the construction of roads in the Thunder Bay district on Lake Superior, where during the winter he resumed his farming and has devoted his time to that exclusively ever since. He was always interested in public affairs. He was a member of the township council for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. Vandewater are still enjoying good health and are a great interest in all the leading questions of the day. Their children are Mrs. Biddy and Mrs. Matric of Regina, Mrs. J. K. Faulkner of St. John N.B., Mrs. G. W. Stirling of Stirling, and Mrs. G. W. Faulkner of Stirling. They also have many grand and great-grand children. We extend to them our hearty congratulations and sincerely hope they may see many more wedding anniversaries.

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