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Big Battle Is Reported Being Waged In Mexico War Zone BRITISH POLICE PLANS UPSET

Seven Are Drowned as Schooner Sinks

MEXICAN REBELS IN NEW DRIVE

Plan to Capture the City of Leon and Cut Off Railways.

FIGHTING IS ACTIVE

War Materials Said to be Lacking—United States Send Rifles.

(By Canadian Press.)
Mexico City, Jan. 5.—It is officially stated that rebels commanded by Gen. Manuel Diegues, have appeared in the vicinity of Leon, in the State of Guanajuato, evidently with the intention of taking the city and cutting railway communication with the north. It is believed that a battle now is being waged and that the fighting undoubtedly will be heavy.

Leon is an important city on the Mexican Central Railway thirty miles northwest of Guanajuato, the capital of the state of that name, and approximately 180 miles northwest of Mexico City.

Immediately upon receipt of information that the rebels had appeared in that vicinity the war department ordered Generals Artia, Gallegos and Medina to hasten there to drive the force threatening communications with the north.

The war department announced that fighting is entering a period of great activity which soon will show the people whether supremacy rests with the government headed by President Obregon or the revolutionists.

According to intercepted radio messages, the rebels lack war materials. Other intercepted radiograms indicate the rebels intend to attack San Marcos junction where Gen. Martinez has massed his best forces to repulse them.

Many Rifles Sold.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The United States government has sold 5,000 Enfield rifles, model 1917, 3,000,000 rounds of .30 calibre rifle ammunition, and eight million rounds of .30 calibre pistol ammunition to the Obregon Government of Mexico.

Secretary of War Weeks today said the terms of the sale called for one-half of the purchase price in cash and one-half within thirty days.

Oil Fields Captured.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 5.—All of the Mexican oil fields are now in possession of the rebels, according to an official despatch received here today by Adolfo Jimenez from De La Huerta headquarters at Vera Cruz.

PUTS OIL ON FIRE; LIKELY WILL DIE

Montreal Woman's Act Brings Explosion and Fire—Son's Heart Gives Out.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—An explosion of coal oil in the heater in their home yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Henri Goyer, 62, sustained burns which may have a fatal termination, and her son, Aurele, aged 25, who suffered from heart trouble, was made unconscious by the shock of his fight with the flames. His condition is very critical. According to Aurele his mother emptied the contents of an oil can in the stove when it failed to heat.

Opens Door; In Runs Prize Fox

MARCOUS, N. H., Jan. 5.—W. H. Belding, station agent of the Boston & Maine railroad here, has the easiest way of catching foxes of which old-timers around this section of the State know. All he does is leave the door of the station wide open. And he corrals the wise fellows alive just as soon as they accept the hospitality of the warm station.

That's how he caught a prize fox recently.

Husband and Wife in Same Mill 50 Years

Augusta, Me., Jan. 5.—A Boston board of directors of a local firm met a few days ago to recognize probably the only record of its kind in the country, the service of half a century in the Edwards Manufacturing Company of a man and his wife, graciously side by side.

QUESTION ABOUT ESTATE ARISES

Son of Sir William Mackenzie Left \$634,365—Matter of Domicile.

Toronto, Jan. 5.—Ancillary letters of administration have been granted for the estate of Frederick Mackenzie, son of Sir William Mackenzie, who died in Los Angeles on March 1 of last year. Like his father, Sir William Mackenzie, he was an oilfield contractor and had interests over the continent. Administrators of the estate are John Holmstrom, Vancouver, British Columbia, and Donald Alexander Campbell, Toronto, banker.

Some doubt exists as to the disposal of the estate, which centres upon the interpretation of the definition of estate of one hundred feet this morning and the water from the nearby Seine immediately rushed in.

Wire Briefs

Paris, Jan. 5.—The retaining wall at the entrance of the Invalides railroad station collapsed for a distance of one hundred feet this morning and the water from the nearby Seine immediately rushed in.

New York, Jan. 5.—Edward H. Dolge, wealthy real estate broker of Mount Vernon, N. Y., died in Lincoln Hospital today from pistol shot wounds suffered last night when attacked by two men.

