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The Daily Mail

Maritime—Increasing easterly and northerly winds, cloudy and colder.

ASSAULT ON TAMPICO IS HOURLY EXPECTED

The Rebel Forces are Crowding Close on the Town--Government Has Had the Garrison Greatly Strengthened--Rebels Appear in Large Numbers on the Main Line of the National Railway--Huerta Soldiers are in Revolt--Buying Arms From Japan

Mexico City, Dec. 21--The rebel forces are crowding close on Tampico and a formidable attack may be expected shortly. The report received by the government last night that the assault had begun was not questioned, as it was assumed at the palace that this was the rebel plan, but it has developed that the officer who made the statement became confused over a minor engagement at a point some miles from Tampico.

The war office has utilized the time since the last attack to strengthen the garrison at Tampico, and professes confidence in its ability to resist the rebels.

Forces under General Natera are slowly advancing on Zacatecas, capital of the state of Zacatecas and between Saltillo and San Potosi. Along the main line of the National railway, rebels have again appeared in large numbers. This region has been comparatively free from rebels for several days. Two minor engagements have occurred between Tampico and Atamira, twenty-three miles to the north, and the federals, according to the war office, were victorious in both. It is also announced by the war office that General Salazar has defeated the rebels between Conejos and Bermejillo, in the state of Coahuila, to the north of Torreón.

The government and bankers have not been able to agree on the solution of the currency question. The committee of bankers who have been attempting to devise a plan, met again today with the sub-secretary of finance, but their suggestions were not accepted, chiefly because the bankers would not listen to the idea that the guarantee fund should be deposited in the national treasury. They insisted that it should be deposited in the National Bank.

The management of the Bank of enough currency to meet the demands London and Mexico says that it has should the withdrawal of deposits continue tomorrow.

Government officials express pleasure at the success of the negotiations for a loan in Europe, but the conservative and unofficial element profess to see in it little that will assist President Huerta in operating the government for any length of time, since this loan is to meet interest payments on bonds.

REBELS WARN LLOYDS

Washington, Dec. 21--Roberto Pes-

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BLUEJACKETS

New York, Dec. 22--The five thousand officers and men aboard the four United States battleships now in port are looking forward to a Merry Christmas, battleships are the Utah, Florida and Arkansas and the flagship Wyoming. Nearly \$200,000 has been dealt out to the officers and men by the paymasters and from this huge sum the men are making liberal contributions for the Christmas spreads. Six and eight course menus will be the order for the Christmas dinners abroad the ship. In the meantime the bluejackets are an joying liberal shore leave. During the entire week all but absolutely necessary work will be dispensed with on the ships.

QUIET WEDDING

A. E. Waite and Miss Alice M. Es-sency both of this city were married quietly Saturday night at the George Street Baptist Parsonage by Rev. J. E. Wilson. The marriage was to be kept secret but the news became known and the happy couple are receiving warm congratulations.

quiera, confidential agent here of the Mexican Constitutionalists, has instructed the agent of the party in London, Miguel Corvarrubias, formerly Mexican minister to Russia, to advise Lloyd's maritime agency that steamers of any nationality bringing munitions of war contracted for by the Mexican government will be fired on by the Mexican Constitutionalists.

The agency here refused to say whether the Constitutionalists expected to buy any ships for the purpose of blockading ports held by the federals, but it was made plain that artillery and land forces would not hesitate in the future to fire on foreign ships if they carried arms for the Huerta government. This course, according to the Constitutionalists here, would be justified under international law. They say they intended their caution chiefly for shipments that might come to the Pacific coast, where they are better able to prevent arms from being landed.

International complications are likely to arise if Constitutionalists land forces fire with their mountain artillery upon foreign ships, but as there seemed to be no immediate possibility of such a contingency officials displayed little interest in the subject.

HEURTA'S SOLDIERS REVOLT

Mexico City, Dec. 20--The list of augmented today by a detachment of federal troops who have revolted was formerly under the command of General Gaudencia De La Llave in the state of Puebla. The mutineers are said to number five hundred men. They took with them two cannon and a few machine guns.

