

HUERTAS GOES TO TALK OF A BLOCKADE
Mexico Financially "Busted," No Money For Any Purpose of Government.
CONGRESS TO SIT FOR A LONG TERM

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Nov. 24.—Victoriano Huerta scoffs openly at talk of intervention of a blockade of Mexican ports by the American government. He said the country is in a financial crisis that pertends more seriously for the country than the rebellion now facing the nation.

At the National palace the idea of intervention is scoffed at, and the suggestion of a blockade is received with skepticism. Huerta is credited with having said that while the ports might be easily taken, it would be impossible for invaders to get as far as the capital. The fact that the national treasury is practically exhausted is not hidden from the most ignorant person in the city. The new stamp tax, effective December 1, will practically double the revenue from that source. Special taxes have been imposed and the taxing of articles imported by parcels post is being discussed.

Employers of labor find themselves seriously embarrassed by the shortage of labor and their cashiers are hoarding every coin. Huerta attends Hull fight. Gen. Huerta, accompanied by only two members of his staff, and guarded by a score of detachments, attended the Hull fight Sunday, when Gaona inaugurated the season. The band played the national hymn, the spectators roared, but there was no cheering.

Congress has launched into what promises to be a long session. It is understood the elections will be annulled, that new elections will be called and that Huerta will remain at the head of affairs. Army estimated at 110,000. The last official report placed Huerta's army at 110,000, according to unofficial statements at the palace. Men are more plentiful than arms. The methods of warfare of both rebels and federals have ceased to shock the people of the country. In some cases prisoners are being killed and in others they are recruited into the ranks of their captors.

Rebel Families Protect Federals. The families of Mariano Sandoval and Santos Cor, rebels, are being conveyed as passengers up and down the line continually near San Luis Potosi. This is known to the rebels and the authorities assume that as the women and children of the rebel chiefs would be the victims in any attack, their work trains will not be molested. Austrians have been urged to cooperate with German arms and munitions. Thus far the Americans have made no systematic attempt to protect themselves.

ENGLAND SENDS ANOTHER GUNBOAT TO MEXICO. Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 24.—The British gunboat Spectator has sailed for Mexico to join the British fleet in the Gulf of Mexico. The gunboat will remain in Mexican waters until present difficulties are settled.

NEW YORK JURY INDICTS MCGUIRE. Former Syracuse Mayor Is Charged with Soliciting Campaign Contributions in Violation of Law. New York, Nov. 24.—K. McGuire, formerly mayor of Syracuse, was indicted this afternoon charged with soliciting a campaign contribution from a corporation contrary to law. McGuire would see that the California company's products were purchased for state contract work.

REVEALERS OF GRAFT GET IMMUNITY IN NEW YORK. New York, Nov. 24.—Two ex-police-men, Eugene E. Fox and Ashley Snow, were rewarded today for their revelations regarding graft in the police department, by the dismissal of indictments charging them with bribery and perjury. Fox and Snow were charged with collecting "protection money" handed by police captain Thos. W. Walsh.

U. S. Stocks Ships With Argentine Meat; Saves Money By It
Quotation Is More Than Half a Cent a Pound Under American Prices—Canned Beef Is Bought in Australia.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—The navy department stocked the supply ship Culgoa, about to sail for the gulf of Mexico, with Argentine beef at a saving of somewhat more than half a cent a pound below the lowest estimate made by American packers. A consignment of 285,000 pounds was bought at 11.90 cents a pound, the lowest price for American beef being 12.45 a pound. The Culgoa will sail from New York either today or tomorrow.

The navy department also has just saved \$9528 by buying a quantity of canned corn beef in the Australian market. This consignment of 129,000 pounds was bought at 16.37 cents a pound, the lowest American price being 18.31 cents.

Booth Brothers, After Being Estranged For 17 Years, Shake Hands
New York, November 24.—After an estrangement of 17 years Bramwell Booth and Benjamin Booth shook hands today as the luncheon guests of the Rev. Alden L. Bennett, a friend of both. The meeting was private and, according to announcement, was "a brotherly one, entirely concerned with personal matters."

"Man on the Coin" Writes Chief Davis Queer Letter
Efra McCama, of Dewitt, Mo., who claims to be "the man on the coin before the rich man took his name off," has written police chief L. N. Davis to convey his best wishes to Pancho Villa. McCama declares that his name was placed on the coinage of this country as evidence of the fact that he had come back to earth, but as soon as the rich man discovered this fact, the rich man had his name removed.

Russian Exiles Resort To Suicide as Relief
Berlin, Germany, Nov. 24.—The sufferings from hunger, disease and ill treatment of Russian political prisoners and exiles are set forth in an appeal published in many European newspapers today. The signatures of several hundred prominent men and women of Germany, England, France and other countries.