Calgary, Jan. 5.—From October 29, when the Alberta wheat pool was organized, until the end of December, approximately 14,000,000 bushels of wheat had been received from members of that organization.

Edmonton, Jan. 5.—Hon. George Hoodley, Alberta Minister of Agriculture will go to London as honorary commissioner from the Alberta government at the British Empire exhibition in Wembley Park next spring.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Official notice that the Banque Nationale will pay its shareholders a dividend of one and one-half per cent. (being at the rate of six per cent. per annum), on and after Friday, February 1, is contained in the Canada Gazette.

Capetown, Jan. 5.—(Canadian Press Cable via Reuters)—A military airplane flew from Capetown to Pretoria, a distance of more than 1,000 miles in 605 minutes actual flying time, which is a South African record.

Medicine Hat, Jan. 5.—Lower tariff control of the people's Government by the people themselves, a proper policy of immigration and a proper policy of strict economy were advocated by A. R. McMaster, independent member for Bromar, at a meeting here last night.

Babylon, N. Y., Jan. 5.—As the Atlantic off Fire Island continued to subside today from the storm which raged all of yesterday, coast-guardmen cruised about looking for the bodies of nine men who are believed to have gone down last night.

Duesseldorf, Jan. 5.—The railroad operated by the Franco-Belgian authorities are moving roughly half their 1923 traffic and about meeting expenses, according to the end of the year statistics given out by the railroad administration.

CREW DIES WHEN SHIP FOUNDERS

Donald Silver is Reported as Lost Off Newfoundland Coast.

WRECKAGE FOUND

Ship Had a Cargo of 1,400 Barrels of Herring Aboard.

DR. VAN DYKE JOINS MODERNIST RANKS

Dr. L. Parks Cautions Against Belief That Fundamentalists Are Defeated.

New York, Jan. 5.—Declaring that the action of Bishop Moore of Detroit in calling off the trial of Rev. Lee W. Heaton of Fort Worth, Texas, for heresy, was all "that reasonably could be expected," Dr. Leighton Parks, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Princeton, N. J., has definitely aligned himself with modernists. He also stoutly decried the efforts of the general assembly of the church to speak in a tone which cannot fall to do to the bitterness of the present controversy. "Present reactions, he said, must be settled not by controversy, but by exposition."

LABOR TROUBLE IN GERMANY GROWS

Works in Ruhr Close; Talk of a Vote For General Strike.

Paris, Jan. 5.—The Dusseldorf correspondent of the Temps says several metal works in the Ruhr have been closed through the refusal of the employees to accept a ten per cent. decrease in pay.

The Mannmann works, with 1,250 employees, and the Rheinfelt, with 4,000, were closed yesterday and the Hohenlohe works are expected to shut down today. The correspondent says eight factories are closed at Bottrop, and the Krupp works at Essen, Hoesen remain idle, although many men are said to have applied for work on the ten-hour basis.

The Communist Workmen's Councils at the Krupp works are reported to have decided to vote in favor of a general strike at the forthcoming general assembly of workmen's councils. The transport workers, who called a strike in protest against the ten-hour day, are locked out, and large quantities of foodstuffs on the docks are threatened by the rising of the Rhine River.

FIRE LOSS \$100,000

Patients, Except One, Saved in Blaze at Hospice Gamelin, Montreal.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—Damage set at \$100,000, the death of an aged patient, and the removal of 250 other patients from the building to hospital and other quarters was the result of fire in the Hospice Gamelin yesterday.

The Nuns and many of the patients were at breakfast when the alarm was given. The Nuns, aided by their employees by such of the patients as were not crippled, helped all those who were unable to walk and in a few moments had nearly all the occupants of the building outside in safety. One patient, Adolphe Latonde, 64 years old, succumbed from heart trouble.

Light Fails As Surgeon Operates

London, Jan. 5.—While an operation for appendicitis was being performed in Lynton Hospital, North Devon, on a farmer's wife named Perkins, the electric lights failed.

The appendix was removed by candle light, but the wound could not be stitched up properly, and it was decided to finish the operation next day. This was done, but the woman died.

Is Noisy at His Coffee; Arrested

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—William Dorsey was fined \$50 because he insisted on drinking coffee out of a saucer.