The activity of adherents of the rebel leader Zapata in the states of Mexico and Texcala was manifested today by the destruction of three sugar cane plantations.

A heavy consignment of oil from the Tampico districts has reached San Luis Potosi.

JAPANESE ARMS FOR MEXICANS

Tokio, Dec. 22--The arsenal at Tokio is manufacturing a quantity of arms ordered by the Mexican government, which it is expected will be shipped at an early date. Japanese officials explain this is merely a matter of business, and is not indicative of any unfriendliness to the United States.

C. P. R. "DARK HORSE" CONFIDENTLY EXPECTED

Montreal, Dec. 20--The Strait was full of rumors today about what the C. P. R. will do with the \$41,000,000 reserved from the note issue. Some news which will be a bulch card is confidentially expected and today's rally naturally gave a flip to the gossip.

Guesses as to to this "dark horse" on C. P. R. involve both railroads and steamships, the popular theory being that a Western section of C. N. R. is involved.

The latter story appears to have gained wide currency and was discussed in Ottawa freely.

OREGON TEACHERS IN SESSION

Salem, Ore., Dec. 22--Members of the western division of the Oregon State Teachers' Association rallied here in force today for what promises to be one of the largest and most profitable of the annual meetings held by the organization. Dr. J. H. Ackerman, of the Oregon State Normal School, is presiding over the general sessions, which will continue three days.

STOCK MARKET IS OFF TODAY

Canadian Pacific was Depressed by the Heavy Foreign Selling

New Currency Bill Likely to Have a Beneficial Effect--Crop Conditions Are Favorable

New York, Dec. 22--Considering the sold-out condition of the Stock Market and recent favorable developments in the financial situation, there seems to be no reason why the improving tendency of securities should continue.

Thus far, while early winter wheat crop conditions are gratifying, it would be premature to forecast results, and the curtailment of business is still under way and promises to continue until the over-extension of the past year has been eliminated. The passage of the Currency Bill injects a novel factor into the situation and it is just as well that the effects of this measure will not be effective for a long time to come, and therefore not seriously retard a wholesale readjustment of business conditions. Meantime however, the sentimental effect upon investors should be decidedly stimulating and baring unexpected developments tending to disturb business confidence, there would be a larger demand for both stocks and bonds, especially on reactions for both speculative and investment account.

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WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

Americans generally weak, 1 to 4 off.

Many changes in Currency Bill. Both houses meet at noon. Wilson expected to sign bill tonight.

President Vail says A. T. & T. and Western Union have been maintained as separate organizations and their dissolution does not involve any re-organization of Western Union. Interchange of facilities to be continued.

Annual meeting United States Motor Company scheduled for today. Steel business continues light.

London Statist says New York may soon import gold.

Reports to Dow Jones from 250 corporations with capital of \$9,968,000,000, show \$91,564 shareholders.

12 industrial advanced .90. 20 active rails advanced .63.

Twin City second week earnings December, increase \$11,771, from January 1st, increase \$623,574.

Kansas City South from November net increase \$8,725, five months' net decrease \$95,733.

C. & O. second week December increase \$8,674, from July 1st increase \$518.95.

SAYS MR. PINDER OWES FOR SLUMPAGE

To the Editor of The Daily Mail: Dear Sir--Following up the observations made in a recent issue of The Mail with reference to Mr. Pinder's delinquency in the accounts of the province I have since discovered that the whole tale was not contained in my recent article. In addition to the \$1,000 and interest which Mr. Pinder owes the Agricultural Department he owes stumpage to the Department of Lands and Mines for the year 1911 amounting to \$44.85, and for the year 1912 \$494.60, making a total of \$539.45. In 1913 Mr. Pinder was too busy with his railway operations to find time to stick the province for any further stumpage, but while the province was perhaps saving a few hundred dollars by reason of the fact that Mr. Pinder was not lumbering it was losing some thousands of dollars by reason of Mr. Pinder's railway operations.