CAFE BOOTHS SAID TO BE UNDER PROBE
Number of Young Women Some of Them Young Girls, Are Witnesses Before the Grand Jury.
Rigid examinations, it is reported, are being made by the grand jury, into the alleged sale of liquor in the booths of cafes to minors. The investigations were prompted by the evidence of these sales brought out in the Caples case. Ellen Godsey, the prosecuting witness in that case, was summoned as a grand juror witness.

ASKING A NEW TRIAL, CAPLES ALLEGES BIAS
ATTORNEYS FOR "BILL" CAPLES filed a motion before Judge Dan M. Jackson Monday morning asking the court to set aside the verdict rendered Friday afternoon, when Caples was given 60 days in jail "for aggravated assault."

EASTERN ROADS ASK FIVE PERCENT RAISE BY THE COMMERCE BOARD TO INCREASE RATES
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 24.—Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio; Frederick A. DeLoach, president of the Washington and Annapolis; and George Stuart Patterson, general solicitor of the Pennsylvania, appeared before the interstate commerce commission today to argue for authority to increase rates on all classes of freight, traffic, approximately five per cent east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

WILLA WAITS, READY FOR FEDERALS
Army Stretched Across 12 Miles, Is South of Juarez a Short Distance.
NO FIGHTING SINCE SATURDAY SKIRMISH

WAR clouds, as well as rain clouds, hang over the hilly country between Mesa and Tierra Blanca, 13 and 22 miles, respectively, south of Juarez where 5000 rebels under Pancho Villa await the northward advance of a federal force of 4000 men led by Gens. Manóñilas, Salazar, Rojas and Carasco.

No fighting of any nature except the skirmishing Saturday, had taken place up to a late hour this afternoon, according to announcement at rebel headquarters in Juarez, by Juan N. Medina, commander of the border town's rebel garrison.

The main body of federals, it is said, is still close to Samalayuca, 32 miles from Juarez and about 15 miles from the place where the revolutionists are entrenched in force. Neither army has advanced toward the other to any great extent since Sunday, say rebel officers in Juarez. "Prospects of a battle today are slender, they say. 'Mamma' may see the beginning of an engagement, the outcome of which will probably decide the question of whether the Huerta men or the 'Constitutionalist' will rule northern Chihuahua."

Reinforcements Arrive. Two hundred and eighty mounted rebels, commanded by Manuel Ochoa, arrived in Juarez Sunday night from Ojinaca to join Villa. The detachment brought with them a number of extra horses, which will be used by Villa's soldiers who need more mounts. It is reported that another detachment of 100 men from the Ojinaca country is en route to Juarez and should arrive in the next few days. Ochoa's men will be given new outfits in Juarez and sent south to join the main army.

Villa Takes Brunt of Fighting. Rosalio Hernandez commands the right wing of the rebel army, resting near Baucha 12 miles from Juarez on the Mexican North Western railway. Enrique Rodriguez has been assigned to lead the left wing, which is stationed along the Mexican Central line south of Mesa.

Regular Session Opens Dec. 1. The long special session of congress promises to merge into the regular winter session Monday, with scarcely a long of consideration of the Hatch-Hetchy bill and later for the Christmas recess. When the consideration of currency legislation is resumed January 5, it is the plan of Democratic leaders to bring the senate as rapidly as possible to a decision upon the vital principles at issue between the various leaders.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' Edition El Paso Herald
BIGGER and better than ever, full of handsome illustrations and designs. The El Paso Herald Christmas edition will be issued next Saturday, November 29, just the right time to place Christmas bargains before the people of El Paso and the northward.

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TWO ARMY AVIATORS FALL 80 FEET; KILLED
San Diego, Calif., Nov. 24.—Lieuts. Eric L. Ellington and Hugo M. Kelly, first division army aviation corps, were killed this morning in a fall of about 80 feet in an aerobane. The accident occurred across the bay from San Diego on the grounds of the army camp on North Island.

INFANTRY TO COME; CAVALRY TO LEAVE
A regiment of infantry is to be sent to Fort Bliss for emergency duty, to relieve the Second cavalry and permit it to continue to its station at Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., according to advices from Washington. The dispatch says the regiment will be either the 16th infantry, now at Presidio, San Francisco, or the 29th infantry, at Fort Douglas, Utah, that will be sent here. The regiment would be used for bridge and river guard duty and to protect the city in an emergency.

HOUSEWIVES' LEAGUE STARTS WAR ON EGGS
New York, Nov. 24.—The heads of 300 local organizations of the Housewives' league, have been notified that the national committee had called a nationwide boycott on eggs. The league claims a membership of 700,000, all of whom are asked to cooperate in the movement.