

BRITISH AGENT MADE LAGKEY BY VILLA

Rebel Leader Compels Vice Consul at Gomez Palacio Carry Demand for Surrender to General Velasco During Progress of Siege of Torreon—Diplomatic Representative Exposed to Heavy Rifle Fire.

EL PASO, Texas, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—H. S. Conard Cummins, acting British vice-consul at Gomez Palacio, Mexico, was forcibly compelled by General Villa, during the recent battle at Torreon, to carry Villa's demand on March 27 to General Velasco, in command of the federal forces, that the latter surrender the beleaguered city to the attacking army. According to correspondents who were at the battle of Torreon, Cummins performed the mission under protest, and was subjected to heavy rifle fire on his return to the rebel lines.

CONFLICTING REPORTS OF FIGHTING AT TAMPICO

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Conflicting reports are being received here as to the fighting between the rebels and federals at Tampico. One report is that Tampico has fallen into the hands of the rebels. Another report is that the federal gunboats are successfully defending the city against invasion. Several large oil tanks are said to have been fired and threaten destruction of the city.

WEALTHY PLANTER IN AMONG THOSE DEPORTED

EL PASO, Texas, April 9.—(Associated Press Cable)—Among the Spanish exiles reaching here from Torreon following the explosion of the rebel forces, is the world's wealthiest and largest cotton planter. He is an insistent as other refugees in the contention that the Spaniards were non-participating in the Mexican differences.

MEXICAN PAPERS ADMIT EVACUATION OF TORREON

CITY OF MEXICO, April 9.—(Associated Press Cable)—The Mexico City Herald published today the first guarded admission that General Villa now occupies the city of Torreon, indicating that the federal troops have retreated temporarily to join reinforcements. The Spanish papers maintain a discreet silence.

DOWAGER EMPRESS OF JAPAN IS DEAD

Widow of Late Emperor Fails to Rally From Attack of Heart Failure.

TOKIO, Japan, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Haruku, Dowager Empress of Japan, widow of the late Emperor Mutsuhito, died here yesterday from the attack of heart failure which she suffered Wednesday. The entire royal family was present when the end came. Despite all the efforts of the attending physicians, the Dowager Empress did not rally after being stricken. However, little hope for recovery had been given out from the beginning. The news of the death spread rapidly, and the entire Empire is in mourning. No announcements have been made of the funeral arrangements.

RESIGNATION OF LOCAL ARMY OFFICER ACCEPTED

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—President Wilson has accepted the resignation of First Lieutenant Herndon Sharp of the Second Infantry stationed at Hawaii.

Lieutenant Sharp tendered his resignation several weeks ago because of continued poor health. He has been in the service thirteen years and in Honolulu about two years. After leaving West Point he served as second lieutenant with the Eighteenth Infantry and on being made a first lieutenant was detailed to the Second Infantry. Mrs. Sharp and little son left for the mainland about two months ago and Lieutenant Sharp will follow them shortly.

Scenes During Recent Important Mexican Battle; at Top, Wounded Soldier; Below, Federal Cannon



STATESMAN DIES FROM PARALYSIS

Death Comes Suddenly to Former Governor Draper of Massachusetts.

GREENVILLE, South Carolina, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Eben Sumner Draper, former governor of Massachusetts, died here yesterday following a sudden stroke of paralysis. The shock affected the entire left side and the venerable statesman never rallied after being stricken.

Eben Sumner Draper was born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, on June 17, 1858. He attended various schools but early in life started in to make a practical study of machine shops and cotton mills and when barely a youth was admitted into the large milling firm of George Draper & Sons. As his fortune grew he became interested in many cotton mills and banks. He was president of the Massachusetts Volunteer Aid Association which raised \$200,000 for the hospital ship "Bay State" for the Spanish American war in 1898 having for years before that directed his philanthropies toward hospitals. He was elected governor in 1909 and served two terms.

