

OROZCO DENIES SECESSION STORY

Proclaims His Loyalty to Madero Government—Gomez is Now Said to be Real Leader of New Rebellion

EL PASO, Feb. 8.—A telegram, signed by Pascual Orozco, says: "I wish emphatically to deny the reports published as to the secession of Chihuahua and my disloyalty to the Madero government."

Official advices from Chihuahua indicate that eight coach loads of loyal Mexican troops left that city this afternoon for San Antonio in search of Antonio Rojas, the rebel leader, liberated from the penitentiary a few days ago by mutineers. Rojas at the head of a small band of malcontents is said to be encamped near San Antonio. Today several special trains arrived at Juarez. Among the passengers were Daniel Madero, uncle of President Madero, and the family of General Orozco.

BUYS AREA FOR SUBDIVISION

South African Real Estate Operator Decides in Favor of Victoria Over All Other Coast Cities

Mr. James Cavanah, one of the largest real estate dealers of Cape Colony recently arrived in British Columbia after touring through all the leading cities of Canada and the United States and said last night that he had decided to buy a tract of land in Victoria. He is a keen business man and it is his intention to take advantage of the opportunity for investment which the city of Victoria and the surrounding country represents. As a proof of his conversion to the new order of things, and as an earnest of what he may do in the future, he has already purchased on behalf of himself and a small syndicate a tract of forty acres of beautifully located land off Cedar Hill road in the Miller estate.

FLOATING WHALING STATION COMING

Norwegian Steamer Sommerstad on the Way From Norway to Operate Off the Alaskan Coast

The Norwegian steamer Sommerstad, one of the floating whaling stations constructed in Norway, is en route to Seattle from Sandefjord, Norway, for use off the Alaskan coast for the United States Whaling Company. At Sandefjord where the Sommerstad outfit, the whaling machinery was converted into a floating factory. Machinery was installed for extracting the whale oil and for manufacturing fertilizer from the carcasses. The Norwegians in charge of the vessel also have plans for making tests for the manufacture of butter from the whale oil, which may become a valuable commercial commodity.

TRAIN HELD UP

Seven Masked Men Stop Rock Island Passenger Train and Blow Up Safe in Express Car

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Seven masked men held up Rock Island passenger train No. 44 near Hurlbut, Ark., this morning, dynamited the safe in the express car, but secured only a small amount of loot.

MR. GOMPERS DENIES

As Witness on His Own Behalf Says He Did Not Intend to Disobey Injunction in Snuck Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, made an unequivocal denial of any intent to disobey the injunction of the supreme court of the District of Columbia when he took the stand today in his own defense against the charge of contempt in connection with the Snuck case. His testimony was not complete and he will be in the witness box again tomorrow.

MARAMA BRINGS MANY PEOPLE

Father Rougier, Who Negotiated Deal for Sale of Fanning Island, Among Arrivals on Australian Liner

The R. M. S. Marama, Capt. Morley, reached the outer wharf yesterday morning from Australia, via Auckland, Suva and Honolulu with a good complement of passengers, including Father Emmanuel Rougier, who sold Fanning and Washington islands to a syndicate of Canadians and Britishers for \$350,000 for the establishment of a free shipping port and coaling depot in view of the opening of the Panama canal. John McCormack, the fencer, and wife and concert party; H. W. Brodie, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., and wife, who have been spending a holiday at Honolulu; Major Holman, a cavalry officer sent by Australia as exchange officer to the Dominion; Mrs. Gerome, sent by the Sydney Bulletin to New York; Noah Brasso, better known as Tommy Burns, the pugilist, his wife and manager; and a host of other Victorian water commission; Mrs. W. Finlayson and family, who have returned to Victoria after spending two years in Australia, and many others.

GENERAL STRIKE MAY BE RESULT

Workers Who Are Out at Brisbane Say That All Australian Unions Will Join—Government Measures

BRISBANE, Australia, Feb. 8.—Leaders of the general strike here boast that all the trades unions in Australia are awaiting the word to strike in sympathy with local men who are fighting for the right to wear union buttons while at work.

CHILD LABOR IN PROVINCE

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It will be noted that these suggested amendments do not go nearly so far as those proposed last year, and Vancouver delegates who now present themselves are strong in hope that they will be able to induce the minister to view them as they do as both practicable and highly desirable.

FIRE PREVENTION IN RAILWAY BELT

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The protection from fire of the American Conservation Association, who was present, said there was no hope of an efficient fire organization while the rangers continued to be appointed on political reasons and without an examination. The main consideration was to get the men to the fire in the shortest possible time.

NEW AUSTRALIAN LINER PROGRESSING

Big Passenger Steamer Being Built on Clyde to Run to Victoria, Will Be Ready at End of Year

The new passenger liner being built on the Clyde for the Canadian-Australian line service between Sydney and Victoria and Vancouver via Auckland, Suva and Honolulu, is well under way, according to advices received by Mr. J. C. Irons, agent of the line, and is expected to be ready to enter service about the beginning of next year.

CHURCH DESTROYED

Handsome Roman Catholic Edifice at Havelock, Que., Burned and Sold Gold Vessels Lost

ST. JOHNS, Que., Feb. 8.—Sacred vessels of solid gold and rich ornaments valued at \$10,000 were destroyed when the handsome Roman Catholic church at Havelock was destroyed by fire this morning. The church was valued at about \$75,000, and the entire insurance, amounting to some \$50,000, will not by any means cover the loss. The church was a fine structure, and was rebuilt in 1894 by the late Canon St. George.

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REDUCED RATES ON WHEAT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Under special permission by the interstate commerce commission, the Canadian Pacific and C. N. R. have put into effect reduced rates on wheat from Canadian points to Duluth and Minneapolis. The rates were made effective on short notice in order to move about 25,000,000 bushels of damp wheat which must be shipped during cold weather or be absolutely wasted.

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