

RICHMOND MEN IN MEXICAN TROUBLE

W. Grubbs' Horse Seized, Dr. Commons Defends Camp with Searchlight.

REBELS GIVE TROUBLE

Commons to Protect Stables Charges the Padlocks with Electric "Dose."

The El Paso (Tex.) Herald in its issue of July 25, tells of the trials and tribulations brought on the Americans employed by the Madera, Mexico, Lumber company, of which Harry Miller, formerly of this city and a prominent railroad man, is president. Two other Wayne county men are in the employ of the company, Warren Grubbs, formerly of Richmond, and Dr. Ernest Commons, formerly of Centerville. Mr. Grubbs recently had a fine saddle horse appropriated by General Rojas, a rebel commander. The following article from the El Paso Herald tells how he defended his camp with a searchlight.

MADERO CHIH, Mex., July 25.—In the mild yard of the Madera Lumber company is a tower, probably 125 feet high, on the top of which is a "crow's nest" and above that a powerful search light, the rays of which can be directed at the will of the operator, who operates it from his perch in the "nest" from sunset to sunrise every day in the year. When the idea of the light was conceived it was hoped that petty pilfering of material from the yards from which the company had suffered would be stopped or minimized and that the smoke of smoldering fires which might be fanned into disastrous conflagrations might be discovered before the embers burst into flames. There was no thought then that the brilliant beacon might be used to save not only the company's property but the whole town from pillage by armed bands of irresponsible marauders.

There is no question now in the minds of those who were on the alert on Saturday night that were it not for the ability of the operator to keep the raiders in sight as soon as he was warned that they were holding up and robbing pedestrians and breaking into houses, the loss by looting would have been much heavier than it was.

Prevents Theft of Stock.
After the first raid the robbers moved toward Mexican town and it was hoped they would stay there. The raid was made so quickly and so boldly that there was no time to telephone the searchlight tower if it were even thought of. When the night riders came back the second time, however, Dr. Commons called from the hospital and directed the tower man where to throw the rays of the revealing lamp. The raiders were soon "picked up." They were evidently trying to open a locked pasture gate in the Nahuatlahuic (Hearst) ranch fence about a mile away from the hospital. The light was "held" upon them and the raiders evidently became nervous, as after enduring it for two or three minutes those who had dismounted to manipulate the gate, climbed into their saddles and the whole party rode toward the timber. The light followed them, keeping them in plain view and making them excellent targets had there been any disposition to fire at them. The light followed them into the timber some of the party always being in sight of the searchlight man and of those who were watching from the threatened houses. Finally seeing that they could not escape the vigilant tower man the would-be looters rode across the plain toward their camp and were kept in view until lost in the maze of the crooked streets of the Mexican quarter.

Safeguarded Against Outbreaks.
Since that night the light has been more skillfully or carefully used than ever before and undoubtedly has been more potent in preventive outbreaks of banditry than would have been 50 watchmen working in the dark. Whatever may have been the cost of the tower and lamp it has no doubt been saved to the citizens of Madera during the past 10 days.

Removal of Women Is a Help.
The sending out of the women and children last Sunday had a double effect for good in the opinion of those responsible for the issuance of the order for their removal. It was feared by some who opposed the move that the sending out of the women would be regarded by the lawless and irresponsible element among the rebel commands in the camp as an evidence of weakness. The real effect produced was decidedly to the contrary, especially as few men went out with the women, as it was interpreted as a resolve upon the part of the men who remained in camp to be free to put up a determined and organized fight on a mass which would have been utterly impossible with the women in camp, each requiring to be defended separately in widely scattered sections of the American quarter.

The absence from the danger zone had the effect, too, to relieve the men of a strain born of apprehension of what might befall the women in case of an uprising and made them freer to fight for the common cause should they be called upon to suppress or try to suppress an outbreak.