WILSON ADMINISTRATION CRITICISED BY CUMMINS

CHICAGO, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—Senator Albert B. Cummins, in an interview here yesterday, severely criticized the Wilson administration, and pronounced the Republican party as the true progressives of the country. He blamed the Republican national committee for the Democratic victory in 1912. He prophesied that the Democrats would meet with defeat at the next national election, and predicted that this would be effected by the Republicans and Progressives uniting as the Republican party and embracing in the party platform the doctrines of the Progressives.

FAVOR BIG GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT AT EXPOSITION

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—The bill to appropriate \$500,000 for a government exhibit and building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915 was reported favorably out to the house yesterday by the industrial arts committee.

NEW TARIFF REVENUES WILL MEET ESTIMATES

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(Associated Press Cable)—It is shown by the statement prepared by the treasury department that the tariff revenues will surely meet the estimates made when the new law was passed.

HURL WILD DEFENSE AT REPUBLICANS

Progressives Hold Meeting and Declare They Will Be Factors in Campaign.

Hurling back in the teeth of those Republicans, and especially Bob Breckons, who could have the public think otherwise, Chairman George R. Carter at an enthusiastic meeting of the Progressive Party held in the office of A. L. C. Atkinson at noon yesterday brought out the fact that of the eighty-five precincts in this Territory there are members of the Progressive Party in forty-five.

"And we have not started to get active yet," said ex-Governor Carter as he rubbed his hands together in a satisfied manner and glanced toward Secretary Atkinson yesterday. "Before we get through with them perhaps they will wish there were only two of us to contend with. This fight is going to be one they will not soon forget."

There were a dozen or more members present. Among these were Professor Samuel G. Poeppel, J. U. Joseph and others. A motion was received from Dr. Doremus Schudder asking for an amendment to the rules on platform forms, insisting that a party pledge be made more of a contract than it has been in the past. This was adopted, the only important change made in the rules, which were submitted for final approval.

It was decided not to begin the organization of precinct clubs until after May 1. In the mean time all those who sign the party roll will be looked upon as founders of the party, while those who join when the clubs are started will be classed as charter members.

A number of communications were received from members of the party on the other islands as well as a number of absent Progressives. All were full of cheer, said Secretary Atkinson. It is the intention to have the new rules adopted yesterday printed. Copies are to be sent, not only to members of the party, but other citizens throughout the Territory, and to use the words of Chairman Carter and Secretary Atkinson, nothing is to be left undone to carry the doctrine of Progress to every corner of the Territory.

"We are not out for office, but we are out for a better government and in this we believe that we are going to master following that will throw fear into the hearts of the members of the old parties who have been carrying things with a high hand in this Territory for so long," said Chairman Carter after the adjournment of the meeting yesterday.

SENATOR LODGE TENDERS SUPPORT TO PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, April 9.—(Associated Press Cable)—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts has come to the support of President Wilson's Panama Canal bill policy; quoting Thomas Jefferson's contribution to the Declaration of Independence, which urged a decent respect for the opinion of mankind.



Supervisors in Favor of Opening Tantalus Road

Mayor Fern Appoints Entire Board as Committee to Investigate Condition of Drive After Value of Highway is Pointed Out by G. G. Guild.

George Guild, on behalf of the promotion committee, was the principal speaker before the board of supervisors last night, and pointed out in forcible language why Tantalus road should be opened to automobiles. At the conclusion of the discussions on the subject it was the opinion that the road will soon be opened to automobiles.

Following Mr. Guild, Supervisors Walter and Petrie spoke along the same lines, and the mayor then appointed a committee, with Mr. Guild as guest, to investigate the question next week. In addressing the board Mr. Guild dwelt on the fact that Honolulu was no longer a village and that it was the duty of the board to place before the traveler every beauty spot of the Islands, particularly the beauties of Tantalus. It was the opinion of Mr. Guild that at the opening of the Panama Canal thousands of tourists would journey to Honolulu, and it would be an injustice as well as a loss to the advertising of the Islands to allow them to depart without having the grandeur of Tantalus pointed out to them.