Dorsey went into Wolf's restaurant and started his noisy meal. Patrons complained to J. B. Morris, proprietor, because Dorsey made a peculiar whistling noise cooling his coffee after he had poured it into the saucer.

NEW RUMORS ARE HEARD IN MURDER

Activities of Detective Biddescombe Enigma in Mrs. Whiteside Case.

VISIT HOUSE AGAIN

Detective Power Still Hopes for Clue to Run Down the Slayer.

Although many rumors are current about the city in connection with the murder of Mrs. Clara Whiteside, who was found dead in her home in East St. John on December 28, nothing could be learned this morning to substantiate them. One of the big questions of the day is: where is Detective Biddescombe? Some voice the opinion that he is in Boston looking up records. Others say that he is seeking relatives of the unfortunate woman, while again others maintain that they are convinced that he never left the city. Just where he is and what he is doing is being kept a secret by Sergeant Detective Power and others who may have inside knowledge of his movements.

Stewart (John) apparently does not mind his enforced confinement in a cell at police headquarters. Although he has been detained for more than a week he can frequently be heard singing. This morning when a representative of The Times was sitting in the police court the boy's voice floated up the stairway and although there apparently was no sense to the words the air was carried clear and tuneful. He is being well cared for, but apparently does not realize his position.

At Scene of Crime.
Today Detectives Saunders and Kirkpatrick went to East St. John to continue their investigations. Sergeant Detective Power announced that every room in the house was being given the most minute inspection and hopes are still entertained that they may come across a clue that will eventually lead to the capture of the murderer. He said that they had been to East St. John yesterday and had visited the home of Constable Osmon and also questioned his wife.

THIS CASE MAY GET INTO PARLIAMENT

Catholic Corporal Disciplined For Refusing to Parade to Anglican Service.

London, Jan. 4.—(Canadian Press)—Some comment has been aroused by a sentence of 56 days' detention and the deprivation of stripes won in the war which has been imposed on a Catholic corporal in the Army Service Corps for refusing to parade with Anglican troops for religious service.

THREE ARE HANGED

Sister of Governor Sees Execution of Men in West Virginia.

Moundsville, W. Va., Jan. 5.—For the first time in West Virginia, three men simultaneously paid the penalty for murder by hanging at the state penitentiary here yesterday afternoon. While the sister of the governor of West Virginia looked on, three Clarksville blackhanders, convicted of the murder of Frank Naples, Kellyville, barber, last February, were executed. The men were Nick Salasante, Richard Ferri and Phillip Conzario, members of a death syndicate. Mrs. Mattie E. Layman, Governor Morgan's sister, was the first woman to watch a hanging in this state.

Loses Plucky Fight To Save Her Life

Boston, Jan. 5.—Mrs. Harriet E. Sullivan, 21-year-old Cambridge woman, who gave birth to a baby girl after she had been paralyzed from the neck down by three bullets from her husband's revolver on the eve of their divorce suit, died at the Brighton-Congregational Hospital.

Body of Aviator Is Brought Home

Toulon, France, Jan. 5.—Bearing the body of Lieutenant Du Plessis De Grenadan, commander of the ill-fated dirigible Dixmude, the cruiser Strasbourg steamed into Toulon Roads yesterday from Sicily, near where the lieutenant's body was discovered by fishermen.

Assignments in Week Number 52

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Notice of 82 assignments under the Bankruptcy Act appears in this week's issue of the Canada Gazette.

At Last She Has Found The "One" Man

Mac Burns, famous mannequin and toast of artists the country over, has dropped the last phrase from her title "the girl with ten million admirers and not one sweetheart." According to her mother who lives in Oak Park, Ill., Mac has found the "one" and is soon to be married in New York. Ray for Mac!

Few More Dollars Needed To Make \$100 For Babes

The fund started to give the four Christmas babies of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mahaney, 77 St. James street, a bank account had reached \$91 at noon today. It is hoped that contributions received between noon and Monday will bring the total to the \$100 mark.

In enclosing a post office order for \$1 for the fund, Mrs. James Chase of St. George writes:—Enclosed please find P. O. order for one dollar, for the bank account for the Mahaney quadruplets.