PRO BONO PUBLICO.

Miss Bessie McElvaney of the staff of the Victoria School, St. John, is here to spend the holidays with her parents.

HON. MR. HAZEN IN THE CITY

Has been Called from Ottawa to Restore Order in Tory Camp

Is in Conference With Leaders of the Pinder and McLeod Factions This Afternoon

The bitter faction fight which has been going on in the Tory ranks here for weeks, has reached such an acute stage that it has been found necessary to summon Hon. J. D. Hazen to the county to see if he cannot make some kind of a bluff at restoring peace. The party convention is called for Wednesday and it is felt that only the persuasive powers, promises and patronage of the minister can avert an open clash. Premier Flemming has been trying his best to smooth matters over but has made a sorry mess of it. The leaders of the two factions are fighting like Kilkenny cats and the more cautious members of the party are afraid that they will blunt out something that will put the whole outfit on the log. The wires between Fredericton and Ottawa have been kept hot for several days and at noon today Hon. Mr. Hazen dropped down upon the scene. This afternoon at the Barker House he will hold separate conference with the faction leaders and will endeavor to restore something like order out of chaos. From here Mr. Hazen will go to St. John, where another hot old time awaits him. Verily, the lot of a weak-kneed Tory cabinet minister is not a bed of roses these days.

BOARD OF TRADE WANTS INCREASED MEMBERSHIP

Organization Has Accomplished Much For Fredericton During Its Existence

After Christmas the membership campaign of the Fredericton Board of Trade is to be pressed. Letters requesting membership in the board have been issued but toward the end of the month a personal appeal is to be made by members of the committee. It is expected that the membership will be substantially increased as there are many merchants and other business men in the city who do not belong to the board at present.

The value to the community of an organization such as the board is recognized by many and should be more widely recognized. In the past the Board of Trade has accomplished much for Fredericton and its efforts still are directed toward the betterment of conditions.

The Fredericton Tourist Association, the pioneer organization of its kind in Canada and the United States, was organized in 1896 at the annual meeting of the Board of Trade and in the seventeen years of its existence, has done much toward making New Brunswick better known. The tremendous growth in revenue to the province from game-licenses is one result of the work of that organization. The Board of Trade, besides being the parent of the Tourist Association, also was instrumental in bringing about many noticeable public improvements. The taking over of the Canada Eastern Railway by the Intercolonial Railway of Canada is one. It has advocated many improvements in train service with noticeable success. Discriminating freight rates have been opposed by it and the movement which resulted in the building of the St. John & Quebec Railway was begun by it.

"Every man who wishes to see Fredericton and this section of New Brunswick progress," said President J. T. Jennings today, "should be a member of the Fredericton Board of Trade."

CHURCH SERVICES.

Christmas services in the city churches yesterday attracted large congregations and proved very interesting. The music was specially appropriate to the Christmas season.

BIG RAILWAY DEAL MAY BE PULLED OFF

Canadian Pacific Said to be After the Canadian Northern Road--Proceeds of Debenture Sale May be Utilized for That Purpose--The C. N. R. Will Ask Further Assistance From the Government During the Coming Session--An Unnamed Shareholder's Views

Ottawa, Dec. 20--Some important developments are expected by parliamentarians here as to the plans of the Canadian Pacific Railway in regard to the "segregation of extraneous assets" for the creation of a forty-two million dollar trust fund from a debenture issue on land sales. That there is a purpose beyond the cutting of a melon for the stockholders is conceded. For several years the Canadian Pacific has been accumulating a cash reserve fund of large proportions and it has been rumored in well-informed parliamentary circles here for some time that the company had its eye on the Canadian Northern Railway, and was simply awaiting an occasion to take it over. This rumor has been again revived.

C.N.R. WILL ASK MORE HELP.

Last session the government came to the assistance of the Canadian Northern with a subsidy of over fifteen millions. That this amount simply tided over the company's need for a short time is borne out by the fact that the Canadian Northern will be back this coming session for more assistance. It is certain that any further cash bonus to the Canadian Northern will be bitterly opposed by a large proportion of the members of parliament, and that the government will find itself in a difficult position.

