

HORSES STAMPEDE THROUGH TRAFFIC

WOMEN screamed, men elbowed their way through frantic crowds, traffic cops jumped for cover and traffic was brought to an abrupt halt at noon Wednesday as hundreds of Christmas shoppers thrilled at the spectacle of 50 panic-stricken horses stampeding through El Paso's business district.

It was the kind of thrill that comes but once in a lifetime as on-lookers watched the maddened horses dash from the river front up Oregon street.

Horses Fall.

The horses, seeming to gain speed as they reached the business section, tore across San Antonio street, on to Mills and across the railroad tracks. Several of the animals slipped and fell, only to be up and tearing madly onward within the twinkling of an eye.

Even several men screamed as the frightened horses reached the tracks—just as the puffing of a locomotive sounded in the distance. The animal plunged onward, gaining speed with their fright, finally coming to a huddled halt in the 1400 block on East Rio Grande street.

The animals broke loose as they were being driven toward the Stanton street bridge, where they were to be crossed into Mexico. They arrived here several days ago from San Antonio, where they were condemned by the army and ordered sold to the Mexican government.

One hundred horses were in the herd. Becoming frightened as they were driven down the river, the animals stampeded, breaking toward the business district.

Officer Breaks Herd.

R. W. Woods, policeman on duty at the bridge, rushed into the path of the dashing animals and succeeded in heading off half the herd, while the remainder continued toward the city.

San Antonio street pedestrians and motorists were halted as traffic officer McMahan gave several long blasts on his whistle at the sight of the approaching horses. Then the officer had to scurry to cover as the leaders of the stampeding animals reached the street.

The majority of the horses were tied in spans of two, three and four. They paid no heed to traffic as they plunged through the city. Men grabbed their coats and attempted to frighten them. This procedure only added to their speed.

The herd was strung out along the street for about five blocks, about 10 or 12 horses plunging along, one behind the other, in each block.

Tired out, the animals finally came to a halt when they reached an open space on East Rio Grande street. They were "corraled" and led peacefully back to the river front.

Ice Cream Sells Like Hot Cakes At 40 Deg. Below Zero

CIRCLE, Alaska, Dec. 22 (AP).—Ice cream sold like hot cakes at \$1.75 a quart while the thermometer stood at 40 below zero here Tuesday.

The ice cream was received from Seattle as a Christmas delicacy and is said to be the first ever to be received in the Arctic circle.

Goodwill Special Will Travel 1444 Miles In Feb. Trip

The El Paso west Texas and Panhandle goodwill special, which will leave here on the morning of February 12, will travel 1444 miles before the return February 17. The chamber of commerce has secured a special 3-cent mileage rate. However, before the trip can be made not less than 90 must sign up for the journey.

Within a short time after the holidays, the excursion committee, headed by H. L. Birney and George Ryan, will meet to approve the report of the itinerary committee, of which E. W. Kayser is chairman, and make plans for canvassing business men for the excursion.

The committee hopes it will be able to obtain the Southern Pacific band for the journey. This has been taken up with railroad officials. If the band goes, the members have new uniforms which will be worn for the first time.

Work of getting out the El Paso edition of West Texas Today, the official publication of the West Texas chamber of commerce, will start immediately. The edition will set forth the advantages of El Paso as a trading center and copies will be mailed to all points in the trade territory.

The special train will reach Carlsbad the first night out, after stops have been made at Toyah and Pecos. El Pasoans will attend the booster rally for the Carlsbad caverns-El Paso road. The next day will be spent in the famous caverns.

After Carlsbad the excursionists will visit Roswell, Clovis, Littlefield, Lubbock, Post, Snyder, Sweetwater, Colorado, Big Spring, Midland, San Angelo, Big Lake, Fort Stockton, Alpine, Marfa, Valentine and Sierra Blanca.

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