Madera Club Closes Bar.
The members of the Madera club set a good example for the inhabitants of the Mexican quarter, as well as for the soldiers in camp, by closing the club bar when the rebels under Gen. Rojas first came into the town and keeping it closed during the entire period of rebel occupancy. They re-

News Nuggets

(National News Association)

PATERSON, N. J., Aug. 2.—Because he hugged Frieda Brickman against her wishes, Louis Bucceri was fined \$50.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Aug. 2.—Because she refused to eat ice cream at his expense, Arbin Barber last night shot Mrs. Fred Miller. The bullet took away her left ear.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—The question as to whether or not a lobster can feel pain will be settled here on August 8, when John Hurd-uccueau will be tried on the charge of cruelty to a lobster.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 2.—A ring that was lost 15 years ago by Joseph C. Baird of Washington, Pa., is being found in a pigeon loft belonging to J. J. Davin. The latter accuses one of his pigeons.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Dr. Forbes Winslow, prophetic at the suggestion of congress that there would be more lunatics than sane people in the world 300 years hence.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—Mr. Gaynor disclosed one of his habits by asking a laborer in front of the city hall for a chew of tobacco.

ognized the danger of a thoughtless word uttered at an inopportune moment and resolved that if any thoughtless words were uttered they would be spoken by men in full possession of their faculties and in no wise over-exhilarated by anything usually purchasable at a club buffet. It is worthy of note in this connection that the closing of the bar was unanimously approved by the large membership of the club. Every man among them recognized the gravity of the situation and not a protest was filed.

About the sorest man in Madera up to the time of his departure on the refugee train Sunday night was Dr. Commons, surgeon in chief of the general hospital. He had saved his horses once and then he spent much time and money on an electrical device attached to the lock on the stable door through which any one tampering with the lock while the current was on would be electrocuted. However, during the raid of Saturday night the officers in command of the raiders compelled the doctor to have his muzzo open the door and as he didn't want to see the muzzo killed he had to turn off the heavy voltage. Within a few minutes his highly prized horses, three of them, were being led away by the raiders and all the doctor had to show for them is a "vale" signed by del Campo. That's why he is sore.

Rojas Stops at Hotel.
While Rojas was in Madera he made his headquarters at the Hotel Madera. His officers and men called on him by hundreds and stabled their horses day and night along the front and on two sides of the building, the result was that the premises smelled like the animal tent of a big circus on a hot day. When Rojas went west, a corps of men was put at work to clean up the miasmatic mess. Barrels of disinfectant were sprinkled over the ground and then the latter was covered an inch deep in lime to bury the germs killed by the septicide.

Forced to Feed Rebel Officers.
In itemizing the cost to the citizens of Madera of the present rebel invasion the amount contributed to the "cause" by the Hotel Madera was overlooked. Up to Sunday night about 2000 meals had been served rebel officers and soldiers by proprietor Thomas Kilpatrick, which at the usual charge of 50 cents per meal amounted to \$1,000. This added to the figures already sent in would bring the total up to \$233,000 (Mex.). This does not include the draft made Sunday and Monday upon the Madera company's store by Col. Bermudez's command, which will amount to \$3,000 to \$3,500 more.

SECOND CLOUDBURST

Strikes Little Nevada Towns Causing Desolation.

(National News Association)

RENO, Nev., Aug. 2.—The little towns of Mazuma and Seven Troughs, just recovering from a cloudburst disaster that overwhelmed them recently, were again struck last night by a flood.

Survivors of the recent district fled to the hillsides in their night clothes to escape a second cloudburst which broke in Seven Troughs canyon, carrying a five-foot wall of water down the canyon and sweeping away temporary homes of the residents.

At last reports Mazuma was under water. Advice received at Lovelock shortly before all telephone wires went down said that refugees were on the hillsides in a state of utmost hysteria. Relief parties which set out turned back through fear of being swept away by the flood.

MILTON SENTENCED

Stole a Gold Watch from Nellie Allen.

Thomas Milton alias Thomas Perkins was sentenced to Michigan City penitentiary for one to eight years, disfranchised two years and fined \$10 by Judge H. C. Fox when arraigned before him this morning on the charge of petit larceny. He stole a gold watch valued at \$10 from Nellie Allen several weeks ago.

HUNGARIAN FOUND GUILTY OF CHARGE

Judge Will Pass Sentence on Mithoff Tomorrow Morning.

San Mithoff, a young Hungarian section hand was found guilty of the charge of assault and battery with intent to commit rape, by Judge Fox in the Wayne circuit this afternoon. He probably will be sentenced to from two to fourteen years.

Young Mithoff was arrested about two weeks ago on the charge of assault and battery with the intent to commit rape on Elsie Pickett, age about 8 of Greensfork.

The court room was well filled with indignant Greensfork citizens some of whom had come to this city to testify in the case and others to hear the testimony.

Little Miss Pickett testified that as she was leaving the home of James Martindale where she is employed during the summer months to assist in the house work, Sunday evening, July 14, Mithoff followed her as she walked on the railroad track and as she was passing a corn field he ran up to her and put his arms around her. She said he carried her to the field. Her screams frightened him away and brought others to her assistance.