It is believed here that the anti-rate reduction statement handed out by F. H. Phippen, before the Railway Commission, on the western freight rates case practically constituted the company's brief for further aid.

There are some who advance the opinion that the government may find a solution for the problem by itself taking over the line, in which it is already heavily interested, and running it as a government railway. Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, is said to favor this move. Government ownership, however, is

not generally a popular policy with the present government, and it is to be expected that both the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk Pacific would object to such a move.

IS THIS INSPIRED?

As throwing some light on the subject and bearing out the rumor that the C.P.R. contemplates some big purchase, an interview given by an unnamed stockholder to The Montreal Gazette is of interest. It is to be noted that The Gazette is closely in touch with the C.P.R. and is usually first among Montreal papers in forecasting its policies.

The Gazette at the outset volunteers the information that "the company had a large surplus when it issued the \$60,000,000 worth of stock, which at the price disposed of brought \$104,000,000, of which \$45,000,000 went into the treasury. It is argued," says The Gazette, "that as the company has plenty of money, and as there was a money stringency all over the world, there must have been a strong reason for the company seeking at a rate of six per cent. to raise \$42,000,000 in such a hurry."

EXPECTS SOME BIG "BUY."

The unnamed stockholder referred to ventured in conversation "that the C.P.R. was going to buy something." He added, and this may be significant:

"I mean, to make arrangements with the government in this regard." The stockbroker suggests several reasons for the issue.

"It is not believed by any," the interview continues, "that the G.T.P. will run the government end of the system, or the C.P.R. might buy out the Allan Line."

"That might not be the thing the C.P.R. is after, but it is after a buy of some kind--of that I am certain."

MR. W. S. TOMPKINS MAY CONTEST YORK

Friends are Working in His Behalf And Says He Would Surprise the Gallant Colonel

It is reported about the city today that Mr. W. S. Tompkins of Meductic has been persuaded to offer as an independent candidate at the approaching federal by-election in York in opposition to Hon. H. F. McLeod. As a bitter faction fight is now going on among the Tories of York, Mr. Tompkins will very likely command the support of what is known as the up-town wing as well as that of the Pinder faction.

Interviewed by a representative of The Mail in reference to the situation, Mr. Tompkins would give out no information in regard to his intentions, but it is well known that his friends made a canvass in his behalf on Saturday with sufficient success as to ensure his entering the field.

Mr. Tompkins is one of the men who brought the St. John Valley project to a head. He is an indefatigable worker and is one of the best platform speakers in York County. Should he enter the field the gallant colonel will be in for the fight of his life.

A gentleman who was in the city on Saturday made the statement that if the approaching election is contested seventy-five per cent. of the vote in the up-river parishes will be recorded against Col. McLeod.

The York County Council meets on January 6th, the day before the election. As many of the members of the board are active Tory politicians,

DOG SHOW OPENS IN PITTSBURG

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22--The annual bench show under the auspices of the Associated Specialty Clubs of Pittsburgh opened in the old City Hall today and will be continued over tomorrow. In the variety and high quality of the entries the show has never been equalled in this city. Among the classes that are particularly well filled are the collies, bulldogs and Boston terriers. The toy spaniels and other of the small varieties of the canine kingdom also are well represented. The judging of exhibits and award of prizes began this morning and will be continued until the show closes tomorrow night.

BIBLE SAVED MINISTER'S LIFE

Blairsville, Pa., Dec. 21--What is believed to have been a deliberate attempt to assassinate Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure, pastor of the Blairsville United Presbyterian church, and president of the Indiana County Anti Saloon League, failed late last night when a bullet fired at the minister penetrated a Bible, which he carried under his arm, and made a slight abrasion upon Dr. McClure's left side. The authorities are searching for two men, one of whom fired two shots at the clergyman and who dropped his hat in escaping.

a contest would be apt to put them to considerable inconvenience. It would be up to them to either adjourn the meeting or take no part in the election.