Mayor Fern followed Mr. Guild on the same lines, and as he warmed up to his subject was attentively listened to. It was also the opinion of Supervisor Petrie that it was time for Honolulu to wake up to the fact that Tantalus was one of its "best cards," as he expressed it.

After the three had been heard the mayor voiced his sentiments as being in favor of the opening of Tantalus, and said he saw no reason whatsoever why the road should not be widened in places and made accessible for automobiles. It was the mayor's opinion that between \$3000 and \$4000 would put the road in good shape, and just before concluding his remarks appointed a committee to investigate the condition of the road and to report back what steps should be taken to make it passable for automobiles.

Prior to taking up the question of the opening of Tantalus, several citizens appeared before the board to make objections and suggestions to the proposed traffic ordinance. Each section of the measure was read and then discussed.

Col. Sam Parker, Ill; Reported on Way Home from the Mainland

Members of Family Surprised, Not Having Heard of Departure from Washington.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—(Special Wireless to The Advertiser)—Col. Sam Parker of Honolulu, who has recently been visiting Washington, is reported homeward bound. The colonel is said to be in poor health due to the stroke of paralysis which he suffered several months ago and it is believed that the mainland weather is not agreeing with him as well as does that of his island home in Hawaii.

Informed by The Advertiser last night that Colonel Parker was reported homeward bound, members of the Parker household at Waikiki expressed surprise. They claimed that as far as they knew Colonel Parker was supposed to be at Washington. Relatives and friends here have not heard from the colonel for some time.

KNOTTY PROBLEM CONFRONTS THAYER

Four Political Parties May Cause Trouble in Selection of Election Boards.

Secretary of the Territory W. W. Thayer is sending to the chairmen of the Republican, Democrat, Home Rule and Progressive party organizations letters asking them to submit to him names of two men for each precinct of the six representative districts of the Territory, from among whom three judges or inspectors of election are to be appointed for each precinct.

With four political parties in the field, it is stated that the Progressives will make their official debut in the coming general elections. Secretary of the Territory Thayer will find himself in a quandary should all the parties demand to be represented on each of the eighty-four boards of inspectors to be appointed, and it is claimed that if one party is given recognition that all the parties are entitled to the same thing.

How four parties can be represented on each board, which consists of three inspectors, is a knotty problem which it will be up to the attorney general to solve for the secretary of the Territory. This is said to have already been touched upon by the Governor who gave it up, and although he has the actual appointing of the inspectors on his hands, he has referred the problem to the secretary of the Territory. Being a problem, knotty and difficult of solution, the secretary will naturally have to put it up, in turn, to the attorney general, but as it happens these two portfolios of Governor Finkham's cabinet are now held by the same person, W. W. Thayer.

This is one of the reasons, probably the paramount one, which is said to account for Mr. Thayer's desire to be immediately relieved of the office of attorney general through the appointment of his successor by the Governor. Given a successor, the secretary of the Territory would not hesitate, it is claimed, to pass the buck up to the new legal luminary of the Territory.

There are eighty-four election precincts in the six representative districts of the Territory, as follows: First district (East Hawaii), twelve; second (West Hawaii), twelve; third (Maui, Molokai and Lanai), twenty-one; fourth (Oahu, Waikiki of Nuuanu street), twelve; fifth (Oahu, Ewa of Nuuanu street), seventeen; sixth (Kauai and Niihau), ten. Altogether 252 inspectors are to be appointed.

BOOM FOR ROOSEVELT FOR PRESIDENCY KILLED

AUGUSTA, Maine, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—A move to have the Republican State convention recommend the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt as a candidate for President in 1916 failed here yesterday. A resolution to that end was offered as an amendment to the State Republican platform, but was declared out of order. The convention adopted a platform severely condemning the administration's Mexican and Panama Canal toll policies.

