

FEROCEST BATTLE

Bloody Conflict at Jurez During Which Insurrectos Start Destructive Fire in City

FEDERALS COOPED UP IN A CHURCH

Rebels Claim the City But the Federals Occupy the Stronger Position—Madero Blames Diaz's "Vague Promises" for the Attack—Fewer Casualties on American Side of Line than on Monday.

El Paso, May 9.—What perhaps was the fiercest battle of the Mexican revolution was fought today at Jurez, across the Rio Grande, but without result. Tonight both federals and insurgents are trying their arms, ready to resume hostilities at daybreak.

Five Killed on U. S. Soil

At least five persons have been killed on the American side of the line since the skirmishing began yesterday and about fifteen have been wounded, while the loss on the insurgent side is variously estimated at from thirty to sixty dead on both sides and about 75 to 100 wounded.

Wounded Rebels Brought Across Line

Fifteen insurgents wounded already have been brought to the American side, but more are believed to be lying dead within the insurgent lines. Navarro at 1 o'clock tonight agreed to stop the firing while the insurgents wounded were removed.

Battle Raged All Day

The federals have adequate medical facilities and are caring for their wounded within the town. All day the battle raged, the insurgents swarming through the streets of Jurez and meeting the heavy fire of the federals with an equally vigorous volley of musketry.

Rebels Claim the Town

The rebels claim the town tonight, while it is true that they actually control most of the territory, the federals, the position of the government forces is so well fortified that it is well nigh impregnable.

Federals Occupy Strong Position

The strength of the federal position is largely due to the fact that the rebels are scattered. If the rebels were used in a massed formation, they probably could storm the federal strongholds, which apparently consists of six places, namely, the barracks, the church, the theater, the schoolhouse, a hotel and the customs house. But the insurgents suspect that a detachment of their own men is concealed in some unknown place in town, and they are hesitating to move in close formation, for fear of a trap.

Rebels Force Fighting

The rebels forced the fighting today in the face of the fire of the federal machine guns, which were directed in to an area number for an attack on the federals because the artillerymen of General Navarro may think they are estranged the accuracy of their range when they shelled adobe houses behind which the federals were hiding, while skulking along the river front.

Houses in Jurez Mined

General Navarro is said to have mined the houses in Jurez, and when he gets word of an insurgent gathering it is believed he will be able to inflict a terrible slaughter.

Braves Defeat on Part of Insurrectos

Many deeds of bravery on the part of the insurgents were witnessed from the American side of the line today. An actual view of the fighting from the streets of Jurez showed the insurgents as more than holding their own.

Federals Cooped Up in a Church

The light from the fire tonight gives the rebels an ominous glimpse of the church in which the federals are holed. The cracking of rifles is intermittent.

Jurez Presents Serry Sight

Jurez looks as if a hurricane had struck it. Wires are suspended from jagged telegraph poles and the streets are strewn with splinters, signs and windows are punctured and torn, and an ominous silence hangs over them and not a few of the characteristic adobe houses of the town are without roofs.

Inhabitants Kept Under Cover

The terrorized inhabitants were under cover all day, and many were injured by the hail of bullets. The town is still quiet, except for occasional rifle shots.

Bullets Fly Across the Line

Bullets continued to swing across the line from the American side, but the casualties are fewer than yesterday owing to the efforts of the United States troops, who have kept their rifles quiet, except for occasional rifle shots.

Madero Explains the Attack

Francisco I. Madero, Jr., late tonight issued a statement explaining the cause of the attack on Jurez and the conflicting interpretations which have been put on his leadership. He attributes the attack principally to the vague promises of President Diaz in his manifesto as opposed to the precise promises the revolutionists to the federal government.

Some of American Wounded

Americans among the wounded are: Leonard Borowski of Chicago, who is shot in the right eye and left hand; Edward Houghton, Coldwater, Mich.; and A. E. Anderson, residence unknown. The latter two are shot in the leg.

Americans Wounded at Tijuana

Following is an unofficial list of Americans wounded at Tijuana, most of whom are recovering in the hospital: Bruce Hudson, Guy Schwartz, Monroe McKinney, Henry King, F. J. Collins, James Dunne and L. D. Wilcox.

All of these men are being cared for by American troops at the line.

Text of Demand for Surrender

The last rebel demand to the federals to surrender the town of Jurez was transmitted to Judge Carbajal, the federal peace envoy, this afternoon. It reads:

Useless to Shed More Blood

"The undersigned members of the provisional government of Mexico address themselves to you in the character of general Diaz and beg you to consider the present situation in which Mexico is at present, almost completely

Cabled Paragraphs

Teheran, Persia, May 9.—The American financial commission selected by the Persian government to reorganize the finances of this country, arrived today by Ebnou, a Persian port on the Caspian Sea.

Peking, May 9.—An imperial edict issued today authorizes the conclusion of the Huikwang loan of \$30,000,000 for railroad construction in central China. The loan was signed a year ago this month by groups of financiers representing the United States, France, Great Britain and Germany, and four groups of bankers will participate.

Edinburgh, May 10.—Lafayette, the variety artist, was burned to death, and members of his troupe are believed to have killed their lives in the fire which last night destroyed the Empire Palace theater. A search of the ruins of the theater at an early hour this morning revealed seven charred bodies in the neighborhood of the stage.

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Economy Bills

Of Democrats For New London

CAUSE A PARTY SPLIT IN NATIONAL HOUSE

"TOO DARNED MUCH OF IT"

Texas Congressman Criticizes His Democratic Colleagues—Old Clerkships Abolished, New Ones Created.

Washington, May 9.—Democratic harmony broke today on the rocks of economy. Acting upon the instructions of the caucus held early in the session, the party leaders brought two resolutions into the house for passage today, cutting off scores of employees and re-arranging the basis of clerical clerkships upon a more economical plan.

A Resolution Adopted. A resolution adopted at the meeting of the caucus today was to cut off \$2,000,000 of employees. The first resolution, that cutting off \$2,000,000 worth of employees, went through without much trouble. The second one, however, providing for the abolition of several hundred clerical clerkships, broke up the democratic ranks but finally was passed.

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Condensed Telegrams

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The Dedication of the Lincoln memorial has been postponed until fall.

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet in Jacksonville, Fla., May 17.

A Million Dollars in Mexican Coin was shipped to the treasury in New York.

Emperor William left for a general inspection of the fortresses on Franco frontier.

The Opening Session of the International Cotton Congress was held in Barcelona.

Warrants were issued in Cordova, Alaska, for 50 men who dumped Canadian coal overboard.

Another Revolution Directed against President Simon of Haiti is being fomented in Jamaica.

Frank McMahon, charged with shooting and killing George Leary of Philadelphia, was arrested.

Two Hundred Men Employed in the Baltimore and Ohio shops at Glenwood, Pa., went out on strike.

Prof. William H. Schofield of Harvard delivered his first lecture at the University of Copenhagen.

Alex Allen was shot and killed by James Beale, following a flat fight on board the battleship Nebraska.

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