Autos Killed 77 In Montreal in 1923

Montreal, Jan. 5.—Seventy-seven persons killed and hundreds injured, was the toll of automobile accidents in Montreal and vicinity in 1923. The deaths show a steady increase, being 66 in 1921 and 65 in 1922. Of 77 deaths last year, 40 were of adults and 37 children.

Weather Report

Toronto, Jan. 5.—A shallow depression which developed over the Great Lakes during yesterday has caused a snowfall in many parts of Ontario. It is now passing eastward towards the Atlantic coast, followed by the high pressure and cold wave. The temperature is rising in the western provinces.

SIX KILLED IN COLLIERY EXPLOSION

Swansea, Wales, Jan. 5.—Six men were blown to pieces and another man died in a hospital yesterday as a result of an explosion at midnight on the river bank adjoining the Rhosaman Colliery at Brynmaman, in the Swansea Valley. The men were driving the diffy in a search for coal when the explosion hit them.

Bring "Red" Ryan Back to Canada

Minneapolis, Jan. 5.—Norman "Red" Ryan, Canadian bandit, captured three weeks ago after a gun battle in Minneapolis, is on his way to Canada if custody. He escaped from Kingston penitentiary on Sept. 10.

STRIKE MAY HOLD BACK LABOR PARTY

Engineers and Firemen Numbering 60,000, Reject Wage Award.

LABOR CHALLENGED

Whole Aspect of Political Situation in England is Changed.

(By HARRY N. MOORE (British United Press.)

London, Jan. 5.—The whole aspect of the political situation has changed within the last twenty-four hours with the declaration of the result of the ballot taken by the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, which numbers a membership of over 60,000 on its register and which has rejected the award of the National Railway wages board.

The result of this vote is a direct challenge to the Labor party for it will probably mean a complete stoppage of work on the railways before the present month is out, unless some measure as yet unforeseen is taken to obviate this.

Labor is Anxious.
Labor leaders are beginning to ask themselves if the party can hold the position gained at the general election if Labor assumes the reins of government and the difficulty of the position is growing more and more apparent every day.

This threatened strike of the railwaymen would probably be followed by a walkout of the miners and the same thing in the building trades, thus crippling the entire industry of the nation.

There is considerable restlessness apparent in industry today which has continued on page 2, fourth column.

GREER'S TRIAL SET FOR JANUARY 11

Goes to Jail in Default of \$11,000 Bail—Miss Normand Recovering.

Los Angeles, Jan. 5.—Alleged discrepancies in the stories told of the shooting of Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil operator New Year's eve, continue to baffle the authorities.

Mabel Normand, who with Edna Purviance, another film actress, was in Dines' apartment when Horace A. Greer, Miss Normand's chauffeur, shot the oil man, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Greer was arraigned yesterday on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and preliminary hearing set for January 11. Greer was remanded to jail in default of \$11,000 bail.

SUITE IN COMMONS FOR LADY MEMBERS

It is Made Necessary By Increase in Numbers After Elections.

London, Jan. 5.—With the entrance of an increased number of women members into the House of Commons it has become necessary to enlarge the private accommodations for them. Hitherto the three women M. P.'s who sat in the House before the recent election have shared the small room assigned to Lady Astor when she first became a member but now that there are eight women all are to have a sitting room and dressing room. According to the Daily Express this suite will be equipped with mirrors, dressing tables and wardrobes and will be furnished to suit the women's tastes.

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Weather Report
Gales and snow.
Maritime—Northwest and north gales with snow tonight and Sunday.
Ottawa Valley—Strong northeast winds, fair and very cold.
Washington, Jan. 5.—Forecasts—New England, more this afternoon and tonight, colder tonight. Sunday fair and colder with cold wave. Strong northeast shifting to northwest winds.
Toronto, Jan. 5.—Temperatures—Highest Lowest Yester. Lowest Yester. Highest Yester. 8 a.m. day. Night
Victoria 32 36 32
Kamloops 10 10 8
Calgary 28 26 10
Edmonton 30 18 12
Winnipeg 22 20 24
Montreal 6 18 6
St. John 6 24 4
Halifax 14 32 12
New York 32 34 30
*Below zero.