Mithoff, who is twenty years old has a wife and young child in the old country.

HAD A STREET FIGHT

Platt and Vincent Arrested Again.

The troubles of the Platts and Vincents, formerly neighbors at 403 and 405 South Eighteenth street will be rehearsed in police court again in the morning, following another street fight this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Eugene Vincent was standing at the corner of Sixth and Main streets this afternoon talking to Mrs. Pearl Platt. Platt came along and landed a clean one on Mr. Vincent's nose, it is said, knocking Vincent over a brick pile. Vincent arose and seizing a brick hurled it into Platt's countenance, breaking Platt's nose and cutting his face badly.

Both men were arrested, charged with assault and battery.

Last night Mrs. Vincent and her husband had an altercation on North Eighth street, it is said, when Mrs. Vincent whipped her spouse. No charge has been filed against her.

The Platts and Vincents have had domestic troubles before. Mrs. Platt and Mrs. Vincent have had a fight, and Mr. Vincent and Mr. Platt have had a fight. Mrs. Vincent has applied for divorce, charging her husband with adultery with Mrs. Platt. Mrs. Platt is out under suspended sentence for beating Mrs. Platt this week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On Japanese Fishing Company Question.

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Following an executive session today the senate passed a resolution of Senator Lodge, declaring against the acquisition of Magdalen Bay by a Japanese fishing company. Senator Lodge, in speaking for his measure, declared that the principle underlying it, antedates the Monroe doctrine.

When the Senate took up the resolution it was first discussed in open session, but because of the gravity of the question involved the session was made executive on motion of Senator Root.

WOMAN HAD NUMBER OF BAD PICTURES

(National News Association)

CONNEERSVILLE, Aug. 2.—Mrs. Thomas M. Holmes, aged 40 years, a widow, is under arrest here on a charge of having illegal photographs in her possession. The police searched Mrs. Holmes house and seized a number of photographs and plates.

Her arrest followed the distribution of pictures of a pretty girl, named Lena Lifford, who is employed in the home of Newton Martin, near the Holmes house and studio. The pictures were of the girl herself.

The arrest of Mrs. Holmes has caused a sensation on the North Side. The prosecutor refuses to show the confiscated photographs. Immunity was promised the Lifford girl for assisting in the prosecution.

JOHN OWENS DEAD

The funeral of John Owens will be held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock from the home, 101 South Twentyfirst street. Rev. Truman Kenworthy, of the East Main Street Friends' church will have charge. Burial in Earlham cemetery.

Loose and Mounted DIAMONDS

O. E. DICKINSON

WIFEY HIDES TOGS TO GET CONFESSION

Hubby Drops Note from Flat Window to Neighbor to Call Police.

(National News Association)

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—"Please get the police right away. I am locked in my flat. Send help. Watson, 4353 Kenmore avenue."

This was the message, scrawled on a scrap of paper, which fluttered down from a window of the apartment of Albert W. Watson, real estate broker and yachtsman, yesterday morning. It dropped almost at the feet of a neighbor who was passing. He picked it up, read, and, with visions of all sorts of trouble happening to Mr. Watson, dashed to the town hall police station.

Sergeant Shearon glanced at the message and then summoned two husky policemen.

"Hurry, men," he ordered. "He may be in danger. Break down the door, if you have to."

The policemen hurried. Arrived at the apartment building they rang the bell of the Watson flat furiously and dashed up the stairs without waiting for an invitation to come up.

The door swung open and a slender man clad in pale blue pajamas confronted them. It was Watson.

"Come in," he said. "My wife has locked up all my clothes and won't give them to me. I need 'em."

One of the policemen scratched his head. The other looked puzzled.

"Mister, I don't believe we can compel your wife to give you your clothes," said one. "There's nothing in the police rule book to cover this case. You'd better try the Court of Domestic Relations."

Then Mrs. Watson appeared from the rear of the apartment. The sight of her husband talking to two big policemen surprised her. But she grasped the situation.

"O, very well; take your old clothes," she ordered, and threw the key to a closet at her spouse. "Get inside and dress in respectable style."

Watson persuaded the policemen to wait until he was dressed and then he accompanied them from the building. His goodbye to Mrs. Watson was something to the effect of suing for divorce.

Later in the day Mrs. Watson discussed the episode of the clothes closet and the causes which led to it.

