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Mexican Federal Troops Drive Back Rebels In West
THREE STORES IN ST. JOHN ROBBED

PRESIDENT AT HEAD OF HIS ARMY

Federal Mexican Forces Turn Suddenly on Rebels in the East.

TROOPS IN QUARREL

Insurgents in Retreat and Destroying Bridges and Railroads.

BY FRED'K G. NEUMEIER. (British United Press.)

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—Driving back the rebels in the West, Federal forces have turned suddenly upon those in the east and with President Obregon taking personal direction of the attack...

Obregon returned from the Jalisco sector after he had reviewed a strong Federal force and started it on its way against General Estrada's rebel army of the west.

Latest reports were that the loyal troops were driving the insurgents back upon Guadalajara (Jalisco), the latter retreating and destroying bridges and railroads behind them, offering little resistance. The main Federal action, however, appears to be coming in the east, to which Obregon and his generals turned their attention.

The general had reports from the Jalisco sector indicating that Estrada's troops had been quarrelling among themselves as a result of the strategic retreat.

General Arnulfo Gomez, Military Commander of the Federal district, stated that the Obregon forces in the West had themselves perpetrated a strategic retreat in retiring from Puebla.

"It was according to military plan about which I can say nothing," he added.

Extraneous rumors once more were afloat in the capital tonight that the government was going to be moved from Mexico City. These were officially denied. The capital was calm. Crowds cheered the President as he boarded a train for Apasco, headed for the East. Obregon was a picturesque figure in a gray uniform, leather puttees and a broad brimmed hat, his one hand on a sword hilt as he beamed at the throng.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 17.—Our movement is essentially Socialist not Conservative as has been asserted by that obscure, Saracoe, Gompers of Washington, D. C.

Offers Free Weddings To Lure Lynn Lovers

Boston, Dec. 17.—Concerned with the timidity with which young people of Lynn are regarding matrimony, the Rev. Albert Walsh announces that he will join in wedlock free of charge any couples who might apply. He thought perhaps the initial expense was deterring many lovers from becoming united. He announced also, he would donate grants at funeral of needy persons.

UNCLE SAM TAKES IN \$842,000,000 TODAY

Will Pay Out \$436,000,000—Receipts Include \$92,000,000 from Great Britain.

New York, Dec. 17.—The Government will do a piece of financing and book-keeping today which, if not equalling the post-war record will approach it in point of size of turnover for any one day.

IS FAR AHEAD OF LAST YEAR CROP

Alberta's Wheat 100,000,000 Bushels in Excess of the 1922 Yield.

Edmonton, Dec. 17.—An increase of more than one hundred million bushels of wheat over last year's crop in Alberta is shown in the final crop report just issued by the Department of Agriculture.

Wire Briefs

Hullfax, Dec. 17.—Red Star liner Antwerp will carry passengers and cargo for Hullfax. She will proceed to New York on leaving this port.

Warsaw, Dec. 17.—The President has accepted the resignation of the Wites cabinet, which was handed to him Friday night. M. Thugut, leader of one of the opposition parties, has been asked to form a new cabinet.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Mgr. Luigi Cosso, auditor of the apostolic delegation at Washington, will be nominated Bishop of Recanati and Loreto, at the coming consistory, it was announced officially yesterday.

London, Dec. 17.—This country expects another coal crisis early in the new year. The Miners Federation, as already announced has ordered a ballot to be taken among the miners as to the advisability of terminating the existing wage agreement.

Minneapolis, Dec. 17.—"It was the woman who did it," declared "Red" Ryan, escaped convict, last night, in discussing his capture in Minneapolis Friday night, and the subsequent killing of his pal, Arthur Brown, (alias Sullivan) by a detective Saturday afternoon.

2 HUNDRED KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE

Heavy Property Damage in Ipiales, in Region of Colombia.

SHOCK IS SEVERE

Red Cross Associations Rush Aid to the Stricken Zones.

(British United Press.)

Quito, Ecuador, Dec. 17.—More than 200 persons were killed in the earthquake shock which caused severe damage in the Ipiales region on the Colombian Ecuadorian frontier, according to the last dispatches received from the quake zone.

HOULTON LAWYER DENIES CHARGES

Says He and Maine Sheriff, Indicted in Liquor Case, Innocent.