BULGARIAN QUEEN TO MAKE EXTENDED VISIT

NEW YORK, April 10.—(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)—According to advices received here, Queen Elena of Bulgaria, who is to visit the United States, will remain five weeks in this country, study the American methods of handling immigrants, the public hospital systems and training schools for nurses. The Queen is deeply interested in hospitals and nurses and during the recent wars insisted on going on the battlefields and assisting in the care of the wounded.

RAP SYSTEM OF GARBAGE COLLECTION

Research Club Also Suggests System of Public Dance Pavilions in Parks and Abolishment of Private Dance Halls—Claim Extravagant Waste in Conduct of Health and Inspection Bureau.

Scorching arraignment of the existing garbage collection system; plans for a city beautiful and civic center and dancing pavilions in the city parks to replace the private dance hall were among the incidents and discussions at the meeting last night of the Municipal Research Club.

At the session also, Albert Waterhouse, president, announced that he had been appointed acting president of the board of agriculture and forestry and was granted a vacation of four months.

A. F. Judd announced that the city plan committee has engaged Professor Keller to study the city with a view to laying out a comprehensive improvement plan. Serving without pay the club will pay his expenses. Two maps are in preparation, one of the necessary new streets and one of the central part of the city.

On motion of G. F. Bush the regular meetings of the club were changed to the second and fourth Monday of each month.

Rev. A. A. Ebersole and W. S. Bowen were appointed a dance hall and recreation resort committee to carry out the suggestions contained in Ebersole's report as chairman of the parks and playgrounds committee. He recommended that public dancing pavilions be built in Ash Park, Kaneohe, Atkinson Park and one in Kalihi, and that the diversion band play at each regularly every week. "Then close all the private dance halls and you will rid the city of one of the worst evils now existing in this city," he said.

Wants More Play Grounds. "It is a fundamental principle in all social reforms that when you abolish any kind of social recreation because of the evil, it fosters you should at the same time see to it that some other form of recreation shall be substituted or in which the objectionable features are eliminated. I can conceive of no more practical aid that this club could give to the Juvenile Court in its effort to suppress wrong-doing among the youth of the city than to devise some mess or suggest some plan by which more play grounds should be opened in our city and the right kind of supervision should be secured to have large of these playgrounds.

"We are working on the wrong end of the problem when we spend money to conduct the Juvenile Court and keep it work probation officers to catch the culprits when they have gotten into mischief, bring them into court, and at an expense of time and money try to get them to their ways. We owe it to the boys and girls growing up in the poorer sections of our city to make it just as easy for them to be engaged in wholesome recreation as it is now natural for them to gather in gangs on street corners or in and about deserted buildings and consume some levity. The city of Honolulu is very much behind the times in this respect and I for one should like to take an active part in seeing what can be done that right soon to remedy this crying need."

W. S. Bowen read the report of the special committee on public health and sanitation, as follows:

"This report has been prepared via the way of personal relationships, finance being secondary in consideration. We felt that points of personal contact would reveal efficiency or the reverse more rapidly, and time was a necessary item for consideration.

"At the end of this report we have submitted the annual reports of the Garbage Department and the Indigent Sick, and also a copy of the recently amended City and County Budget.

"In comparing the years 1912 and 1913, we find that there was a greater unexpended balance at the end of 1913 than 1912, but this is not really to the credit of the department, as the appropriation was larger for 1913. It is to their credit, however, that they actually spent less money by \$169.20 than last year, and also increased their collections by \$3688.35. These facts are decidedly praiseworthy. On the other hand, it seems to us plainly ridiculous to furnish a department with a budget item \$1349.92 more than it needs and thus remove the incentive to become efficient in the matter of collections. For 1912 the figures are: Appropriation, \$25,489.75; disbursements, \$24,140.43; \$1349.32 unexpended balance. Disbursements, \$24,140.43; receipts, \$17,083.53; \$7054.88 deficit, or an average of \$19.32 per day.

Changes Are Suggested. "If the appropriation had been \$5000 instead of \$25,489.75, it seems to us reasonable to suppose that there might have been an additional increase in collections for this year of say \$2000. (Continued on Page Four.)