"I accused my husband of duplicity, but he steadfastly denied it. Then Wednesday night when he came home he said I'd have to give him \$5,000 or he'd send me to Dunning. He wouldn't explain what he wanted the money for, but I knew he wanted it for another woman."

"Then it was that I resolved to lock up his clothes while he slept. I thought in the morning, when he couldn't get away, we'd have some explanations and he'd confess."

UNION NAT. BANK WEATHER SERVICE

The Union National bank at the corner of Eighth and Main streets has installed a local weather barometer for the general public. The instrument will give the absolute correct readings of the atmospheric conditions of our city, reduced to sea level reading. This will be a great public benefit. A gradual but slow fall indicates unsettled and wet weather. A rapid rise indicates sudden showers and high winds. A low barometer indicates a continuation of extreme conditions. If the blue hand moves to the right the barometer is rising. If to the left the barometer is falling.

WALKED IN SLEEP; FELL FROM WINDOW

AUGUSTA, Ga., Aug. 2.—Miss Alice Hora of North Augusta, S. C., died this morning from injuries sustained when she fell from a second story window while walking in her sleep.

REJECTS AMENDMENT

Repealing the Reciprocity Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—For the second time this week the House today rejected the Senate amendment repealing the Canadian reciprocity agreement. The House sent back to conference the bill revising the iron and steel schedules to which the reciprocity amendment was attached. Representative Underwood reported that the House conferees had refused to concur in the reciprocity rider. He moved a further conference and Representative Payne, Republican, moved that the conferees be instructed to accept the reciprocity amendment. Payne's motion was defeated by an overwhelming vote.

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CATTLE BARONS ASK HELP OF CONGRESS

State that Livestock Growing Must Be Protected or Prices Will Go Higher.

(National News Association)

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—The decline in the cattle industry is blamed by Chicago packers and members of the livestock exchange, and while other prices are soaring higher than they have ever been, members of the exchange have appealed for aid in fostering cattle growing.

"Congress or the state legislature must enact laws soon for the protection of cattle raising in this country," said President Jones of the Livestock Exchange, "or the cattle market will become dangerously tight. The situation is serious. The west is raising little cattle, the market is short and beef cattle are short in weight. There is no question in my mind but that the increase in population in this country is outgrowing the production of meat producing animals."

Prime steers yesterday sold at \$9.85 in the market here.

BIRTHS MADE GAIN

Births made a large gain over deaths for the month of July, as is shown by the report of City Health Officer Davis. There were 53 births, and but 17 deaths.

There were twenty-one cases of disease reported during the month. Four were for typhoid fever, thirteen for scarlet fever, three for diphtheria and one for chicken pox.

PICNIC SUNDAY

The annual picnic of the South Side Improvement association will be held at Beallview park Sunday afternoon. It is expected that this will be the largest affair held by the association.

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CHICAGO CAR LINES MAY ALL BE TIED UP

Elevated Men May Join Car Men if Strike Is Decided for at Election.

(National News Association)

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—At 4 o'clock this morning a 24-hour strike election of the street railway men was begun. Leaders of the carmen's union say that the settlement of the men indicated clearly that the result of the ballot will be a walkout. The election follows the refusal of the street car companies to grant a wage increase and the refusal of the men to accept a renewal of the old contracts.

During the early hours the vote was heavy and the leaders of the unions predicted that practically the entire vote of the 10,000 men employed on the platforms of the cars would be cast.

While this strike is pending, representatives of the elevated railroad employees today met the officials of the companies with a demand for a wage increase. That the elevated men may be involved in the strike and a complete tie-up of transportation in Chicago may result is the situation that faces the public.

Under an agreement that has been in existence for years, but has never before been put into effect, when both street car men and elevated men are seeking a wage adjustment at the same time, neither shall settle until the other is ready to settle. If the car men go on strike, the elevated men will be bound to withhold settlement, under this agreement, until the strike is over. An elevated strike would affect about 2,700 men.

CONDITION OF MRS. MEYERS IS SERIOUS

The attending physician of Mrs. Jake Meyers of Richmond avenue, who is seriously ill at her home suffering from injuries sustained in the street car wreck, stated this morning that Mrs. Meyers' condition was very serious. He stated that efforts were being made to avert an operation, but that it seemed almost impossible to use any other means to cure a large abscess which has formed on Mrs. Meyers' left hip as a result of the accident, it is said.

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