Houlton, Me., Dec. 15.—Charges that the Federal authorities promised immunity to bootleggers if they would give evidence against officials of Aroostook county, were made by Willard S. Lewin, Houlton attorney, who with Sheriff Edmund W. Grant and former Deputy Sheriff Guy C. Crotty, was indicted by Federal grand jury at Bangor for conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act. Lewin said he was innocent of the offense charged in the indictment.

HOME BANK OFFICER DEAD IN HOSPITAL

Private Secretary to President Dies After Fall on Toronto Sidewalk.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—T. S. O'Connor, private secretary to H. J. Daly, president of the Home Bank, and who was held on \$50,000 bail as a material witness in the prosecution of the directors and officials of the suspended institution, died in St. Michael's Hospital at 4 a.m. from a fractured skull.

PRINCE ATTENDED 2 SUNDAY EVENTS

Was at "Toc H" Celebration—Placed Major Street's Sword in Repose at All Hallows.

London, Dec. 17.—The Prince of Wales yesterday took a leading part in the festivities of the eighth anniversary of Talbot House otherwise known as "Toc H," a well known soldiers' organization and also attended a Thanksgiving service at the surgical hospital where he unveiled a casket for his Lamp of Maintenance, and placed in repose the sword of Major Edmund Street, which he brought back from Canada with him recently.

The assistants to the Prince were Sir James Barrie and Lt-General Sir Charles Harrington. The following quotation from Pilgrim's Progress appears on the pedestal of the rest for the sword: "Then, said Mr. Valiant, for truth I give my sword to him that shall succeed me in my pilgrimage."

On placing the sword in its resting place, the Prince said: "Let us faithfully remember our elder brother and try with God's help to do our duty."

Gypsies Invoke Spirits To Get Man's \$1,525

New York, Dec. 17.—Gypsy women who had rented a store-room at 801 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, scoured the chest of John Siska in finding his fortune, and advised him that he had stomach trouble.

TRAMP MAY BE LONG LOST HEIR

Perhaps Romance is Behind Story of Wayfarer of Fourteen Years.

London, Dec. 17.—A real romance may be behind the curious story of a tramp who for the last fourteen years has been touring the southern English counties asking the way to Bridlington. The wayfarer is so short-sighted that he cannot see a map.

Fears Elections To Interfere With Base

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—Minister of Defence Bowen in an address delivered Saturday said he hoped the British elections would not interfere with the establishment of a naval base at Singapore.

Toronto Man Killed; Auto Driver Held

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Struck by a motor car driven by Lionel Davies, Joseph Madigan, aged 37, died on Saturday. Davies was taken into custody on a charge of manslaughter.

St. John Boys And Girls Are Asked To Help Out Santa Claus

More Letters Tell of Need of Money For Empty Stocking Fund.

To St. John Boys and Girls: What kind of a Christmas are you going to have? Is Santa Claus coming with presents this year to make you happy? Or have father and mother told you there won't be much Christmas for you—that Santa might have to pass you by?

Now Santa Claus does not want to see any stockings so unfilled this year or any year. And yet, because he has so much to do and so many little boys and girls to look after that sometimes he misses a few.

If you are sure Santa Claus is going to visit you then think of the many little poor children in St. John he will not be able to visit unless you more fortunate children help. Tell your fathers, mothers, big sisters and brothers to send some money to the Times-Star Christmas Empty Stocking Fund, which you all have been hearing about so much recently.

Read these letters and see how you would feel if you were one of these poor children: "As my papa is out of work and my little sister is sick in the hospital, would you please remember her and my little baby sister. I am not asking for anything for myself, but mostly for my sister who is sick."

STEAL ASHES OF LEADER IN CHINA

Memorial Services for Murdered Communist Head are Broken Up.

CASKET IS SEIZED

Widow Grabs a Gun and Fires as the Men Make Off.

(British United Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 17.—Memorial services for Otsugi Sakaya, murdered Communist leader, came to a startling close Sunday when three men seized the casket containing his ashes and fled with it in an automobile. They fired on their pursuers with revolvers, but were arrested later.

ELECTION IN 1924 IS VIEW IN WEST

Result of Contest in Kent County is Pivot, Progressive Leader Says.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 17.—A general election next summer will be determined by the attitude the Government will take with regard to the Progressive party when interviewed here yesterday.

4 DEAD IN SLIDE

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Weather Report

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Pressure is high over the Great Lakes and the southern portion of the continent, also over the far northwest and relatively low near the Gulf of St. Lawrence and over British Columbia.

Forecast: Maritime—Strong winds or gales from northwest tonight; somewhat colder with local snow flurries. Tuesday fresh to strong northwest winds, fair and somewhat colder.

Victoria ... 46 46 44
Kamloops ... 42 46 38
Calgary ... 54 62 28
Edmonton ... 80 84 24
Winnipeg ... 26 28 26
Montreal ... 22 28 22
St. John ... 28 34 22
Halifax ... 34 34 34
New York ... 88 42 38

Sentenced to Two Years in Prison

Halifax, Dec. 17.—Gerald Cronan of Halifax, charged with obtaining on false pretences that certain prominent Halifax citizens were directors in a company, called the United Rubber and Tire Company, and thereby selling

Moving Spirit Among Amateurs



Miss Elizabeth Gordon Hanna, granddaughter of the late Mark Hanna, is the moving spirit of the Dramatic Club of Washington, D. C., an organization of young society people. Photo shows her in costumes of one of the parts she recently portrayed.

Cripple's Christmas Dream A Reality; Bedridden Girl Will Get Coony Doll

New York, Dec. 15.—Mary Weyer is going to get the coony doll. When she awakens on Christmas morning in her cot in St. Agnes's Hospital, White Plains, there will be awaiting her the most wonderful negro doll baby that ever met the eyes of a youngster. And Mary may believe that wishes after all are horses—or Santa Claus, reindeer, perhaps—on which even little crippled folk may ride to the Land of Delight.

"When your reporter visited the hospital," said Marian O'Connor, president of the girls' club, "we did not intend the story as an appeal. But it was gratifying as well as surprising to receive the letters and offers that came and we are sure that many little hearts will be made wonderfully glad by the kindness of persons in New York and vicinity who passed a moment in their busy lives to remember the children."

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The victims were: Joseph Lebel, 42 years, father of nine children. Adelard Tremblay, 24, father of one child. George Levesques, 25 years, residing in Jonquiere. Victor Levesques, 20 years, son of the owner of the farm where the accident happened.

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"JIMMY" IS LEFT IN RUSH OF GETAWAY

Main St. Shops and Dock Street Firm are the Victims.

ROBBERS SCARED

Police are Hot on the Trail of the Robbers, They Announce.

Three more city stores were forced open by a burglar or burglars last night. While citizens were peacefully sleeping a thief or thieves forced entrance into two places in Main street, also one in Dock street. In one instance he secured \$200 in cash and some gloves, while in another he was evidently frightened away for he left behind him a steel saw, a jimmy, a pair of pliers and a pair of gloves.

One break was in the early hours of the morning, when the dry goods store of Jacob Cohen was entered. Another was some time between 3.30 and 4 o'clock. Both were discovered by Policeman Frank Killen, who was patrolling Main street.

Found Door Open. A dry goods store owned by Jacob Cohen at 695 Main street was broken into last night and several pairs of gloves and \$200 in currency stolen.

When Policeman Killen was patrolling his beat about 2 o'clock this morning he found the front door open and notified Sergeant Sullivan. They notified the owners, and a search showed that the gloves were missing and the safe had been opened by someone who knew the combination. The money, which was said to have been wrapped up in a handkerchief, was missing.

Another break was also reported. A store owned by Perchanko, at 88 Dock street, was entered some time during the night and goods were packed into a valise. This was found outside the front door and indicated that the thief or thieves had been frightened away. An entrance was made by cutting a pane of glass out of one of the windows in the rear of the store. Both these cases are being investigated by the police.

Tracked Through Snow

Shortly before 4 o'clock when Policeman Killen was walking up Main street he discovered a 8-foot thing wrong in the Jacobson store and he tried the front door. This was locked so he went around to the rear of the building where he discovered a pane of glass had been broken. He immediately notified the proprietor, who resides upstairs, and together they went to the store to investigate. They found that an entrance had been forced in the rear by means of sawing off an iron bar and then removing the glass.

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Tiger of France Is Hit by Automobile

(British United Press.) Paris, Dec. 17.—"I'm too tough to be damaged by an automobile," Georges Clemenceau, octogenarian, "Tiger" of France, veteran of the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 and of innumerable political battles, told the British United Press today.

The ex-Premier sat with his grizzled face completely swathed in bandages, sipping nourishment through a straw. He was severely hurt and cut about the head yesterday in an automobile accident on the Paris road.